THE SAVIORS

HECTOR, JAMES & KELYN
5th & 7th GRADE

Cleaned cages, dishes and floors, did laundry, cut up dog treats and spent time snuggling with adorable animals at the MSPCA-Nevins Farm.

2017 – 2018
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(covers photo): Kelyn, a 5th grader who attends the Manos Felices (Happy Hands) after-school program in Lawrence, spent an afternoon with two friends cleaning cages, dishes and floors, doing laundry, cutting up dog treats and giving love to the animals at the MSPCA-Nevins Farm shelter.

Report design by Joanna Rugani
FROM OUR FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Aaron’s Presents Community,

Some of you have just recently learned about Aaron’s Presents, and some of you have been involved for a while. But among all of us—youth participants and their families, staff and Board members, and supporters and partners—this incredible community has developed. Seemingly magical connections that provide something needed at the perfect time are made so frequently now that we are no longer surprised! Only grateful, and humbled.

This past year brought its share of both heartaches and moments of joy for many. There have been fires, hurricanes, volcanoes, illnesses, abuses of various kinds coming to light, people fleeing violent and chaotic situations, life-changing diagnoses, and losses of loved ones. Through all of it, we have once again witnessed firsthand that what ultimately heals the human spirit is the giving of the unique gifts within all of us to others. These gifts are too many to list, but include compassion, kindness, ability to relate to certain experiences, creativity, skills and knowledge, diverse cultural and personal perspectives, social networks, and material resources.

I hope our work will inspire you to think about YOUR unique gifts. As part of our upcoming #WhatCanIGive campaign to support our next phase of growth, we will be inviting you to share what some of those gifts are, and how you give of them to others.

Thank you all for passionately supporting our vision for empowering youth to ask this simple question, “What can I give?” You have made everything in this report possible!

Leah Okimoto

(left-right) 8th graders Dezani, Jadeyshka, Glenny and Gianny started a “Penny Wars” fundraiser collecting coins from the entire Wetherbee School in Lawrence for 3 weeks and raised $2,400 for the Firefighters United for Puerto Rico hurricane relief efforts being led by Juan Manny Gonzalez (far left) and William Pagan (far right)

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time this is for Aaron’s Presents!

I have to admit, this year’s end-of-year Celebration was an emotional one for me as it was our 5th! How quickly these years have passed. I will forever remember that 1st Celebration, held in Lowell at Mill No. 5. That year, we had 27 kids doing 12 projects that touched the lives of 1,200 folks. This year, we had 299 kids conducting 149 projects that impacted over 5,000 people and animals!

The best part was - and always will be for me - meeting the kids and hearing them talk about their projects. It has been such fun, so meaningful and simply inspirational to watch these kids get involved in their (our) communities and each year come up with new ways to help others.

My daughter and I recently watched the movie “Back to the Future” and as I am reflecting back on these last 5 years with Aaron’s Presents and looking ahead, I can’t help but think about how in the movie one small action taken by one character greatly changed the future. Isn’t that something that we should be teaching our kids? That each individual has an opportunity every minute of every day to make a difference.

I encourage you to take a moment to ponder how you can support the work and mission of Aaron’s Presents. Spread the word about us to your network - personal and professional - and share with them all of the cool things that young people are doing to make the world a better place. With our upcoming #WhatCanIGive campaign, let’s work together to steadily grow our organization over the next four years and build a solid infrastructure that will enable us to empower thousands of kids for the good of all of us!

Then, sit back and get ready to continue to be amazed at what kids can do!

With many thanks for all that YOU do,

Marianne Cashman
**IMPACT**

**SINCE 2014:**

- **844** Givers and Visionaries
- **446** Projects
- **166** Agents of Change
- **2** Avg. # of youth per project
- **63%** from low-income families
- **26%** Boys
- **74%** Girls
- **31%** Lowell
- **14% Lynn, North Shore and other**
- **44% Hispanic**
- **24% Andover**
- **13% Asian**
- **14% African American**
- **29% White**

**2017-2018:**

- **299** Givers and Visionaries
- **149** Projects
- **5,515** People and Animals Impacted
- **145** Agents of Change
- **60** Youth engaged in summer opportunities
- **93** Completing more than 1 project this year
- **299** Givers and Visionaries who have completed more than 1 project
- **31K** People and Animals Impacted
- **$500** Avg. cost per project (materials + mentoring + transportation)
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*Dracut, Danvers, North Andover, Methuen, Haverhill, Boxford, Ashland and Tewksbury*
Jordin, 2nd grader from Lynn, brought telescopes to High Rock Tower in Lynn one evening and gave them to other kids who were there, so they could see the stars and make wishes.

Stella and Hannah, 4th graders from Sanborn Elementary in Andover, planned a craft and a visit with a therapy dog for seniors at Wingate at Andover. Special thanks to Patty Barrett and her dog, Gracie!

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- Aralis, 4th grade, Lawrence

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- Niki, 3rd grade, Andover

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3rd grader Arianna, who attends after-school program Si, Se Puede in Lawrence, assembled and donated 20 gift bags of toiletries to guests at the Cor Unum meal center.
Rosa, Natalie, Tais, Nikauri, Ashley and Rosy, passionate 8th grade animal lovers from Lawrence, volunteered several times at the MSPCA--Nevins Farm, washing dishes, folding laundry, bagging hay, sorting donations and socializing animals. Special thanks to MSPCA volunteer Jennifer Taris for making many of our volunteer sessions possible this year!

Orenia, 6th grader from Lowell, visited Fairhaven Nursing Home in Lowell with her friends Alison, Mercy, Tranelle, Nateline and Anahy. They played games with seniors, gave out flowers and danced.

Kai, 8th grader from Andover, used his passions for football and teaching to plan and lead a 2-hour football clinic for younger boys and girls in Lawrence.

Jocelyn, 7th grader from Lowell, worked with her friends Stefany, Karina, Jackelyn, Ameena and Anjali to plan activities, including baking and decorating cookies, for foster children living at a group home.

I think the way this impacted me was that it made me feel like I was needed and that what we did helped change other people’s lives.

- Unique, 8th grade, Lawrence

I learned that life outside of my world is hard.

- Joyce, 8th grade, Lowell
THE AGENTS OF CHANGE

Our Alumni

In order for youth to continue on this path to adopting a mindset of asking, “What can I give?”, they need opportunities to broaden their perspective and discover their unique gifts. Therefore, we have sought out high-impact opportunities that fit within our limited resources for our Agents of Change, who have already completed an Aaron’s Presents project. This year, these included service projects, presentations to companies, weekly SAT Prep classes, college visits, art and engineering classes, and an Alumni Night. In addition, we forged many partnerships with summer programs and camps whose values aligned with ours and were thrilled to be able to offer scholarships, supplies and transportation to 40 youth this summer!

**OUTWARD BOUND**
This summer, the Abbot and Dorothy H. Stevens Foundation and Hurricane Island Outward Bound generously funded a team of 10 Aaron’s Presents teens to go on a 15-day canoeing and backpacking course in the Appalachian wilderness in Maine. They courageously braved this new and extremely challenging experience and emerged stronger, with more confidence and gratitude than ever. We are so proud of (left-right) Jacob, Peter, Samantha, Emmanuel, Nick, Ramphis, Eric, Allen, Arlenis and Deborah!

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**
In April, Mangai, 11th grade student at Phillips Academy and Aaron’s Presents Intern, raised $7K to lead a meal-packing event for nearly 200 volunteers to pack 25,000 meals in 1 hour! The Aaron’s Presents community rallied, with 95 of our Alumni and families attending, and the joy and sense of community in the room was inspiring.

**AGASSIZ VILLAGE**
This summer, we secured funding to sponsor 9 teens to attend 2-week camp at Agassiz Village. (left-right) Jackelyn, Jayla, Aneris and Alexxander from Lowell and Lawrence attended and completed the Teen Advancement Program (TAP) for leadership development.

**JUDE GOLDMAN/PRINCESS**
In February, 9th grader Princess from Lowell read her poem titled, “I Have a Dream,” at The Lenny Zakim Fund’s annual grants ceremony and inspired attendees at the Four Seasons Boston. She is pictured here with Jude Goldman, Executive Director of The Lenny Zakim Fund, which gave Aaron’s Presents its first grant in 2016 and has continued supporting us ever since! Through our partnership with Choate Rosemary Hall, Princess was also able to attend their 5-week academic program this summer.

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THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS GAVE LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES TO OUR YOUTH THIS SUMMER:

- Agassiz Village
- Brown Leadership Institute
- Camp Merrowvista
- Choate Summer Session
- Essex Art Center/Sam Schreiber
- Exeter Summer Session
- GovsPlus
- Grab the Torch
- Hurricane Island Foundation
- Hurricane Island Outward Bound
- Phillips Academy Summer Session
- Summer Stars Performing Arts
- Wildwood at Mass Audubon

Additional funding provided by generous individuals and:

- The Abbot and Dorothy H. Stevens Foundation
- The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
- The Lodge of St. Andrew
- UNICO Merrimack Valley
COLLABORATION

14 YOUTH-SERVING PARTNERS
who introduced us to their kids and families:

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lawrence (Amanda Hinchcliffe)
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell (Alisha Rojas Harrison)
Coalition for a Better Acre, Lowell (Dolores Sierra)
DanversCARES, Danvers (Danielle LaRonde and Peg Gallade)
Fecteau-Leary School, Lynn (Erin Nagle)
Higgins Middle School, Peabody (Tadd Bucay, Julie Donnelly & Lauren Burke)
Holten Richmond Middle School, Danvers (Adam Federico)
Lowell Community Charter Public School (LCCPS), Lowell
(Nicholas Leonardos, Bridget Russo, Rich Manzi; Rachel Walsh)
Manos Felices (Happy Hands), Lawrence (Loida Dominguez)
Sanborn Elementary School, Andover (Jason DiCarlo, Susan Hunter-Jones)
Si, Se Puede, Lawrence (Lorie Mendoza)
West Middle School, Andover (Rebecca Franks, Tara Brink)
Wetherbee School, Lawrence (Colleen Lennon, Fran Baggett)
Youth Development Organization (YDO), Lawrence (Mark Kampert)

Aaron’s Presents was the best experience I ever had. It made me feel very good about myself, and I will always go back and do it again. It changed me as a person, and how I act as a person. I am more outgoing, hardworking, helping, caring, and more. Making kids happy, and seeing joy on their faces makes me feel so good about myself.

- Viviana, 7th grade, Lowell

6th grader Ian (left), from Wood Hill Middle School in Andover, collected a truckload of lightly used school supplies left over from the school year and passed them onto local community member Henrietta Ogbeide (right), who was preparing to ship them to families in Nigeria.

58 COMMUNITY PARTNERS
who received the positive, helpful and kind acts planned by our participants this year and who do so much for our communities everyday:

African Community Center, Lowell
Bancroft Elementary School, Andover
Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lawrence
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell
Bruce School, Lawrence
Chelmsford Crossings
Christ Jubilee Church, Lowell
Community Day Arlington, Lawrence
Cor Unum Meal Center, Lawrence
Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston
Emmaus House, Haverhill
Fairhaven Healthcare Center, Lowell
FINA House, Lawrence
Fire Fighters United for Puerto Rico
Girl Scouts, Lawrence
Guilmette Elementary School, Lawrence
Guilmette Middle School, Lawrence
House of Hope, Lowell
Lawrence Family Community Day School
Lazarus House
Little Geniuses Daycare, Lawrence
Little Heroes Foster Home, Dracut
Lowell Community Charter Public School
Lowell Community Health Center
Lowell Humane Society
Lowell Senior Center
Manos Felices (Happy Hands), Lawrence
Marland Place, Andover
Mary Immaculate Health/Care Services, Lawrence
Mass Audubon Wildwood Camp
Merrimack Courts Housing Project, Lawrence
Merrimack House, Lowell
Mill No. 5, Lowell
MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Methuen
North Andover Sheep Shearing Festival, North Andover
North Shore Medical Center, Salem
Phillips Academy, Andover
Salem Animal Rescue League
Si, Se Puede, Lawrence
Someone Cares Package Party, Lawrence
St. Jude Children’s Hospital
Step Up Dads, Resource and Reclamation Center, Lowell
Suenos Basketball Team
Sweet Paws Rescue
Town of Andover
Union Pediatric Psychiatric Hospital, Lynn
Walk for Hunger (Project Bread, Boston)
water.org
West Elementary School, Andover
West 6th Street CTI Shelter
Wetherbee School, Lawrence
Winchester Hospital, Winchester
Wingate Andover
Women’s View House at Psychological Center, Lawrence
YDO (Youth Development Organization), Lawrence
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

“...You need to hire more staff at Aaron’s Presents so we can do more projects!...”
- Lizzie, 8th grade, Lawrence (who completed 3 projects this year!)

To those who have given financial support, THANK YOU!
We simply could not turn our mission into action and reach so many people without
your generous donations. We know that there are many worthy causes, and the fact
that you place your trust in us to carry out this work and invest your resources carefully
and for the greatest impact is something we take very seriously.

The fact that 56% of our resources came from individuals this year also demonstrates
the power of your recommendations to friends, colleagues and relatives on our behalf.

Because of you, we achieved these milestones this year:
• Purchased our “Aaron’s Presents-mobile,” an 8-person minivan for transporting
  youth to lead their projects and participate in other events (transportation
  remains the #1 obstacle to participation);
• Hired a part-time CFO and 2 new Mentors in Lynn and Lawrence, and will be
  adding 3 new Board members;
• Doubled participation and greatly expanded opportunities offered through our
  Agents of Change program for Alumni, and tripled the number of scholarships to overnight summer programs/camps;
• Raised $30k from individuals after being selected to compete in the Charity Warriors fundraising competition; and
• Increased our revenue by 32%.

What we’re excited about for 2018-19:
• Working with a new team of Mentors focused in Lowell, Lawrence, Lynn and the North Shore and deepening our presence
  in low-income communities in particular;
• Continuing to grow and strengthen our community of Alumni and their families by offering more high-impact opportunities
  for them to learn, develop and give;
• Focus on expanding and diversifying our network of funders and launching our first $250k #WhatCanIGive growth
  campaign, a critical part of building for our future.

FY 2018 (JULY 2017-JUNE 2018)

Funds received:
Individuals: $109,645
Foundations: $66,840
Corporate: $11,852
Total Revenue: $179,337

Expenses:
Program: $99,372
Management & General: $29,601
Development: $15,886
Total Expenses: $144,859

Detailed financial statements available upon request.
GRATITUDE

We would simply not be able to carry out this work without your generosity, trust and more generosity. We hope you can see what a difference your gifts are making in so many young lives.

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PRESENTS FUNDS*
The Dr. Alan Metwally Presents Fund
The Debbie Choi Tsang Presents Fund
The Elizabeth Atkins Presents Fund
Barb Petricone’s Presents Fund
Emma and Grace’s Presents Fund

$25,000
Cummings Foundation
($100K for 100 grant)

$10,000 - $24,999
The Lenny Zakim Fund
The Mifflin Memorial Fund
The Lodge of St. Andrew

$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous (multiple)
Forest Foundation
Melissa Marrama
Drs. Paul Nguyen and Sophia Koo
The Rogers Family Foundation
The Saab Family Foundation

$2,500 - $4,999
The Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
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Ramsey McClusky Family Foundation
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Adam Hogue
HomeAdvisor
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Howe Insurance
Jack Levin
Tony Madan
Holly Makowsky
Mario Massimilla
Sarah Meier and Greg Gryllakis
Margaret Metwally
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Barb Petricone
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Thomas Rooney
Jonathan Rubin
Laidy Saenz
Debra Samuels
Tracey Spruce
Subhiah Sundaram and
Lakshmi Subbiah
Joanna and Steve Suomi
Felicia van den Broeke
Wils Vanderbrooke
Walpole Co-Operative Bank

$1 - $249
Jonathan Adams
Katelyn Adams
Mike and Susan Adams
Affordable Green Movers
Wagar Ahmad
Jorge and Yasmine Allen
Hayden Anderson
Anonymous (multiple)
Emily Annarelli
Carol Arsenault
UNICO Merrimack Valley Foundation

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Thank you for helping us! I wish I could meet you in person to shake your hand for helping us to make our projects happen.”

- Placid, 7th grader, Lowell

*Presents Funds may be established by anyone, with no minimum gift. Friends and family are able to contribute at any time, and 100% of funds are used to sponsor projects.
Jayla, 7th grader from Lowell, worked with her friends Josiah and Isanette to do hair, makeup and clothing makeovers for women recovering from addiction at Women’s View at the Psychological Center in Lawrence.

Barry Kaplan
Barry Kelly
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for end-of-year Celebration
Mad Maggie’s Ice Cream: ice cream
for end-of-year Celebration
Brenda Bryan: grant writing services
Jeanne Clark: impact evaluation services
Shay Egan/Harken Event Company:
 event planning services
Joanna Rugani: graphic design services

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Nanu Yates
Pearl Zhu

Aaliyah, 9th grader from the Fecteau-Leary School in Lynn, spoke eloquently at our Celebration about her struggles with depression and being transgender, and about her project to uplift other teens in a mental hospital.
“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.” So how powerful is it when kids teach other kids to fish? That’s exactly what 6th graders Andrew, Davis, Ryan and Thomas did.

WHAT WE DO

Our evidence-based model is transforming the way youth are empowered to become civically engaged, think of others, and develop empathy and the skills required to lead and actively seek to solve societal problems. We begin by asking children as young as 7 how they would like to help and contribute to their communities, and then we provide the individualized mentoring, resources and logistical help they need to lead a project of their own design in the “real world” that positively impacts at least one other person or animal. After completing a project, they can participate in activities specifically chosen to help them identify and nurture their gifts.

OUR INSPIRATION

Aaron Makaio Schneider was born on June 19, 2013 and lived 8 ½ days. Aaron inspired his parents to honor his tiny but very meaningful life by empowering other young children to tap into their diverse gifts and creativity for the good of others.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Spread the Word!
Tell 10 friends or relatives about us, share our posts on FB or Instagram, recommend us for donations and matches.

Donate
Any financial gifts are greatly appreciated and carefully used for maximum impact on our youth.

Volunteer
We are always looking for Board and Advisory Board Members, and volunteers with a wide variety of skills, interests and availability.

Connect with our Youth!
Invite our youth to your company to present and inspire employees, or come to see one of their projects in action.

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