IN 2015

CHS changed the lives of 20,000 North Carolina children and families with:

- **LESS CONFLICT**
  - 75% of parents who completed the PARENTING UNDER TWO ROOFS class reported 6 months later that their child was exposed to less conflict.

- **MORE INVOLVEMENT**
  - 97% of men in the FATHERS MATTER program reported becoming more involved in their children’s lives.

- **LESS DISRUPTION**
  - 99% of children whose families participated in the INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION program remained at home.

- **MORE SKILLS**
  - 100% of parents who participated in a PARENT EDUCATION program reported learning new information and skills to help them parent.

- **LESS INSTABILITY**
  - 95% of our children in foster care had only ONE PLACEMENT.

- **MORE SUPPORT**
  - 90% of clients served with SUPPORTIVE POST ADOPTION SERVICES had improved family functioning.

**CHS SERVED BY REGION:**

- **Western:** 4,553
- **Central:** 10,916
- **Eastern:** 2,488
Last year, 20,000 children and families turned to Children’s Home Society for education, support, guidance, and care. It is an incredible number, and we are so grateful to have the opportunity to help children and families throughout North Carolina. But that number, and the many outcomes we share in this report, represent only half of our story. Despite all we do, each and every day, in cities and towns across the state, we are still only able to place 12% of children who are referred to us in need of families.

It is a sobering number and one we will not accept, especially since this report demonstrates so clearly that CHS excels in providing for families. As we look into our future, we see not only the need to grow our work, but also how that work impacts our families and communities. We see more children staying out of the foster care system through family preservation. We look to more children moving swiftly through foster care to adoption with fewer foster care placements. We envision more teens learning responsibility and more parents learning to be better parents through education. And we know that these aren’t just statements or numbers – these are people. People and families who, with the help of CHS, can change our communities and world for the better.

We are proud to write to you today on behalf of our dedicated Board of Trustees and outstanding staff who deliver these programs. Our impact can grow, but we will need everyone’s help to make it happen. Our public and private partners are vital to our success, and we appreciate your investments of time, talent, and treasure. As you review our financial statements, you will see a glimpse of that investment in our positive revenues. While this is a temporary moment in time, those assets have provided a strong base with which to approach our next phase of growth, including investments in our future through the Children’s Home Society Foundation. Together, we will ensure every child has the right to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

Sincerely,

Susan L. McDonald
Chair, Board of Trustees

Brian K. Maness
President and CEO

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**FINANCIALS**

Consolidated Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

**REVENUES**
- Governmental Contracts: $11,539,214
- Private Contributions: 4,039,304
- Grants from Private Foundations: 2,389,431
- Program Fees: 459,622
- United Way Support: 401,156
- Events: 239,317
- Investment Income (Loss): 87,953
- Other Income: 81,105
- Realized/Unrealized Gains on Investments (Net): (62,639)
- **Total Public Support, Revenue (Expense) and Releases**: 19,174,463

**EXPENSES**
- Program Services: $3,517,378
- Adoption Services: 2,369,620
- Education Services: 2,020,070
- Family Finding Services: 4,809,675
- Family Foster Care Services: 2,621,087
- **Total Program Services**: 15,337,830
- Supporting Services
  - Administration-Foundation: 24,346
  - Administration-General: 240,354
  - Fundraising-Foundation: 65,778
  - Fundraising-General: 1,180,745
- **Total Supporting Services**: 1,511,223
- **Total Expenses**: 16,849,053
Wendy and Patrick Cardenas adopted Adrian, 5, and Martin, 7, after providing them foster care.

I want to know my family more than I used to. I haven’t gotten to see them since I was a little kid. Maybe one day I can go back to my family for good. I just want to see them in person and get to know them and have a happy life.

Wendy and Patrick Cardenas

96% of foster-adoptive placements remained intact.

Families

Children

Timothy, 14, was reunited with his birth father and other extended family through our Family Finding program which reconnects children in foster care with their biological families when this can be safely done.

AFTER FAMILY FINDING SERVICES:

- 68% had at least one relative committing to a permanent relationship with the child.
- 71% had at least 5 people committed to an ongoing relationship with the child.

Family forever means:

HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK TO
There was nothing like the feeling for the boys when their adoption was finally complete. While we had a wonderful experience bringing the boys stability as foster parents, finalizing the adoption let them feel like ‘We finally have a home like everyone else.’

Middle schooler Devin, 14, completed our Wise Guys male responsibility and teen pregnancy prevention program.

83% of boys in Wise Guys reported increased communication with their parents about sexual decision-making. Wise Guys was taught to 5,400 adolescent males across North Carolina last year.

The program let me get stuff off my chest and let us talk about guy stuff with guys who understand us.
**FAMILIES**

Courtenay and Brad Fields with son Hatcher, 1, adopted through our Infant Networking program.

**CHILDREN**

Krislynn Gaither and daughter Kristanna, 1

Krislynn participated in our Good Beginnings for Teen Parents program which helps teen parents stay in school, teaches parenting and life skills, and prevents repeat births.

100% of pregnant teens in the Good Beginnings for Teen Parents Program delivered a full-term, healthy birthweight baby.

**FAMILY FOREVER MEANS:**

**READING TOGETHER BEFORE BEDTIME**

“Usually teen moms have a baby and then drop out. To be honest, I thought about dropping out, because it was hard. Now I am graduating in 2016!”

169 children were placed with their forever families through adoption.
We were so prepared to bring home our child. When you find out you have been chosen – that a birth mother has made this selfless decision – there is nothing like that feeling. There is that ribbon of support from CHS from the time we filled out the paperwork until we went to the hospital to meet Hatcher for the first time.

“Thanks to Children’s Home Society, we are the Shufords. CHS found the best family for David, and they continue to do so for hundreds of children each year. For decades, CHS has been committed to the role of families in strong communities, and we are proud to continue that legacy.”

Liz and David Shuford are advocates for CHS in their home city of Charlotte and across the state, with Liz serving on several committees and David on the CHS Board of Trustees.

“more adoptions are completed by CHS than any other private agency in the state.”

FAMILY FOREVER MEANS:

FINDING JOY IN EVERY MOMENT TOGETHER

ALWAYS FEELING AT HOME
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