Kids’ Chance
Helping Children of Injured Workers Attend College

Paying for college is hard. Paying for college when one or both of your parents have been seriously or fatally injured in a workplace accident seems nearly impossible.

Kids’ Chance state organizations help lessen the impact of these high costs by providing financial scholarships for the children of these families.

The first of many Kids’ Chance state organizations was created in Georgia in 1988 and in 2007, Kids’ Chance of America was formed to assist and support these state-level organizations throughout the United States. Their purpose is simple: raise money to provide scholarships for the children of workers seriously injured or killed on the job. Collectively, Kids’ Chance state organizations have awarded almost 5,600 scholarships, totaling more than $16 million.

Real Students, Real Stories
After his mother was injured falling from a flight of stairs at work, John thought his dream of going to college was over. Instead, he received a Kids’ Chance scholarship in 2016 and today attends Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania.

John’s Story
“After many surgeries, my mom still finds herself dealing with issues relating to the fall and is unable to work—even today, more than five years later,” said John. “My family suffered through a significant loss of income, and that put a huge financial burden on my parents when it came to supporting five children. Because of this, I ended up taking time off after I graduated from high

Kids’ Chance Awareness Week, November 14–18, 2016
This is a time to recognize the educational needs of the children of seriously or fatally injured workers by spreading the word about the organization or making donations. Kids’ Chance Awareness Week is designed to increase the organization’s visibility through special outreach events in each state.
school to begin saving money to help pay for my own education. After taking a year off and saving almost all the money I made, I realized my dream of going to school would also come with a significant amount of debt.

“This all changed during my sophomore year of college, when I first heard of Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania, an organization designed to help people like me. [My education] is only possible because of what this organization has been able to do when it comes to providing scholarships for students and families in a similar situation to mine.”

Giving Kids a Chance Together
NCCI is proud to be a national partner and one of the many industry leaders supporting Kids’ Chance. NCCI President and CEO Bill Donnell joined the Florida Kids’ Chance Board in 2016.

“It was important to me to get actively involved with Kids’ Chance in the state of our headquarters,” Donnell said. “Our employees value the opportunity for our company to directly contribute to the well-being of the children of injured workers. And it certainly is significant to me personally.”

In support of Kids’ Chance, NCCI invites representatives from the various state chapters to speak at NCCI’s State Advisory Forums. Peter Burton, NCCI’s senior division executive, State Relations, who serves on the Kids’ Chance Advisory Board, says, “I am proud of how much Kids’ Chance has grown as it expands to new states and of NCCI’s continued support of this organization."

“Kids’ Chance makes a huge difference,” says NCCI’s Regulatory Services Consultant Michelle Smith, Kids’ Chance board member and executive member. “Giving back to these students highlights the humanitarian aspect of the workers compensation system.”

For more information or to donate to Kids’ Chance, visit www.kidschance.org.