CHILDREN'S AID AND FAMILY SERVICES

ALife of Possibilities



~MEET ELI~

21-year-old Eli lives in one of our community homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Eli has Autism Spectrum Disorder and some of his behaviors were challenging when he first came to Children's Aid five years ago. He would often try to run away and struggled to communicate with our staff. Over the years, Eli has worked consistently with a behaviorist and has made great strides. He now listens to the staff, follows instructions, picks up after himself and helps make dinner.

Being active and out in the community helps Eli channel his abundant energy. Thanks to your support, he goes to SkyZone trampoline park, Shake Shack, Rutherford Recreation and Applebee's on a regular basis as well as the beach during the summer. These trips have helped him to improve his communication skills, learn to be part of the community and enjoy his life to the fullest. Just a few years ago, he barely spoke. Now he can order his own food and he has even started saying "go to the doctor" when he isn't feeling well.

It is only with your help that we can help those we serve with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as Eli, to live a life of possibilities.



Serving vulnerable children and families since 1899.

Our community needs your help.

It is only with **your help** that we can help individuals like Eli with disabilities live fuller, richer lives. Our **Disability Support Services** program helps fill a huge need in the community by providing:

- In-home support services
- Community homes
- Day programming
- After-school respite
- Community activities

Please help us to empower the children and adults we serve by making a gift today either using the enclosed remittance card, or online at www.cafsnj.org.





Your support also helps us provide foster care and adoption services; safe, supervised housing for teen mothers and their babies; alcohol and drug abuse prevention education and recovery support; and vital community programs.





