

## A Letter from the CEO

*Stormy weather... hurricanes, floods, human tragedy—current news headlines that we're all too familiar with.*

Many children here in Utah live every day with tragedy, storms, and disasters. They witness and bear the destructive aftermath of trauma. Storms swirl and beat against them; many times, there are no relief workers to show up to rescue and rebuild.

Foster parents are like disaster relief workers who choose to come to the aid of innocent children living and struggling in the storms of unhealthy decisions. From infants to teenagers, children are removed from their homes for safety and brought into a child welfare system they did not choose to be a part of. In FY16, there were 21,093 child welfare investigations in Utah, with 9,993 child victims of neglect, sexual abuse, physical and psychological abuse, and domestic violence\*. Each one represents a disaster, tragedy, or storm where children get lost in society's debris.

Thank you to all foster parents who shelter children from the devastating storms of abuse and neglect—and thank you to our generous donors, who invest in our mission. We, here at Utah Foster Care, are grateful for your willingness to help heal broken hearts and become a trusted anchor in the lives of Utah's children.

### Kelly Peterson

CEO, UTAH FOSTER CARE

\* Division of Child & Family Services statistics.



## A Warm Embrace...



It takes hard work, patience, training, and—yes!—love for a family to become a safe harbor for children who have been through the trauma of abuse and neglect. And what does it take from the community to sustain these safe harbors? Generous donations from both individuals and companies.

Utah Foster Care established donor-supported programs to sustain our families through the ups and downs of caring for traumatized children.

Foster families like the Olsens of South Jordan (pictured above) access these funds to pay for things like sports equipment, music lessons, or prom—things which help kids in foster care reclaim their childhood. Additionally, Utah Foster Care hosts special events, where entire families enjoy a day at a water park, camping, or a picnic, surrounded by folks who understand the calling to foster.

These valuable supports are possible through the generosity of community members. Thank you for embracing Utah's families!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UTAH DIVISION OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

NOT JUST ANY PORT IN THE STORM...

# A Safe Harbor.



ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2017





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Katie Rothe

Lance Rich

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Libby Biittner

Lloyd Hardcastle

Robert Gerlach

Steve Sunday

Dr Doug Goldsmith

CONSULTANT

Financials

INCOME

State Contract	\$3,133,977
Contributions	\$490,894
Investment Returns	\$26,512
Event & Other Incomes	\$9,961
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,661,344</b>

EXPENSES

Recruitment	\$1,265,061
Education	\$847,575
Retention	\$885,610
Development	\$107,619
Support	\$392,922
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,498,787</b>

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS      \$162,557**

Toward Safe & Nurturing Homes

FISCAL YEAR 2017

- 1,155

CONSULTATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS
- 749

NEW FOSTER FAMILIES TRAINED  
537 FOSTER & 212 KINSHIP
- 2,747

HOURS OF TRAINING FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE  
FOSTER PARENTS
- 266

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS
- 1

BY CARING ABOUT ONE CHILD AT A TIME,  
WE STRENGTHEN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY

12,339

( AND COUNTING )

... foster families recruited and trained by Utah Foster Care since our creation, in 1999.

Imagine the impact of more than 12,000 Utah families who are sharing their hearts, homes, and futures with children affected by domestic violence, abuse, and neglect.

Now imagine the impact of even more individuals, businesses, and families who have chosen to stand with those children by supporting our special programs through their gifts.

Our strength lies in the belief that we are helping to interrupt the cycle of trauma affecting generations to come.

Learn more about our mission, online—or by attending one of our *Journey with Utah Foster Care* events (call 801 994-5205).

[utahfostercare.org](http://utahfostercare.org)



Utah Foster Care continues to implement cutting-edge strategies for increasing the number of well-trained foster families in our state. These families are needed to care for a growing number of children suffering from abuse and neglect, due to the rising opioid crisis. Because of UFC’s unique position in our state’s child welfare system, it will continue to be a positive influence in every community in Utah.

— Lisa Watts Baskin, BOARD CHAIR, UTAH FOSTER CARE

