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- If we don't act, children will continue to suffer in silence.
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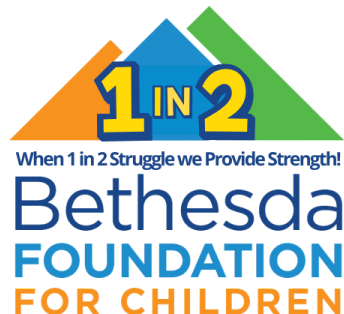
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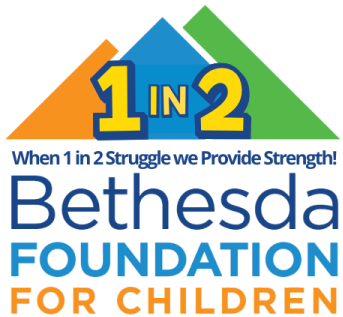
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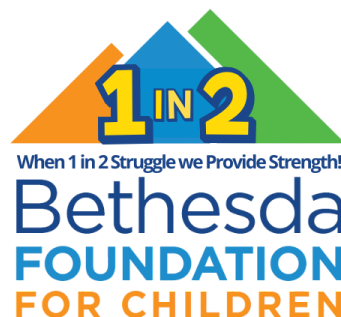
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