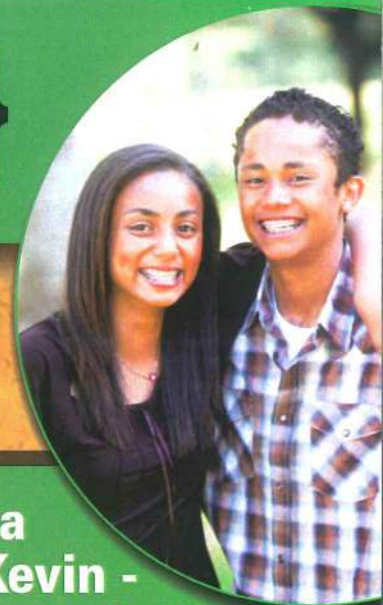




FOSTER & ADOPTIVE CARE COALITION
FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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2013 AT A GLANCE

What we do

Our vision is "For Every Child... A Place to Call Home." Our mission is to create permanency in every foster child's life by recruiting and supporting foster and adoptive families in the St. Louis metropolitan community.

We fulfill this mission by:

- Finding foster and adoptive families for children in foster care
- Supporting foster/adoptive families to ensure the time children spend in care is the best it can be.

Our history

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition began in 1989 as an informal organization of foster care professionals seeking a solution to a common problem – finding more foster parents for the growing number of children in State custody. Today, the Coalition has 33 member agencies, is an award-winning organization, and is the most successful recruiter of foster and adoptive families in the region.

What makes us unique

At the Coalition, we:

Find forever families

Using aggressive, multifaceted recruitment, we find forever families for waiting children when all other recruitment methods have failed.

Support foster/adoptive parents

Foster and adoptive families who participate in our programs, trainings and services have a 99% retention rate, compared to 40% nationally. These efforts help families keep their homes open to children as long as possible.

Serve all foster and adoptive families

All foster and adoptive parents, no matter where they live in the St. Louis metro area or what agency provides their training and licensing, can participate in our programs and benefit from our services.

Meet needs to fill gaps

We fill needs that other organizations do not or cannot meet. We look for gaps in state or private agency services and create programs to address those needs.

Enrich the lives of children in foster care

We provide programs, such as Little Wishes and Birthday Buddies, to make a child's time in foster care the best it can be.

Sara & Kevin - Adopted at 19 and 17!

Siblings Sara and Kevin grew up in foster care, but they never gave up hope that they would be adopted. They wanted to find a family more than anything. Sara became even more optimistic when she met Edna, their Extreme Recruiter. Where do we start to find relatives? Edna called courthouses, mortuaries, and newspapers in Louisiana and Mississippi to build their family tree. How many relatives could she find? Edna worked tirelessly until she found more than 100 of their relatives. "All I wanted was to find a family, someone who cares and now I have so much more!" said Sara. Sara and Kevin's commitment to each other and their future-and Edna's commitment to them-paid off. "You're never too old to be adopted. Look at me!" said Sara.

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Programs & Finances

Our recruitment efforts include: KSDK-TV's "A Place to Call Home," "A Child in Need," 30 Days to Family™, Wendy's Wonderful Kids, and Extreme Recruitment®. We provide a wide array of support programs for foster and adoptive families including: 24/7 crisis intervention through our Family Works program, training, support groups, advocacy, educational supports, two resale shops, Birthday Buddies, and Little Wishes.

In 2013, we provided services to 12,751 people and achieved the following for our children and families:

- 4,235 hours of training provided to foster and adoptive parents
- 738 volunteers donated their time to the Coalition
- 99.5% of foster parents utilizing Coalition services maintained their status as foster/adoptive parents and continued to provide homes for children
- 94.8% of youth receiving Educational Advocacy services met their educational goals
- 89.6% of children served through our Adoption Preservation/Crisis Intervention services remained with their adoptive family
- 67% of youth served through 30 Days to Family™ program were placed with relatives/kin at case closure
- 71.9% of youth participating in Extreme Recruitment® were matched with a permanent family
- 100% of families in support groups reported an increase in knowledge and 97.8% of youth reported feeling connected to other adopted youth and developing appropriate coping skills
- 128 families were referred for foster care or adoption licensure
- 56% of children featured on A Place to Call Home were matched with a permanent family

Finances

Statement of Activities for 2012 and 2013 follow. For past audits and 990s, please visit www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords.

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Public Support and Revenue | | |
| Grants | \$1,524,798 | \$1,231,540 |
| United Way allocation | 217,195 | 211,195 |
| Contributions | 590,998 | 1,028,545 |
| Special events, net of direct expenses of \$45,551 and \$95,997, respectively | 140,468 | 125,633 |
| Return on investments | 54,674 | 1,567 |
| Other income | 9,450 | 58,669 |
| Merchandise sales (includes retail store revenue, net of operating expenses) | (39,527)* | (108,919)* |
| Total Public Support and Revenue | 2,498,056 | 2,548,230 |
| Expenses | | |
| Program Services | | |
| Recruitment | 887,641 | 809,741 |
| Retention | 1,100,449 | 988,055 |
| Advocacy | -- | -- |
| Total Program Services | 1,988,090 | 1,797,796 |
| Supporting services | | |
| Management and general | 92,549 | 85,527 |
| Fundraising | 278,454 | 253,916 |
| Total Supporting Services | 371,003 | 339,443 |
| Total Expenses | 2,359,093 | 2,137,239 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 138,963 | 410,991 |
| NET ASSETS, Beginning of year | 2,078,038 | 1,667,047 |
| NET ASSETS, End of year | \$2,217,001 | \$2,078,038 |

* Donations and cost of sales are non-cash transactions due to all items in the store being donated. The actual cash received was \$70,000 for the year with \$118,000 in actual expenses, which is on track with our 5 year plan.

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