



**“Every family deserves a place like
Promise that can provide answers.**

You met my son, Kyle. You diagnosed him. You guided us and now he is at school in the right setting, receiving the services he so desperately needed. You changed his life and have placed us on the road to improving our family as a whole.

We never expected Kyle to read – let alone enjoy it. We are so grateful.”

–Sondra, Kyle’s mom



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES

PROMISE PROJECT



Fall 2019

Dear Friend,

Ten years! It's hard to believe that a decade ago Promise Project opened its doors at Columbia University Medical Center to help the most vulnerable New York City children with learning issues reach their promise. **Our work transforms lives.**

From the moment a child receives a Promise evaluation, their whole world changes. Once in a classroom with the right supports, these **children are set up to thrive** in school and beyond.

Promise Project breaks down the barriers to learning and puts each child on a path to success – creating lasting change.

We have developed **the largest and most comprehensive program of its kind** in the country.

As we look to our next ten years, just think of how much more we can accomplish together. **Please give generously.**

Warmest regards,

Theodore Kamoutsis
Executive Director

Dana Buchman
Founding Chair

P.S. Make your gift extra special to kick off a new decade of Promise!

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2x

**CHILDREN WE SEE ARE MORE THAN TWICE
AS LIKELY TO GRADUATE**

90%

**OF THE SERVICES WE RECOMMEND
ARE ACCEPTED BY THE NYC DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION**

98%

**OF CHILDREN WE EVALUATE ARE
PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE**

20m

**WE LEVERAGED OVER \$20 MILLION FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

One in five children in the U.S. struggles with a learning or attention issue. A

proper evaluation and strong advocacy are critical for these children, but out of reach for parents with few resources. Without Promise, families in poverty have nowhere to turn.

In collaboration with Columbia University and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, **Promise Project provides free, state of the art neuropsychological testing**, as well as advocacy support and parent education so that underserved families get the help they need.

As we look to the future, there is so much more we can do:

Create early interventions to identify children in the classroom sooner and get them on track before they fail.

Expand our bilingual program to ensure students are properly diagnosed, provide culturally sensitive support, and empower parents to participate in their child's education.

Advance cutting edge neuroscience research to identify biomarkers of learning differences in the brain. Our potential to make new discoveries in the neglected area of learning disabilities is unlimited.