



“Promise saw my son the way I saw my son.

The Promise evaluation was incredible. It was so specific, they knew exactly how to help Eddy.

The support made all the difference. I could share my concerns and knew they would really listen. Promise understood.

Now we see a future for our son. He sees college on the horizon. Before Promise that wasn't even a thought.”

– Mara, Eddy's mother



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES
PROMISE PROJECT



Fall 2021

Dear Friend,

Over the past decade, Promise Project has transformed the lives of thousands of marginalized children with learning disabilities. Today, **we are providing more support than ever** to the families our program serves.

Promise evaluates students to pinpoint their exact learning issues and fights alongside parents to secure the necessary services they need to succeed.

Early identification and intervention are key. Our program now reaches children even earlier — **before they fall behind** — getting them the right interventions so they can learn and thrive.

Our work is only possible because of you. Every contribution goes directly towards the salaries for our specially trained clinicians and education coordinators at the Promise at Columbia Program.

Looking ahead to our next ten years, just think of how much more we can do together as we **fight for education equity** for all children with learning disabilities.

Please give generously.

Warmest regards,

Theodore Kamoutsis
Executive Director

Lori Buchbinder
Board Chair

P.S. Your gift is an investment in a brighter future for these children.


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

1/3

ONLY ONE THIRD OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ARE IDENTIFIED BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL

90%

OVER 90% OF THE SERVICES WE RECOMMEND ARE ACCEPTED BY THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2x

CHILDREN WE SEE ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO GRADUATE

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

In collaboration with Columbia University Irving Medical Center, **Promise Project provides state-of-the-art neuropsychological testing.** We pair our evaluations with culturally competent advocacy and parent training to ensure students have the tools they need to learn — all at no cost to families.

Promise is expanding our influence beyond our clinic walls:

Sooner: Through our Early Promise initiative, we are creating new tools that **identify children sooner** - in kindergarten - so we can get them on track before they fail.

Simpler: We are **developing simpler evaluations** that pinpoint each child's learning issues — allowing for targeted interventions to get them on the path to success.

Scalable: We are **scaling our program within schools** and community based organizations — reaching more children than ever before.