

# CAVU Update

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To CAVU friends and supporters,

On behalf of the CAVU Board and staff, we are writing to let you know that after nearly eight years of identifying and supporting innovative children's healthcare programs, we have decided to formally end our operations. Through the generous support of the CAVU network we've had the opportunity to develop programs in critical areas of children's health, and to create pathways for those programs to continue to expand and grow beyond direct CAVU support.

We are especially proud of our Healthy Weight Initiative, which has impacted over 1,200 children in need over the past three years, and of the Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, developed in partnership with Wholesome Wave. Both of these programs have demonstrated their potential for success at a broad level, addressing key need areas in the health of underserved children and families. These and other programs CAVU has supported have been designed with an eye toward replication and sustainability, and we are confident that they will continue to grow and to reach even more communities in need through our partners and through further dissemination of our program models. This, we believe, is a great legacy.

Although our formal operations are coming to an end, our vision of driving innovation in children's healthcare will continue far into the future through the programs we've supported. We are honored to have worked with so many leaders in pediatric health in Massachusetts and beyond, from Community Health Center providers, to government agencies and funders, to other non-profits who have shared in our vision. We look forward to seeing the continued progression of the programs we've been a part of, and to crossing paths with all of you again in the future. Our success has only been possible because of all of you.

Warm regards,  
Nick & Deirdre

Nick Leschly, Chairman of the Board &  
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