



Help One Child is dedicated to recruiting, training, and supporting those willing to provide a home or volunteer services for at-risk children.

Help One Child

Year End Report for the year ending June 30, 2014

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The success of

Safe Families for Children



is based upon three principles.



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Finances 13-14

Union Presbyterian Church donates the ministry's corporate offices and use of facilities for programs. Hundreds of volunteers provide many hours of administrative, program, and in-home support.

Income Comparison

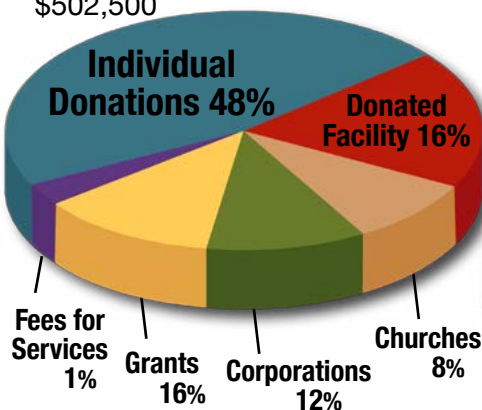
Income Fiscal Year 13-14 \$502,500

Budget 14-15 \$505,500

On April 27th, Help One Child held its 4th Annual Mission Increase Banquet to raise funds for further outreach. Generous donors sponsored tables hosted by ministry champions. Total gifts and matching grants generated proceeds of \$101,950.

Total Income

\$502,500



Total Expenditures

\$494,000



Recruiting

Participating Churches

The following churches have been directly involved in supporting the mission this fiscal year through in-service appeals, bulletin notices of ministry events and trainings, and/or financial support:

Campbell Community Christian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, St. Lucy's **Cupertino** Bethel Lutheran Church, Peninsula Bible Church **South East Palo Alto** Faith Missionary Baptist (SFFC), New Sweet Home, St. John Missionary Baptist (SFFC), St. Francis of Assisi **Foster City** Central Peninsula Church **Fremont** Harbor Light Church, House of Prayer-Convergence **Gilroy St. Mary Parish Half Moon Bay** Coastside Baptist Church **Los Altos** Foothills Congregational Church, Los Altos Lutheran Church, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, **Union Presbyterian Church** (SFFC) **Los Gatos** Venture Christian Church (SFFC) **Menlo Park Menlo Park Presbyterian Church** (SFFC), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints **Millbrae** Central Peninsula Church **Morgan Hill** Advent Lutheran Church, Morgan Hill Bible Church, West Hills Community Church **Mountain View** Open Door Church Mountain View (SFFC), The Highway Community (SFFC), Lord's Grace Church (SFFC) **Palo Alto** Peninsula Bible Church North, The Highway Community, Vineyard Christian Fellowship of the Peninsula **Redwood City** Peninsula Covenant Church (SFFC) **Roseville Valley Springs Presbyterian Church San Carlos** Church of the Epiphany **San Jose** Evergreen Valley Church, Neighborhood Bible Church, New Creation Lutheran Church, Queen of Apostles Parish, Rohi Christian Church, Santa Teresa Catholic Parish, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, The Journey, **WestGate Church San Mateo** Congregational Church of San Mateo, **First Presbyterian Church San Mateo** (SFFC), **Open Door Church San Mateo, Santa Clara** Calvary Baptist Church, Garden City Church, Hope Lutheran Church **Saratoga** Church of the Ascension, Saratoga Presbyterian Church **Sunnyvale** Crosswalk Community Church (SFFC), Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Trinity Church of Sunnyvale.

Help One Child Ambassador Churches provide funding, host special events or programs and are listed in red. Churches participating in the Safe Families for Children program are indicated by an "SFFC" after their name.

New Ambassador Church: The Highway Community

Thanks to the passion of dedicated volunteer, Jessica Potter, the ministry began a partnership in the recruitment, training and support of foster parents with this two-campus congregation. Jessica not only brought in industry leaders to educate the congregation on the need to open their homes to at-risk youth, but championed the launch of a monthly Parent Support Group.

Safe Families for Children



Last Spring the ministry announced its sponsorship

of this national movement where families who are temporarily facing challenging circumstances can voluntarily arrange for their child(ren) to stay with a screened, trained, and supervised Host Family whose church Ministry Lead recruits Family Friends to support them and the biological family. In October, 2013, Damali Tillman joined our staff as the Program Manager and Church Liaison. Her initial efforts have resulted in commitments from 13 Host Families (in varying stages of placement and training) and multiple Family Friends from the churches identified in the adjacent Participating Church list by the notation of "SFFC" after their name.



Damali Tillman
Program Mgr

Church Recruitment

Participating Churches	52
Individual Church Presentations	30
Mission Fairs / Special Events	29
Conferences / Conventions	4
Referring Agency Presentations	7

Individual Recruitment

Orientation Attendees	451
New, In-Process Foster Parents	13
New Families Receiving Services	371



Help One Child's Supper Clubs have grown to 9 teams, working together with teens in group homes preparing and sharing a meal, open conversation, menu planning, and kitchen/cooking skills. Volunteers also regularly cook for and

donate goods to teens at "The Hub", Santa Clara County's new facility dedicated to preparing foster teens for emancipation. We appreciate these partner churches whose volunteers are serving in our Supper Clubs: Evergreen Valley Church, MPPC Sanctuary, Open Door Church Mountain View, Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Creation Lutheran, Venture Christian Church, WestGate Church, and Harbor Light Church.

Training

Alcohol, Drugs and the Brain September 28, 2013

Forty-three parents and teens attended a seminar on the negative effects of drugs and alcohol on the brain. Dr. Klindt displayed actual brain scans demonstrating damage done by alcohol and drugs. **Led by William Klindt, M.D.**

Reset Day January 4, 2014 Twenty-five network families and the thirty-one children in their care attended a refresher course on skill-based parenting techniques. Teaching included “how to unlock the wisdom of the brain” and how to find joy and peace while parenting challenging children. **Led by Georgia Leonard, MSW**

Making Sense of the Independant Education Plan (IEP) February 15, 2014

Attendees learned how to approach the school and address their concerns, take the right steps to insure that an IEP will be provided if necessary, retain services, and support a child with behavioral issues. **Led by Lois Rapp, MA Ed, JD**



Victory Ranch Offered Quarterly Foster and at-risk youth attend an innovative educational program that unites kids with the magical therapy of horses and ponies.

VICTORY RANCH

Heart to Heart

Our Ambassador Church, Valley Springs Presbyterian Church, in Roseville extended the ministry’s reach with a regional seminar offered to caregivers and professionals:

TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) **Led by Professionals from Texas State University**



A Meal. A Message. A

Model. Aimed at children 6 to 12 years old who have experienced a disruption in

early childhood development. The curriculum, which includes a healthy dinner, creatively helps children develop critical communication skills. Volunteer-staffed at a ratio of 1:2 to maximize individual attention, an average of 20 children attended each of the 8 sessions.



A Junior League of Palo Alto - Mid Peninsula Community Project

Parent Child Connection

Professional trainers provide monthly parent support, teaching related psychological principles and practical methods for improving family dynamics and bonding. Structured childcare provided.

Locations: Los Altos, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, Los Gatos/San Jose, Roseville



A two-hour class on Sunday mornings for foster and adopted children from 5 to 11 years focuses on

enhancing relationships with others and God. Tammy Greer, MSW, JoAnne Morris, and Diana Mesa teach this class at Union Presbyterian Church with the help of volunteers, giving parents time to worship and rest.

Year-Round Resources

The ministry maintains a help line and matches volunteers and donated goods with families in need. A lending library of resource books, tapes, and DVDs on various parenting and other referrals is available.

Regular Trainings / Per Year

CPR/First Aid Classes	5
M-Power Life Skills	8
You, Me & God	39

Education and Support Events & Programs

Education Seminars/Trainings	4
Parent Child Connection Support Groups	5
Adult Beneficiaries	1554
Child Beneficiaries	4400
Volunteers in Assistance	2191

Help One Child is certified by the CA Board of Behavioral Sciences to grant Continuing Education Units.

Family to Family Care

Volunteer deployment opportunities are available following an orientation and background check.

Supporting

RISE ABOVE 2014

Since 2011, the ministry has been active in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties in the fight against human trafficking. As a member of San Mateo County's Blue Ribbon Judicial Subcommittee, the ministry helped bring the renowned survivor, author, advocate and trainer, Carissa Phelps, to create a unified victim response protocol with direct-line staff (police, social workers, mental health, etc.) from our region. The ministry also supports an annual event for the most vulnerable foster youth. This year, over 60 girls attended. Ministry volunteers donate and create "welcome home" toiletry kits, prom dresses, exercise mats, gift cards, and raffle prizes.



Dan and Barb Recine have been faithful servants for several years serving the ministry behind the scenes, lovingly preparing a simple but healthy dinner for the children and volunteers attending the M-Power Life Skills program. Their son, **Carl Recine**, often accompanies



them as chief cook and bottle washer; and their friend, **Maria Anderson**, as sous chef, likes to try her hand at new recipes. Together, they have been an incredible blessing!



Compassion Weekend – Menlo Park Presbyterian Church provided the necessary funds and recruited 70 volunteers to help Help One Child honor the bold efforts of Corbett Group Homes at their San Jose location and newly created R.I.S.E program dedicated to providing safe housing and healing to victims of human trafficking. Volunteers provided the goods and elbow grease to completely outfit kitchen, bedrooms and baths, install a gazebo and herb and vegetable garden (in the pouring rain!), and create an office and 4th bedroom from under-utilized space. This home became the first of its kind in Northern California, as it is exclusively dedicated to under-aged foster youth. **Parents' Night Out** – Ministry champions at these churches recruited and led volunteer teams that provided respite for parents and caregivers while their children enjoyed dinner, games and crafts: Santa Teresa Catholic Parish (October 26, 2013), Open Door Church Mountain View (May 17, 2014). **Backpack Drive** – Donated backpacks and school supplies helped to relieve the hardship for at-risk and foster families while contributing to greater confidence and success for their children at school. **Christmas Party** – 218 children and their families enjoyed dinner, crafts, games, a pageant, and a picture with Santa on December 21, 2013. **Giving Tree** - Donor generosity at churches and corporations enabled us to deliver 1,822 new Christmas gifts to foster and other at-risk children throughout our region. **Easter Eggstravaganza** – On April 19, 2014, families of 88 children created holiday crafts, enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, and heard the Resurrection Story as presented by student volunteers from Valley Christian High School. **5th Sunday** – Volunteers from Union Presbyterian Church rallied around at-risk families to assist with much-needed home improvement projects. **Mother's Day Brunch** – On May 10th, 38 foster and adoptive moms enjoyed a delicious brunch and each other's company while listening to former foster youth, Misty Justice, share her inspirational message. **Publications & Newsletters** – *For Foster/Adoptive Parents* - An e-letter offering donated goods and services. *Dividends* – An e-letter depicting the ministry at work. *Prayer Requests* – Weekly emails alert prayer warriors about network family prayer requests and praises.

In August 2013, thirty remarkable volunteers invested 2,300 service hours as residential counselors and even raised the funds for 33 at-risk youth to enjoy a week of swimming, boating, ropes course, zip line, and Bible club activities at Mount Hermon's Redwood Camp.



Signs of Hope Camp



Ministry Network

Foster, Adoptive, Kinship, Reunified and other At-Risk Families 1,445

All of the Events and Programs listed herein are staffed by dedicated volunteers, without whom this ministry would not be possible.

Volunteer Service Opportunities 4,170
Volunteer Hours 20,217

Collaborating Agencies / Partners 386
Friends of Help One Child 6,567