

Children's Home & Aid

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



children's home & aid

OUR MISSION

Children's Home & Aid partners
with children, youth and families whose
potential is at risk to create hope,
opportunity, and bright futures.

OUR VISION

All children, youth and families
thrive in strong communities.

OUR WORK

Every Child. Every Family. Thriving.



children's home & aid



Dear Friends

3

Even for an organization with a 137-year history, 2020 will forever be a standout year for Children's Home & Aid. It will be remembered as a year in which the threats to the children, families and communities we serve were without precedent. We will also remember 2020 as the year we proved—unequivocally—that our staff, board leaders and financial supporters are always ready to meet the moment, doing whatever it takes.

We learned some important lessons in 2020. Thriving children require strong families and stable communities. The year also underscored the importance of our work, addressing the deepest challenges of poverty, social isolation and trauma.

Children's Home & Aid has put these lessons to work in 2020 by embracing a bold, new strategic direction. We are reimagining our impact by prioritizing the wellbeing of families in a way that creates opportunities for children to thrive like never before, where parents and caregivers are fully supported partners in the services we offer.

The time is right for change. The impact of COVID touches every facet of the lives of the families we serve. Their health and economic security are uncertain, and the

lasting impact of the disruption of in-person learning for children is unknown. Added to this we find ourselves grappling with the reality that longstanding racial inequities are disproportionately deepening the threat to Black and Brown families across the state.

Real challenges. Historic challenges. But Children's Home & Aid is positioned to meet the moment. Our agility and innovation over the last year speaks to what's possible when one of Illinois' most experienced and far-reaching social service partners gears up to meet the uncertain future as we have so many times before.

Last year taught us we're not doing this alone. Throughout 2020, we were able to be there for more than 30,000 children and families in 65 counties through longstanding partnerships with federal, state and local governments, as well as other community organizations. We expanded our home visiting work in central Illinois and grew our behavioral health services in some of the most impoverished and violence plagued neighborhoods in Chicago.

We were also humbled by the generous financial support of our corporate partners, foundations and countless individual donors who made it possible for us to

provide more than \$500,000 in direct assistance to families, including cash assistance, food and internet connectivity.

All of this was possible because the Children's Home & Aid community is second to none when it comes to being there for families in their most acute moments of need.

We're grateful to share our 2020 impact report with the broader Children's Home & Aid community because none of it would be possible without incredible partnerships. The faces of unbridled potential (all photographed before masking and social distancing) underscore the power of all children, all families and all communities thriving.

Michael J. Shaver



PRESIDENT & CEO

Charlie Gofen



CHAIR, BOARD of TRUSTEES

Every Child. Every Family. Thriving.

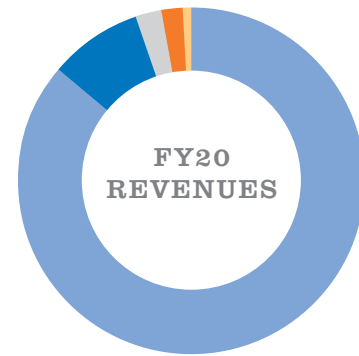
FY20 Financials & Early Head Start

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

Revenues

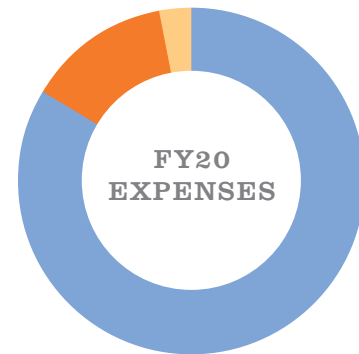
● Government	\$ 57,556,566
● Contributions	\$ 5,621,212
● Service Fees	\$ 1,722,856
● Foundations & Trusts	\$ 1,196,789
● Investment Income & Other	\$ 552,325
Total Revenues	\$ 66,649,748

*Revenue above does not include non operating gains
on investments of \$119,472*



Expenses

● Program	\$ 55,998,054
● Management & General	\$ 9,010,799
● Fundraising	\$ 1,962,531
Total Expenses	\$ 66,971,384



Children's Home & Aid served 726 children and pregnant women in our Early Head Start and Head Start center-based and home-based programs during Fiscal Year 2020.

Revenue for the Early Head Start and Head Start programs was \$10,425,053, of which \$778,274 and \$9,646,779 came from private and public sources, respectively. The budgetary expenditures of these programs included staff compensation and benefits, professional fees, supplies, occupancy and other expenditures in support of the provision of client services.

The financial results of the agency's Early Head Start and Head Start programs are included in the agency's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020. For more information, please see the complete audited financial statements at childrenshomeandaid.org.

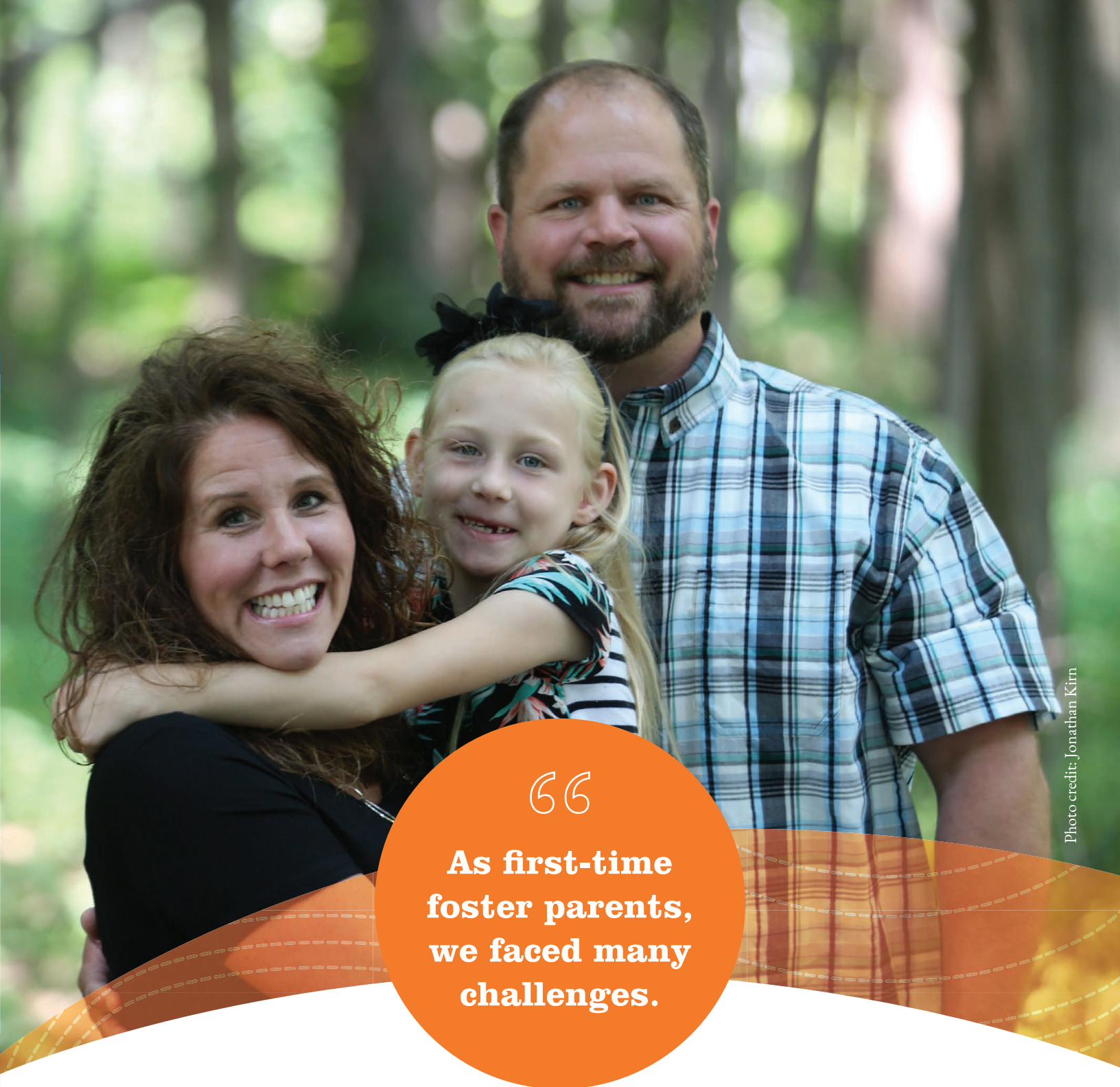


Photo credit: Jonathan Kim

“

**As first-time
foster parents,
we faced many
challenges.**

The support we received through the Foster Parent Mentoring Program helped us help our child. I was no longer alone in this journey of providing for the best interest of Serenity. My mentor held my hand at my weakest hour and kept us going as a family.”

– Mary, mom

Children’s Home & Aid’s child welfare services include partnering with foster parents and relatives to provide safe, secure and nurturing homes for children when they are separated from their biological families. We recruit, license and train foster parents for their critical role in the child’s recovery from trauma.

The Every Child Campaign

In 2020, we successfully completed our \$58.5 million Every Child Campaign, one of the largest fundraising campaigns ever undertaken by an Illinois human services agency. Led by former Board chair Liz Connelly and a committee of dedicated volunteers, the campaign engaged thousands of generous donors in a mission of helping every child and every family in Illinois to thrive. With your help, the Every Child Campaign launched several new initiatives, including:



Power of Fathers Initiative, a collaborative award-winning program that helps fathers to be more actively engaged in their children's lives.



Jerri Hoffmann Child & Family Center, a state-of-the-art early childhood learning facility constructed in Carpentersville which doubled the number of children receiving high-quality educational services.



Ahlquist Center for Policy, Practice & Innovation, where we incubate innovation and advocate for effective state and federal public policies to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families.



FAMILY CARES Center, part of our Children's Mental Health initiative which provides services in the safe and familiar environment of a school to help children and families impacted by trauma to heal.



Choose to Change program to reduce violence in Englewood, working with the most vulnerable teens through counseling and mentorship to inspire positive change.



As we celebrate the Every Child Campaign's far-reaching impact, we thank the generous individuals, foundations and corporations whose gifts made the campaign a success. Together, we are creating brighter futures for our children, and building a world where every child is loved and successful.

A Transformative Display of Generosity



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ahlquist

Gary and Suzy Ahlquist have been dedicated Children's Home & Aid donors and volunteers for more than 30 years. Gary joined the Board of Trustees in 1995, and served as Chair from 2006-2009. Suzy has been on the Woman's Board since 2007, serving as a Gala co-chair and past board president, and their daughter Eve serves on the Cradle Associates Young Professional Board. The Ahlquist's \$1 million gift to the Every Child Campaign launched the Ahlquist Center for Policy, Practice and Innovation, to advocate for effective public policies and improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families through innovative practices.



Mr. Paul Wood and the Honorable Corrine Wood

Paul has served as a member of Children's Home & Aid's Board of Trustees for more than 30 years. He is co-founder and was Managing Director of Madison Dearborn Partners, while Corrine served as Illinois' first woman Lieutenant Governor. The Woods have a deep passion for helping children and families thrive, with a commitment to building long-term stability and resilience. The Woods' lead gift to the Every Child Campaign helped build our endowment, ensuring Children's Home & Aid's sustainability into the future.

The Every Child Campaign inspired remarkable generosity from our donors, with more than 10,600 individuals, companies, foundations and charitable and religious organizations contributing \$60 million+, exceeding the campaign's \$58.5 million goal, to advance a vision of every child in Illinois thriving.

There were a number of extraordinary donors whose generosity set the standard for this campaign, including Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ahlquist and Mr. Paul Wood and the Honorable Corrine Wood.



“

Being a mom
is hard, but my
home visitor is
always there
for me.

When she arrives, my kids get so excited. It's a relief to have someone to turn to, to learn from, and bring joy to my day. My home visitor believes in me and I realize I can be my child's first and best teacher.”

– Maria, mom

Children's Home & Aid provides a full range of early care and education services — like home visiting, child care and preschool — that strengthen families and build a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Children, Youth & Families served by Children's Home & Aid:

27,750

In FY2020, we provided ongoing services in three program areas:



CHILD
WELFARE
4,963

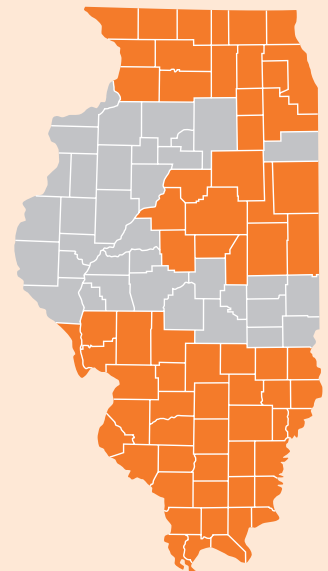


EARLY
EDUCATION
1,408



FAMILY & COMMUNITY
SERVICES
5,889

67
Counties Served



1,408
children received
high-quality
early care and
education at
one of our five
child and family
centers.



Last year, **939** youth whose potential is at risk received coaching, advocacy and trauma-informed therapy to improve their success at home, in school and in their communities.

The positive difference made by our Choose to Change program in Chicago remains long after the program ends. Eighteen months after leaving the program, youth have **38%** fewer violent-crime arrests than their peers who didn't participate.



Provided emergency child
care for **297** children from
174 families in crisis.

886

adults and children
received behavioral
health services.



2,026 children avoided
entering foster care and
remained with their families
through dedicated services.

40 youth in foster care with severe
emotional and mental health needs received
therapeutic residential treatment at the
Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child & Family Center.

75% of the youth discharged from the
Rice Center went to a home-based setting.



Home visitors coached
506 young and first-
time families striving to
do well by their children.

1,208 youth who
experienced neglect or abuse
received foster care services.
175 children and youth
returned to their families or
other loving, permanent homes.

Every Child. Every Family. Thriving.

The Children's Home & Aid Legacy Society

“

The true meaning
of life is to plant
trees under whose
shade you do not
expect to sit.

├
└

Nelson Henderson

One hundred and thirty-seven years ago, the Reverend Martin Van Buren Van Arsdale founded Children's Home & Aid with a vision of every child loved and cherished in a family. That vision continues to inspire our work. For more a century, generous donors have made it possible for hundreds of thousands of Illinois children and families to thrive.

In 2020, Children's Home & Aid launched our inaugural Legacy Society to recognize those generous and thoughtful individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans for the children and families we serve.

Estate gifts and bequests from generous donors allow us to build our endowment, giving us a vitally important cushion against changing funding priorities. Bequest gifts come in all sizes, and each one helps ensure that our life-changing services will be available for generations of children and families to come.

To learn more about making a planned gift or to join the Legacy Society, please contact Mary Kozil at mkozil@childrenshomeandaid.org or call 312-424-6836.

Anonymous

Mr. and Mrs. M. Sean Blair

Ms. Maree G. Bullock

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Conkle

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Connelly

Mrs. Bette Cordes*

Mr. James E. Crawford and

Rev. Alicia L. Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Darnall

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Fedor

Freeman Grubbs Family Trust

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus F. Freidheim, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Gofen

Mr.* and Mrs. John K. Greene

Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs

Ms. Maureen Kelly

Ms. Mary Lorenz Kozil

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mack

Ms. Erin McInerney

Ms. Christine C. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Myers

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Poremski

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Rhind*

Ms. Nancy Ronquillo

Mr. Michael Shaver

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sparks

Mr. and Mrs. Mark B. Tresnowski

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westerhold*

Mr. Paul R. Wood and Hon.

Corinne G. Wood

Ms. Joanne Zolomij

* deceased

Every Child. Every Family. Thriving.

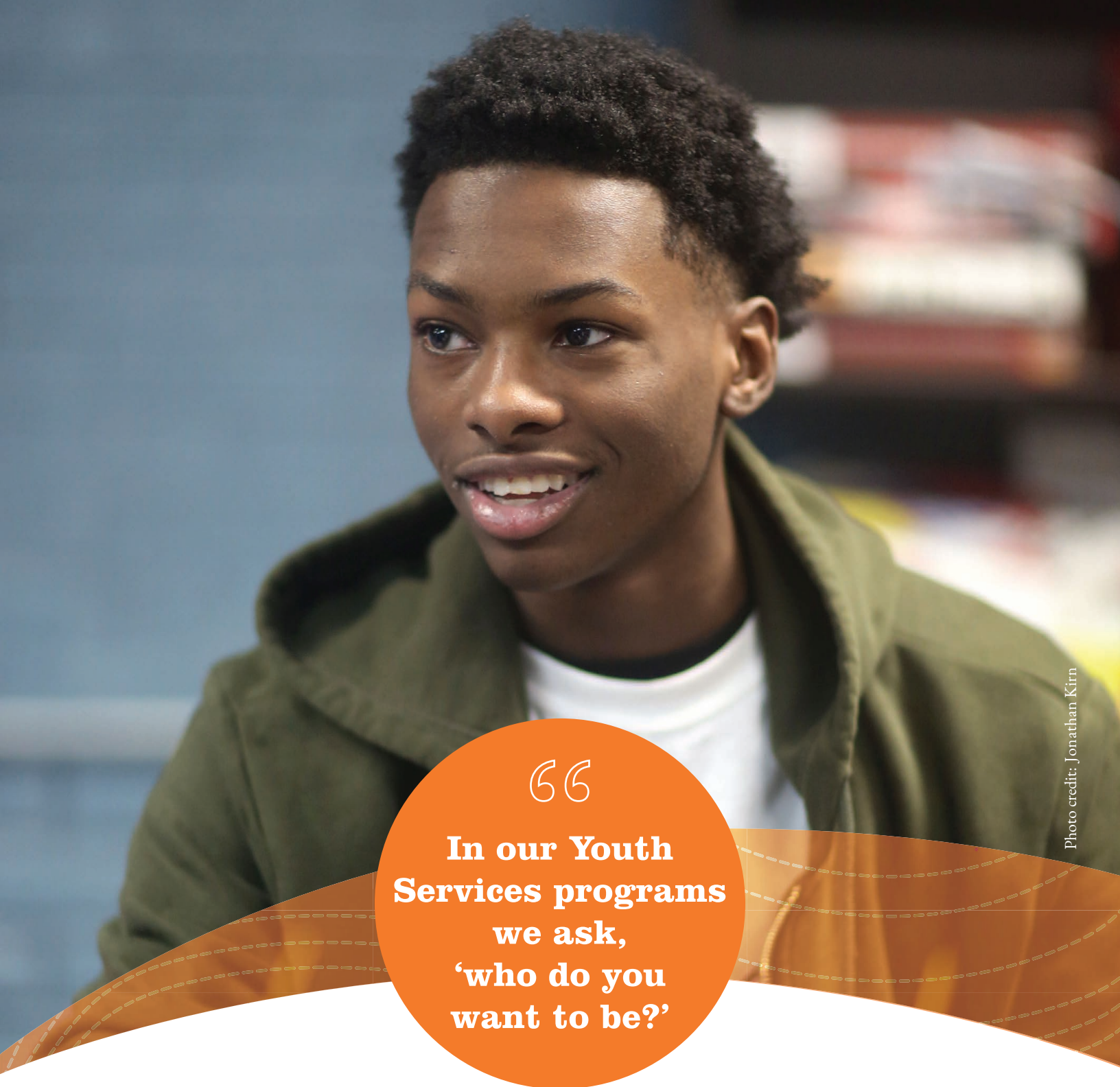


Photo credit: Jonathan Kirm

“

**In our Youth
Services programs
we ask,
‘who do you
want to be?’**

Then our kids take the reins, and we help get them there. They have drive, grit, dreams, desires and interests. We work to remove barriers — to unlock potential, build confidence and open up opportunities.”

– Amanda Whitlock, Senior Vice President, Child Welfare and Behavioral Health Services

The Youth Services programs provided by Children’s Home & Aid work with young people whose potential is at risk to improve their success at home, in school and in their communities.

“

**At the Rice
Center, building
connections
is the key to
healing.**

Every child at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child & Family Center has a painful story — but their stories don't define them. Here, youth create new relationships and rewrite their narratives.”

– Will Sackley, Clinical Supervisor, Rice Child & Family Center

The Rice Child & Family Center is a therapeutic, residential treatment center for youth ages 6-14 with severe emotional and mental health needs.

Trustees and Foundation Board

13

FY20 BOARD of TRUSTEES

CHAIR

Mr. Charles S. Gofen

VICE CHAIR

Mr. Alan Conkle

SECRETARY

Ms. Tina Chan Gonzalez

TREASURER

Ms. Rosalie C. Hawley

MEMBERS

Mr. Gary Ahlquist
Mr. Paymon Aliabadi
Dr. Steve G. Anderson
Mr. George C. Bermingham, Jr.
Mrs. Suzanne M. Bernard
Mr. Sean Blair
Ms. Mary Ellen Cagney
Ms. Dorothy G. Capers
Mr. James M. Corkery
Ms. Rachel Cowen
Ms. Heather Fine
Mrs. Keely A. Giles
Mrs. Sheri B. Hawkins
Mrs. Karen Henderson
Mrs. Jerri Hoffmann
Ms. Jill Huletz
Dr. Daniel Johnson
Mr. Walter Katz
Ms. Christine A. Leahy
Ms. Wendy Jo Mamola

Mr. Paul Mastrapa
Ms. Erin McNerney
Mr. Michael G. Miller
Ms. Christine C. Moore
Mr. Thomas J. Murphy
Mrs. David F. Myers, Jr.
Ms. Diane E. Offereins
Dr. Aisha Ray
Mr. Timothy J. Ruby
Mr. Michael Sennett
Ms. Beverley A. Sibblies
Mrs. Lisa A. Sparks
Ms. Donna J. Thompson
Mr. Mark Tresnowski
Mr. Will Trumbull
Mrs. Hannah Warmanen
Mr. Paul R. Wood
Ms. Ann Marie Wright
Mr. Kyle J. York

EMERITUS TRUSTEES

Mr. Paul Carbone
Mrs. Peggy Echols
Mr. Michael E. Fisher
Mr. John Fraser
Mr. Stephen C. Freidheim
Ms. Diane Garonzik
Dr. Penny Johnson
Dr. Jamilah R. Jor'dan
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Konerko
Ms. Suzanne Kopp-Moskow
Mrs. Jill W. Landsberg
Mrs. Judith Locke

Ms. Tracy A. McCormick
Ms. Felicia Middlebrooks Hill
Mr. Michael T. Miske
Ms. Susan J. Moran
Mr. James J. O'Connor, Sr.
Mr. Terence R. Rogers
Ms. Allison Rosati
Ms. Alice Y. Sabl
Mrs. Henry F. Stec
Mrs. Andrea H. Thome
Mr. James H. Thome
Mrs. Deborah Traskell

LIFETIME TRUSTEES

Mr. Steven B. Bono
Ms. Maree G. Bullock
Mr. Cecil R. Coleman
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Connelly
Mr. James E. Crawford, III
Mrs. Marletta F. Darnall
Mr. D. Cameron Findlay
Mrs. Cyrus F. Freidheim, Jr.
Mrs. Lucile Ish
Mr. John S. Lillard

Mr. William E. Lowry, Jr.
Mr. Stephen C. Mack
Mr. Neil S. Novich
Ms. Karen M. Ross
Mr. David A. Scholz
Mr. Frank A. Smola
Mrs. Sue A. Walton
Ms. Nancy A. Wieboldt

FOUNDATION BOARD of DIRECTORS

CHAIR

Mr. Paul R. Wood

VICE CHAIR

Ms. Suzanne Bernard

MEMBERS

TREASURER

Mrs. Lisa J. Pattis

SECRETARY

Mr. Stephan Fedea

Mr. George C. Bermingham, Jr.
Mr. Robert P. Browne
Mr. Jordan R. Carpenter
Mr. James E. Crawford

Mr. Thomas J. Murphy
Mr. Michael Sennett
Ms. Beverley A. Sibblies

FY20 Auxiliary and Regional Boards

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Jordan Carpenter	Mr. Jeffery S. Koerner
Ms. Joy E. Doran	Mr. Chris McConnell
Mrs. Marie Eledge	Ms. Jessica K. McDermott
Mr. David W. Fedor	Mr. Scott Murphy
Mr. Dennis M. Fries	Mr. Anthony L. Petersen
Mrs. Judith H. Jacobs	Mrs. Lisa Sparks
Ms. Jennifer A. Kaufman	Mrs. Jill F. Thomas
Mrs. Stacie Killian	Ms. Marta J. Traylor
Mr. Kris Kline	Mr. Paul Van Ness

SOUTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Mrs. Jennifer Albertina	Mr. Courtney Logan
Ethel M. Coleman	Mr. Noe Marquez
Keely A. Giles	Mr. Michael Nordstrom
Mr. Ajay Kansal	Mrs. Joyce A. Shelton
Mr. Kenneth J. Krieg	Mr. Jeff Sussenbach
Mr. Daniel Lewis	

HINSDALE AUXILIARY

Mrs. Helen Becka	Ms. Gabriele Jovanovic
Mrs. Meg Berger	Mrs. Ann D. Lorenz
Mrs. Janet A Burr	Mrs. Latisha J. Newcomer
Ms. Kim Doan	Mrs. Carolyn Nguyen
Ms. Susan Dee R. Dunne	Mrs. Tina Otten
Mrs. Stacy J. Fox	Mrs. Susan Provenzano
Mrs. Liza E. Gianares	Mrs. Elyce Rembos
Mrs. Bridget E. Gilmartin	Mrs. Pamela S. Ristau
Mrs. Laura K. Glenn	Mrs. Natalie Ryan
Mrs. Julie W. Goff	Mrs. Ellen W. Thompson
Mrs. Alyssa Guido	Mrs. Jill Vorobiev
Mrs. Eydie W. Jarosz	Mrs. Erin Walsh
Mrs. Stacy A. Johnson	Mrs. Jeanne Witz

WOMAN'S BOARD

Mrs. Gary D. Ahlquist	Mrs. Siddharth Mehta
Mrs. Caroline Bestill	Mrs. Cindy Montgomery
Mrs. Meghan Burns	Mrs. Katherine Moran
Ms. Mary Ellen Cagney	Mrs. David F. Myers, Jr.
Mrs. Linda W. Campbell	Mrs. Megan Panje-Wilson
Mrs. Margaret S. Corboy	Mrs. Mindy Purcell
Ms. Susan K. Darby	Mrs. Erin K. Quinn
Mrs. Julie Largay Drewniak	Mrs. Shawna Radzik
Mrs. Sarah Dwyer	Mrs. Alison Hoffmann
Ms. Nancy Brewer Ford	Randall
Mrs. Benjamin Gerstman	Mrs. Robert Seeds
Mrs. Jennifer Shriner Hay	Mrs. David C. Seidman
Ms. Mary Ellen Hennessy	Mrs. Megan E. Slee
Mrs. David H. Hoffmann	Mrs. Maria D. Smithburg
Mrs. Beth Hoffmann	Mrs. Gayle B. Spruance
Mrs. Megan N. Hoffmann	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Stucker
Ms. Layla Danley Jirgal	Mrs. Bradley Tank
Ms. Allison Kollar	Mrs. Andrea H. Thome
Ms. Devi S. Koya	Mrs. Susanna Ver Eecke
Ms. Margaret L. Largay	Mrs. Alice White Zarov
Mrs. Colleen B. Lee	Mrs. Joan C. Wing

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD

Ms. Gina Babiniec	Ms. Jennifer Norenberg
Ms. Tara Bernal	Ms. Courtney Phillipp
Ms. Gabriel Chavez	Mr. Brian Rippel
Ms. Brittany Evola	Mr. Andrew Roche
Mr. Brian Gonas	Mr. Benjamin Schlottman
Ms. Amy Hain	Ms. Katie Spoden
Ms. Jennifer Layer	Ms. Nikki Wegner

See a complete list of auxiliary volunteers at
childrenshomeandaid.org/auxiliaries



Photo credit: Jonathan Kirn

“

**I had nowhere
else to turn
and needed
a hand.**

The Crisis Nursery staff gave me theirs. I couldn't do it alone — keep my children safe and be the mom my children needed in that moment. Children's Home & Aid didn't judge me when I was at my lowest. They provided a safe, loving place for my child so I could put the pieces together.”

– Kim, mom

Children's Home & Aid's two crisis nurseries provide emergency child care to struggling families, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering services to build the positive forces in parents' lives to reduce the likelihood of abuse or neglect.

Get Involved with Children's Home & Aid

At Children's Home & Aid, we do whatever it takes to put children on the path to a better life and keep them there. This mission would not be possible without the generous support of hundreds of volunteers and donors. Here's how you can help:



Sign-up for our Monthly E-newsletter: We share stories of lives changed with our donors support and share information upcoming events, program highlights, and the latest innovative.

Volunteer: Whether you're looking to change the life of one child as a mentor or your company is interested in a service day, volunteering is a gratifying and rewarding way to give back.

Organize a fundraiser or donation drive at your workplace or in your community.

Create a Facebook Fundraiser: Celebrate your birthday by inviting friends and family to make a donation in your honor to Children's Home & Aid.

Follow us on Social Media: Check out our pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Join an Auxiliary Board:

We have groups in Hinsdale, Chicago and the North Shore, Rockford, Bloomington and East St. Louis who are always in need of energetic volunteers interested in helping kids and families.

Make a Donation: For 137 years Children's Home & Aid has worked to create hope, opportunities and bright futures for children, youth and families. This would not be possible if not for the amazing generosity of our supporters. Gifts of all sizes can make a huge difference in the lives of children.



children's home & aid

125 S. Wacker Dr., 14th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606

312.424.0200

www.childrenshomeandaid.org