This annual report reflects the dedication of the Foundation’s staff, board of directors, community partners, and donors. Our joint contributions make it possible for foster parents like Happie Larson (pictured above) to give children what they need the most — a permanent connection to loving adults.

Utah Foster Care Foundation was created in 1999 by Governor Mike Leavitt and the Utah legislature to serve Utah’s children by finding, educating, and nurturing families to meet the needs of children in foster care.

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Sowing the Seeds

The work of Utah Foster Care Foundation is noble. We exist to provide loving and well-trained families for Utah children who are the victims of physical and emotional trauma.

On any given day, more than 2,600 children in our communities are in foster care because it’s not safe for them to stay in their homes.

UFCF staff members live and work throughout the state, finding families as diverse as the children they serve — whom they carefully pre-screen. Our trainers log thousands of miles, as they travel the state — from Blanding to Tremonton — to train prospective foster parents and to teach continuing education classes for current foster parents.

Reaping the Harvest

A loving, safe, and supportive family has an impact on a child’s life beyond measure. After a family completes our foster parent preparation classes, we work hard to support them. The longer we can retain an experienced foster family, the better our children are served.

We organize and coordinate foster family support groups serving hundreds of foster families statewide and host numerous foster family events.

The Foundation also offers added value to the foster family experience through various programs, including our Giving Tree holiday efforts, family camps, and the Wishing Well fund.

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Financial Statement

Income
- Interest & Other Income $17,009
- Net Unrealized Gain $90,056
- Contributions $584,077
- State Contract $2,715,977

Expenses
- Fundraising $3,775
- Support $401,063
- Education $682,871
- Retention $935,261
- Recruitment $1,246,272

The Utah Foster Care Foundation believes the best place for children and youth in foster care is in a family. This belief is supported by research and experts such as Dr Bruce Perry:

“Children need predictability, routine, a sense of control and a stable familiar relationship with a supportive caregiver.”

— Bruce D. Perry, MD, PhD

The Foundation has surpassed its yearly DCFS goal for numbers of recruited and trained families for 11 years running. In addition, UFCF offers training to kinship providers in its pre-service classes.