

# 20 years of superheroes

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## A Letter from the CEO

### FROM SUPER CHALLENGES TO SUPERHEROES

Twenty years ago, Utah Foster Care began as a bold experiment envisioned by then-Governor Mike Leavitt and authorized by the Utah legislature. As UFC's newest CEO, I feel honored to have been chosen to lead an organization that has been a witness to many moving stories of children overcoming trauma, and writing their own ending. To celebrate our 20th year, we are recognizing that the true superheroes in this work are the children.

As kids in foster care find themselves in a loving and nurturing home and begin to heal, we often see their superpowers revealed. Hidden talents in music, art, or athletics—not to mention academic achievement that wasn't believed possible for them just months before. In these children who come from tragic backgrounds we see perseverance, resilience, tenacity, strength, courage, and—above all—a fighting spirit.

Over the next 20 years we will continue our search for Utah families who can provide the environment developing superheroes need. We will continue to train them to bring out the best in these amazing children. And we will continue to pioneer new and better ways of supporting these families through new services, like our recently unveiled **Foster Parent Mentor** program.

As you learn more about the children and families, I hope that you'll have a renewed hope in our future, and a strengthened commitment to join with us in support of these evolving superheroes.

**Mike Hamblin**  
CEO, UTAH FOSTER CARE



## Foster Parent Mentors

Having that first child walk through your door is a scary time for new foster parents. Thanks to generous donations, Utah Foster Care has launched an innovative program to provide a mentor to each new foster family in Utah.

Seasoned foster parents spend one-on-one time helping them navigate the system of courts and state agencies, as well as everyday challenges of foster parenting and reunification.

"Utah needs foster parents- foster parents who will continue to take in children," says Meggan Jensen, pictured above with her mentor Rachel-Sue Wells. "They are going to face heartache when children are reunified. These mentors help get them through hard times, and provide information when there's no one else to turn to that knows what it's like."

Experienced foster families are the foundation upon which Utah's foster care system is built. Retaining them has been a challenge—and our hope is that initiatives like the mentor program will help them continue to take on this challenging work with ongoing support.

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Financials

INCOME		
State Contract		\$ 3,133,977
Contributions		\$660,757
Investment Returns		\$3,214
Event & Other Incomes		\$7,887
Total		\$3,805,835
EXPENSES		
Recruitment		\$1,429,171
Education		\$933,271
Retention		\$882,132
Development		\$85,916
Support		\$438,520
Total		\$3,769,009
Change in Net Assets		\$36,826

Our Lasting Impact

FISCAL YEAR 2019

1,104

CONSULTATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS

700

NEW FOSTER FAMILIES TRAINED  
533 FOSTER & 167 KINSHIP

2,841

HOURS OF TRAINING FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS

267

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS

1

20 YEARS OF SUCCESS WAS BUILT ONE CHILD AT A TIME



As Board Chair and a foster parent myself, I am endlessly astonished at the compassion, creativity, and the overwhelming dedication shown by each person at UFC towards the children and families we serve.

It is success on an individual basis that guides our vision. If there ever were a League of Superheroes on this earth, I believe I have found it. I am deeply honored to associate with these good people on their profound mission of love and hope.

— Rob Gerlach, BOARD CHAIR, UTAH FOSTER CARE

13,833 AND COUNTING!

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

Imagine the impact of a team of Utah families who are willing to share 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 get involved, contact us (801) 994-5205 or go online:

[utahfostercare.org/get-involved](http://utahfostercare.org/get-involved)

