



# Municipality of Anchorage

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*Mayor Mark Begich*

**Office of the Mayor**

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Dear Absolutely Incredible Kids of Anchorage:

Congratulations on another celebration of Absolutely Incredible Kid Day! I am pleased to be here and celebrate with you.

One of the best parts of being the Mayor of Anchorage is I meet young people all the time. Whether it's reading on "Dr. Seuss" Day, attending a graduation, or checking out the activities at the Boys & Girls Clubs; I get the opportunity to interact with great kids almost on a daily basis.

I am pleased to report to you that I am the first Mayor of Anchorage who was born and raised in our incredible city. Growing up I experienced many exciting opportunities, and I am thrilled my wife and I are raising our son, Jacob, here as well.

As you grow up, you are continually faced with choices and opportunities. I encourage you to seek the advice of parents, teachers, and other mentors as you are making important decisions. Also, don't forget to look for opportunities to give back to our city through community service. Whether it's volunteering at your church, the homeless shelter, the Food Bank, or any other agency that serves others, always remember the importance of helping those less fortunate than you.

One of the best parts of being a kid is you have your whole life in front of you and each day brings something new. I hope you will seize those moments to experience things that are unfamiliar. And, don't forget, you are also setting an example for those around you to follow.

Congratulations, again, on being an incredible kid.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich  
Mayor

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