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Disadvantaged Children and Youth

THE PROBLEM

Today, the future for America's economically disadvantaged children and youth is at risk: one in five lives in poverty, 1.3 million students drop out every year, 70,000 youth are incarcerated on any given day, and a teen girl becomes pregnant every minute. The economic and human toll is great: millions end up stuck in a cycle of multi-generational poverty; our nation wastes hundreds of billions on unnecessary social costs; and the U.S. continues to lose its standing in a highly competitive global marketplace.

THE CURATOR

The collaborative philanthropy initiative **Blue Meridian Partners** and its host organization, the **Edna McConnell Clark Foundation** (EMCF), believe it's possible to radically change the odds for far more of our nation's economically disadvantaged children and youth. Using an intensive and extremely competitive vetting process, Blue Meridian and EMCF discover the nation's highest performing nonprofits: programs with top-tier, empirical evidence of results and led by visionary leaders with proven track records. Once we find nonprofits that represent promising solutions to some of our nation's toughest problems, we partner with fellow philanthropists to infuse these organizations with upfront growth capital, as well as provide ongoing expert advice, so they can fully scale their programs and make a lasting difference in kids' lives.



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Make a donation to one or all of the organizations below to transform the lives of economically disadvantaged children and youth.

BUILDING EDUCATED LEADERS FOR LIFE

Partners with local organizations to offer proven programs that help low-income students avoid summer learning loss and become lifelong scholars.
EIN: 04-3182053



UPSTREAM USA

Aims to expand opportunity for the ~2 million low-income women who experience unplanned pregnancies each year by increasing access to safe, effective birth control.
EIN: 35-2581424



COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

A leading dropout prevention program, CIS integrates community services into schools so disadvantaged students stay in school and graduate on time.
EIN: 58-1289174



YEAR UP

Provides low-income young adults with the skills, experience and support to realize their potential through professional careers and higher education.
EIN: 04-3534407



CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Helps young people and adults find jobs and build productive futures after prison through an innovative training program proven to reduce recidivism.
EIN: 13-3843322



BECOMING A MAN

A program of Youth Guidance

A dynamic school-based counseling program that reduces violent crime arrests and improves educational outcomes of young men in distressed communities.
EIN: 36-2167032



HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE

A nationally recognized model for fighting poverty that delivers a network of comprehensive supports to over 12,000 kids from birth through college.
EIN: 23-7112974



YVLIFESET, A PROGRAM OF YOUTH VILLAGES

Trained specialists are available 24/7 to help youth aging out of foster care realize their potential and successfully transition to independent adulthood.
EIN: 62-1652079



HEALTHYSTEPS, BY ZERO TO THREE

Transforms pediatric practice and promotes positive parenting to improve the health, development and school readiness of low-income children.
EIN: 52-1105189



WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS

A program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

Making "unadoptable unacceptable" by scaling its child-focused recruitment model for finding permanent families for the hardest-to-place children.
EIN: 31-1356151



NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Helps families escape poverty by partnering specially trained nurses with low-income first-time mothers during pregnancy and until the child turns two.
EIN: 20-0234163

