



“When COVID hit, we would have been lost without Promise.”

Thanks to Promise, Eli had just started receiving his services. Then the crisis hit. We didn't have internet. I had no idea how Eli would learn from home. You told me who to call to get the equipment he needed and made sure he got remote services.

Promise made the switch to virtual learning possible. We are forever grateful.”

-Tina, Eli's mom



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PROMISE PROJECT



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Dear Friend,

For over a decade, Promise Project has been working at the intersection of learning disabilities, poverty, and educational inequity to **level the playing field** for disadvantaged children across New York City.

The **COVID-19 crisis has exposed existing disparities**. Families from our community, especially those facing language barriers, are hurt the most right now. We are making sure they receive educational tools, emotional support, access to WiFi, and even food when needed.

The education system has been turned upside down. We work every day to ensure the **most vulnerable children with learning disabilities** don't fall through the cracks.

Promise gives these students a complete neuropsychological evaluation, and we fight alongside parents to gain appropriate services, both virtually and in the classroom.

Our work is only possible because of supporters like you. Join us as we strive to give every child the chance to succeed. **Please give as generously as possible.**

Warmest regards,

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CHILDREN IN THE U.S. STRUGGLES WITH
LEARNING OR ATTENTION DISORDERS

75%

OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS HAVE
UNDIAGNOSED LEARNING DISABILITIES

60%

OF TEENS IN TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE
ABUSE HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES

3x

CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES
ARE THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO DROP OUT
OF SCHOOL

A complete evaluation and strong advocacy are critical for children with learning disabilities to succeed. Families with resources can access top special education services while underprivileged families in our community receive little to no help without Promise.

In collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center, **Promise Project provides free, state-of-the-art neuropsychological testing** paired with advocacy and parent training, to ensure students with learning disabilities have the tools they need to learn both virtually and in the classroom.

Promise Project is prepared to handle an ever-changing landscape:

- We are in constant contact with schools, lawyer groups, and the DOE to effectively **navigate the complexities** of the current education system.
- We are **expanding and intensifying** our education support and advocacy to help families who need our services the most.
- We are creating a pipeline of specially trained neuropsychologists through our Bilingual Training Program to **meet the growing needs of the Latinx community.**