

Are you an essential worker on the front line battling against COVID-19? We want to hear from you! Click here to share your experience and story with us OR to send a kind message of encouragement to our local heroes!



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LITTLE FLOWER CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OF NEW YORK



April Showers Bring Little Flowers

Little Flower, like other human services providers, offers critical 24/7 programs and services to improve the well-being of children, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, and always, our programs simply cannot close. **THEY ARE ESSENTIAL!**

Our frontline workers, essential staff, are exhibiting amazing courage and commitment to our residents and families by showing up every day to care for those unable to care for themselves.

Through the **April Showers Bring Little Flowers** campaign, we want to show our collective gratitude and appreciation for their tireless and dedicated work and to encourage our community to join us in recognizing the heroic efforts of our essential workers.

We also want to bring awareness to our continued programmatic needs that will be here long after the pandemic ends. We are asking for your support to help increase our supply of PPE for our staff and residents, technology for our families, investments in mental health supports, and so much more.

Help us transform April Showers into Little Flowers!

- **Tell us about your heroism so we can celebrate you.** If you're on the frontline at a residential treatment center, group home, or working to keep families connected, we want to hear from you! *Those who share will receive a special note of thanks from award-winning actress and best-selling author, Susan Lucci!*
- **Share a kind message of appreciation and thanks** to our frontline workers and all human services providers so they know they have our support.
- **Donate to help Little Flower** continue our work beyond COVID-19 and to ensure our families and residents have what they need to reach their full potential.
- **Share this link** with friends and family so they can join our campaign to recognize and support our local heroes.

Let's celebrate and honor our local Heroes! »

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In Case You Missed It!



We are honored to have the support of our friend, Susan Lucci to help us celebrate and recognize the Little Flower Heroes through our [April Showers Bring Little Flowers](#) campaign. [Click here to view Susan's Little Flower story](#). Feeling inspired to thank our frontline heroes or to share your pandemic story? [Click here](#) to send a message to our essential workers and to share your frontline story!

[Thank our Heroes »](#)

Make a gift today to help Little Flower continue to safely serve our community!

GIVE TODAY!

Heroes Work Here!

Our foster care staff has been going above and beyond during the pandemic, adapting to support our kids and families.

Forgoing social distancing, Ms. Stewart, a case planner, made multiple trips across the city to find a suitable placement for one of her foster youth. When the youth reported having stomach pains, Ms. Stewart was willing to accompany the youth to the ER to make sure she received the care she needed, despite the personal danger of exposure to COVID. Fortunately, they were able to see a doctor in a more secure environment.



"Ms. Stewart's actions were consistent with her training...she took responsibility...and did not give up on [her client]...The bottom line is that she found a way to get it done. Even when the situation seemed insurmountable, she continued to have the best attitude. Thank you for always willing to go the extra mile."

Share your frontline story with us!



Upcoming Events

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Therapeutic Foster Boarding Home Virtual Orientation

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent in Little Flower's Therapeutic Foster Boarding Home Program? Attend our first virtual foster parent orientation to get more information and to learn about the application process. There are two sessions, the first at 4 PM and then again at 7 PM.

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Annual Golf Outing

For more information please contact Karen Curley at curleyk@lfchild.org or at 631-929-6200 ext. 6929.

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The Runway of Hope Gala

For more information about this inaugural event, please contact Karen Curley at curleyk@lfchild.org or at 631-929-6200 ext. 6929.

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Don't forget to let our essential, frontline workers know how much we value their bravery and selflessness! Send them a note of gratitude and thanks by [clicking here!](#)

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