

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

ANNUAL REPORT | FISCAL YEAR 2016 | 2017 CALENDAR





GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT EFFORTS PRESENT IN 16 COUNTRIES

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE









DEAR FRIENDS,

Because of you and your generous, heartfelt support of our work, more than 200 children now have permanent families of their own. We are able to do what we do, not only because of your financial gifts but also because your caring extends to sharing your time and talent. Your partnership helps us do more, reach more families and stay resilient in the face of changing needs.

Adoption has changed significantly in recent years. International adoptions are declining as the face of global politics changes country participation. Current trends in domestic foster care and adoption highlight the urgent need for more families as the number of children in care is growing considerably. The increase in the number of children in care needing permanency through adoption may be attributed to such factors as child protection policy changes, an increase in economic disparities and an increase in drug use. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Children's Bureau, 112,000 children waited for adoptive families in 2015. Nearly 500 of those children reside in Minnesota.

Yet what has not changed is that behind every number is a child needing a home, a loving family to call their own. They need love, support and permanency. Both here in the U.S. and internationally, children who wait in care can wait for years to find an adoptive family. Many children who wait, both here and abroad, are part of sibling groups, have identified needs or are school-age. We are seeing an increase in the number of sibling groups who wait. Having lost the foundation of their first family,

siblings wait to be placed together in an adoptive family. We are also seeing a wide range of children who wait with identified needs, whether that be histories of trauma, abuse and neglect, or physical or developmental differences.

We know we can give a child the foundation of family, love and permanency by helping complete one family at a time. Daily we live our purpose and vision: we believe deeply in the fundamental rights of all children to have security, opportunity and a loving family. We know you deeply believe this too.

Our work is before us as we face these trends and partner with you for support in finding families, stability, permanency and answered hope for the children behind these numbers. We are thankful to have your support in this important work. You help us continue to address these worldwide needs one family to the next, ensuring children of today have a brighter future where they can thrive.

In all we do, domestic and international adoption, post adoption services, birth parent services and global family support, we strive to keep children and families strong. We are deeply grateful you have entrusted your gifts to us.

We look forward to our continued work together as we strive for the best outcomes for children here and around the world.

Mauren & Warren
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OUR MISSION:

We are committed to helping children thrive, and to building, strengthening and sustaining individual, family and community life.



OUR CORE PURPOSE:
We work to give every
child security, opportunity
and a loving family.

459 individuals attended our foster care

attended our foster care adoption education classes.



We advocated for 203 children internationally in 8 countries who have special needs, are older, or are members of sibling groups.



217 children joined their adoptive families in 2016.



42 expectant parents received Pregnancy Counseling Services.

4,035 families contacted us for the first time to learn about adoption.

- International Adoption 109
- Adoption from Foster Care 75
- Domestic Infant Adoption 33

Our staff helped 700 individuals through Post Adoption Services.

33 infants joined families through the Domestic Infant Program.

75 children living in foster care were placed with permanent adoptive families.

109 children from 8 countries

joined families through international adoption.

103 children

in grades K- 8 attended Adoption Day Camp.

82 youth

in foster care worked with our staff to identify adoptive families and positive adult connections through Child-Specific Recruitment Services.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Passover	11	12	13	14	15
16 Easter	17	18	19	20	21	Minnesota Adoption Fair Earth Day
23	24	25	26	27	28 Arbor Day	Virginia Adoption Fair



We deeply believe in the fundamental human rights of all children to have security, opportunity and a loving family.

Our definition of family: a family consists of two or more people, whether living together or apart, related by blood, marriage, adoption or commitment to care for one another.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	Cinco de Mayo	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	Ramadan begins
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



May is National Foster Care Month. This month remember the youth in foster care who wait for safe, loving families. Many older children, sibling groups and children with medical and developmental needs are waiting for safety, and for a permanent, loving family.



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	World Environment Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Saint Paul Adoption —	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day	Day Camp	First Day of Summer	00	00	70	
Eid al-Fitr begins Ramadan ends	26	27	28	29	30	



At Adoption Day Camp, children bond over their shared understanding of knowing what it's like to be adopted. A popular, classic summer camp held **June 19 – 23, 2017**.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Parent's Day	24 31	25	26	27	28	29



Feel the love! If you are considering opening your arms, your heart, and your home through adoption, come learn more about all our adoption programs and services at a free information session.



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Our goal is to help all children thrive. With our worldwide partners, we support efforts in 16 countries focused on family preservation, the protection and care of children, community-based economic development projects and education.



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Grandparents' Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Stepfamily Day
17	18	19	20 Rosh Hashanah	21 Islamic New Year	22 First Day of Autumn	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Yom Kippur	30



With your consistent financial gifts, we can create more loving families for children who need them. You support efforts around the world that lead to child well-being and happy families.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	Minnesota Adoption Fair
29	30	31 Halloween				



There is a great need for loving families for older children, sibling groups and children with medical or developmental needs. Around the world, children wait with hopeful hearts for the day they get to come home to their forever families.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Adoption Day	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Children who have waited a long time, who may be hard to place due to medical issues, age or as part of a sibling group, are likelier to find loving, forever homes when we advocate directly for them. Last year, **82 youth** recieved **Child-Specific Recruitment Services** with an outcome of **20** finding permanent adoptive families.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Hanukkah	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23
New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30



Honor the parental figure in your life who made all the difference – it only takes one to make a difference in the life of a child. Gifts to **Children's Home** can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Chinese Near Year	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Through open adoption, birth and adoptive families work together in the best interest of the child, giving children the opportunity to grow up with the full awareness of the great love that went into their adoption plan.

Recognizing that adoption is a lifelong journey, we believe every member of the adoption circle should have access to education, support and resources at every stage of life.



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



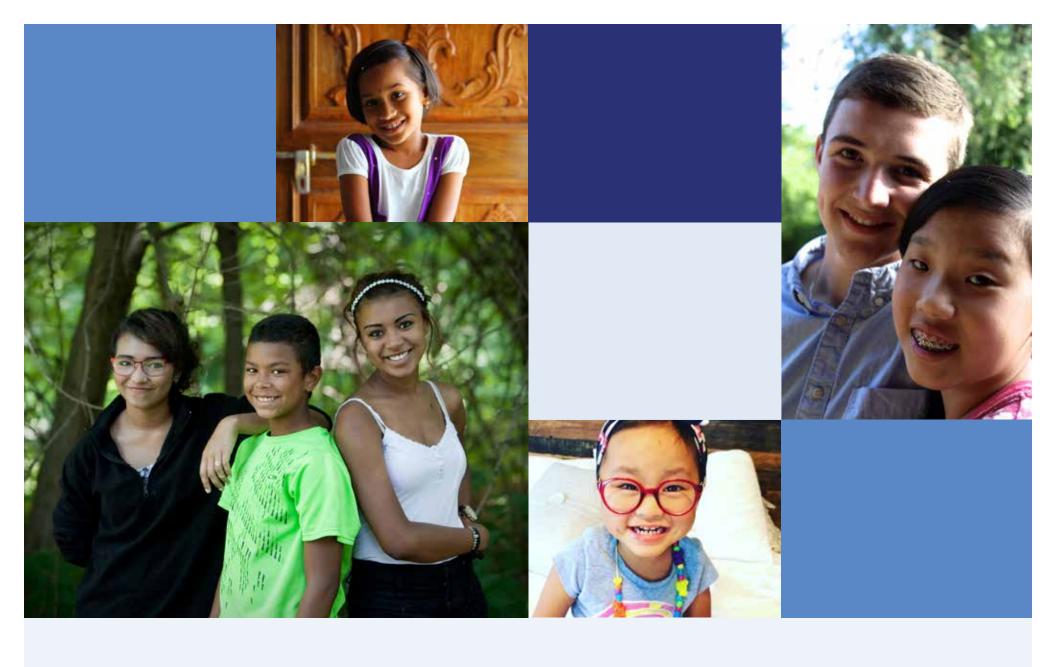
Children around the world need the opportunity to be loved, to thrive, to have a family of their very own. Last year, **109 international children found their forever families** through the adoption programs of Children's Home Society of Minnesota and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	International Women's Day	9	10
Daylight Saving Time begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Your gift to the Adoption Support Fund can be the critical difference that will mean a sibling group, an older child or a child with identified needs comes home to their forever family this year.



THANK YOU

In FY16 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016), the Adoption Programs of Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota joined 217 children with adoptive families and provided more than 5,200 individuals with adoption, post adoption and pregnancy support. This work is only possible because of your heartfelt compassion for children and families and the generous gifts you have made to help sustain the work of Children's Home. We are deeply grateful you have chosen to partner with us in changing children's lives for the better.

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we have distributed over \$5.5 million to Global Family Support projects that promote the care, protection, health and education of vulnerable children and families in communities around the world.

Our Adoption Support Fund awarded

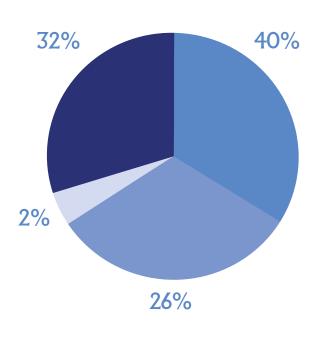
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in grants to help
55 adoptive parents,
18 adoptees,
9 birth parents
and 37 children.



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 \$1,291,180
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 \$1,012,132
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NET OPERATING INCOME

\$321,885

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