

*Stories play a critical role in our mission. Be a part of their story, and together we will make generational change a reality for Achievers like Elliot.*

# FR1ENDS of the CH1LDREN

Generational Change,  
One Child at a Time

**Boston**

## Meet Elliot!\*

**E**lliot is a bright and curious 7th grader who loves sports and music. When he's not playing football, he's working on his YouTube channel or writing song lyrics. It's impossible not to be inspired by Elliot's infectious energy and smile!

You would never guess that things haven't always been easy for Elliot. He and his family have experienced severe hardships including homelessness.

Elliot struggled with aggression. Anger became his outlet to cope with the uncertainties in his life. In kindergarten, he was labeled defiant and difficult. Adding to the uncertainty, his family lacked support to overcome the stigma and burden of the labels placed upon Elliot.

Then Elliot was enrolled in *Friends of the Children-Boston* and matched with a professional mentor (Friend). Every week, Elliot's Friend would spend time with him to set goals and explore his interests and talents. Elliot knew his Friend would be there—no matter what.

The consistent presence of *Friends-Boston* in Elliot's life has meant that his family is no longer alone allowing Elliot to build confidence.

Today Elliot is hopeful. He's a good student and dreams of becoming a musician, an astrophysicist, or a YouTube sensation! There are still challenges ahead, but Elliot knows that his Friend will always be there.

With your support of *Friends of the Children-Boston*, the possibilities for Elliot's future are endless! We have committed to support him and his family until he graduates from high school and beyond. **Please make a generous year-end gift so Elliot and all 111 other Achievers have a chance for hope and success.**

\* Name has been changed to protect his identity.



***Friends of the Children-Boston* creates generational change by engaging children from high-risk communities in twelve years of transformative mentoring relationships.**

**We are relentless so they can be resilient!**