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BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS
Every Family Matters

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Monthly Update

Happy New Year!

Dear Brighter Beginnings Supporters,

Thank you for an incredible year – we couldn't have done it without you. We are grateful to all of you who contributed to our success in 2012, including our Donors, Corporate and Community Grant Partners,



Volunteers, and Friends. The year certainly closed with an outpouring of love and generosity from our supporter community (highlights are included in the article that follows). With your support, we were able to help over 2,400 parents and children through the promotion of parental resilience, increased social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, children's social and emotional development, and concrete support in times of need. _

[more](http://www.brighter-beginnings.org/2013/happy-new-year) at <http://www.brighter-beginnings.org/2013/happy-new-year>

Holiday Highlights





Despite the challenging economic times we are going through, Brighter Beginnings and its client families were abundantly supported this holiday season by the generosity of its community supporters.

Cash donations flowed in to Brighter Beginnings from community foundations, social clubs, local businesses and individual donors amounting to over \$25,000. Some groups got very creative with their fundraising efforts to encourage greater participation. For instance, a group of employees at Visa put together the "Brighter Beginnings Visa Family Cookbook," threw a potluck lunch featuring recipes from the cookbook and offered the collection of recipes to their colleagues in exchange for cash donations in support of Brighter Beginnings' programs. These generous donations are currently being compounded by matching donations from Visa.

[more](http://www.brighter-beginnings.org/2013/holiday-highlights) at <http://www.brighter-beginnings.org/2013/holiday-highlights>



You're Invited to Join Us

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

**RotaCare Richmond Free Medical
Clinic at Brighter Beginnings**



February 21, 2013

4:00pm - 7:00pm

(program begins at 5:30pm)



**Bermuda Room at
Richmond Memorial
Auditorium**

403 Civic Center Plaza
and

Brighter Beginnings

2727 Macdonald Ave

for more information and to RSVP:

<http://rotacarerichmond-eorgf.eventbrite.com>

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