

A Letter from the CEO

A VILLAGE OF SUPPORT

When we consider our personal village of support – people in our lives who love us and are always there – we realize this is also true in our foster care village. A community of people who offer hope, so children know someone cares, the world is safe, and they may look forward to a bright future.

Among the many fabled and accomplished tribes of Africa, no tribe was considered to have warriors more fearsome or more intelligent than the Masai. Yet surprisingly their greeting to each other was, “How are the children?” These mighty warriors knew that if the answer was, “All the children are well” that life was good, and peace and safety prevailed.

Protecting the young and powerless is the responsibility of all in our communities.

I want to thank foster parents for caring for the children in their homes. I also want to thank individuals, businesses and community members for their support. Your generosity is inspiring as you bless and uplift the lives of so many.

Our Utah communities are helping to build each child’s faith in a strong village of people who care about them. Our goal is to be able to answer with joy, “The children are well, yes ALL of the children are well.”

Kelly Peterson

CEO, UTAH FOSTER CARE



A Village for Alan...

At age 16, Alan found himself living with a foster family one week before Christmas. As the family began their holiday traditions, Alan sat in the corner of the room and did not engage in conversation. Then, a present was pulled from under the tree and his name was called. Alan was in shock.

“Me?” he asked.

After a lifetime of poverty and neglect, Alan received his first Christmas gift ever—a bike, made possible through generous donations to Utah Foster Care. In that moment, his foster parents watched a young man melt into a child.

The bike was the first of many “firsts.” His first family vacation. Backyard barbecues. Family camping trips.

Utah Foster Care’s donor-funded programs also made it possible for Alan to graduate high school, supplying him with tutoring and a laptop.

“The community helped build bridges for me to have a good life and a future,” says Alan. “I like to think I’m one of the luckiest people alive.”

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ANNUAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2018



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Financials

INCOME

State Contract	\$3,133,977
Contributions	\$546,958
Investment Returns	\$6,773
Event & Other Incomes	\$7,749
Total	\$3,695,457

EXPENSES

Recruitment	\$1,310,598
Education	\$1,056,541
Retention	\$862,845
Development	\$125,297
Support	\$395,672
Total	\$3,750,953

Change in Net Assets - \$55,496

Our Lasting Impact

FISCAL YEAR 2018

1,152

CONSULTATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS

791

NEW FOSTER FAMILIES TRAINED

554 FOSTER & 237 KINSHIP

2,759

HOURS OF TRAINING FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS

291

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS

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

Utah Foster Care (UFC) continues to have many successes with children and foster families. Because of UFC's commitment to being the best, they continue to develop new training modules and methods, establish new programs, and organize their agency in a way that allows for greater effectiveness and efficiency. There are more foster homes and foster parent retention rates are up — directly improving the lives of abused and neglected children in foster care.

— Erik Ence, BOARD CHAIR, UTAH FOSTER CARE

13,129

AND COUNTING!

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

Imagine the impact of more than 13,000 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 change the cycle of trauma affecting generations to come. To learn more about how you can join our village of supporters, call (801) 994-5205 or go online:

utahfostercare.org/get-involved



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