

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
OWENSBORO-DAVISS COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: AACS – EARLY HEAD START**

In July 2015, we enrolled a two year old girl into one of our Early Head Start classrooms. Soon after, “El” began having vision issues caused by an infection in her eye. She went to Kosair’s for several weeks to receive treatment. She received a corneal transplant, but still lost the vision in her right eye. She is now legally blind in that eye and receives vision therapy to increase strength in her good eye. With not being able to return to a center based program because of being under the doctor’s care, we transferred the child to the Home Based Program. With this program there is an educator that completes home visits weekly to complete activities with the child and assist the family with any needs. Once “El” was released to return to center based care, and there was a spot available she was re-enrolled. Through the Early Head Start program, “El” received continuous education, and there was no lapse in developmental assessment. In addition to her vision loss, she also suffers from food allergies (including all dairy products, oats, and wheat). Our Health Program Assistant has worked with the family to be able to provide food substitutions. “El’s” parent said, “Early Head Start has been so helpful with her needs. She loves it and has learned so much. I love being able to go to school each day at ease because they accommodate for all of “El’s” needs. I love Early Head Start.”

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 the **AACS – Early Head Start Program** can:

- Provide three ride-on toys to improve gross motor skills
- Provide multi-cultural dress up clothes for dramatic play
- Provide four mega-packs of diapers or pull-ups
- Provide would provide ten books for the classrooms to increase literacy
- Provide sensory equipment for six children with disabilities
- Provide six hours of training for a staff person working towards her CDA

