



# The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children

## PROGRAMS OF THE BRIGHT HORIZONS FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN:

### ■ Bright Spaces

Warm, enriching places that give children and families in crisis a special place to play and learn.

### ■ Founders Grants

Special grants for nonprofit agencies that serve at-risk children and have volunteer involvement from Bright Horizons employees.

### ■ Gleason Grants

Grants for any nonprofit agency where Bright Horizons employees volunteer at least 40 hours a year.

### ■ Make a Difference Grants

A charitable grant made in honor of employees who are recognized at the national level for making a difference in their communities.

### ■ Community Champions

Outstanding volunteers who are making the world a better place receive recognition from company leaders.



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## Making A Difference

Every child, no matter his or her circumstance, deserves the benefits of a high-quality environment for play and learning. Every child needs the chance to discover the world of books, to find the artist within, to play dress up, and to run and sing and laugh.

Bright Horizons Family Solutions created the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children in 1999 to help achieve its mission of making a difference in the lives of children and families.

The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children supports programs that serve at-risk children; instill a positive self-concept and self esteem in children; provide nurturing, creative environments; and support and facilitate the development of strong families.



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## Building Communities

The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children supports the causes that matter to our employees, encouraging them to make a difference in their communities. Through Founders Grants, Gleason Grants, and Make a Difference Grants, we provide operating support for qualified nonprofit organizations that positively impact communities and have Bright Horizons employee involvement.

## Expanding Horizons

Exploring. Dreaming. Discovering. Making new friends. Learning to read. Playing with all kinds of toys and games. Singing a song. Laughing. These are the things that childhood is about.

But not for all children. For far too many — more than a million in the United States alone — there is not much laughter. Children who are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or other crisis situations usually don't have the chance to play or learn. They desperately need the opportunity to just be kids.

At the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, we strive to open new worlds for children in need every day. Through the Bright Spaces program and a variety of grants, the Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for at-risk children.



## A Place Where Homeless Children Can Just Be Children

Many studies have shown that children who are exposed to early education, books, music, and developmentally appropriate toys and games are far more likely to succeed in life than those who do not have access to educational opportunities.

The reality for the millions of children experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or other trauma is that there are fewer opportunities for them to develop the social, cognitive, language, and gross motor skills that are important for academic success. This has serious and long-lasting developmental outcomes, which often contributes to a cycle of instability that is difficult to break.

### CREATING A BRIGHT SPACE

**The Bright Spaces program is managed by The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children with the support of:**

- **Bright Horizons clients and other companies that are committed to supporting and educating at-risk children in the community**
- **Local nonprofit agencies**
- **Faith-based organizations**
- **Government agencies, including municipalities**
- **Individual financial and in-kind contributors**

Bright Spaces, the signature program of the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, creates warm, enriching playrooms in community agencies that give children and families in crisis a special place to learn and have fun. Through innovative partnerships with Bright Horizons clients, local shelters, and community organizations, we build stimulating spaces equipped with overflowing bookshelves, games, toys, art supplies, computers, and more for children of all ages. With cozy nooks and comfortable furniture, Bright Spaces are

designed to be engaging, comfortable places for children and families to play — a place to experience the joy of simply being a child or parent. For more information about the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children, please visit our Web site at [www.brighthorizons.com/foundation](http://www.brighthorizons.com/foundation), or call 615.256.9915 x1828.

## A SPECIAL PLACE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Bright Spaces are warm, enriching places in homeless shelters and community agencies that give children and families in crisis a place to play, learn and have fun. Often, staff from Bright Horizons Family Solutions early care and education programs volunteer in a Bright Space, interacting with the children and providing educational opportunities. Bright Spaces might include:

- Language and music centers with great books and children's music for singing and dancing
- Educational games that encourage sharing and laughter
- Soft toys and dolls for children to cuddle
- Arts and crafts supplies to bring out the artist within
- Blocks and building materials for young architects
- Play areas filled with props and costumes to enable children to become whoever they dream of
- Computers and activities to engage older children in learning
- Comfortable spaces for families to relax together