



CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2014





DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of our board and staff, each of the families pictured here, and thousands of individuals touched by adoption — we say thank you. Because of you, Children's Home Society of Minnesota is celebrating 125 years of service.

Your financial contributions are more than a donation to Children's Home — they signal your unwavering commitment to the belief that all children deserve to grow and thrive in a permanent, loving family. These portraits, taken at our Family Reunion anniversary celebration, affirm that the impact of your investment in Children's Home lasts for generations.

While we honor our history, our 2014 Annual Report is about forging our future. You'll meet children and families brought together by adoption, their lives forever changed because of your generous gifts.

You'll also get an inside look at what's ahead for Children's Home and the innovative ways we are taking on this important work.

Children's Home has been a child welfare innovator since 1889. Current adoption trends — fewer international adoption placements, more people seeking to adopt children from foster care, a growing need for post-adoption support — demand that we continue to evolve in order to meet the needs of children in our community and around the world.

With your dedication to our mission and your continued financial support we are prepared to rise to the challenge, as we always have. We're grateful that you choose to stand with Children's Home and we look forward to embarking on the next 125 years together.

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JODI HARPSTEAD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BOARD CHAIR

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

254
CHILDREN
ADOPTED
THROUGH
CHILDREN'S HOME & LSS
GLOBAL FAMILY
SUPPORT EFFORTS IN
19 COUNTRIES

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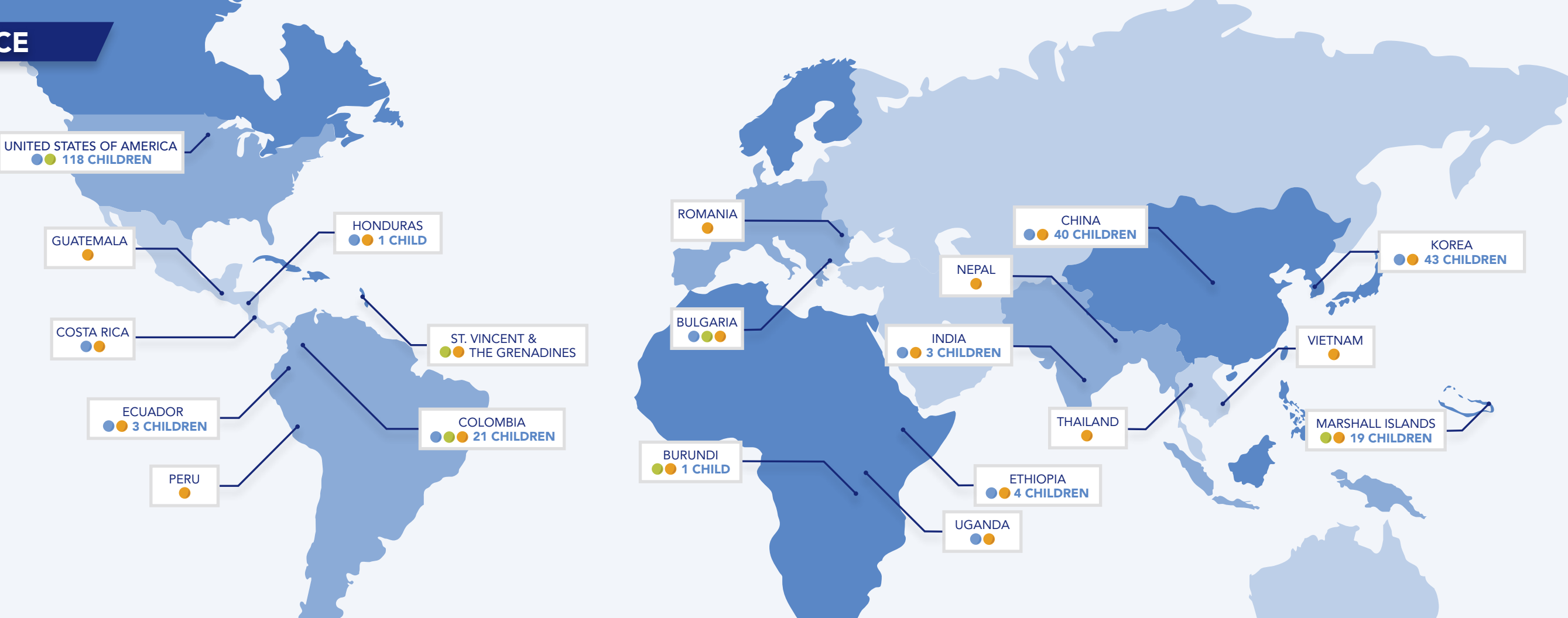
 CHILDREN'S HOME

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 LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE

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 GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT



In Fiscal Year 2014
**we served
4,348 people**
as adoption,
post-adoption and
birth parent clients.

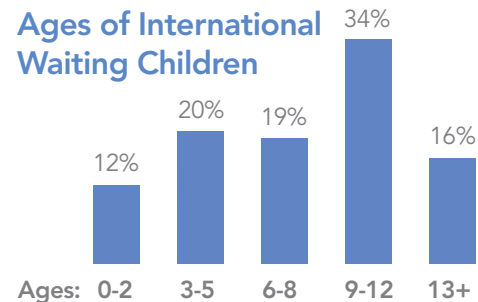
DOMESTIC ADOPTION

68 children living in
foster care were placed in
permanent adoptive families.

52 youth worked
with our staff to
identify adoptive
families and
positive adult
connections through
Child Specific
Recruitment
services.

66 expectant parents received
pregnancy counseling services.

WAITING CHILDREN



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Our Adoption Support
Fund awarded \$44,000
in grants to help
16 children join
families.

136 children
from **10 countries**
joined families through
international adoption.



We advocated for **330 waiting children** internationally
who have special needs, are older, or are members of sibling groups.

POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

Our staff helped
hundreds of individuals
searching for birth
family members and
medical background
information.

Welcome to your Motherland

100 travelers participated
in our **Tour Korea!** birth
country travel program.

102 kids in grades K-8 attended
Adoption Day Camp.

IN 1904

From the earliest days, Children's Home has made extra efforts to advocate for older children, boys and sibling groups — the children who often wait the longest to join permanent families.



CHILDREN NOW IN CHARGE

7 babies from 1 to 3 months (2 girls, 5 boys.)

2 babies from 3 to 6 months (1 girl and 1 boy.)

5 babies from 6 months to 1 year (1 girl and 4 boys.)

1 boy, 13 years. 1 boy, 7 years.

1 boy, 2 years. 1 boy, 8 years.

1 girl, 3½ years. 2 girls, 9 years.

1 girl, 4 years. 1 boy, 9 years.

2 boys, 5 years. 1 boy, 11 years.

1 girl, 6 years.



WAITING CHILDREN

Six-year-old Samuel loves Jell-O, and music, and wrestling with his big brother, Jackson. But his most favorite thing to do every day is to ride the school bus. "He wants to learn and he likes to learn," says Samuel's mom, Greta. "He is such a smart little boy. He has so much potential. Right now, his biggest disability is that he has had a lack of opportunity."

Born in Colombia, Samuel has Down syndrome. When Greta read Samuel's profile online and saw his smile, she had to learn more. "I researched Down syndrome. I did some soul searching. I thought about if I was ready to take on the challenges of a child with special needs," she explains. "And there were no reasons why I couldn't or shouldn't."

She called Children's Home and said simply, "It's time to bring Samuel home."

An Adoption Support Fund grant helped her do so. "Anyone who's gone through adoption knows that there's a great financial burden that accompanies it," Greta says. "Anything to be able to relieve that burden is greatly appreciated and reduces stress." The grant freed up financial resources to help her meet Samuel's needs and provide for his safety when they got home with services like music therapy and swimming lessons. "It allows me more opportunities and ways that I can explore how best to help him."

Greta adds, "I feel so honored and privileged to join Samuel on his journey through life."

WHAT'S AHEAD: Child-Specific Adoption Grants

To help children with more complex needs and those in danger of aging out of care, Children's Home is launching new Adoption Support Fund grants that give families additional financial support. The initial round of grants brought astounding results as six of the first ten featured children were matched with families within weeks.

IN 1943

Sisters Barbara and Virginia, age 8½ and 11, came into the care of Children's Home after their father died. The girls lived at the receiving home in St. Paul for four months before being adopted by a couple in Duluth.



FOSTER CARE ADOPTION

The upheaval of moving among biological, foster and adoptive families during the first six years of his life could have broken Shawn. But children are resilient.

In the four years since adopting Shawn through our Domestic Waiting Children program, Erik and Dan have witnessed a transformation in their son. "He has grown and matured from this very scared little boy who was starving for a family to love him," says Erik. "Shawn has done nothing but thrive."

For Jose and Asiah, adoption was more than joining Brenda and Robert's family. It meant the siblings could grow up together in the same home. "When they first moved in they had a huge bond," Brenda says. "She was the one who raised him when they were little."

Four years later, Jose was diagnosed with cancer. "He was in the hospital for seven months off and on. And Asiah, you can tell it affected her," Brenda remembers. "That sibling bond was very important at the time. Asiah would say, 'He's tough, he's going to be fine.' She believes in Jose so much, and it's amazing." Today, the pair often speaks on adoption education panels together.

Shawn, now 10, soon will have a little sister; Erik and Dan are in the process of adopting a daughter. They made a commitment to Shawn that no one else in his life was able to. "Kids come to you in a very vulnerable state — even if they don't act vulnerable. You need to give it time, stick it out. You've gotta go through the tough," Erik emphasizes. "Even the worst days, in the moments of doubt, you know it will get better."

WHAT'S AHEAD: Concurrent Permanency Planning

We're training foster families to work with birth parents and professionals to help a child return home, or to make a permanent commitment through adoption if family reunification is not possible. Under this innovative model of care we aim to increase rates of adoption, reduce the number of placements that children experience, and reduce the length of time children spend in out-of-home care without a permanent home.

IN 1967

Korean adoptions began at Children's Home. Even as early as the 1950s, Children's Home was arranging international adoptions through the "Baby from Abroad" program. Many of those children were World War II orphans from Germany.



INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Promising new initiatives in our well-established international adoption programs offer to help even more children. In China, we're launching one-to-one orphanage partnerships in Yunnan and Jiangsu provinces. Our staff has the advantage of assessing children's needs in person. The in-depth reports we compile provide a fuller picture of each child's health and personality to strengthen the matching process and better prepare families for adoption.

Heritage adoption programs with Colombia, India and Korea are making it possible for children who cannot be raised by birth family or adopted within their birth country to be placed with adoptive parents who share their culture and heritage. Meanwhile, in pilot programs with fewer than 10 placements each year, Children's Home serves primarily waiting children — older children, sibling groups and children with special needs.

Collaborating with adoption advocacy and child welfare groups here and abroad is increasingly important to ensure the best possible outcomes for children. RainbowKids is instrumental in building public awareness about the children we serve. Grants from Brittany's Hope Foundation and Show Hope, combined with our own Adoption Support Fund, are helping families overcome financial barriers to adopting children with special needs.

In 19 countries around the world, in care centers and communities where our Global Family Support partners work to provide care and education for vulnerable children, our efforts are bringing new opportunity, stability and hope — and hopefully one day, an end to the need for adoption.

WHAT'S AHEAD: **Connect For Kids Camp Colombia**

A first-of-its-kind adoption exchange program, created exclusively to serve children with special needs awaiting adoption. Volunteers travel to Colombia for a week of camp and are paired with a child whom they'll continue to mentor and advocate for after camp ends. Half of the children who participated in 2014 — the first year of Connect For Kids — now are matched with adoptive families. And we're exploring ways to expand the program elsewhere.

IN 1968

Children's Home started offering Post-Adoption Services, making it one of the first adoption agencies in the U.S. to provide continuing education and counseling to all persons involved in the adoption process: adoptees, adoptive parents and birth parents.



POST-ADOPTION SERVICES

"Our children wished Adoption Day Camp was longer than just a week. Our daughter has been home for nine years and said it was the first time ever that she felt like she really fit in. I think this camp will be the highlight of their summer."

Whether for a child attending Adoption Day Camp or an adult adoptee volunteering to be an M&M Program mentor. For a parent seeking advice with a call to our Post-Adoption Helpline, or an individual embarking on a search for birth family, we offer post-adoption services for all members of the adoption circle.

Children's Home may be best known for Tour Korea!, our acclaimed birth country travel experience for Korean adoptees that began three decades ago. Closer to home,

groups for adopted individuals and adoptive parents at all phases of life offer a special kind of camaraderie. Children from toddlers to teens get to know other adopted kids and build self-esteem in activity groups. International adoptees share their hopes and qualms about searching for birth family, returning to one's birth country, and the possibility of a reunion. Parents who adopted their children a generation ago, whose children are now adults themselves, still gather for friendship and support.

Adoption doesn't end when a child joins an adoptive family — it's a lifelong journey. We understand that each person's adoption experience is unique and changes over time. Adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents and professionals turn to Children's Home. For support. For education. For community.

WHAT'S AHEAD: Open Birth Records

Children's Home and Lutheran Social Service are at the forefront of a community conversation on the issue of adoption records — one that hears and respects all voices. We've engaged the Citizens League to convene stakeholder discussions and propose legislation regarding access to original birth records of adopted persons to present to the Minnesota Legislature.

IN 1949

Children and families gathered in St. Paul to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Children's Home.

The day's festivities included pony rides, clowns, music, tap dancing and magicians.



OUR PARTNERSHIP

On a sunny September day, 1,500 friends gathered in St. Paul for Family Reunion. The occasion marked 125 years of Children's Home and 150 years of Lutheran Social Service, and recognized the 46,000 children who have joined families through adoption during our history.

Helping orphaned children is the origin and legacy of both Children's Home and LSS. How fitting that we now work as partners, setting today's standard for excellence in providing comprehensive adoption services in Minnesota and nationwide.

Together we help children thrive by leveraging the strengths of both organizations. Our partnership

expands international adoption offerings and bolsters domestic infant adoption. We're able to serve more children in foster care throughout the entire state of Minnesota and provide pregnancy counseling services to expectant parents.

Adoption runs through generations of families. At Family Reunion, one of the most poignant reminders of this was the reunion group photos of adoptees by decade of their adoption, from the 1930s to today. Parents and children. Young and old. Pride, hope and love captured in the faces of our vibrant adoption community.



WHAT'S AHEAD: Affiliated Adoption Programs

The Children's Home board of directors voted to advance our partnership with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota into an affiliation, a move that solidifies our position as a leading adoption service provider in the U.S. With newly streamlined services, unmatched professional expertise and compassion, our unified adoption staff is creating an exceptional client experience across all adoption programs.

IN 1911

Neighbors in the community

and supporters around the state donated practical items to provide for the care and comfort of children at the Jean Martin Brown Receiving Home in St. Paul.

DONATIONS, JAN. 1, 1911.

Mrs. Bosworth, 2312 Alden avenue, St. Paul, 2 night gowns.

B. Presley & Co., 102 E. 3rd St., St. Paul, 1 box apples.

Mrs. Low, Slayton, Minn., 1 box children's clothing.

D. D. Smith, St. Paul, insurance premium on barn, \$8.00.

Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Anthony Park Congregational church, 2 comforters, 2 night drawers, 3 drawers, 3 waists, 1 night gown, 2 petticoats.

Mr. Joseph Elsinger, St. Paul, cooking utensils, 1 rug, plants, jardiniere, enamel paint.

Mrs. E. E. Lundgren, 591 Olive St., St. Paul, 1 case eggs.

Ladies' Sewing Circle, Westminster Church, Minneapolis, 6 dresses, 8 pair trousers, 3 waists, 2 petticoats, 5 gowns.



SUPPORTERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

After their two sons were born, Pat Krueger and her husband, David, decided to adopt a daughter. "I think it's kind of significant now — we narrowed it down to two adoption agencies: Children's Home and Lutheran Social Service."

Thirty years later, Children's Home and LSS are partners, Pat has twice served on our board of directors, and the twin girls they adopted through Children's Home, Angela and Rachel, are all grown up.

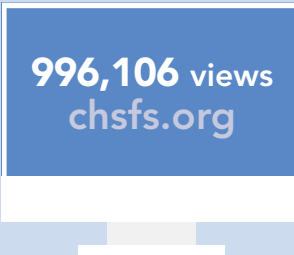
From adoptive parent to financial contributor and board member, Pat's connection with Children's Home has changed over the years. She says she is honored to be a part of our evolution.

"Children's Home has met all of its challenges with a very strong conviction to support our mission," she says. "It's clear that the people who are involved have a level of commitment that will ensure this organization goes forward with the best interest of children and families at the fore."

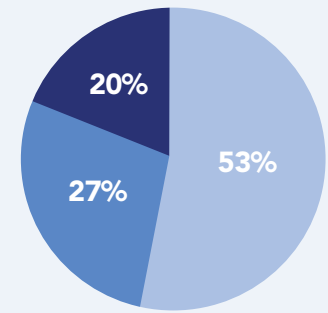
As a board member, Pat has had an opportunity to make thank you calls to other donors. The conversations often reveal the heart of our mission. "On several occasions a donor has told me about the now amazing extended family that exists for them — the children, the grandchildren, the great-grandchildren they have because of Children's Home. That is what it's all about."

WHAT'S AHEAD: Leaving a Legacy

For 125 years, Children's Home has been sustained by contributors who have made legacy gifts through their estates. As we look forward to our next 125 years, consider what kind of legacy you want to leave and how your planning today can help create permanent homes for children for many years to come.



254 children
joined their adoptive
families in Fiscal Year 2014



- International Adoption **136**
- Adoption from Foster Care **68**
- Domestic Infant Adoption **50**

Since 1998 we have distributed \$5 million in 24 countries to support International Child Welfare projects that promote the care, protection, health and education of vulnerable children and families in communities around the world.



#1 MOST POPULAR WEBPAGE
Waiting Child Photo Listing
58,420 views



Readers visited our
Adoption Community Blog
75,345 TIMES = 141% MORE
than last year!

3,325 generous donors
made financial
contributions to
support our mission
totaling **\$1,759,684**

Our Facebook community
GREW
BY 22% **3,242**
FRIENDS!

429 people
attended **5**
Adoption Fairs

4,225 people contacted us
for the first time
to learn about **adoption.**

Volunteers & Interns
 dedicated
3,189 hours
to help children thrive.



1,517 friends
attended our Family
Reunion anniversary
celebration marking
275 years of adoption
at Children's Home &
Lutheran Social Service.

Find Us!

THANK YOU, DONORS!



FOR 125 YEARS,

Children's Home Society of Minnesota has relied on the compassion of generous donors who share our belief that all children deserve to grow and thrive in a loving family. Their financial investments help us fulfill our mission and ensure a strong and vibrant future for Children's Home.

With our heartfelt gratitude, we acknowledge the 3,325 contributors who made gifts to support Children's Home during Fiscal Year 2014, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Because of these remarkable gifts Children's Home can continue working to provide children with security, opportunity and permanent, loving families — not just this year, but for generations to come. **Thank you!**

We have made every effort to recognize all individuals and organizations that have contributed \$250 or more in this list. If we have erred or have not presented your name as you prefer, please let us know. Your call is welcome at 651-646-7771.

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FOUNDATION GIVING



A belief in providing services necessary for the health and well-being of the community — and an important focus on children — makes the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and Children's Home a strong match.

"We work to identify key or bellwether organizations that help to create the fabric of a healthy community," says Mark Dienhart, foundation president and CEO. It was established with a broad vision to give back to the community where founder Dick Schulze's family lived and where he started his company,

Best Buy. "Dick had a working-class family upbringing," Dienhart says. "He is devoted to providing support for families, and through his philanthropy create stronger families."

Thanks to a grant from the foundation in support of Adoption Day Camp, we're able to provide children a safe place to discuss their adoption experience, build self-esteem and celebrate diversity with their peers. For adopted children, the camp experience supports emotional well-being and helps them grow into healthy members of our community.

LEADERSHIP GIVING



CHERYL HELEY

“The time spent volunteering can be a part-time job,” Cheryl says, “but I get so much more out of it than I give.” Adopting children from Korea and China led Cheryl to become a devoted volunteer — as chair of the China Reunion event committee and the retirement celebration for legendary Korea program manager Mrs. Han.

Today, she is helping the next generation of children join families. Cheryl travels to China as a volunteer with Red Thread Charities, which

collaborates with orphanages and Children’s Home to provide families in-depth medical assessments, personal interviews and videos of children awaiting adoption.

Cheryl and her husband Mark invest financially in Children’s Home at a leadership level. “Early on we didn’t give much — with four little children! — but as things become better for us, we give more,” she explains. “We choose to help others in an area we believe in, and we believe in the mission of Children’s Home.”

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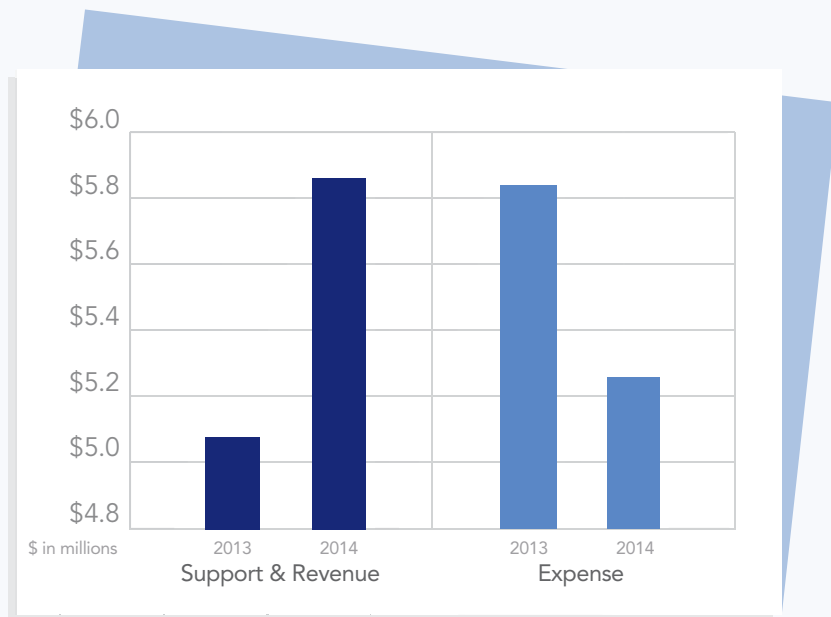
“There are a few organizations I contribute to, and Children’s Home is probably the *Numero Uno.*” At age 93, Don’s support for Children’s Home has endured some 60 years.

“We adopted two infants, in 1953 and 1955,” he shares. “Ever since that time I’ve been connected to Children’s Home because we had a wonderful life with our children.” Don has supported capital campaigns, served on our board of directors, and is an annual contributor. Especially important to him are adoption programs that serve waiting children.

“Sibling groups, children who are at a tough age when they should be finding something permanent,” he explains. “That’s where I direct my gifts.”

“In my charitable work, I decided I should be giving as I go along — I shouldn’t hold back,” Don says. “I also decided I should make some gift at the end of my life.” Don has established a charitable gift annuity and made a provision in his estate plans to support Children’s Home, creating a legacy of giving that will continue beyond his own long life.

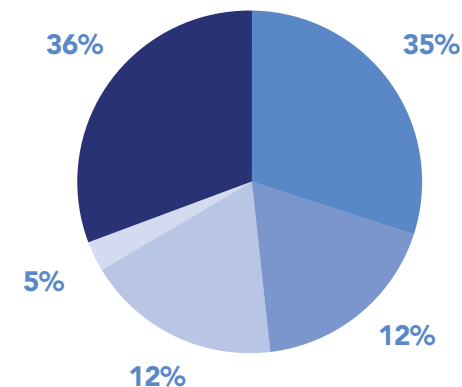
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Children's Home Society of Minnesota is committed to help children thrive, and to build, strengthen and sustain individual, family and community life.

OUR CORE PURPOSE

Children's Home knows that a child in a safe, nurturing home is a child who thrives. We work to give every child security, opportunity and a loving family.

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