

Help  ne Child

Annual Report

July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018

*Every church and every person can
do something to help one child,
from prevention to emancipation.*

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All around your city, children are at risk of abuse or neglect. You can be part of the solution by opening your home, volunteering, donating, and engaging your church.

Letter From Our Founders

Dear Friends,

Thank you, donors, volunteers, and encouragers, for making this year a successful one. Throughout the past 25 years, God has blessed the ministry with committed friends like yourselves who have made a priority of “the least of these” as Matthew 25:40 states. Looking forward, our prayer is that the ministry can continue this unique focus of caring for the children in foster care, those at-risk of being in foster care, and their families in the years to come.

While the need for foster parents is undeniable, it is also undeniable that there is a long-lasting negative impact on children who are removed from their biological parents. The solution to this complex dilemma is found in the gospel and highlighted in the story of the Good Samaritan. Help One Child calls upon the Christian community in two ways --- by asking them to reach out with help to neighboring families that are at risk of losing their children in foster care, and by providing services to foster and adoptive parents who have opened their homes to children that the courts have had to remove.

This dual track of services has required us to increase our staff and to take advantage of technology offered by CarePortal, an efficient system that links family needs to churches in the family’s neighborhood. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring families who need to know the love of Christ onto the paths that Christians travel. With your continued support and prayer, we look forward to seeing many families and children leading happier, healthier and more productive lives.

Blessings to all of you this coming year,
Mark and JoAnne Morris
Founders



Matthew 25:40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

The Help One Child Team



Help One Child bridges vulnerable families and children impacted by adoption and foster care with the local church. Our support services include education, relational resources, and tangible resources. Any family caring for an at-risk child is welcome, whether certified foster or adoptive home, providing relative care, or a biological family struggling to care for their children.

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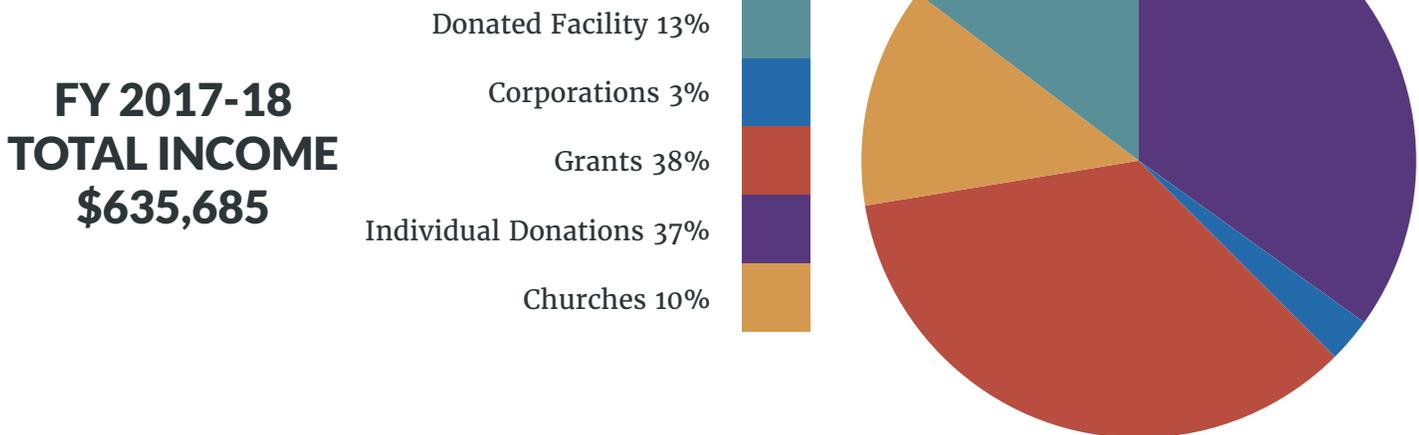
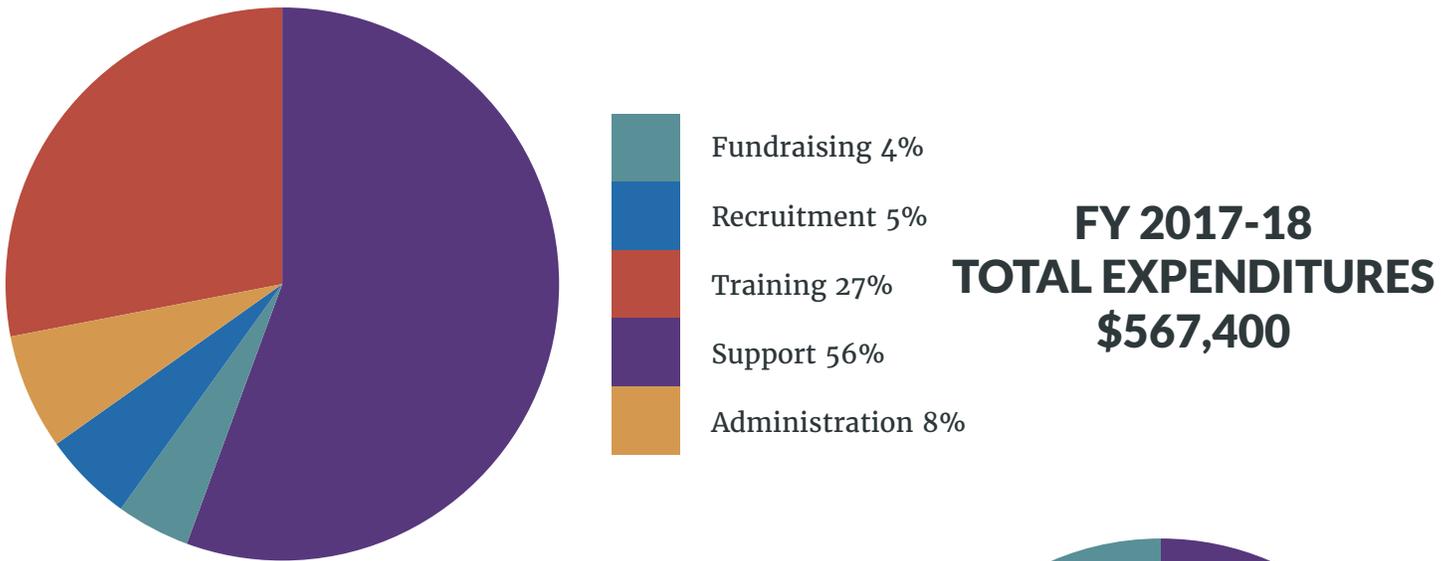
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Finances

In the fall of 2017, we launched our expansion campaign. Convinced that CarePortal would enable us to grow and expand, we began fundraising to shoulder the responsibility of implementing this software platform. We are humbled and pleased to say the campaign was successful. We were able to bring on the necessary staff, as well as develop the tools required to multiply our efforts!

Year	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Income	\$557,900	\$552,700	\$635,685	TBD
Budget	\$504,000	\$508,500	\$540,200	\$612,000



A Growing Church Support Network

With the launch of CarePortal, a network of churches began working together for children and families in need. Help us reach our goal of having 25 churches enrolled with CarePortal by June 2019!

Across regions and denominations, 56 churches across Northern California have been directly involved in supporting our mission this fiscal year through in-service appeals, bulletin or e-notices of ministry events and trainings, and/or financial support.

Peninsula

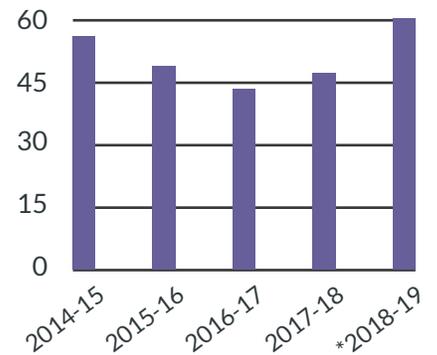
- Burlingame:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Foster City:** Central Peninsula Church
- Half Moon Bay:** Coastside Baptist Church, Mariners Church
- Los Altos:** Foothills Congregational Church, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Union Presbyterian Church
- Menlo Park:** Menlo Church
- Mountain View:** Menlo Church
- Palo Alto:** Grace Church of Silicon Valley, Peninsula Bible Church North, CrossRoads Community Church, University AME Zion Church
- Redwood City:** Peninsula Covenant Church, St. Matthias Catholic Church
- San Bruno:** New North Church
- San Carlos:** Church of the Epiphany, Trinity Presbyterian Church
- San Mateo:** Congregational Church of San Mateo, First Presbyterian Church San Mateo
- South San Francisco:** We Are Church
- Woodside:** Woodside Village Church

South Bay

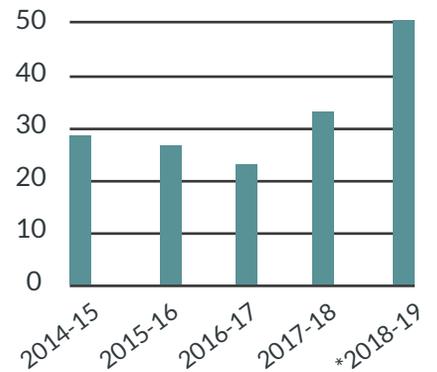
- Campbell:** Community Christian,

- Saint Lucy Catholic Parish, Grace Presbyterian Church South Bay
- Cupertino:** Bethel Lutheran Church, New Life Church, Peninsula Bible Church South
- Los Gatos:** Calvary Chapel, Faith Lutheran Church, Venture Christian Church
- Milpitas:** Christ Community Church
- Morgan Hill:** Community Christian, West Hills Community Church
- San Jose:** Church of the Chimes, Evergreen Valley Church, First Congregational Church of San Jose, Garden City Church, Gateway City Church, Neighborhood Bible Church, New Creation Lutheran Church, Queen of Apostles Parish, Santa Teresa Catholic Parish, The River Church Community, WestGate Church
- Santa Clara:** Calvary Baptist Church, Comstock Church, First Baptist Church
- Saratoga:** Church of the Ascension, Menlo Church, Saratoga Federated Church, WestGate Church
- Sunnyvale:** Crosswalk Community Church, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Trinity Church of Sunnyvale, WestGate Church

Partnering Churches



In-Service Appeals / Mission Tables



*2018-19 Goals



A Growing Church Support Network

Through Support Groups, churches open their doors to families that have opened their homes to adoptive and foster children. Every month, adoptive, foster, and kinship parents are welcomed at five different locations. We are excited to report that this ministry is growing with two new locations this year! Host Churches provide space for the group to meet, volunteers to help with childcare and dinner, and support through relationships.

Contact us to get your church involved!



Supporting our Families



“Trainings by **Help One Child** are always outstanding and relevant, radically changing our parenting approach. We are now trauma-informed and even more attachment focused!”

- **Cristin Winn Reyes**

Adoptive and Foster Care Parent Training

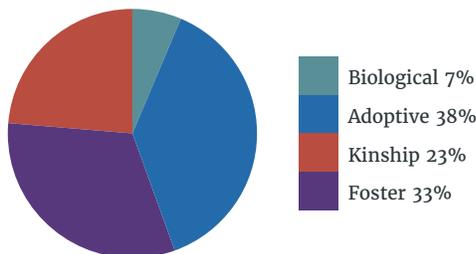
Our Parent Trainings are led by experienced therapists, social workers, and adoption and foster care professionals. They are aimed at helping adoptive, foster, and kinship families care for the children that are in their homes. Through their daily interactions, parents have the greatest opportunity to bring healing into the lives of children who have experienced trauma. This is why we focus our efforts on equipping them with the knowledge and tools to help them in their day-to-day lives with their children.

Supporting the Biological Family

One of the most significant contributors to families facing a crisis is social isolation. Many of the biological families referred to us are without a safety net or any form of community. Family Coaches support biological families by visiting with and listening to the parents, while observing family dynamics. During this process, the Family Coach can provide feedback, help parents set goals, and keep the children in the care of their parents. In the midst of this, a relationship is born and a community is formed. When volunteers reach out, families are impacted, children get better care, and parents are empowered.

Stabilizing the Home

One of the most important resources we can provide to families in need is our professional experience. Kinship, Adoptive, and Foster families are often referred to us when they don't know where else to turn. We are so grateful for Tammy Greer, LCSW, and Judy Holmes' decades of experience and ability to partner with these families to provide in-home assessments and training.



Education, Support Events & Programs, and Resources

Adoptive and Foster Parent Trainings	16
Special Events / Donation Drives	09
Donated Goods / Tangible Needs Met	3,293
Child Beneficiaries	4,365

Equipping our Volunteers



Support Group Childcare Training

All of our support group childcare volunteers are trained in trauma-informed practices and attachment issues. This not only gives parents a good place to bring their children during the support group time, but also builds an overarching awareness in the community of the issues that often accompany adoption and foster care. This awareness leads to a greater sense of compassion and understanding for the children we serve.



Children and Youth Ministry Training

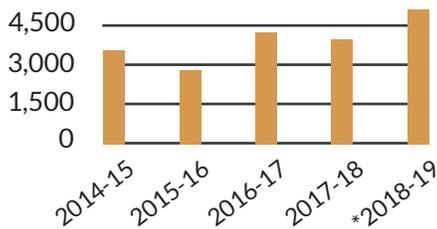
We offer the same trauma-informed and attachment training to local churches for their children’s ministry and youth ministry staff and volunteers. Church leaders are welcome to contact us if they are interested in having us come train their volunteers and staff.



CarePortal Training

Launching CarePortal greatly expands our efficiency. It multiplies our efforts by communicating real-time needs with trained volunteers. Each church enrolled with CarePortal offers training to their church members, equipping them to meet tangible needs throughout the community and to make connections with the children and families they encounter.

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer Network

Volunteer Service Opportunities	4,100
Volunteer Trainings	12
Total Volunteer Hours	14,421

Volunteer of the Year

Ann-Kathrin Kopp

It is our great pleasure to honor Ann-Kathrin as our volunteer of the year. We are so grateful for the 200+ hours she gave to Help One Child. One of the great blessings we have as a staff is to often witness unexpected moments of God’s sweet kindness and provision. We know Ann-Kathrin was just that. We had no idea how much we needed her until she was here. She is a gift from God.



“I really, really, really enjoyed the time with you in the office, and it was such a blessing and gift for me to get this opportunity to work with you.”

- Ann-Kathrin Kopp

Expressing God's Love

For 25 years, Help One Child has closely collaborated with different efforts from the Department of Family and Children's Services in both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. We have supported events aimed to increase awareness for recruitment of more foster homes, and also programs and activities designed to provide community, normalcy, and empowerment for youth impacted by the foster care system. The support we have contributed has been possible through our collaborations with local churches and community partners, as our volunteers step up to love and support youth in their community.

Signs of Hope Camp 2017

Signs of Hope camp provides an opportunity for 65 foster and adopted children to spend a week learning about God's love and grace along with other campers who have similar life stories. By providing a fun and safe environment, campers are able to make and strengthen their connections with other campers, counselors, and God.

Equipping counselors with training and an understanding of early childhood trauma's effect on brain development, allows the volunteers to approach the week of camp informed and prepared.



"God thank you for the good times we had. I loved it here. I know it's my last day here for me, but I just want to say thank you for everything, making new friends, go in activities and also swimming and the slide. God I want you to be in my heart forever."

- A child's letter from camp

A Home Cooked Meal and a Life Skill

Continuum of Care Reform has changed the structure of many group homes, but our Supper Club program keeps cookin'! The program sends volunteers all over the region into group homes on a monthly basis. These teams cook with the youth and build a rapport, encouraging them through many of life's challenges and celebrations.

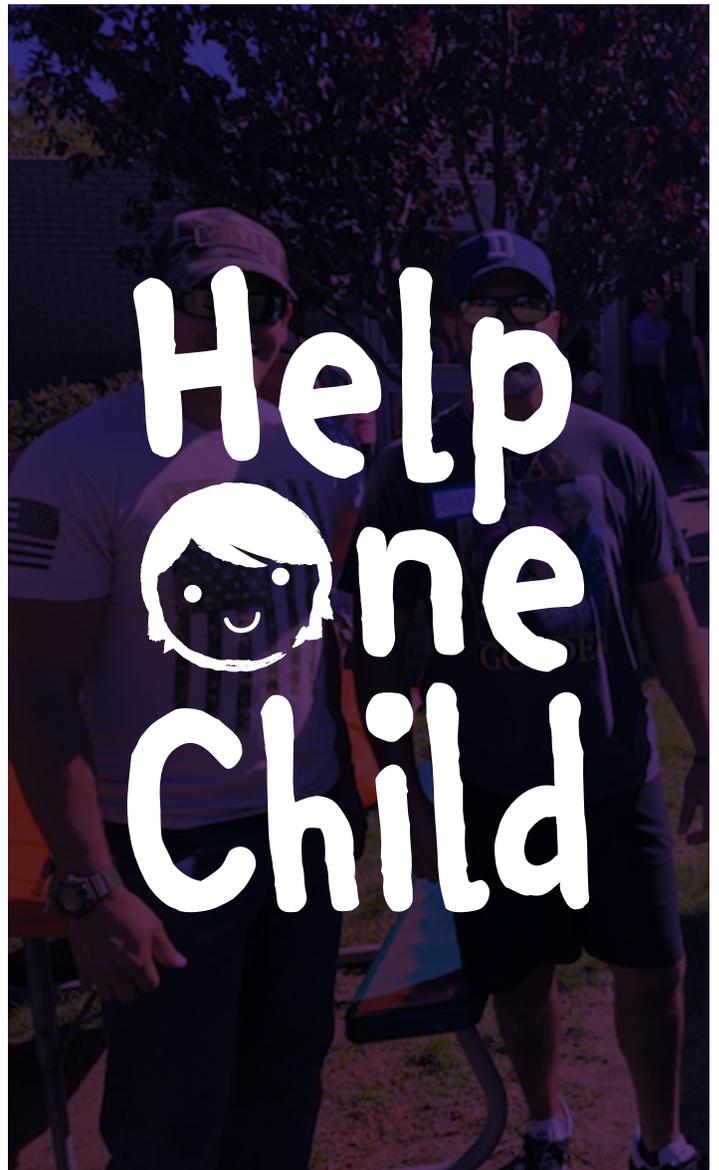
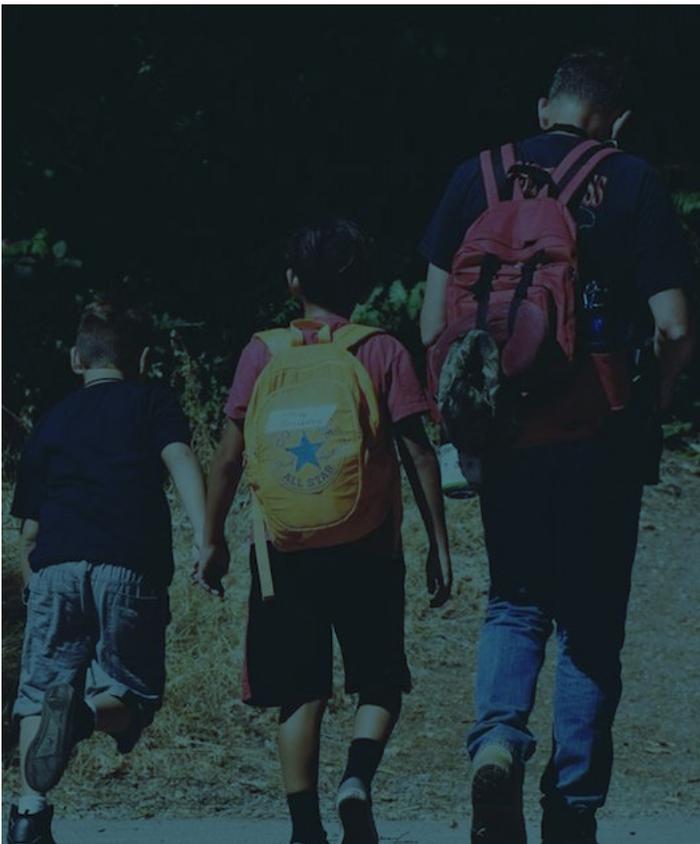
Supper Club Volunteer Hours 1,312

3,711
Service
Hours

75
Volunteers

65
Kids

1 Awesome
Week!



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