A WOVEN TAPESTRY BEGINS WITH A VISION OF SOMETHING MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ITS PARTS. A weaver considers the threads and imagines something stronger and more vibrant when they are combined. So, too, is our vision at Children’s Home Society. We see how the many threads of children, family, and community come together to create a state, and even a world—in which we are all stronger and more vibrant.

2014 was another year of influence and expansion for CHS. We saw our tapestry grow to include more than 21,000 children and families in North Carolina. CHS helped over 150 children find their forever families through adoption, and 100 percent of families using our post-adoption services remained intact after six months. More than 4,300 young men participated in Wise Guys education, and another 457 youth found relatives and lifelong relationships through our Family Finding services. With education, prevention services, adoption, foster care, and professional training, CHS is creating a fabric of family to some of our most vulnerable citizens that will help propel our state to a promising future.

Despite all of our success, there is still so much more to be done. More than 10,000 children are in foster care in North Carolina. Hundreds more age out of foster care each year, with no permanent family to call their own. Each and every day, our staff, our board, and our volunteers work to change those trends. Each and every day, CHS stands for family.

Thank you for being part of our CHS family. Together, we create an amazing tapestry.

Sincerely,

Burns Jones
Chair, Board of Trustees
Brian K. Maness
President and CEO

FINANCIALS


For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Revenues

Private Contributions $1,470,130
United Way Support 416,318
Grants from Private Foundations 3,924,743
Events 280,873
Program Fees 459,171
Contact for Financial Assistance 4,230,924
Contract for Services 6,123,744
Investment Income (Loss) 45,761
Realized/Unrealized Gains on Investments (Net) 339,158
Other Income 64,727
Total Public Support, Revenue (Expense) 17,365,149

Expenses

Program Services
Family Finding Services 3,000,012
Family Foster Care Services 4,418,848
Adoption Services 3,006,651
Family Support Services 3,395,360
Education Services 2,702,499
Total Program Services 16,523,370

Supporting Services
Administration-General 314,032
Fundraising-General 1,053,812
Fundraising-Foundation 29,013
Total Supporting Services 1,356,857

Total Expenses 17,880,227
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets $(574,017)
Becka and Shane Keys with biological daughter, Julia, 11, and adoptive daughter and son, Aleah, 3, and Locke, 2.

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To meet the Keys family on video please visit www.chsnc-videos.org

**CHILDREN:** Claudia Morales

Claudia Morales participated in our Jóvenes Sabias teen pregnancy prevention program that addresses unique issues for adolescent Latina females.

“In the Hispanic culture, parents are shy to talk to children about sex, so many girls don’t get the information at home. I wouldn’t have known what I know now. It was very eye opening. I learned how to prevent pregnancy and how to take care of myself.”

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**COMMUNITIES:** Susan McDonald

Susan McDonald is the incoming Chair of the CHS Board of Trustees and an adoptive parent.

“I believe families are the backbone of strong communities. It’s Children’s Home Society’s commitment to family that has not only enriched my own life, but also draws me back, years after my own adoption experience, to a leadership role at CHS. We each have so much to give and, together, we can build a beautiful tapestry of family.”

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**THE PERCENTAGE OF JÓVENES SABIAS STUDENTS**

improving their attitudes about sex, including support for abstinence: 95%

**CHS FINALIZES SIX TIMES MORE ADOPTIONS**

than any other private agency in the state. X 6

**CHS serves children and families in all 100 COUNTIES**
in North Carolina.
**FAMILIES:** The Bakers

Courtney and Caleb Baker are loving foster parents to a 12-year-old girl and 17-year-old young man who they hope to adopt.

“We wanted a life of big adventure, and fostering with the intent to adopt our two older kids has not disappointed in the least! There are lows, but they make the highs completely worth it, because earning the trust and love of a child is pretty amazing. With the help of CHS, as well as our family and friends to support and sustain us, we can’t imagine a different life.”

**CHILDREN:** Joe Cooper

Joe Cooper is a 20-year-old college student majoring in Construction Management. Joe, who will age out of foster care at 21, has been coached for three years by our Youth Empowerment Center in life skills and independent living skills.

“Without CHS, I would be in a bad place. I wouldn’t be in college or have learned how to apply for student loans or to get an apartment. Having someone to talk with helps me now and helps me to avoid problems in the future.”

**COMMUNITIES:** Pam & Diamond Wilson

Foster mother Pam Wilson adopted 15-year-old Diamond through CHS’ s Child Specific Recruitment program.

“Before I met Diamond, I had a dream that I was eating dinner with a girl at my kitchen table. Several months later, I was at my kitchen table eating dinner with Diamond. Diamond was meant to be here. I saw her in my dream. CHS made my dream come true.”

**Child Specific Recruitment** utilizes a highly individualized process for placement of children who are older, have had lengthy stays in care, or have specialized needs.

**Youth who age out of foster care tend to face more struggles in early adulthood.**

- Inadequate Education
- Unemployment
- Substance Abuse
- Inadequate Housing
- Incarceration
- Physical and Mental Health Problems
- Low Income
- Early Parenthood
- Unemployment

187 children were served by Child Specific Recruitment.

An average of 300 children are in the care of CHS foster families nightly.
Mission
To promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

Vision
To be a leader in transforming families and communities so children can thrive.

Core Values
• Compassion
• Integrity
• Excellence
• Innovation