



The Story

Coronavirus. COVID-19. Pandemic. Number of infections. Number of deaths. Flatten the curve. Shelter in place. Quarantine. Wear masks in public. Social distancing. Isolation. Do not hug. Four+ months ago, these words had no meaning. Today, this is how we live. We are seeing unprecedented levels of trauma and mental health problems in children and mental distress of parents with children.

The Hero in this Story. You.

One of our heroes recently donated \$100,000. It is a **matching gift**. Thus, every dollar you donate, is matched a dollar, up to \$100,000. We have raised \$65,000 (7/23). Can we count on you to raise the remaining \$35,000? This might be a bad chapter. **With your investment, you can rewrite the ending for children and parents impacted by COVID-19 and racial injustice.**

The Crisis

Access to services and mental health resources for young children was already a crisis before COVID-19. In the wake of COVID-19, and now, racial injustice, this need will increase exponentially. Access is the next pandemic that threatens children disproportionately.

Why the Lourie Center

We understand childhood trauma. What it looks like. What it does to a child. Their families. How adverse experiences, like COVID-19 and racial injustice severely impact their social and emotional development. Their school performance. How early intervention changes their life.

A Solution

The Lourie Center is **expanding access to our trauma-informed services for 100 more children throughout our region at this critical time** of COVID-19. To complete expansion of specialty mental health services in classrooms and therapy rooms with state-of-the art technology to facilitate learning and safety, training and research will take an investment of \$200,000.

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Giving levels

- Hall of Fame: \$100,000
- Legend: \$50,000 - \$99,999
- MVP: \$20,000 - \$49,999
- All Star: \$5,000 - \$19,999
- Champion: \$1,000 - \$4,999
- Teammate: \$500 - \$999
- Friend: <\$500

Your donation will be recognized on our “**Heroes for Children**” wall.

Donate online

- **Visit:** <https://ahc.thankyou4caring.org/19/LourieCenter>
- **Designate:** “Heroes for Children” in the drop down menu
- **Questions:** please contact Alan Ezagui at aezagui@louriecenter.org

Donate by mail

- **Check payable:** “The Lourie Center”
- **Mail:** 12301 Academy Way, Rockville, MD 20852

With love and gratitude,



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