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### **Action for Healthy Kids**

<http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

Action for Healthy Kids fights childhood obesity, undernourishment and physical inactivity by helping schools become healthier places so kids can live healthier lives. The organization provides volunteers in schools and school health leaders across the country with the resources they need to learn, act and transform. Action for Healthy Kids gives kids the keys to health and academic success by meeting them where they are – in the classroom, in the cafeteria and on the playground – with physical activity and nutrition lessons that make it possible for them to eat nutritiously and play actively every day.

### **Candie's Foundation**

<http://www.candiesfoundation.org>

The Candie's Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to shape the way youth in America think about teen pregnancy and parenthood. The organization is an operating foundation that develops communication campaigns to raise awareness and motivate teens to prevent teen pregnancy. By using advertisements that include celebrities, the goal of the Candie's Foundation is to influence teen culture directly and positively.

### **End 7**

<http://www.end7.org>

END7 is a grassroots campaign that seeks to raise money for expanded access to neglected tropical diseases (NTD) treatments and catalyze support for NTD control efforts. The organization focuses on seven neglected and disastrous diseases that affect over half a billion children in the developing world, whether it's preventing children from attending school, preventing parents from attending work, or taking away from families any chance they have of lifting themselves out of poverty.

### **FEAT - Houston**

<http://www.feathouston.org>

FEAT - Houston is a non-profit organization that provides information and training on treating individuals with autism spectrum disorder by using techniques based on applied behavior analysis (ABA). The organization's

tuition reimbursement and conference stipend programs help support the development of ABA resources in the Greater Houston area and make it possible for more teachers and parents to learn about effective teaching methods for children, teens, and adults with autism.

### **Project Anti-Bully**

<http://www.projectbully.com>

Project Anti-Bully is a non-profit organization that raises global awareness about the prevalence of bullying in schools through community-based research. The organization is internationally operated and managed by students for students. The organization began in Naples, Florida, and now has affiliates across the world. Project Anti-Bully sets out to educate students and teachers about what bullying is and the proper steps to help control it. The mission is to empower individuals by embracing their individuality and uniqueness while simultaneously standing against bullying and cyberbullying.

### **Shake Up America!**

<http://www.shapeup.org>

Shape Up America! is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization committed to raising awareness of obesity as a health issue and to providing responsible information on healthy weight management. The purpose of Shape Up America! is to educate the public on the importance of the achievement and maintenance of a healthy body weight through the adoption of increased physical activity and healthy eating. The mission is based on the scientific evidence that obesity is not just an appearance problem; it is a condition that can lead to serious disease.

### **Committee For Children**

<http://www.cfchildren.org>

Committee For Children is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting social-emotional learning and the prevention of bullying, child abuse and youth violence through education. Committee For Children creates research-based social-emotional learning materials to help children succeed in school and in life, creating a world in which children can grow up to be peaceful, kind, responsible citizens.

### **America's Toothfairy**

<http://www.ncohf.org>

America's Toothfairy is dedicated to eliminating children's preventable suffering from pediatric dental disease by providing programs and comprehensive resources to deliver community-based critical preventive, educational and treatment services. Pediatric dental disease can have devastating social and economic consequences for vulnerable children and families. America's Toothfairy serves as an educator about the importance of oral health, preventer of disease and protector of children.

### **Communities in Schools**

<http://www.communitiesinschools.org>

Communities in Schools (CIS) is a non-profit organization working to address the dropout epidemic. CIS provides direct services and resources to under-served children with unmet needs. By surrounding children with a community of support, CIS empowers students to stay in school and achieve in life. The organization partners with over 200 agencies, working to bring community expertise directly to the school campus.

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation**

<http://wish.org>

Make-A-Wish grants the wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition in the United States and its territories, on average, every 38 minutes. The Make-A-Wish Foundation believes that the act of making a child's wish come true can provide the courage to comply with his or her medical treatments, while also finally providing parents with a feeling of optimism. Whatever the odds or obstacles, Make-A-Wish believes wishes find a way to make the world better.

### **Writers in the Schools**

<http://witshouston.org>

Writers in the Schools (WITS) has engaged children in the pleasure and power of reading and writing for 30 years. WITS sends professional writers into 350 classrooms, awakening 23,000 children and teachers to the adventures of language each year. As the leader of an international

movement for creative learning, WITS has a proven model of success and demonstrates a lasting impact on student writing skills, self-esteem, test scores, and creativity.