



Message from our Executive Director, Christopher 2X



2023 is off to a fantastic start here at 2X Game Changers! The momentum and work the 2X Changers team and our supporters put in let me know that 2023 will be our best year yet!

This year is no different in our goal of seeking to promote programming to impact children impacted by first and second-hand gun violence. This year we will expand our Planet Savers program to include 308 families from a connection with The Louisville Zoo family zoo passes. More will be discussed on Planet Savers in this newsletter.

We have welcomed Nate Morris, Founder of Morris Industries and Rubicon Technologies, as volunteer Lead Director of strategies and board member. We look forward to utilizing his expertise to push innovation and help take 2X Game Changers to another level. The future is looking bright!

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Ginkgo Fund and The Thomas Family, Kosair for Kids, Churchill Downs Inc, and The Galt House Hotel as we go into another year. With the help of donors and supporters like you, we can keep doing the work of inspiring children toward brighter, more productive futures.

I would also like to thank the parents and kids in our organization who, with their consistent participation, inspire my team and me to keep pushing the mold and create new experiences alongside our partners like, UofL Health, The Louisville Zoo, and our federal partners. In addition, all of our other supporters and partners, thank you.

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THE ADVENTURES OF MALAKAI IN BRAILLE



Malakai Roberts, 7, was blinded by a stray bullet in December 2020. He is in our program and an advocate for the devastation of gun violence. Recently Malakai, alongside entertainment mogul Master P, and hip-hop legend Snoop Dogg, released a book called *The Adventures of Malakai*. This book conveys the importance of teamwork and overcoming adversity. It was written by Percy Miller and Malakai Roberts and animated by Ola Betiku.

It has now been released in a braille form so those with Vision impairments like Malakai can still read and learn the book's lessons. Malakai, his mother, Cacy, and his braille tutor recently had a press conference discussing the book's importance. You can view it [here](#).

Pictured left is Malakai with Christopher 2X holding his new book in braille.

ONE OF THE FLOCK

We are headed into our second year of Zoo Buddies, a partnership with The Louisville Zoo, which engages the families in our program with behind-the-scenes looks into the zoo and the animal kingdom. The children in the last quarter have learned many cool and exciting things. In January and February, the Zoo Buddies learned about cold weather care. They got to speak with the bear keepers in January, and February focused on the seals and sea lions! In March, the Buddies learned about how the zoo vets cared for the health of the animals!

Pictured right is one of our Buddies, Shane hugging a baby flamingo. What an incredible memory to have as a kid!



HEALING STARTS WITHIN



As a partnership with UofL Health and the UofL School of Medicine, Future Healers is ever-expanding. We are excited for the children and all they learn in this program! Subjects and activities around stopping the bleeding and having a balanced diet.

The Future Healers kids have also been connected with UofL Graduate students who want to get involved with the children. It is an excellent way to form a community and a system of support and uplift for the youth.

BECOMING A FACE IT MOVEMENT PARTNER: PROMOTING CHILD SAFETY AND AWARENESS



This quarter we have partnered with Face It Movement, which seeks to end child abuse! This partnership makes sense and aligns with our core values, protection, and advocacy for children. In this partnership, we hope to learn more resources about child safety practices and ways to bring them to our families in 2X Game Changers. We hope, alongside our partners of Kosair, to be a part of the change to end violence against children! More details on this collaboration will follow in the coming months. Happy to begin the shape-up of Planet Savers in the first quarter.



Our Honorary Board Chair, Percy 'Master P' Miller, got a behind-the-scenes look at UofL Hospital with Dr. Keith Miller and Christopher 2X to learn about the Future Healer program. During this visit he met with staff and encouraged them in their efforts of leading patients through their healing journeys!

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We are very excited about this year and the expansion of our Planet Savers Nature Based Therapy platform. Planet Savers encourages youth and family development through animal and land conservation and waste and recycling advocacy efforts. The families and children involved in our programming must realize and experience the healing capacity of the earth. Nature-based therapy is a beautiful coping resource for first and second-hand trauma. Join us on this journey as it expands!

If you are connected to any outdoor green space and would like to collaborate, please email us at info@2xgamechangers.org. Thank you!

JUST HORsing AROUND!

At the end of March, some children in our Planet Savers program got a behind-the-scenes look into the equine industry! This is very important for us to explore spaces and areas with our children with the deep roots of the horse industry here in Kentucky! On this visit, they got to go to the Back Side of Churchill Downs and learn some of the ins and outs of his work in the industry from an equine doctor! Afterward, the children went



to Second Stride, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide professional rehabilitation, retraining, and placement of retired thoroughbred racehorses with qualified adopters. When they arrived, they learned how to communicate with horses through touch, brush them, and see where the horses are kept in their stalls.

JOIN US IN THIS WORK!



Please visit www.2xgamechangers.org to learn more about our programs and to donate to our cause. Also, for any ideas for collaboration, please send them to info@2xgamechangers.org.

Thank you!

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