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**Horton's Kids Receives Transformational Gift from the Yield Giving Open Call**

[WASHINGTON, D.C. - March 19, 2024] – Today, MacKenzie Scott's Yield Giving announced Horton's Kids as one of the Yield Giving Open Call's awardees working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States. Horton's Kids received \$2 million.

Supporting children in Southeast DC is at the heart of Horton's Kids' mission. Their holistic approach centers on partnership: connecting with the child, their family, school, and community - to ensure they graduate from high school ready for success in college, career, and life.

In March 2023, Yield Giving launched an Open Call for community-led, community-focused organizations whose explicit purpose is to enable individuals and families to achieve substantive improvement in their well-being through foundational resources.

"Horton's Kids is immensely grateful for this transformative gift. With the opening of our new Community Resource Center "Horton's Hub", we are poised to grow our impact in Anacostia in the coming years. This generous support will enable us to extend high-quality programs and services to even more children and families, helping them to thrive," said Erica Ahdoot, Horton's Kids' Executive Director. The funding also allows Horton's Kids to undertake both short-term initiatives and long-term strategies, ensuring their ability to navigate challenges, make essential investments, and build resources for sustained impact and growth.

The Open Call received 6,353 applications and initially planned for 250 awards of \$1 million each. In the Fall of 2023, organizations top-rated by their peers advanced to a second round of review by an external Evaluation Panel recruited for experience relevant to this cause and underwent a final round of due diligence. In light of the incredible work of these organizations, as judged by their peers and external panelists, the donor team decided to expand the awardee pool and the award amount.

"We are excited that our partnership with Yield Giving has resonated with so many organizations," said Cecilia Conrad, CEO of Lever for Change. "In a world teeming with potential and talent, the Open Call has given us an opportunity to identify, uplift, and empower transformative organizations that often remain unseen."

More information on the Yield Giving Open Call and other initiatives can be found at [www.leverforchange.org](http://www.leverforchange.org).

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### **About Horton's Kids**

With 35 years of working with families in Southeast DC, Horton's Kids is finely attuned to the needs and challenges they face. As a trusted community partner, we work in tandem with residents to identify and attain the tools they need to succeed. Whether it's tutoring, vocational exposure, career support, or wellness workshops, our place-based model allows families to access a wealth of resources and programming just steps away from their homes. Horton's Kids helps to remove barriers like geographic isolation, expense, and inconsistency that make it difficult for Southeast families to access the supports they need to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.hortonskids.org](http://www.hortonskids.org)

### **About Yield Giving**

Yield Giving Established by MacKenzie Scott to share a financial fortune created through the effort of countless people, Yield Giving is named after a belief in adding value by giving up control. To date, Yield's network of staff and advisors has yielded over \$16,500,000,000 to 1,900+ non-profit teams to use as they see fit for the benefit of others. To learn more, visit [www.yieldgiving.com](http://www.yieldgiving.com)

### **About Lever for Change**

Lever for Change connects donors with bold solutions to the world's biggest problems—including issues like racial inequity, gender inequality, lack of access to economic opportunity, and climate change. Using an inclusive, equitable model and due diligence process, Lever for Change creates customized challenges and other tailored funding opportunities. Top-ranked teams and challenge finalists become members of the Bold Solutions Network—a growing global network that helps secure additional funding, amplify members' impact, and accelerate social change. Founded in 2019 as a nonprofit affiliate of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Lever for Change has influenced over \$1.7 billion in grants to date and provided support to more than 145 organizations. To learn more, visit <http://www.leverforchange.org>