



What You Can Do

The Return of ROOT

Lincoln's Secret Sauce



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Dear Friend,

With federal cuts looming, the safety net for our kids is fragile. Luckily, you can help.

Now is the time to invest in disrupting the cycle of poverty in our communities. From threats of deportation to legislation dismantling health care, kids are more at risk than ever. For so many families we serve, Lincoln's free school support and family stability programs make all the difference.

We've all been looking inward for just how each of us can do something—and the truth is that each of us can help rewrite the story of growing up in poverty and trauma for children and families in the Bay Area. From crowded classrooms to neighborhood violence, our investment in youth and families can make all the difference.

Because of supporters like you, we helped over 4,000 kids and their families last year. And now: they need you more than ever. Your gift today will have a transformative impact—from making it possible for a child to experience summer literacy camp for the very first time to ensuring they're ready to attend school in the fall.

Lincoln needs you more than ever—because our kids need us more than ever. Thank you. We can't do this vital work without you.

Warmly,

Christine Stoner-Mertz
President and CEO

LINCOLN IN ACTION

UPCOMING SUMMER CAMPS

Studies show that summer break exacerbates the achievement gap—the majority of low-income youth lack access to the kinds of summer programs available in more affluent classrooms. Lincoln’s summer camps across the East Bay prevent scores of young people from suffering learning loss and other impacts of being away from school.

REVERSING IMPACTS OF TRAUMA

Twenty-five percent of students in America will experience trauma by age **four**—by age 16, that number grows to a staggering two-thirds. Repeated trauma can cause irreversible harm to a child’s brain without intervention—affecting emotion and behavior. At Lincoln, trained professionals work closely with children to reverse this success-jeopardizing damage—so that we can expand what’s possible.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & LEARNING PROGRAMS

Ninety-six percent of youth in Lincoln’s comprehensive school engagement programs improved attendance—a core element of learning and success. Because of you, Lincoln pairs education services with family support and continues to raise the bar for kids, getting them to school, reading by third grade, and following a strong path to graduation.



HOW TO GIVE

ONLINE

Make a gift through our website’s secure online server.

COMPANY MATCH

Give a gift through your workplace and matching gift program.

HONORARY TRIBUTE

Make a gift in honor of a special occasion or in remembrance.

LEGACY GIVING

Contribute to our endowment fund to perpetuate your gift.

STOCK

Donate stocks or bond conveniently.

AUTO MONTHLY

Contribute monthly via credit card or automatic withdrawal.

VOLUNTEER

Give your time as another way to show support.

FUNDER SPOTLIGHT

Kaiser Permanente was established at the height of the Great Depression with an inventive young surgeon and a 12-bed hospital in California. Today, Kaiser serves more than 11.3 million members in eight states, providing high-quality, affordable health care.

Kaiser's deep commitment to improving the health of the communities they serve extends to its longstanding investment in Lincoln programs. Kaiser's most recent investment in our HOPE program at New Highland/Rise Elementary School, in East Oakland, allowed us to increase staff and expand programming at the campus, one of Lincoln's highest needs sites. Community violence impacts the student body, and 90% of students are from working families struggling to afford necessities and access to mental health resources. When a student's traumatic experiences are not addressed, their health, well-being, and academic achievement are critically impacted. Thanks to Kaiser, Lincoln staff has successfully improved outcomes for students and their families, and helped teachers more effectively serve and support their students.

At our donor recognition dinner in February, we were honored to present Kaiser with Lincoln's first-ever Corporate Partner Award. Together, we have gone far, and we will continue to go far, in solving the complex problems of our community and impacting the health of our community for good.



"Kaiser Permanente's partnerships with organizations like Lincoln provide high-quality services to community members with immediate needs in their existing environments."

Susanna Osorno-Crandall, Community Benefit Manager, Kaiser Permanente



MEET LINCOLN TALENT: HAMID TIAMIYU

People often ask us about Lincoln's secret sauce. It's simple really: our staff. Not everyone gets to work at Lincoln. They are chosen. To be Lincoln is to be passionate, innovative, and relentlessly committed to seeing families succeed. Lincoln staff know that no child or family is the same. That one-size-does-**not**-fit-all when providing support for kids and families. That the best approach is to walk **with** families to build a plan to remain stable and together. That success happens when the strengths and cultural experiences of kids and families is built upon and celebrated.

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Hamid Tiamiyu has been with Lincoln since 2014 and a critical member of Lincoln's EXCEL Mobile Team, which provides specialized services at schools to students with special learning needs. A teacher at one of Hamid's school sites attributes his unique care, concern, and use of individualized strategies and guidance to a student's academic improvements this year. But it's the words of the student's mother that really hits home.

"Not only does Steven look up to him as a teacher but a friend, which is important to him because he has few. Hamid has worked with Steven not only on learning, but his self-esteem. He is patient and really takes the time to get to know him and all of the kids. I will always be thankful to have had his support to help my son. Steven's success comes from Hamid's hard work and dedication, and I can't thank him enough for that."



ABOUT LINCOLN

Founded in 1883 as the first racially integrated orphanage in Northern California, our mission remains timeless: Lincoln **disrupts the cycle of poverty and trauma, empowering children and families to build strong futures.** Today, Lincoln impacts more than 4,000 children and their families in the most underserved communities of the greater San Francisco Bay Area through a continuum of academic achievement, family strengthening, and well-being programs. An innovative approach, providing comprehensive school, community, and family-focused programs, combined with a unique team-based delivery and sound fiscal management, has established Lincoln as a leading regional provider of children and family services. With Lincoln, kids attend school, learn to read, and stay with their families where they do best. For more information and stories, visit LincolnFamilies.org.

ROOT17

To propel the next generation of kids to seize new possibilities and envision successful futures, Lincoln is hosting its annual ROOT community fête. Together we can prove that cycles of poverty can be broken and that coming together as a community can be both inspiring and impactful! Join us!

A COMMUNITY FÊTE
2017 ROOT
BENEFITTING LINCOLN

Friday, April 28, 2017
Rock Wall

2301 Monarch Street, Alameda

6:00 pm | Wine & Tastes

7:00 pm | Feast & Fun

Tastes from Chop Bar, Hopscotch, Mestiza Taqueria, Little Skillet, Chef Lacey Sher and Treats by the Picky Eater.
Feast by Joshua Charles.

Get your tickets at
ROOT17.eventbrite.com!

*Purchase tickets and share with friends
today @ LincolnFamilies.org.
Sponsorship opportunities also available.*





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