

# Utah Foster Care Annual Report Fiscal Year 2016

Utah Foster Care is a statewide nonprofit with a mission to find, educate, and support foster families in all parts of Utah. Our team members live in the cities and towns they serve... they know their communities' needs. With knowledge and expertise, they reach out to local families, who open their hearts and their homes to abused and neglected children. Our community of support is deep and wide. Each year, these professionals produce incredible results—results which other states hold up as a model of how to take care of their children in need. We surpass goals, set by the state of Utah, year after year. We welcome accountability—and we back that up with a stable financial reporting record.

#### **Incredible Results**

It's because of positive outcomes that Utah Foster Care continues to be a key part of the unique "Utah solution" to an on-going challenge in child welfare—a history of success that stretches back 17 years. That's when the Utah legislature and governor's office created us to find innovative ways to meet this challenge by identifying, training, and providing continuing support for foster families.

- 1,054 consultations with prospective parents.
- 671 new foster families trained (508 foster, 163 kinship).
- 2,730 hours of training for current and prospective foster parents.
- 305 foster parent peer support meetings.
- 1 By caring about one child at a time, we improve our Utah community

### **Our Community of Support**

Children in foster care would not have access to enrichment programs like the Wishing Well Fund, Giving Tree, and Foster Family Camp without your generous gifts. Through donations, Utah Foster Care is able to offer these value-added programs at little or no cost to foster families.

Anonymous • Altschul Foundation • Aspen Grove Family Camp & Conference Center • Barnes & Noble Booksellers • John Byrne • Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Foundation • Division of Child & Family Services • Endeavor Foundation • EsNet Management Group • Hollie Evans • Family Support Center • Gateway Mall (Vestar) • George S. & Dolores Eccles Foundation • Robert & Kim Gerlach • In-N-Out Burger Foundation • Major Drilling America • Malouf Fine Linens • Nuskin Force for Good Foundation • Quilts, Etc • Kobe James Talbot • Vista Outdoor

A sincere thanks to the many friends of children in foster care who donated to Utah Foster Care in fiscal year 2016 (FY16)—and to the many who donate year after year.

## **Accountability**

Our Board of Directors is a diverse group of community and business leaders who believe that children are the future of Utah, and who understand that providing them with safe, nurturing homes is critical to their well-being

#### **Additional Resources**

For other parts of this year's annual report, and for previous annual reports, visit: <u>utahfostercare.org/annualreports</u>

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Along with foster families who provide safe and nurturing homes, community support is vital to the children who are served by Utah Foster Care's programs. We offer our sincere thanks to the companies and individuals who recognize the impact that one caring individual can have on the life of a child.

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