At the end of the day, what decides a child’s chances of finding their forever family is simple. It’s you.

I’m delighted to say you exceeded every expectation. We could never truly capture everything you have done for our community’s most vulnerable children in 2016, but we hope the following reflections in this annual report inspire you with the same hope and wonder they inspire in us.

Together we kept our promise to every child’s potential and their innate capacity for love. You believe that a family can empower our children to do amazing things. That belief moved us to find more families for more children in 2016 than ever before.

In hundreds of homes all around our community, there are birthday candles blown out, Mother’s Day breakfasts, and siblings’ bike adventures made possible by you. How can we ever truly express our pride and gratitude? We hope that after viewing this brief snapshot of 2016 accomplishments, you will take a moment to celebrate the world we’re building together for foster and adoptive families.

With gratitude,

John Phillips
President, Board of Directors
In 2013, 1½ year old Trenton and newborn Henry were removed from their home due to severe physical abuse. That year they became two of the 17,154 children in foster care in the state of Missouri.

There was no one left to take the boys, and finding them a forever family seemed to be impossible. After two years in foster care, they were referred to Heather and Amanda, Extreme Recruiters for the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition.

KSDK aired the boys on ‘A Place to Call Home’ where their story and smiles were broadcast to thousands of people. The Extreme Recruiters created profiles for the boys on several online databases and scoured their family tree, hoping someone could see Trenton and Henry as part of their family. One day, seemingly out of nowhere, someone emailed the Recruiters. They wanted to meet Trenton and Henry.

“The minute we saw their picture we knew they were our boys.”

When they adopted Trenton and Henry, Ashley and her husband Ben knew it wouldn’t be easy. But they saw who the boys could become if they were part of their family, joining their two biological children, Madeleine and Zachariah.

“Henry works so hard to do everything with his sister and brothers. Trenton’s just so compassionate and complimentary now. Every dinner I make he says it’s ‘the best dinner ever, Mama.’ I could list all their accomplishments, but it’s so much more than that. It’s just who they are now that they have a home. All they needed was love and security.”

And what advice would they give future foster parents?

“If you’re nervous, start small, but get involved somehow because there are kids out there right now who need you. All kids really need is a family to change their lives.”

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition strives to create permanency in every foster child’s life by recruiting and supporting foster and adoptive families in the St. Louis metropolitan community.

Selena was adopted by her forever family in 2016

For every child . . . a place to call home

2016 Total Public Support & Revenue: $3,441,555

2016 Total Expenses: $3,105,226

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