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Our Impact on Families in 2018

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We were recently asked to share the impact Hope-4Healing has had on children in 2018. I thought I would share that with you today. Hope4Healing was privileged to help with 1,518 requests in 2018. We were able to provide this help for under \$33 per request. Generous donations allowed us to increase our ability to process requests more efficiently, be more available to take requests, thus expanding our positive impact. If these families had to find these resources on their own, they would have, on average, seen an impact of \$500 to their budget. This means that Hope4Healing had an impact of over \$750,000 on a \$50,000 budget!

Their stories, (the names have been changed), show the impact God has empowered us to make in their lives.

"JACOB" - After the tornado, a daycare worker in Marshalltown told us about a young boy who was afraid his family's business would close down and they would have to move back to their country of origin. He asked

the worker about the Hope4Healing contact card that he saw on the counter. The worker almost cried as she watched the young boy the rest of day, at recess, during crafts, even during nap time carry that card not wanting to lose it. The boy told the worker that he didn't know how to help his family, but hoped by giving them the card he could help in some small way.

"SARAH" - A family friend called wanting to know if we could help find glasses for their daughter. Her grades were slipping because her current glasses were too scratched up. New glasses were \$109.00, and the family did not have the means to pay for them. In helping them find new glasses, not only did we help care for their daughter's vision, we also allowed her to focus on good grades. After all, there is a direct connection between good grades and expected adult income.

"BRADY" - Another daycare worker shared about another young boy. He was difficult for most of the daycare workers. He and his mother had been quickly removed from an abusive situation, and they were having difficulty adjusting to life without simple things like clothes, shoes, and food. One day, he wrecked the only pair of shoes he had; flip flops. He was afraid that his mother would be an-

gry with him for ruining his shoes. Hope4Healing was able to connect the family with clothing, food, and other basic needs. The young boy's behavior started to change because the worker contacted Hope-4Healing which



allowed us to mobilize partners to surround the family with hope and healing.

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