

Bridging The Gap...

Moving to a new country can be overwhelming, especially for individuals facing language barriers and lacking a local support system.

After moving from Guatemala to Columbia, South Carolina, Maya was excited to settle into her new life with her young son, Juan, while preparing for the arrival of her second baby. However, navigating the healthcare system quickly became overwhelming. Without family support and facing a language barrier, Maya struggled to find the help her son desperately needed.

Juan was experiencing persistent ear infections, severe stomach pain, headaches, and a loss of appetite. His symptoms made it difficult for him to sleep, and his lack of weight gain added to Maya's growing concerns. Both mother and son endured sleepless nights as Maya worried about his health, feeling unsure how to get him proper care.

It was then that Maya was connected with Yessenia from Healthy Learners, who spoke with her and coordinated medical visits for Juan. Being bilingual, Yessenia helped Maya understand the healthcare process, which gave her confidence in the care her son was receiving. Another significant obstacle for Maya was transportation—without a car, she had no way to take Juan to his appointments.

Thankfully, Healthy Learners arranged transportation, lifting yet another heavy burden from her shoulders.



With the support of Healthy Learners, Maya found the relief she needed. Juan's health improved, allowing him to attend school and adjust to his new community without the barrier of illness. Both Maya and her son were finally able to rest, knowing they had the guidance and support to navigate these challenges.

“Many families face similar challenges—limited resources, language barriers, and uncertainty about where to seek help. It's crucial to ensure they feel supported every step of the way.”
— Yessenia



The turning point came when a school social worker introduced the family to Healthy Learners. Jaylen, a Student Services Site Coordinator, quickly stepped in to help the Jones family navigate the Medicaid application process. Within just two weeks of applying, all four children were receiving essential medical, dental, and eye care services.

Jaylen also arranged transportation for the children's appointments, eliminating the financial and logistical stress that taking time off work can cause for parents. This lifted a huge burden off the family's shoulders, allowing them to focus on other priorities without worrying about healthcare logistics.

By the end of that first week, the Jones family could breathe a sigh of relief. With their children's health concerns addressed and their Medicaid enrollment secured, they could return to their normal routines. For the Joneses, this meant enjoying their weekly Friday night tradition of family game night. Monopoly, a favorite of all four children, could now be a time for the family to have fun and relax together. Removing healthcare barriers brought peace to the Jones family.

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Healthy Learners has helped **2,959** students so far this year by removing nearly **13,000** health barriers to learning. We aim to serve **3,555** students by year-end but still need support for **596** students. Each student typically requires **3-4** medical appointments, costing about **\$625**. Would you consider helping one of these students or sharing the cost with other generous donors?



Hurricane Helene Relief

Greenwood, South Carolina, was hard hit by Hurricane Helene. For the past two weeks, Healthy Learners has teamed up with local businesses to serve meals, distribute water, and support other recovery efforts to help those in need.

“Our community came together in a time of need. Thanks to our partners and volunteers, we made a real difference by providing meals and essentials to those hardest hit.”

- Aimee Clark



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