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FISCAL YEAR | 2020

Annual Report

utah FosterCare

Letter from the CEO

Mike Hamblin

It's safe to say that none of us will forget the year 2020. At Utah Foster Care (UFC), the year required us to show a resilience that we didn't know was within us until we had to call upon it. As the Covid-19 pandemic shut down public gatherings, it did not shut down the need for safe, nurturing homes for children in foster care. UFC pivoted to provide almost all of our services and outreach through online platforms – initial consultations, training, support groups, and more.

Our staff set up home offices where they had space – in kitchens, dens, and bedrooms. We increased our social media messaging and advertising to make sure families knew that the needs of Utah's children in foster care had not diminished – they needed families to continue to come forward.

We were delighted as Utah's communities met the challenge – families continued to reach out to our staff, register for classes, and begin their journey to become foster parents. Many even discovered that the convenience of online training from the comfort of their own homes was better suited to their circumstances.

While we had to cancel our in-person annual fundraiser, grants and donations from those who could give helped UFC weather the downturn as other donors were stressed due to the effects of the pandemic.

Often adapting to change can be challenging, but it is through being resilient during the resulting struggle that we learn new things, develop new strategies, and become more efficient. While the pandemic continues for the time being, at UFC we found that many of the changes we were forced to make benefit the families we serve – and will continue when the pandemic is behind us.

We are honored to be entrusted as a partner in this work, inspired by the families who come forward with a desire to help children, and we are committed to continuing our work alongside DCFS in an ever-evolving effort to keep children safe and strengthen Utah's families. Thank you for standing beside us, as we continue to adapt in an ever-changing world.

LEADERSHIP

SENIOR STAFF

- Mike Hamblin CEO
- Dan Webster
- Nikki MacKay
- Liz Rivera
- Kelly Els
- Brad Hall
- Deborah Lindner
- Lee Wright

BOARD

- Rob Gerlach - Chair
- Erik Ence
- Jillian Lessner
- Landon Hardcastle
- Jeannine P. Timothy
- Gene Hayes
- Lance Rich
- Dave Hilliard
- Wayne Woodfield
- Jim Balderson
- Melissa Warnock
- Gabe Garn
- Trigena Halley

FINANCIALS

Income

State Contract	$3,054,862
Contributions	$499,025
Investment Returns	$7,166
Event & Other Income	$714
Total	$3,561,767

Expenses

Recruitment	$1,224,055
Education	$880,286
Retention	$932,470
Development	$73,717
Support	$411,726
Total	$3,522,254
Change in Net Assets	$39,513

Impact

1205	CONSULTATIONS WITH PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS
705	NEW FOSTER FAMILIES TRAINED
2189	HOURS OF TRAINING FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENTS
242	FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT MEETINGS
1	BY CARING ABOUT ONE CHILD AT A TIME, WE STRENGTHEN OUR VILLAGE

14,583 and counting...

FOSTER FAMILIES RECRUITED AND TRAINED BY UTAH FOSTER CARE SINCE 1999

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