



foster kinship

2016 ANNUAL REPORT





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alison Caliendo

Dear Friends and Supporters of Foster Kinship,

When I first arrived in Las Vegas seven years ago, I then began working with children in foster care. My first client was a six-year-old boy who was living with his grandparents. He was the charming, smart, tenacious, and FULL of energy. Living with his grandparents meant he could grow up in his neighborhood and stay connected to friends, family, and his sense of self. I couldn't imagine how much harder his young life would be if he was not able to stay with his grandparents, and I was so grateful these wonderful people stepped up for their grandson.

However, the issues of these grandparents were complex and overwhelming: older age and poor health impacted their parenting; pre-natal drug and alcohol exposure impacted the child's physical and mental health; and they were all coping with family dynamics of addiction and generational cycles of abuse and neglect. Compounding the issues, these caregivers struggled to obtain resources and support, and yet were doing their best with very little to provide a loving home for this little boy. I explained my concern to a colleague, adding that there was so little I felt could do for the child unless the grandparents were provided more resources and support. "You need to think bigger," he said. "You need to address this problem at the right level." That first little boy, and that conversation, pushed me found Foster Kinship, and this year, we will be celebrating **five years** of keeping home in the family!

It is a blessing to me to look back at all we have accomplished working to guarantee all children in kinship care have the opportunity for a vibrant future. **Growth** is the best way to describe our work this year: we have expanded our partnership with the Department of Family Services and have begun facilitating kinship licensing classes, assisting over **420 caregivers** to complete their required training! We provided kinship navigation services to **550 new families**. We also have expanded our team this year – starting with just three and ending the year with a **team of 11** and over **40 volunteers**! But most importantly, we have touched the lives of **1,655 children** in 2016, strengthening their families by **ensuring safer, more stable, and more nurturing care**.

Your gifts made it all possible. Thank you for helping keep home in the family for vulnerable children!

Alison Caliendo



2016 FOSTER KINSHIP PARTNERS

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of our partners to accomplish our mission. We would like to thank the following individuals, organizations, and foundation for supporting us as we work to ensure that every child in kinship care are in safe, stable, and nurturing homes.

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Foster Kinship strengthens kinship caregivers' capacity to provide **safe, permanent, and nurturing** homes for children.

Our first goal is to build a **foundation of safety** for children by meeting the immediate needs of the kinship family. To meet the immediate needs of the kinship family, Foster Kinship provides emergency resources of diapers, food, clothing, car seats, beds, and cribs to kinship family in need. Foster Kinship also connect kinship families to community resources to support the ongoing needs of the kinship family.

Our second goal is to provide the most **permanent home** for children by stabilizing the kinship family. In order to stabilize the kinship family, Foster Kinship provides expertise and resources to help kinship caregivers establish an appropriate legal relationship to the children in their care. This legal relationship establishes permanency and helps the family overcome legal barriers. To establish financial stability, Foster Kinship also assist families with application for financial support such as cash assistance, Medicaid, and food stamps.

Our final goal is to create a **nurturing home** environment by increasing the caregiver's capacity to meet the well-being needs of children. Foster Kinship creates a nurturing environment by increasing the number of formal and informal support systems for the kinship families. Kinship families are provided access to free support groups, education classes, therapeutic services, and holiday support.



In 2016, Kinship Navigator Program served 614 families– 550 families were new and 64 families returned for ongoing services. On average, caregivers utilized four Kinship Navigator Services to achieve the program goals. Family Advocates completed 1,038 phone consultations and 331 in-person appointments at our Kinship Resource Center. 420 caregivers completed our Kinship Caregiver licensing training, 254 families attended our information sessions, and we have begun our prevent child-sex abuse trainings.

70 children received easter baskets, 300 children were provided backpacks and school supplies, 178 families received Thanksgiving boxes, and 285 children received Christmas gifts from Foster Kinship in 2016.

Financial Statement

January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016

Revenues

Where the Money Comes From

Direct Public Grants-Foundation and Trust Grants	\$	32,500.00
Direct Public Grants- Nonprofit Organization Grants	\$	6,681.25
Direct Public Support- Corporate Contributions	\$	5,000.00
Direct Public Support- Business Contributions	\$	2,500.00
Direct Public Support- Individual Contributions	\$	30,307.63
Government Contracts- Agency	\$	73,236.21
Indirect Public Support	\$	104.02
Interest Income	\$	10.03

\$ 150,339.14

Expenses

Where the Money Goes

General and Management	\$	16,603.92
Fundraising	\$	602.44
Program Total	\$	107,341.09
Kinship Navigator Program	\$	34,336.10
Child Welfare Training Program	\$	73,236.21

\$ 124,547.45

Revenues over Expenses \$ 25,791.69

Net Assets January 1, 2016 \$ 64,903.33

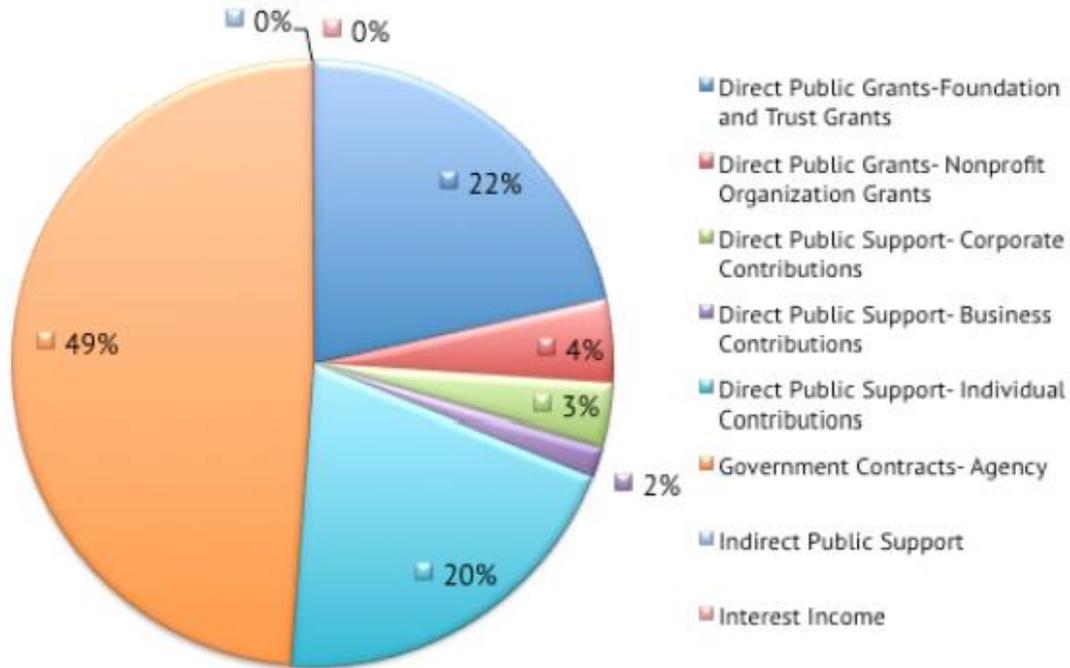
Net Assets December 31, 2016 \$ 90,695.02

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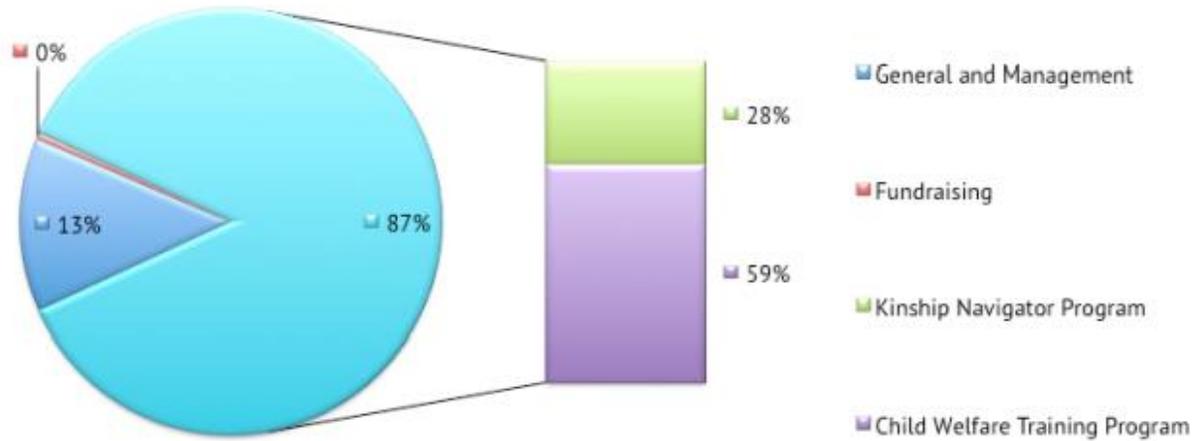
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Expenses

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