

## Save the Children Programs in Kentucky

Save the Children provided early learning programs and resources to more than 31,500 Kentucky children last year in 71 schools in 14 of the state's most high need counties. All of our programs focus on measurable academic outcomes for at-risk children in rural poverty. We serve children pre-natal through elementary with early childhood development, afterschool and summer programs.

### We provide additional investment for Kentucky's most vulnerable children.

- Save the Children **matches the Commonwealth's investment** at a rate of 14:1, bringing over \$26.7M additional funding annually to Kentucky. (\$13.1M in private contributions, \$3.2M in federal grants, \$4.9M in contributions-in-kind and \$5.5M in commodities such as food boxes).

### Proven Results.

- Despite being very at-risk for failure, **98% of 3-year-old children in our home visiting program are scoring at or above normal range for vocabulary acquisition** (a key school readiness indicator). This shows they are on-par with their more affluent peers as they enter Kindergarten.
- **60% of regularly participating school aged children in our literacy program showed significant gains** beyond the regular school year's reading growth
- During the 2020-2021 school year, children in our literacy programs in KY read an average of 38 books.
- Although students in Kentucky are projected to experience 121 lost days of learning in reading and 172 lost days of learning in math, children in Save the Children school age programming are making gains despite these pandemic-related disruptions. **Reading growth for children in our literacy program is equivalent to 1.7 additional months of school per year per child; math growth for children in our math program is equivalent to 2 additional months of school per year per child.**
- Through our hunger and nutrition work, we addressed food insecurity for 56,979 children providing 4,652,898 meals in Q1 and Q2.

### We employ Kentuckians.

- Save the Children always **hires program staff locally**, creating employment opportunities and economic development in these isolated rural communities
- Our programs provide jobs for **450 Kentuckians across the state** in rural communities where employment opportunities are few and far between.