

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy 2023 Impact Report



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That is Schuyler Center's vision for New York's future: a future in which every child has the opportunity to thrive, and where well-being is accessible to every family, in every region of the state.

We believe New York's leaders can and must center the needs of families when making policy decisions. And we are tenacious in delivering that message—along with the data to support it—to the governor, state legislators, government leaders, and policymakers.

You Make This Work Possible.

Because of your support, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy is a trusted leader in advocating for policy that centers children and families, and communities impacted by poverty and inequity.

Since 1872, SCAA's work has had far-reaching impact. Together, we are proving that meaningful change is possible, and that a just future for all New Yorkers is within reach.



Schuyler Center joined colleagues and legislative partners during the 2023 Legislative Session to support investment in the Working Families Tax Credit, which would provide meaningful tax credits to all NYS families.

Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

SCAA Trustee, Louise Skolnik, DSW, together with her husband Richard Skolnik, PhD, researched and wrote a compelling history of SCAA's founder, Louisa Lee Schuyler, noting that Louisa proved a "clever tactician: **patient when necessary, forceful when required.**" This describes SCAA's team today.

Please read this Annual Report and let the facts convince you: Schuyler Center is leading the fight to end child poverty in New York State by identifying effective, proven interventions and building community power. Relentless collaborators, Schuyler Center and allies across New York State are shaping policy to expand access to child care, health care, and community-based assistance.

That work requires your support. The fight for better public policy happens only with financial

support. As much as health centers, food pantries, schools, and child welfare organizations need charitable people to support them, the quest for justice through public budgeting and thoughtful governmental action deserves your help. On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I ask you to join the fight at this critical time by supporting us financially and encourage your friends to join our email list or follow us on Facebook, Linked In, or X (formerly known as Twitter). Support on many different levels is needed to achieve real wins. We need as many New Yorkers as possible to work together to create a better tomorrow.

Thank you.

Paul Kaye, MD
Chair, Board of Trustees



In the Fight for Family Well-Being, Public Policy Matters.

Schuyler Center is leading the fight, advocating for policies that benefit children and families impacted by poverty. We support evidence-based public policy and thoughtful implementation. Our voice is strong, and it is trusted.



MOVING THE NEEDLE ON CHILD POVERTY

Tax credits are among the most powerful poverty-fighting tools, but the Empire State Child Credit contains significant flaws.

Schuyler Center has been a leader in the call to strengthen and expand this tax credit, which was designed to exclude children ages 0-3. The 2023-24 State Budget, at long last, corrected this significant weakness, and families with babies and toddlers will now benefit from the credit. This means that **the Empire State Child Credit will now reach an additional 600,000 to 900,000 children statewide.**



TRANSFORMING CHILD WELFARE

Another significant budget win for New York families and youth, this year's State budget included a **historic update to the child welfare housing subsidy.** The subsidy will increase from \$300 a month to \$725 a month, the first increase since it was established in 1988. With the increase, this subsidy has the potential to be a lifeline to families involved in the system and youth aging out of foster care, seeking a life of safety and independence.



INVESTING IN CHILD CARE

The passionate advocacy of the Empire State Campaign for Child Care (ESCCC), the statewide coalition led by Schuyler Center, resulted in significant strides in child care funding and policy. Coalition members include child care providers, parents, and advocates. Working alongside legislative champions, ESCCC secured:

- \$500M for child care workforce retention and recruitment.
- Extending eligibility for assistance to pay for child care for families earning up to 85% of the state median income.
- The elimination of some administrative barriers that prevent families from receiving the help they need.



Dede Hill, Schuyler Center's Director of Policy, speaks to advocates, parents, and child care providers at the NYS Capitol during the Child Care Advocacy Day in February 2023.



SCAA comprises some of the most important advocates in the state and country—keeping its finger on the pulse of what children and families need to maintain health and comfort, whether they have access to it, and if not, how to enable that access. As we push for equity in health care, income access, education, and other domains, SCAA will remain strong in its advocacy.

—Kalpana Bhandarkar, SCAA Trustee Principal, Spring Bhee Advisory



Thoughtful Analysis

We believe data tells a story, and we use that story to inform our positions on policies that impact New York’s children and families. Legislative leaders, advocates, and policymakers rely on our data analysis and recommendations to inform their decision-making.

Schuyler Center’s data analysis and policy reports include:

- **The State of New York’s Children Data Book and briefing**, examining how New York children are faring in the areas of economic stability, health, child welfare, child care, and well-being.
- **First Look, Next Look, and Last Look** – budget analysis at each stage of the New York State budget process.
- **Policy briefings, webinars, guides, and reports** related to Schuyler Center policy priorities.

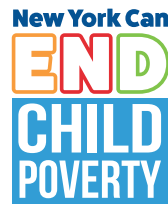


In January 2023, policymakers, legislators, advocates, reporters, and agency leaders were in attendance as SCAA’s *State of New York’s Children Data Briefing* returned to an in-person event.

Trusted Leadership

Schuyler Center spearheaded the bipartisan effort to pass and enact the *New York State Child Poverty Reduction Act* in 2021 and remains a leader in the Act’s current implementation.

With this law, New York joined a small handful of states leading the way on poverty-fighting legislation.



Kate Breslin participated in meetings of the Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council as an appointed member and with fellow advocates, holds NYS accountable to the Act’s commitment to reduce child poverty by 50%.



Schuyler Center has been hosting a series of panel discussions on addressing child poverty, each focused on a specific policy area. The September panel, held at the Bull Moose Club in Albany, examined early childhood and policy solutions to reduce child poverty. Recordings of these panels can be found at newyorkcan.org.



Lara Kassel of Medicaid Matters New York, housed at Schuyler Center, presented testimony at the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Health/Medicaid.



Schuyler Center and the Empire State Campaign for Child Care led a speak out at the NYS Capitol to call attention to the urgent need for investment in the child care workforce.

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The Schuyler Center tackles the most critical problems we face in our society and does so in concrete, practical, and nonpartisan ways. They understand that our future is dependent on the health, welfare, and education of all children in New York and are recognized as leaders by policy makers, direct service providers, and non-profit groups.
 — Laurie Shanks, SCAA Trustee
 Emerita Clinical Professor of Law, Albany Law School
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Thank You

Message from the President and CEO

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being here for Schuyler Center and for New York’s children and families who are experiencing poverty.

From that spring day in 1872 when Louisa Lee Schuyler gathered her friends and allies to establish the State Charities’ Aid Association, through today: this has never been a solitary fight. We’re in it together.

Your support has enabled Schuyler Center to hold New York State government accountable for its responsibility to children and families. We believe that investment and improvements in key policy areas can transform lives and eliminate barriers to well-being—today, and for decades to come.

With you, we are focused on ensuring that people with lived experience have a seat at policy tables

on child care, economic security, and the child welfare system, and that they are supported in that work.

And together, we have fought for systemic change that will uplift generations to come: from a stronger child tax credit, to more equitable child care, and from child welfare system reforms to robust health coverage for mothers and babies.

From Buffalo to The Bronx, a New York State with strong families, thriving children, and vibrant communities is worth fighting for. **Thank you for believing in the work that will make that future possible.**

Kate Breslin
 President and CEO



150 Years and Going Strong

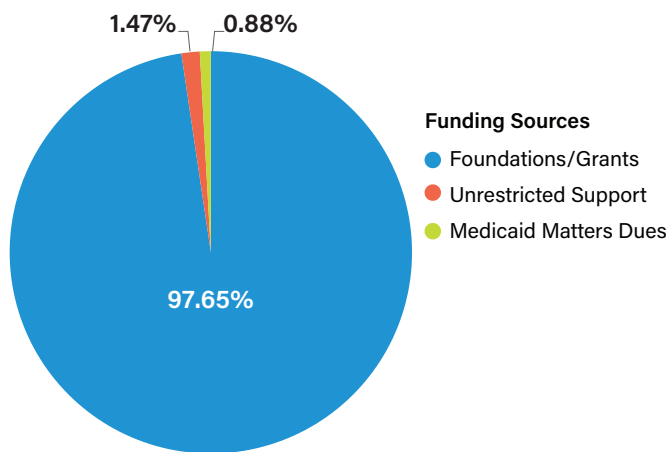
On May 11, 2022, Schuyler Center friends, supporters, colleagues, and partners gathered at the New York State Museum to celebrate SCAA's 150th anniversary, and Louisa Lee Schuyler's legacy of advocacy, compassion, and leadership.

To learn more about our history, visit scaany.org/150-years/.

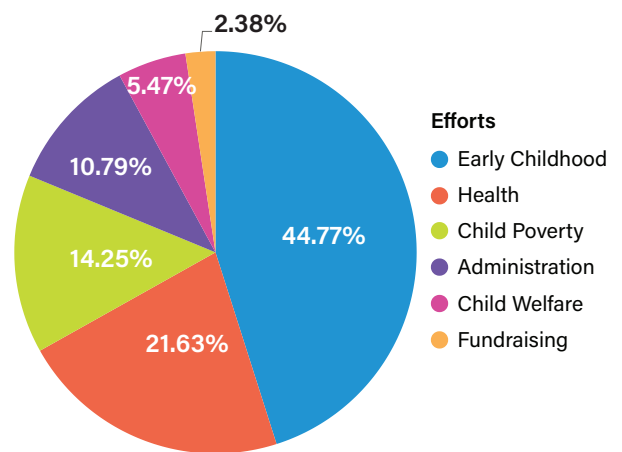


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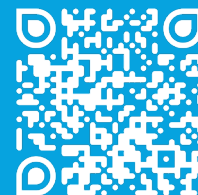


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