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**IRA Charitable Rollover  
Extended to  
January 31, 2013:  
Take Advantage ASAP**

Congress recently approved a two-year retroactive IRA Charitable Rollover extension to the end of 2013. This means that donors who are 70 ½ or older can make a gift of up to \$100,000 per individual from their IRA without it counting as taxable income. If the donation is made by **Thursday, January 31, 2013**, the donor can elect to have the donation count as a 2012 gift.

In addition to it being easier to make gifts from an IRA, there can

**President Obama Signs Education Win for Foster Youth**



Congressional leaders recently came together to champion a law to improve education outcomes for foster youth. The Uninterrupted Scholars Act (USA) passed both houses of Congress by January 1, 2013, and was signed by President Barack Obama on January 14 amidst intense pressure to resolve the looming fiscal cliff.

USA amended federal education law so that social workers now have access to student records for foster youth. The amended law is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which for many years stymied efforts to obtain critical information needed to help foster children succeed in their education.

This is a great example of leaders from both sides of the table coming together at a challenging time to collaborate and pass an act that will make a real difference in the lives of foster youth and will enable advocates and educators to better assist them in reaching their academic goals.

Thank you to Congresswoman Karen Bass for spearheading USA and to her fellow members of Congress for making USA a bi-partisan issue with

be advantages to donors from a tax standpoint.

widespread support.

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## 21st Annual Dinner honoring WME's Rick Rosen Thursday, March 7



Join us at our Annual Dinner on **Thursday, March 7, 2013**. The event will honor WME's **Rick Rosen** as the 2013 National Champion for Children and philanthropist and education reformer **Melanie Lundquist** will receive the Francis M. Wheat Community Service Award. Tables, tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available.

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## Host an Oscar Party; Give to Kids



Sunday, February 24, 2013  
to benefit the  
**ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

Individually Hosted Events

Host an Oscar party for your friends and help raise money for our stars-- KIDS! Dinner with Friends & OSCAR are private parties held throughout the city on Oscar night to support our programs for abused and neglected children.

It's a simple concept and anyone can participate. You can have a low-key pizza party at your apartment or a champagne and hors d' oeuvres soiree at a private home or club--anything goes! You set the details and donation amount, and we'll help you with invites and contributions.

Contact Marlene McGuirt at [m.mcguirt@kids-alliance.org](mailto:m.mcguirt@kids-alliance.org) or call 213-368-6010 ext. 108 to get started. This is a great opportunity to get involved with our work, have fun and make a difference in the lives of children!

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## FOREVER Project Getting Great Support



@kidalliance

Join Our Mailing List!

The Alliance's FOREVER Project is creating Internet buzz thanks to support from celebrities, including Selena Gomez , Rascal Flatts, Nia Vardalos, Ian Gomez, Willie Garson, Jeff Probst, Melissa Etheridge and Phillip Phillips. The project aims to bring awareness to the more than 400,000 children in foster care, and our supporters have used social media to share the message.

You can also be a voice! For a donation of \$75 or more, you will receive a plush FOREVER hoodie. Once you get your hoodie, tweet a picture wearing the hoodie and use the hashtag #FOREVERproject to join the cause. Or you can post the photo to Instagram and tag @kidalliance. We hope you'll get involved!

DONATE FOR A HOODIE

**FOREVER Project:**  
*A family for every child*

Be a voice for the 400,500 children in foster care across the U.S. by wearing a FOREVER hoodie!

Support foster youth and get a hoodie at [kids-alliance.org](http://kids-alliance.org)

The Alliance for Children's Rights #FOREVERproject

100% of profits benefit the Alliance for Children's Rights. Inspired and designed by Annie Goldsmith.