

Educating Children of Injured Workers

We are excited to announce that Wyoming has joined the Kids' Chance community. Our state is the last to form an organization which will provide educational opportunities and scholarships for children of workers seriously injured or killed on the job. It is ironic that Wyoming is last as we have the highest death rate in the country for on-the-job fatal accidents and the lowest minimum wage.

The first Kids' Chance program was established in Georgia in 1988. Since that time state organizations have formed across the country. Wyoming makes 50 states with a program in place. Collectively since the first program was established, Kids' Chance organizations have awarded over 9300 scholarships totaling over \$33.2 million dollars.

WTLA has partnered with the Wyoming AFL-CIO, Wyoming Education Association (WEA) and Lawyers and Advocates for Wyoming (LAW) to put Wyoming on the Kids' Chance map. WTLA Board members Jack Edwards and Janci Baxter join Mark Aronowitz of LAW, Tammy Johnson, Executive Director Wyoming AFL-CIO, Ron Sniffin, Executive Director WEA and WTLA Executive Director Marcia Shanor and Operations Director Kyra O'Grady on the founding board of directors. Sincere thanks go to WTLA's summer extern Cicali Vannov, a UW Law student, for her excellent work drafting

bylaws, helping with articles of incorporation and 501 (c) 3 submission. We are also grateful to Janci Baxter who led our efforts on submitting our 501 (c) 3 application which was just approved by the IRS. Kids' Chance Wyoming is officially a non-profit organization with an excellent core group working to grow our program.

Organizationally, Kids' Chance Wyoming is ready to accept donations, increase our volunteer base and begin developing criteria for scholarship awards soon with the goal of awarding one or more scholarships in the spring of 2023.

Watch for ways you can support Kids' Chance Wyoming!















The founding board members of Kids' Chance Wyoming: WTLA board members Jack Edwards and Janci Baxter; Mark Aronowitz of LAW; Tammy Johnson, Executive Director Wyoming AFL-CIO; Ron Sniffin, Executive Director WEA; and WTLA Executive Director Marcia Shanor and Operations Director Kyra O'Grady