



CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2018

EXPANDING SERVICES MEET GROWING NEEDS

820 children in Minnesota are in immediate need of permanent, adoptive families.

Over the past five years, we have seen the number of children entering Minnesota foster care continue to rise. In 2017, there were 16,600 children who entered care, a 12% increase over the previous year.*

The outcomes for children who exit foster care without a permanent, adoptive family are discouraging:**

- **1 in 5 will become homeless**
- **71% of young women will be pregnant by age 21**
- **Less than 3% will earn a college degree**

Here at Children's Home, we have expanded our services to meet this growing need. We welcome you to join us on this journey of giving every child security, opportunity and a loving family.

**Minnesota Department of Human Services*

***National Foster Youth Institute*



OUR MISSION

To help children thrive; and to build, strengthen and sustain individual, family and community life.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Our services are available to **all people** regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, disability, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



DEAR FRIENDS,

We are excited to share our new initiatives and services that address the growing needs of children and respond to the call for increased post adoption services. There is an ever-present need to help children join homes in which they can thrive and heal from trauma or loss of family.

In recent years, there has been an alarming increase in the number of children experiencing out-of-home placement in Minnesota. Together, Children's Home Society and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota are working to address these needs. In response, we have expanded our services to license emergency shelter, respite and foster homes. We also continue to help loving families adopt children. The need is great.

To complement these services, we have launched an initiative focused on recruiting diverse families. Children of color are disproportionately represented in Minnesota foster care — they make up 63 percent of those waiting.* This initiative will enable us to better meet their needs by increasing connections to families that mirror the population of children we are serving.

This year, we opened a Community Closet to collect in-kind donations to support foster children and their caregivers. We also increased the number of 12- to 18-year-old youth who were matched with adoptive families. And, we are now the sole provider of foster care adoption education to private agencies and the families they serve in Minnesota. Even as we expand the scope of our services, we continue to be a leader in international adoption.

The advent of DNA technologies and the increase in the number of individuals pursuing DNA testing has had a significant impact on our post adoption services. This past year has been one of the busiest on record for our post adoption staff. Many people who use DNA technologies need assistance with searching for birth family connections and outreach. This year, we provided 50 Post Adoption Support Fund grants to birth parents, adoptees and their families.

All this would not be possible without your ongoing support. We deeply appreciate your partnership and wellspring of care for children and families.

Thank you.

MAUREEN WARREN
PRESIDENT

PATRICIA KRUEGER
BOARD CHAIR

OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



231 CHILDREN
ADOPTED THROUGH CHILDREN'S HOME & LSS

GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT EFFORTS IN
13 COUNTRIES

- CHILDREN'S HOME
- LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE
- GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT

OUR SERVICES

At Children's Home we know that having a stable, loving family is the greatest protective factor a child can have. When children have positive familial relationships, they are able to heal from trauma and grow emotionally and physically.

FOSTER CARE

Our services have grown beyond adoption into foster care. We now educate, license and support foster homes for emergency shelter care, respite and traditional foster care. These services will help meet the growing demand for trained, loving foster homes.

FOSTER CARE ADOPTION

More children were placed through our Foster Care Adoption program than any other Children's Home program. Under a new state contract, we became the sole provider of private agency pre-adoption education for prospective foster care adoptive parents. Our relative and kinship program continues to provide individualized services tailored to the specific needs of each family's situation.

INFANT ADOPTION

Our infant open adoption services are based on birth and adoptive families choosing each other and creating lasting relationships to benefit the child. Our outreach services help waiting families connect to expectant parents online, through social media and more.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Through our six country programs, we unite waiting children with adoptive families across the U.S. We continue to be one of the largest international adoption agencies in the country. There is a need for families open to children who are toddler age and older, as well as siblings and children of all ages with identified needs.

POST ADOPTION SERVICES

This year through support groups, camp, search and other services we helped many people impacted by adoption. DNA testing continues to change the landscape of traditionally closed adoptions; we provide intermediary services to help navigate the challenges and celebrate connections.

PREGNANCY SERVICES

We offer free, non-directive counseling to expectant parents throughout Minnesota. This year we added a texting option for expectant parents to connect with on-call pregnancy counselors.

GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT

Through partner organizations, we help fund projects focused on keeping families intact, providing support to children who are experiencing out-of-home care and responding to natural disasters.

231 CHILDREN JOINED THEIR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN 2018.

202 CHILDREN
ADVOCATED FOR
in the U.S. &
6 international countries.

78 KIDS in grades K-8 attended
ADOPTION DAY CAMP.

66 TRAVELERS participated
in our TOUR KOREA!

29 ADOPTION SUPPORT
FUND GRANTS awarded
to adoptive families.

Our Adoption Support Fund
awarded \$136,767 IN GRANTS.



57 expectant parents
received PREGNANCY
COUNSELING services.

42 INFANTS joined
their adoptive families
through OPEN ADOPTION.

120 CHILDREN adopted
from MINNESOTA
FOSTER CARE.



86 YOUTH
in foster care
worked with our
staff to identify
adoptive families
and positive adult
connections through
CHILD-SPECIFIC
RECRUITMENT
SERVICES.

We
HELPED 895
INDIVIDUALS
through
post adoption
services.

468 INDIVIDUALS attended our
ADOPTION INFORMATION meetings.

Since 1998, we have distributed
over \$6 MILLION IN 13 COUNTRIES
to support GLOBAL FAMILY SUPPORT
projects that promote the care,
protection, health and
education of vulnerable
children and families in
communities around
the world.



232 people attended
ADOPTION FAIRS.

395 INDIVIDUALS attended our
FOSTER CARE ADOPTION
education classes.

7,324 INDIVIDUALS SERVED through adoption,
foster care, post adoption and pregnancy services.



We talked to
MORE THAN
5,000 FAMILIES
about foster
care & adoption.

69 CHILDREN
from 5 countries
joined families through
INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTION.

NABOZNY FAMILY GROWS TWO BY TWO

Juan and Brandon were doing well in a loving, stable home with their adoptive dads, Jamie and Bo, and enjoying regular play dates with their birth siblings. The boys' two older brothers, AJ and Val, who lived with relatives, often visited for long weekends. They were to be adopted by their great-grandmother until her health began to decline.

"We know these boys are meant to be ours," Jamie and Bo told their social worker.

The brothers were over the moon at the possibility! Val wept tears of joy. Val and AJ's adoptions were finalized in December 2017, one year after Juan and Brandon's adoptions in December 2016.

"THESE ARE OUR KIDS"

Bo and Jamie had talked about being parents for their entire relationship. The couple married in 2012 and began making their list of adoption pros and cons two years later. They were motivated by a coworker's advice: "You will never regret becoming a parent, but one day you may regret not."

Within a year, they applied with Children's Home, traded their city dwelling for a house in the suburbs and completed their home study. They agreed on adopting a sibling group of elementary-aged kids.

Upon seeing photos of Juan and Brandon, they both cried, "These are our kids!" They met the boys the last week of June and five weeks later the boys moved in.

ORGANIZED CHAOS

Now with four young boys, the Nabozny house is "organized chaos." With both dads working full time, Jamie's mom and step-dad became live-in nannies and chauffeurs to help with the growing family.

"This is the way everything was meant to be," Bo said of the adoptions two by two. The separate adoption processes provided bonding time with Juan and Brandon while allowing them to establish relationships and trust with Val and AJ.

The sons all welcome the evening ritual of "Dad" and "Papi" tucking them into bed with a kiss.



YEARS AND MILES MELT AWAY WHEN MOTHER AND SON ARE REUNITED

Shortly after Blake Meighen hand delivered a letter — one he had written to his birth mother — to his post adoption services worker, Betsy, he received a phone call. Betsy had located a phone number for Blake's birth mom, Sharon, and talked with her.

When Sharon received the phone call from Betsy, she knew who was calling her from Minnesota. "Oh my, the emotions, the thrill!" Sharon recalled joyfully. "I was overwhelmed. I always dreamt we would be reunited." She and Mick, her husband of 40 years, prayed continuously they would meet Blake one day.

Blake and Sharon's first conversation lasted three hours. Blake learned about Mick, Sharon's siblings and his half-brothers, Joel and Wil. Sharon shared openly about the demise of her relationship with her college boyfriend and being sent to Minnesota until she delivered her baby.

"From the moment we talked, we belonged together," Sharon said.

Blake agreed, "It was kind of funny, two strangers, 48 years apart. But we weren't strangers at all."

FILLING AN ACHING VOID

Blake, like many adoptees, ached to know his origin, despite having wonderful adoptive parents.

His adoptive mother, Pat, did not want Blake to search for his birth family. In 2017, as late-stage dementia consumed Pat's mind, Blake acted on his long-held desire.

He sought answers to tough questions like, "Why didn't she want me?" He gained a fresh perspective reading *The Girls Who Went Away*. "That feeling of rejection completely left me," he said. "I knew (my adoption) was a gift of love expressed in a way not always seen as love. It took the weight off my shoulders."

The years between Blake's birth and his reunion with Sharon were equally hard on her. Two days after giving birth, Sharon returned to Nebraska and started working. She never told anyone about her baby or the pain of placing him for adoption.

"From day one, I was extremely distraught. I did what I had to do, knowing I couldn't keep my baby," Sharon said. She fought depression, turning to alcohol to cope, until she discovered newfound faith that helped her heal emotionally.

"We are thankful to Children's Home. This is an answer to our prayers," said Blake.

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HOLMANS TRANSFORM LIVES THROUGH PHILANTHROPIC WORK

Tom and Kim Holman have personally witnessed kids from households with less than \$20,000 in annual income attend and graduate from college, who go on to work in health care, consulting, business and higher education. They know first-hand that helping kids when they are young can lead to better outcomes later. That's why the philanthropic couple has directed their giving to causes that help break the cycle of poverty through educational supports, college readiness and completion programs, and the foster and adoption work of Children's Home.

These parents of four grown daughters have been faithful and creative donors of Children's Home for nearly 20 years. In 1998, the Holmans approached Children's Home about providing scholarships for prospective parents who may not have the financial resources to adopt. Kim's parents adopted Kim's sisters through Children's Home in the 1980s.

"There are many loving families who would make wonderful adoptive homes, but adoption is costly," Kim explained. "We thought that if Children's

Home could provide financial assistance, it could help increase the number of families able to adopt." The Adoption Support Fund was born with the Holman's initial gift. The Fund continues to thrive with the financial support of many.

The fund has expanded since its creation in 1998. It now covers expenses associated with adoptions, post adoption services, foster-care licensing requirements and much more. The grant committee prioritizes requests for post adoption services and for families adopting relatives, teens, sibling groups and any children who have identified needs. It has paid out nearly \$600,000 in the past five years and more than \$136,000 in fiscal 2018.

"We didn't realize it was the start of a long-term fund," Tom said. "We are happy it has continued to grow, and that many happy and loving families have found assistance."

The fund is made possible by ongoing, annual gifts from donors like the Holmans rather than through endowment proceeds.

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In 2018, the Holmans answered another unique need within Children's Home by supporting an additional foster adoption staff position. The request complemented the Holmans' other philanthropic work that aims to improve outcomes for children in poverty.

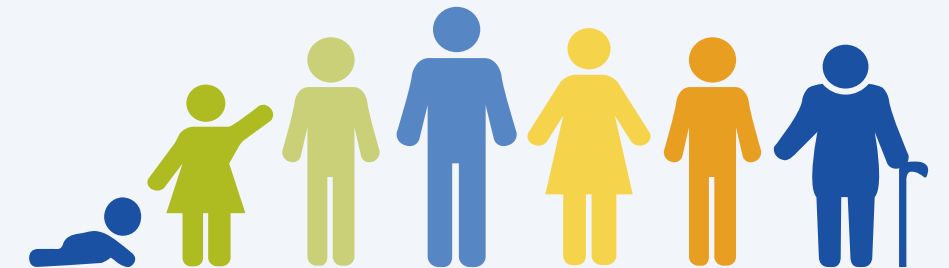
"While infant adoption is a wonderful experience, foster adoptions have an even larger potential for transforming lives," they said. "Children experience better outcomes when they are adopted out of foster care rather than aging out of the system. Children's Home is strengthening communities by strengthening families."

The Holmans are confident their support of Children's Home is making a difference because of the organization's proven track record. "For 130 years, Children's Home has been a positive force for families. Especially in foster adoptions, Children's Home is truly transforming lives."

Adoption Support Fund Awards

Infant	1	79 TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
Foster Care	6	
International	22	
Post Adoption	50	

Age range of grant recipients
3 MONTHS TO 97 YEARS



\$600,000 SINCE 2013	\$136,767 IN 2018
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OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOU!

This has been a watershed year for Children’s Home. As the landscape of adoption shifts, so must we shift if we are to continue to meet the needs of children and families.

It is, in part, because of your heartfelt support that we can stay nimble enough to respond to the ever-changing needs of children in our communities and around the world.

We are deeply grateful for your passion for the well-being of children and families. Together, with you, we can help families and children build lives filled with health, security and purpose.

Thank you!

We truly could not do this without you!

\$100,000 +

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Jeannine O. Thing*

\$25,000 – \$99,999

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\$1,000 – \$2,499

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Marlene & Silas Brannan

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Neil Kauffman
Carolyn & Chuck Kennedy
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ANNIVERSARY GIFT BENEFITS CHILDREN THROUGH GENERATIONS

Corey Sauer dedicates his personal philanthropy to improving the lives of children. He has volunteered for Children’s Home and supports our foster programs and Adoption Support Fund in part because he and two of his three siblings were adopted through Catholic Charities.

Corey and his siblings engaged in charitable endeavors early. As a child, the cartoon artist recalls anonymously delivering Christmas presents to families in need. In the 90s, the family began hosting 4th of July parties for children at a Minneapolis emergency shelter.

Corey’s parents, Gary and Patricia Sauer, marked their 30th anniversary by establishing the Sauer Family Foundation to improve the lives of children in foster care and poverty. Today, three generations of Sauers guide the Foundation’s giving, which totaled more than \$600,000 in 2017.

The Foundation focuses on recognizing and addressing emotional traumas affecting children’s healthy development and ability to learn.

“Kids who are removed from their parents experience grief and loss,” said Colleen O’Keefe, the Foundation’s executive director. “That type of emotional or relational trauma is at the root of many social problems.”

The Foundation’s 2017 grant to Children’s Home is helping train staff to coach adoptive parents on trauma-focused behavior issues. For 10 years, the Foundation and Children’s Home have worked together to support children adopted from foster care and their families.

“Helping others was a regular part of our lives,” Corey said. “Volunteering and giving are acknowledgments that people are suffering and we can help.”

12-YEAR-OLD ADOPTEE SELFLESSLY SUPPORTS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM OF HER HOMETLAND

Kate Tunstall doesn’t remember her birth country of South Korea, or the Social Welfare Society foster mother who cared for her the first seven months of her life. Yet, the big-hearted 12 year old is intent on helping babies who are awaiting adoption from the Korean foster care system much like she and her older brother had.

The idea came out of nowhere just prior to Kate’s 11th birthday in 2017. She asked family and friends for cash and baby supplies instead of birthday gifts.

“I wanted to donate to Korea, but I wasn’t sure how I would make money,” she said. “My birthday was coming up, so I decided to donate my presents.”

After her birthday, Kate and her mom, Jewell, asked Children’s Home what items were needed most. They then shopped for clothes, shoes, diaper rash cream and baby toys. Children’s Home representatives personally delivered the items to Korea that summer.

In 2018, Kate doubled her first-year donations by applying ingenuity. Rather than a birthday fundraiser, she sought donations from family and friends. Having a major sweet tooth and a love for baking, she also held a bake sale. Kate wisely realized she could raise more money by attracting interest and donations from neighbors and even strangers.

“Kate is really motivated and determined when working towards her goals,” said Jewell. “She is full of joy and positivity — she’s the most positive person I know.”



\$250 – \$499

INDIVIDUALS CONTINUED

Donna & Michael Kaplan
Phoebe & Jim Kent
Shirley & Hiram Kilborn
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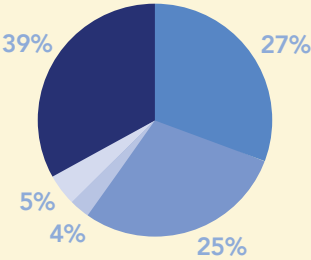
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