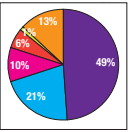




A message from
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Building a Bridge to a Forever Home

While We Care's services can help families in a multitude of ways, one aspect of our work that is particularly gratifying is our services for children in foster homes. We'd like to share a story of two little girls and their path from multiple foster placements to their "forever" home.

When We Care began its "Katie A." program to provide intensive support to young, high-risk foster children, foster parents who were caring for girls aged 2 1/2 and 4 were referred to us. These girls had been in and out of foster care after experiencing severe neglect, abuse, and exposure to domestic violence in the home of their biological parents.

The girls had significant emotional struggles and severe strains in their ability to connect with their foster family. Eventually the foster parents decided they could not go forward with adoption and requested to end their fostering services in 30 days' time.

Once the shock of that news subsided, the team of We Care providers rallied together to support all involved; the current foster parents, the little girls, and the new foster parents. Our therapists worked with both sets of adults, focusing on ensuring the smoothest transition possible between the homes.

Then, unsurprisingly, with the new foster parents came new issues. The family was open to additional help, and We Care soon added wraparound services, school-based behavioral support, and a school placement at We Care's preschool. The work to build a trusting relationship between every member of the family was critical. And we saw slow but stable changes in the girls' ability to communicate, work through their trauma, and attach to this family.

And finally, adoption day arrived, with lots of relatives and friends at the courthouse! While there were still some struggles in this new exciting chapter, these struggles were different because this was the two girls' forever family. We Care therapists continued to support them in adjusting to the profound transitions and changes.

Over the next six months, services slowly subsided and the family was able to say goodbye to the We Care providers who were there from the beginning. Our mental health services had helped the family bridge over to secure, lasting relationships, and the girls were now strong enough on their own to carry forward in the care of their adoptive parents.

After surviving circumstances that could have led to a lifetime of pain and dysfunction, two children were given a chance to have normal lives – and a forever home.



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A message from:

Pete Caldwell, Executive Director



Dear We Care Family,

Happy 2018! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season, and that the coming year holds many opportunities and good fortune for you. Here at We Care – thanks to you – we’ve rarely approached a new year with the level of optimism and excitement that we have now.

This past fall, our annual gala was the most successful in our agency’s history. And while an amazing team of staff and volunteers created an incredible evening of fun and celebration, the real impact is so much deeper. “Success” for us is simple; it means we are better able to reach and help the children in our community who need us most. Because of the support of folks that night and people like you who truly believe in what we do, we will be able this year to help create real change for hundreds more children and families. We could not be luckier to have this support. Truly, together we’re making a difference.

One thing that makes We Care unique in our community – and beyond – is our ability to provide services across a wide array of need. We have nearly 60 years of experience in treating developmental issues along with decades of early childhood mental health expertise. This is a really powerful combination. And of course, what has made it possible is nearly 60 years of support from our community!

It isn’t unusual, unfortunately, for children to struggle with both developmental and behavioral / emotional issues. The vast majority of agencies helping these children have expertise in only one of these areas and have to consult with or refer to other providers to address the broader needs of the children they serve. At We Care, our therapists can just walk across the hall! This can make an extraordinary difference for the families we serve and on the outcomes of the children in our care.

One program we’re creating this spring is a developmental / behavioral playgroup. This program will focus on children whose needs are significant, but are not eligible for higher-intensity services funded through government programs. We look forward to keeping you updated about this new program as we continue to develop it. It was the support of people like you that makes it possible for us to continue to grow and thrive and innovate. Thank you!

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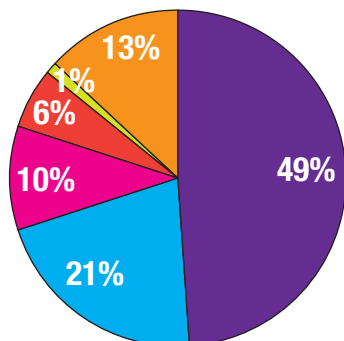
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2017 Financial Report

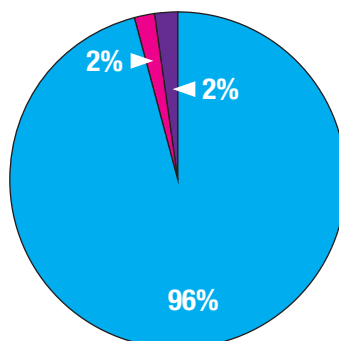
Our annual report will be posted on the We Care website — wecarechildren.org.
Below is a review of our 2016 financials.

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Barbara Bentley and Rex Johnston donated in the true spirit of Christmas in honor of **JoAnn Pico and Don Anthony, Gemma Bassi, John Kubitschek and Joan Galey.**

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October 7, 2017

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