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### ***Mobile Beacon awards community grant to Children's Friend***

Mobile Beacon is celebrating 10 years of providing high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. In honor of this anniversary, Mobile Beacon is providing 10 community grants to local and national organizations in support of their missions and the incredible work they do in their communities.

Mobile Beacon is honored to donate the 3rd community grant in this anniversary series to Children's Friend of Rhode Island. We are proud to support Children's Friend in their position as the leader in improving the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable young children and families. We are honored to be able to provide a \$10,000 monetary donation, as well as 10 laptops, 10 4G LTE hotspot devices, and free Mobile Beacon service to the organization. Children's Friend will utilize this donated technology to keep their staff connected to support these young children and their families socially, and through distance learning.

The \$10,000 donation will support their "Spirit of the Holiday Drive," which provides and distributes essential warm clothing and toys to vulnerable Rhode Island families during the Holiday Season. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for these items has increased, and Children's Friend is working to meet this augmented need.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Mobile Beacon to serve our children and families. The Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive, the agency's annual tradition, provides Rhode Island's most vulnerable children and their families with holiday gifts and necessities each year," said David Caprio, President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Friend. "The pandemic has hit vulnerable children and their families the hardest. There's no room left for extras like a new coat or a toy this year. We want to make sure that Rhode Island's children are safe, warm, dry and happy this winter."

Mobile Beacon is proud to be celebrating 10 years of providing nonprofits, schools, and libraries with Mobile Beacon's unlimited mobile broadband service to connect their communities. In the 10 for 10 years grant series, Mobile Beacon hopes to not only provide anchors of the community with resources to help carry out their missions but also



to raise awareness of the organizations we serve and their own work in the community and beyond.

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**About Mobile Beacon:** Founded in 2010, Mobile Beacon's Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum, licensed by the FCC, provides high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. In honor of our 10th anniversary, Mobile Beacon is awarding 10 community grants to anchors of our local community, who embody a similar mission in creating opportunities for underserved groups and investing in our nation's future. Through the broadband service, Mobile Beacon provides, organizations have an essential tool to fulfill their missions and maximize their philanthropic impact, which allows organizations to access more information, reach more people, and help more in their communities. Learn more at <http://www.mobilebeacon.org>.

**About Children's Friend:** Children's Friend, Rhode Island's first child-serving nonprofit agency, takes a leadership role in advocating on behalf of Rhode Island's youngest and most vulnerable children. Children's Friend provides a full array of services and support to children and their families. Learn more at <https://www.cfsri.org/>