

KIDSVoice FALL ADVOCACY UPDATE



ADVOCATING FOR SAFE HOUSING



KidsVoice client Laeonta Davis cuts the ribbon next to Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato, KidsVoice Executive Director Scott Hollander, and Allegheny County Housing Authority Executive Director Rich Stephenson

St. Colman's School Transformed Into Affordable Housing for Foster Youth

KidsVoice proudly attended the June 2026 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Calvin Anderson Schoolhouse Apartments at the former St. Colman's school in Turtle Creek. The 26-unit affordable housing complex is dedicated to providing a safe, stable place for former foster youth, including many who have children of their own.

KidsVoice partnered with the Allegheny County Housing Authority on this project, and we continue to seek out opportunities to provide new housing options for our clients.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Janine's Story, Rapid Housing Crisis Response

Janine, who aged out of foster care and is a new mother to an infant son, Troy, found herself in crisis after her grandmother suddenly passed away, leaving Janine without stable housing. With no one else to turn to, Janine called KidsVoice to help her and her son.

Navigating the county's affordable housing system can be challenging due to a shortage of available apartments, complex application processes, extensive documentation requirements, and difficulty tracking application status. By utilizing our strong housing partnerships, securing documentation for Janine, assisting with the application, and hand-delivering it for review, KidsVoice helped Janine move into a new apartment in just three months—very fast for this type of residence!

We also enrolled Janine in KidsVoice's two-generation advocacy program, which allowed our staff to help address developmental issues for Troy and provide Janine with supplies for her apartment, as well as clothing and food. With stable housing, resources, and KidsVoice as a continued support system, Janine can build a future for her and her son.

Stable housing means security. Stable housing means comfort. Stable housing for us has us not worrying about where's the next place we'll lay our head, whether we're being a burden to the people who are kind enough to let us live with them.

-Laeonta Davis, KidsVoice Client



ADVOCACY AWARD

KidsVoice Wins 2026 Outstanding Children's Law Office Award

KidsVoice is proud to be recognized for our commitment to advocating for vulnerable children, and we were honored to be named the 2026 Outstanding Children's Law Office by the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) as part of its annual Promoting Excellence Awards.

This award recognizes the effectiveness of our multidisciplinary advocacy approach and the importance of ensuring that children have a strong voice throughout their time in foster care and as they transition into adulthood after leaving care.



What impresses me most about KidsVoice is their commitment to listening to their clients' needs and developing specialized programs to meet them.

-Cathy Krebs, American Bar Association

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