

For our newest members to The BFD Report, welcome! As a supporter you can expect this monthly newsletter highlighting the important work you helped make happen. [See past BFD Reports here.](#)

THE BFD REPORT



from Family Forward Action

Friend,

Child tax credits! Potential major investments in child care! So much is happening at the federal level, and it's largely thanks to the work YOU do here in Oregon. We've been calling for these changes for over a decade and fighting for them at the state level, and now we finally have a Congress who is listening to what moms and caregivers need nationally. More on all that below!

While we're celebrating these big wins on the national level, we wanted to make sure we contextualize what they mean for real moms and caregivers here in Oregon. Your support creates more change than you know. One of our Action Team members, Kerala Taylor, shares what being part of this movement has meant for her.

We get *goosebumps* when we hear stories like Kerala's, and we think you will, too.

YOUR WINS

- Child tax credits, paid leave, major investments in child care...we finally have a Congress that is prioritizing what mothers and caregivers need. [That's thanks to you.](#)
- Family Forward Action Team member Kerala Taylor has been publishing about her experience trying to meet the [insane demands of motherhood](#). From [finding child care](#) to [reaching midlife during the end times of 2020](#), Kerala's lighthearted, hopeful, and hilarious writing is really inspired by you. Read why below!
- Oregon was featured in a PBS NewsHour special on America's child care crisis. You can [watch the entire series here](#). Our staff and action team leaders provided critical background info for the story.

- Save the date! We asked and you answered: #DanceLikeAMother will be IN-PERSON (if everything stays safe) on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021



IT'S TIME TO DANCE IT OUT.

COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED

Dance Like a Mother is back! For over 10 years, we've worked together to significantly increase the number of women, moms, caregivers, and BIPOC leaders in elected offices across Oregon—and we're not done! With your support, we can ensure that no decisions are made about us, without us.

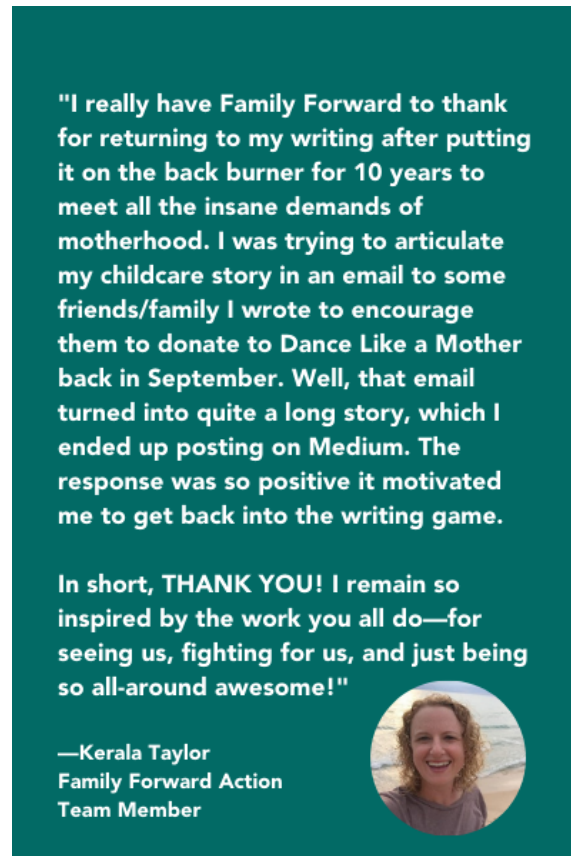
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YOUR IMPACT

Kerala Taylor has been a Family Forward Action Team member since the foundation of the team.

After 10 years of putting her writing on the backburner to “meet the insane demands of motherhood,” Kerala recently started posting about her experiences on Medium after trying to draft an email to get her friends and family members to donate to Dance Like a Mother. You may have seen how well-loved her articles are in our [Movement for Mamas & Caregivers Facebook group](#).



We're thrilled that she's sharing her voice and experience again; her stories, and yours too, are so necessary and important to amplify. **When we amplify our stories and experiences together, we create the policy change we want to see.** We're seeing this happen RIGHT NOW on the national level as Congress is poised to pass a historic investment in child care and paid leave.

We're also seeing it in the newly expanded Child Tax Credit, which began to be delivered in monthly installments to parents this month. We have been fighting together for over a decade to ensure parents have more of the financial resources and support that they need—and this is the first step to getting us there! Learn more about how you can help fight to make the child tax credit a permanent monthly allowance [here](#).

Our movement—fueled by your passion, stories, and nonstop fight for change—has gained Oregon national media attention. Oregon families and providers were recently featured in a

PBS NewsHour's special on child care titled [Raising the Future: America's child care dilemma](#). The series examined our nation's fractured child care system and its impact on women, children, people of color and the economy. We highly recommend watching!

We say it often, but it's true: when we work together, we can do anything.

That's a BFD.

Until next month,



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P.S. Have you been thinking about joining our [Give Forward](#) team as a monthly donor? If you sign up to give a monthly gift of \$10 or more in August, you'll get one of our "Caregiving is Essential" face masks! Give \$20 or more monthly, and you'll score our limited edition "Moms for Justice" tote bag. [exciting new tote bags and face masks](#)—all proceeds support our work to pass the policies we need! And because your advocacy and support is a BFD to us, please use code BFDREPORT to get 10% off.

