



THE NATIONAL CENTER ON  
**Family Homelessness**  
*for every child, a chance*

Dear Friends,

As we write, one in 50 children in America is homeless. This is a disturbing statistic. Since releasing our findings in *America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness* ([www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org](http://www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org)), the National Center on Family Homelessness ([www.FamilyHomelessness.org](http://www.FamilyHomelessness.org)) has been extremely busy. We want to provide you with an update on our Campaign to End Child Homelessness and thank you for your support.

The response to *America's Youngest Outcasts* has been extraordinary:

- More than 3,000 media reports from New York to London spread the word that one in 50 American children is homeless each year. Reporters continue to contact us to tell this important story. For the first time, most Americans are now aware of this once invisible national tragedy.
- When *Ebony Magazine* asked President Obama about our report during a nationally televised press conference, the President declared he is “heartbroken that any child in America is homeless,” and pledged his administration would be “initiating a range of programs...to deal with homelessness” (see the video at [www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org](http://www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org)). We were soon invited to attend a White House strategy session and continue to work with the Obama Administration.
- U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. from Pennsylvania is the chair of our Campaign, and our champion in the U.S. Senate. Strong interest in our report is coming from both Democrats and Republicans.
- When financial guru Dr. Martin Weiss read *America's Youngest Outcasts*, he donated the proceeds of his new best selling book (*The Ultimate Depression Survival Guide*) to support the Campaign to End Child Homelessness.
- On Global Youth Services Day in Atlanta, GA, twelve-year-old Oscar singing sensation, Jamia, debuted “Time for Us” as a rallying cry for action. See and hear Jamia performing the song which she has dedicated to our Campaign at [www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org](http://www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org).
- Organizations and advocacy groups have urged us to convene national and regional strategy sessions to initiate decisive action to end child homelessness. The sense of unity and purpose is profound and exciting.
- We are poised to take the Campaign into selected states where there is overwhelming need and support. Stay tuned for more details.

It is easy to get excited about this momentum. But, there is a huge struggle ahead before we can ensure that no child goes without a home in America. We need your continued commitment and for you to stay active in the Campaign to End Child Homelessness.

**Here's how YOU can get involved:**

1. Support the Campaign by making a donation at <http://www.familyhomelessness.org/?q=node/14>.
2. Share what is happening in your state and community by contributing to the Campaign's blog (<http://blog.homelesschildrenamerica.org>).
3. Download "Time for Us" by Jamia at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).
4. Learn more about child homelessness around the country by reading media coverage of our report at [www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org/newsroom\\_press-coverage.php](http://www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org/newsroom_press-coverage.php).
5. Stay tuned. We will send you periodic email updates about the Campaign's progress and what you can do to help America's homeless children and families.

Thank you again for joining the Campaign to End Child Homelessness. Together we can end child homelessness!

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you do not wish to continue to receive Campaign updates, email us at [campaign@familyhomelessness.org](mailto:campaign@familyhomelessness.org), and we will remove you from the list.