Dear Valued Donor,

I’m a member of Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC), supporting our 19th annual Labor of Love auction. Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC) is a group of committed women who support a network of programs focused on the needs of underserved children and families in an effort to improve their quality of life. For over 100 years, ACC members have remained faithful to the needs of children and families by providing financial and volunteer resources through steadfast partnerships with organizations across Western Washington. Founded in 1918, we continue to be an important part of women’s and children’s lives.

Our Labor of Love auction proceeds help us fulfill grant requests. ACC granted $200,000 to 22 agencies in 2019.

• ACC grants funds semi-annually through a formal grant application process.

• Network of programs that are recipient of ACC grants include: Youth Tutoring Program, Pregnancy and Parenting Support, Sacred Heart Shelter, Adoption Services King County, CCS Child and Family Counseling, Emergency Assistance CCS King & South King County.

• Total served by category 2018-19:

Children and Families : 10,750 : 66% of served : $40,500 : 29% of grants funded

Education and Emergency Services : 2525 : 15% : $47,000 : 34% of grants funded

Adoption and Immigration : 413: 2.5% : $27,500 : 19.7% of grants funded

Infant Care – Specialty Services: 2647 : 16% : $24,000 : 17.2% of grants funded

Our goal is to fund all grants requested at 100% this spring. With your donation support, we will be able to help these kids!

I’m asking if you can help us out with a donation of a product or service from your business? Your donation can be something wonderful like a gift certificate to your business, a tangible item or a special experience. Eighty-five percent of those we help live at or below the poverty level. More than 88% of our budget supports [funded organizations](http://forthechildrenww.weebly.com/funded-organizations.html) that are carefully vetted to meet our mission.

***We need your help!! We are asking you to donate an item that will be available on our***

***19th Labor of Love online auction, February 14 – February 24th, 2020***

***We sell almost 100% of items donated, raising over $30,000 from our auction last year.***

**As an auction donor, you will receive the following benefits:**

* Listing as a donor on the website for at least 20 days
* Opportunity to include a photo (logo or item) and your web link
* Website promotion to a vast network of potential bidders. We have over 600 bidders on our auction database! Bidding is fast and fierce for the most popular items!!. We publish information about the auction to schools, association members and previous bidders. They pass our emails along to friends and family.
* Tax deduction to a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID #91-0755924

**A procurement form accompanies this letter. Please complete the form and send it to Advocacy and Caring for Children (ACC), 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144, by February 7, 2020. Questions? Please contact auction chair Deirdre Brownlow, ACC office, 206-328-5973 or** **acc@ccsww.org**

For more detailed information about ACC, visit our website [www.advocacyandcaringforchildren.org](http://www.advocacyandcaringforchildren.org) or to participate in the auction, register at [www.laborofloveauction.org](http://www.laborofloveauction.org)

Your generous donation helps make a huge difference in the lives of children and families in Western Washington.

With gratitude,