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## The Power of Prevention

Prevention is what sets the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) apart --- our commitment that child abuse and neglect are preventable.

We know what it takes. Children grow up best in families and all families deserve support. Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and homes are the best ways to keep a child safe, healthy, and thriving.

Child abuse and neglect are complex. Many of the children and parents we serve have been dealt a tough hand.

They may be the victims of domestic violence or live in unsafe neighborhoods.

They may be struggling with poverty and housing instability.

They may be suffering from drug addictions and/or mental illnesses.

These adverse experiences do not cause child abuse, but they may strain a parent's ability to support their children's healthy development.

### And that is where MSPCC steps in.

Our home visitors work with expectant and new young parents. We listen. We coach. We build a community of support. We help them set and achieve goals,

including education and employment, so they can provide for their children today and in the future.

Our clinical social workers help children that have been traumatized by abuse heal and find the courage to move past their wounds.

When a child cannot safely live with their parents, we turn to loving foster families. MSPCC provides training and support to thousands of foster parents to help them welcome into their homes children who have been victimized and traumatized by abuse. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to these families.

**As adults, we have no greater responsibility than to ensure the safety of our children.**

For 144 years, MSPCC has done whatever it takes to protect children, and, with your support, will continue to ensure a bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

Mary McGeown  
Executive Director



**Massachusetts Society  
for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Children**



# MSPCC Lit Boston Blue!

Each April, we recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the importance of communities working together to raise awareness about the impact child abuse has on children and society, and share information about best practices and tools to parent effectively, even under stress. The mission of MSPCC is to prevent the trauma associated with adverse childhood events— parental substance use, domestic violence, abuse and neglect— so that children grow up healthy and ready to learn. Research links these adverse events to an increased need for and cost of chronic health, mental health, and social health services.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, MSPCC's 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary, many Boston area landmarks and buildings lit up blue to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month and MSPCC's history of protecting children and strengthening families. As we looked to the sky that night, Boston's commitment to protecting and advocating for children could be seen by all. **Thank you to everyone who made this night possible!**



Gillette Stadium



Rose Kennedy Greenway



1 Financial Center



Atlantic Wharf



Government Center  
MBTA Station



Zakim Bridge

# Welcome to the Board: Paul Litchfield

MSPCC is proud to announce the newest member of its Board of Advisors, Paul Litchfield. Paul owns a successful wealth management practice, providing investment advisory services to individuals and businesses across the United States. In 2020, he was named Top 100 People in Finance and honored as a Five Star Wealth Manager. Paul also owns a real estate company where he focuses on development opportunities and provides real estate agency services. Before building up his investment companies, Paul practiced as a CPA. Paul graduated summa cum laude as a Commonwealth Honors Scholar from UMass Lowell and holds an M.B.A. from UMass Lowell as well.

When asked why he supports MSPCC, Paul responded: **“MSPCC hits close to home for me because many years ago I was the type of individual that an organization like MSPCC aims to help. With first hand knowledge of what it’s like for many of these individuals and families, I now want to use my skills and resources to give back.”**

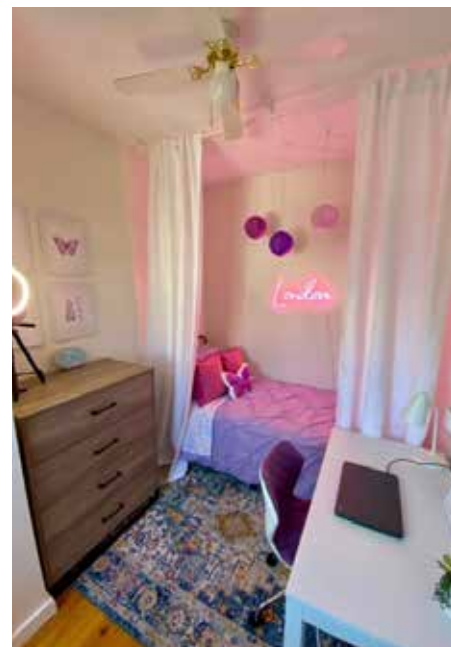
**Welcome to the Board, Paul!**



Meet the rest of MSPCC’s Board of Advisors at [mspcc.org/board-of-advisors](https://mspcc.org/board-of-advisors)

## Corporate Spotlight: IA Interior Architects

On June 4th, MSPCC partnered with IA Interior Architects to transform the spaces of two families in our KINnections program, which provides support and respite for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other kin raising children. Led by MSPCC Board of Advisors member Reetika Vijay, Managing Director at IA, the team designed a bright and cozy bedroom for a teen girl, and a beautiful, African-inspired family room for a grandmother raising her grandchildren. Our families were so excited to be the recipients of these room makeovers and look forward to the many memories they will make in these spaces. Thank you, IA Interior Architects!



# Healthy Families Participant Spotlight: Jaylynn



Jaylynn is an 18-year-old young mother participating in Healthy Families, a voluntary and free home-based family coaching program that supports young, first-time parents and helps them create stable, nurturing environments for their children. During this year, Jaylynn has balanced parenthood while finishing high school, applying to college, being captain of her basketball team, and living with her foster family. Healthy Families supports Jaylynn in both her parenting journey and personal goals.

Jaylynn recently answered some questions to share her experience participating in Healthy Families.

### **How has working with Healthy Families/MSPCC made you a better parent?**

Working with Healthy Families made me a better mom because I was able to turn to someone for help, support, and guidance when I didn't know what to do. The best feeling from that experience is that you realize that you are not alone. Additionally, the program helped me grow and learn what to expect for my son. While being a full-time senior in high school, captain of the basketball team, and working part-time, the program alongside my worker was very supportive and flexible with my busy schedule.

### **Has Healthy Families helped you achieve any goals outside of parenting?**

Healthy Families cares about your education and your child's. I was accepted into college and my financial situation works out for me so I could go to the school for free. I'm glad and happy that I was able to be supported during a crazy time surrounded by a busy schedule.

### **What are your hopes for you and your child's future?**

My hope for the future is to be financially stable with my 1 year-old son Royal and become a successful lawyer that helps advocate for the rights of youth. I hope my child takes the tools that I give him and understands the principles that come along with them and makes the right choices.



Learn more about Healthy Families here: [mspcc.org/pregnancy-parenting-support/](https://mspcc.org/pregnancy-parenting-support/)

## MSPCC's Young Professional Board



MSPCC's Young Professional Board is an association of individuals in the early stages of their careers with a strong dedication to the work of MSPCC. These young professionals bring an array of expertise to the group, including business, government, philanthropy, the nonprofit sector, community leadership, and activism.

Young Professional Board members work to hold volunteer events, networking opportunities, and fundraisers alongside MSPCC's development team to raise awareness for MSPCC.

Learn more: [mspcc.org/ypb](https://mspcc.org/ypb)

# Turning Points: An Evening to Benefit MSPCC

On March 31st, MSPCC held its annual fundraising dinner, *Turning Points*. The event honored First Lady Lauren Baker for her commitment to children in foster care throughout Massachusetts and celebrated foster families and volunteers from our Encompass program. The evening raised more than \$630,000 to support our work with kids and families!



First Lady Lauren Baker addresses guests at the Fairmont Copley Plaza



Members of MSPCC's Board of Advisors with Executive Director Mary McGeown



Foster Parents and Volunteers with MSPCC's Encompass Program with Governor and First Lady Baker

Check out the full photo album at: [mspcc.org/tp2022/](https://mspcc.org/tp2022/)

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## Create a lasting impact for kids in Massachusetts

Just as MSPCC fights for laws that protect children, we want to protect you, too. No matter where you are on your life journey, you can create your estate plan to secure the future for the important people in your life, designate a guardian for your children, and create a legacy with the causes close to your heart. Visit [FreeWill.com/MSPCC](https://FreeWill.com/MSPCC) to care for all you love.

## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Did you know that many employers match charitable donations? You can make your impact go twice as far by getting your donation matched. To find out if you qualify for a matching gift donation from your company, email Emily DiCarlo at [edicarlo@mspcc.org](mailto:edicarlo@mspcc.org) with your employer information.

## BECOME OUR BFF!

Since 1878, MSPCC has been protecting and promoting the rights and well-being of children in Massachusetts through the help of our supporters. By giving monthly, you give to the **Brighter Futures Fund** and ensure that our work can continue for centuries to come. Want to give to the Brighter Futures Fund? Sign up for monthly gifts here: [mspcc.org/monthlygiving](https://mspcc.org/monthlygiving)