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Dear <<First Name>>,

As we reflect upon the meaning of the holiday season, the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition leadership team is thankful for the tenacious spirit its members consistently demonstrate to help children grow up to be strong, healthy adults. 2012 was an exciting year for the Coalition as we continued to build momentum toward creating a healthy community. [Many milestones achieved](#) that reflect the collective mission of our more than 100 member organizations. With a national focus on obesity prevention through the [Let's Move!](#) initiative and generous funding support from the [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), Jacksonville is poised to make a substantial impact on children's health in 2013 and beyond.

In the new year, make a resolution to be an active member of the Coalition:

- **Join a Committee:** Whether you want to ensure kids have a safe place to play or are passionate about food inequities in our community, the Coalition has standing and special committee opportunities for you to lend your passion and expertise. Contact a member of the Coalition's volunteer leadership team to [join a committee](#).

- **Attend a Meeting:** Save the date for Friday, January 11, when the Coalition convenes its first meeting of the new year. The Coalition [meets on the second Friday of every month](#). The meetings are free, open to the public and provide a unique opportunity to learn about innovative community programs while networking with peer organizations.
- **Commit to Change:** Whether you are advocating for the Coalition's policy recommendations outlined in the [Healthy Kids. Healthy Jacksonville: A Community Call to Action to Reduce Childhood Obesity](#) or creating a new website that teaches children and families [how to make healthy choices](#), there is an opportunity to affect change in our community every day. We want to know how your organization is committed to change in the new year. E-mail [Jacqui Lowe](#) a summary of your new initiatives to be featured in a upcoming edition of Bite-Sized News.

2013 will be another exciting year as we deepen the impact we have on the community and strengthen our programs that encourage people to lead healthy lifestyles. In the coming months, look for more information about how you can get involved in the Coalition's programs including the Youth Advisory Council and Duval County Food Policy Council.

On behalf of the Healthy Jacksonville Team, best wishes for a safe, happy holiday season and a joyful new year.

All the best,

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