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## National Summit



*On April 18, 2017 America's Promise Alliance marked its 20th Anniversary in New York City with Founding Chair, General Colin L. Powell (Ret.) and Chair, Mrs. Alma Powell.*

## Once again, the nation came together to recommit to our nation's children

Recommit to Kids | The Summit for America's Future honored progress that has been made in delivering the Five Promises and saluted the champions who have been on the forefront of seeing that our country's underserved children are a priority.

In General Colin Powell's keynote speech he recognized our CEO, Carlos Lejnieks and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Essex, Hudson & Union Counties and stated:

**"I was with a gentleman yesterday who is the head of Big Brothers Big Sisters in New Jersey and I said, 'Well how is it going? I know you have to vet people and it's hard to get people to make that investment in time. How are you doing?' He said 'We have increased our numbers by tenfold...' That is a remarkable achievement that surprised me."**