Our Mission
Capital for Kids is committed to supporting organizations in our community that educate, protect and encourage at risk children.

The Impact
Since inception in 2005, Capital for Kids has raised $5.7 million for local children’s charities. Our funding breaks the cycle of child abuse through the education of underprivileged children and the development of new programs and facilities.

Our Team
Capital for Kids is a network of volunteer professionals from within the investment management business who serve on our board and committees to raise money and evaluate grant proposals that fit our mission. We partner with children’s charities for community engagement events for hands on help throughout the year.

Our Strategy
Our board has personally committed capital to cover the operational expenses of Capital for Kids. We strive to distribute 97% of the funds raised directly to our selected grant recipients.

Community Engagement
We have the ability to give so much more than just dollars to our grant recipients. We offer hands on help throughout the year, whether it is manual labor on a clean-up project or advisory help with budgeting, marketing or public relations. It is a way for sponsoring firms to get their employees involved in the community.

Your Opportunity
Capital for Kids provides an opportunity to network within the industry while making a difference in the lives of children.

Make a Pledge – Become a Sponsor – Volunteer – Donate
Participate in Community Engagement
The smiles on the children’s faces are worth it!

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Dear Friends,

We are excited to be launching the premier edition of the Capital for Kids e-letter. Through this new electronic communication, we hope to keep you informed of upcoming events as well as keeping you up to date on the years’ progress.

Capital for Kids had much to celebrate in 2010 which could not have been accomplished without your help and generosity. As we reflect on last year, we are thrilled to report that we had our 2nd best year in our history with more than $1 million raised.

As we move forward, we are dedicated to our mission of raising awareness of neglected and abused children in our local community. We continue to increase our level of commitment through our community engagement events. We realize the importance of supporting our grant recipients with not only financial capital but also sweat equity.

Dawn Blankenship of Walker Smith will join Joe O’Brien of Highside Capital Management as co-chair of the organization this year. We continue to work with our outstanding Advisory and Executive Board to carry on the worthy mission of Capital for Kids.

We hope you will join our organization’s efforts to provide a foundation for the success of the children who are the future of North Texas.

Sincerely,

Susan Nichol
Executive Director
The grant committee extensively reviews all applications submitted and selects those that fit within our mission. The review process includes site visits and financial analysis. The grant committee allocates funds to those beneficiaries based on their specific request.
Do you remember what it was like to be 24 years old?

All I remember is trying to have lots of fun, while working very little. My mom called it “carousing”. My friends and I called it “party, party, party, tanning”. I certainly didn’t want any responsibilities and no consequences either. Life was a ball of fun.

That is not the life of 24-year-old Isabel.

Isabel made a life for herself. While she didn’t go to college, she went to trade school and is working as a hair stylist. She overcame a negative childhood. Her mom tended to run around with lots of men, many of whom brought domestic violence into their lives. Isabel knows about CPS. She knows that CPS caseworkers helped her several times. She was thrilled when she graduated from high school and got out – she got an apartment, finished her training, and made a life for herself. But her mom’s life didn’t change.

Isabel has 4 younger half-brothers, ages 3, 6, 7, and 11. The boys were living with Isabel’s mom and her then boyfriend until about a month ago. Isabel’s mom finally made a choice. She chose her violent boyfriend over the welfare of her sons. When CPS talked to Isabel about taking in the boys, the 24-year-old girl said yes. Even with her 24-year-old life just beginning, even with not having enough beds, even with not knowing exactly how she would care for her 4 little brothers, she said yes.

With funding from Capital for Kids, Community Partners of Dallas helped her buy bunk beds for the boys. We helped her with a deposit on a larger apartment. We helped her with all of the initial needs of the boys.

Isabel will be giving up any carousing. Giving up any partying. But, thanks to Capital for Kids and their sponsors, Isabel was able to say yes and now her new little family is safe.

This is the story of just one family – there are hundreds that your funding will support!

Thank you, Capital for Kids – Paige McDaniel, President and CEO, Community Partners of Dallas
Capital for Kids 2011 Calendar

May 12th  Implement a project for Children’s Mental Health month at Vogel Alcove guided by their volunteer coordinator. Read stories in the classroom about feelings etc., special art projects, and special games.

*Approx. 12 volunteers*

June 3rd  Prepare a dinner and play with the children of Promise House

*Approx. 10 volunteers*

June 18th  Saturday, June 18th to sort donated school supplies and stuffing backpacks for Community Partners of Dallas – this opportunity is available for volunteers and their children (6 years old and up)

*Maximum Volunteer number 30*

July  In office drive for School Supplies supporting America Scores

July  “Adopt a Tummy for the Day” Volunteers will provide food service lunch or snack for a day of Camp Bravo supporting Rainbow Days

*Approx 8 – 10 volunteers*

August 1st  Capital for Kids Grant Application Deadline

September 22  Capital for Kids Sponsor Party

November 17  Capital for Kids Main Event

Date TBD  A Thursday evening 6:30 –8:30 help instruct a Career and Future Planning Group to Junior and Seniors from St. Philips School and Community Center with information on Money Management, Time Management and Goal Setting Skills

Contact Susan Nichol for more detailed information on the upcoming Community Engagement Events and learn how you can get involved.
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Community Engagement

We have the ability to give much more than dollars to our grant recipients. In 2010, we initiated our Community Engagement program. Through these events employees of our sponsors partner with our grant recipients to offer hands on help throughout the year in the form of volunteer time. If your firm is interested in participating in this rewarding aspect of Capital for Kids, we ask that you provide us with a Captain from your firm to act as the lead contact for this initiative.

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