Despite the relentless nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the rising cost of living, and the myriad of public and personal challenges children face each day affecting their well-being, I am writing to you from a place of strength during so much uncertainty.

I believe, amid challenge is when child advocacy must be stronger.

At Voices for Georgia’s Children, we meet this challenge with great strength because of our broad and deep impact, our expansive support, and our strong financial stewardship.

Our strength is revealed through our work and data, it builds momentum through our connections and partnerships, and is supported through our solid fiscal standing. Voices has used the investments that organizations and individuals have made in us, to amplify and strengthen the child advocacy community on behalf of our collective priority – children.

The result? We are seeing unprecedented funding to help families access quality childcare and afterschool programming, we are seeing the expansion of mental health programs throughout the state, and we are seeing more children gain access to healthcare coverage.

I am humbled that you share our commitment to confront the gaps in opportunity, so that every child can have a solid start in life, a healthy mind and body, a strong and stable family, quality out-of-school time enrichment, and fair treatment.

Regardless of the presenting challenges, we hold great promise for what’s ahead. We know more – and we’re ready. And most of all, we are stronger together.

Erica Fener Sitkoff, Ph.D.
PROTECTING OUR KIDS’ HEALTH

Health care coverage for more children
Voices fought hard for HB 163, which was signed into law by Governor Kemp. It streamlines the Medicaid enrollment process. Parents applying for food assistance for a child automatically gain Medicaid coverage for that child. This will result in up to 70,000 more children having health insurance.

Mental health services for more children
Voices’ continued advocacy for expansion of the Georgia Apex program resulted in a $2 million investment. More than 700 schools statewide now provide much needed mental health services.

FEEDING OUR KIDS

Ensuring food access during a crisis
Children’s access to food was improved as a result of Voices advocating for the approval of a State Pandemic-EBT plan. Children receiving free and reduced-cost lunch also received food stamp benefits to use at grocery stores while schools were virtual.

Combating food insecurity in the long term
Voices leads a national work group that is collaborating on ways to increase access to food through state and federal assistance programs.

EDUCATING OUR KIDS

Accelerating learning for more youth in afterschool/summer programs
With a decade of expertise and application, Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, a division of Voices, was tapped by the Georgia Department of Education to direct their allocation of $85 million in American Rescue Plan funds to address the pandemic’s impact on learning and development.

Expanding access to quality early education
For the first time in more than a decade, Georgia increased funding levels for Georgia’s Pre-K Program. Voices’ annual Pre-K Week initiative connects legislators to the classroom and the importance of this funding.
Voices’ mission is vital and the needs of our children are great. We amplify their voices and a community of support responds. Our work is funded by generous contributions from community partners, local and national foundations, corporations, government agencies, and individuals.

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We are grateful for a host of individual donors. Every gift matters as we work every day to ensure every child in Georgia has the opportunity to thrive.
STRONG FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We made strategic investments to grow our capacity and impact with a focus on sustainability. Diversified funding streams allow us to maximize resources to improve child wellbeing in our state.

5-YEAR NET ASSETS TREND

![Graph showing 5-year net assets trend]

DIVERSIFIED INCOME STREAMS, FY21

![Chart showing diversified income streams]

MISSION-FOCUSED FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES, FY21

![Chart showing mission-focused functional expenses]
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To advance laws, policies, and actions that improve children’s lives.

OUR VISION
A state where all children thrive.