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A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS

What a year! Can you name another time in your life when you have experienced as many unknowns and such concern for the future? All foster and adopted children can name such an occasion: the removal from their home and mother. Now, children must adhere to Covid-19 restrictions and isolation from friends and school. Please pray for our children, and patience and energy on the part of their foster and adoptive parents.

Help One Child is on call every day, offering resources, advice and prayer. Now, more than ever, Help One Child parents are reaching out for ways to help manage working from home, homeschooling and family emotions. Help One Child is adapting to the times by turning our support groups into Zoom-hosted meetings and by providing monthly, online parent training classes. Summer camp has morphed into a "Camp in a Box" to be delivered to kids' homes.

Meanwhile, Help One Child's CarePortal program is emerging as a significant community asset as

many families of all kinds are trying to manage with less income. We have recently expanded CarePortal's presence into two additional Bay Area counties.

Will there be a surge in the need for foster families? Hospitals and schools are the biggest source of child abuse reporting, and as they begin to be open again, we expect an increase in the number of children entering the foster care system. There has never been a time in our counties when caring, trained and supported foster families have been more needed.

We are very thankful for you, all the generous donors and volunteers partnering with us to provide services to our families. Additionally, we are grateful for the churches that are joining CarePortal to help biological families stay together. May God bless you and those you care for during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Mark and JoAnne Morris



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OUR MISSION

We exist to address the unique needs of foster children by providing practical and emotional support to the families in which they are placed. By partnering with local churches and community agencies, our mission is to strengthen foster, adoptive and at-risk families by providing them access to education, community and tangible resources.

OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Help One Child is committed to our unique, holistic approach serving the full breadth of child welfare from prevention through emancipation or post-adoption. By offering support to the entire family, we strengthen and encourage long-term placement, stability and health.

WHY THERE'S A NEED

The lack of stable family care is a painful and invisible crisis affecting every single community in the United States. Child development research has found children need consistency, predictability and attachment to a caring adult to thrive. This is especially true for children in foster care, who have experienced trauma leading up to and including removal from their home and community. While services exist that assist at-risk children, there are far fewer resources for the parents and the whole families. Yet the devastating reality is that nearly 60,000 foster children in California currently suffer in the failing care system (Kidsdata, 2020). Of them, nearly 20% will experience ten or more placements, making consistency and strong familial bonds impossible.

Children are not the only casualties of the system--the lack of support, community, education and resources also hurts the ability of parents to care for their children. Often, the foster or adoptive families in which the children are placed are unprepared for these behaviors, which may reach the level of disruption such that the placement is unsuccessful. Currently, one in two families, whose foster placement failed, do not return for a subsequent placement. It is clear that relationship skills critical to success for the foster youth are best learned in a family setting.

STAFF & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With a presence in over five counties, our staff now stretches around the Bay Area. With two primary focuses in each county, we continue to support families, county and community collaborations alongside church partnerships.



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"We are pretty new to foster care and adoption, so we benefit immensely from listening to other people's experience in the support group. We share situations that arise in our household during that particular week and receive positive and constructive feedback from our "foster parent peers." They often provide us with the guidance to navigate trails or at least the ability to endure them.

I find the Parent Training and emailed resources very valuable, because we get a professional perspective on child development and behavior. Often resources are tailored to current events and how they impact children who have suffered trauma. This helps us to adjust our perspective to what is most important in that particular moment."

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OUR FAMILIES

1,037
2,854
13
13
10

CHILD BENEFICIARIES
ADULT BENEFICIARIES
SPECIAL EVENTS
PARENT TRAININGS
PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS



THERAPEUTIC PARENTING

"I now have a deeper understanding of the challenges facing foster children, as my husband and I have fostered and adopted siblings: a brother and sister (ages 7 and 5 when they came to us). During my training to become an adoptive parent, I read that it takes a child up to two years to catch up with their social and emotional growth after each unplanned move. Our children had moved eight times in two years, so you can imagine the trauma and loss they endured. Consistency, love and clear boundaries continue to be vital for our children. They have come a long way. Becoming a mother has given me a glimpse of how much grace and forgiveness Christ has shown my constantly during my life, and what love and acceptance really look like."

Donna MacKinnon



RESPIRE MATTERS

"The Signs of Hope Camp is truly a blessing for our family. The kids talk about it for weeks before and get so excited as the time gets closer. They look forward to seeing old friends and leaders. My husband and I also look forward very much to SOHC, because it provides a wonderful time for us too. Neither of us have family nearby who could look after 3 lively girls, so this is the only extended break we get each year. It is a fantastic feeling to have a week free to ourselves where we can relax and do our own thing knowing our kids are being well-looked after, learning, growing and also enjoying a terrific experience. When pick up time rolls around we feel rejuvenated and ready to go. We cannot thank Help One Child enough for providing this opportunity every year."

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OUR CHURCH PARTNERS

75 CHURCH PARTNERS AROUND THE BAY

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- 26 PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL DONATION DRIVES
- 21 HOST AN EVENT, TRAINING, OR PROGRAM
- 36 HOST MONTHLY PROGRAMS

We know how meaningful it is to serve together as a community and the greater the impact can be. Big shout out to Daniel from Christ Central who introduced us to his church and started a wave of interest from within his community.

Christ Central is a Presbyterian Church located in Daly City. One of our core values is Christian service which is why we are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with Help One Child. Hosting a Parents' Night Out was one of the highlight events for our church. Everyone who volunteered that day had only positive things to say. Help One Child also makes serving very easy to do. We got involved with Giving Tree and CarePortal and our experience with both was amazing. Their system and organization makes serving simple and fun. Special shoutout to Danielle Pickard who has been so helpful and gracious to us. Thank you Help One Child for all that you do!

Simon Yang
Executive Pastor for Christ Central

The impact that serving alongside my church family has caused my faith to stretch and grow. I was praying that the Lord would use my involvement in volunteering with Help One Child to would bring my church to want to learn more about the foster system or even explore the possibility of fostering themselves. My church has hosted events, met with foster and adoptive families, heard the stories from foster families, and bring attention to the needs of support in this community.

Daniel Ong
Christ Central Member

SERVING THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

As the local implementer, Help One Child coordinates with county child welfare workers to identify tangible needs, and communicate those to local churches. Churches members are able to meet real needs in real time.



180

CHILDREN SERVED

\$70,000

ECONOMIC IMPACT

650+

CHURCH RESPONDERS

104

REQUESTS MET

A WORD FROM A FAMILY SERVED

"When we became approved TLC Resource Parents, our decision was to open our home to one small child or a pair of young siblings. However, God had a different plan for us, as we accepted to take in a beautiful family of siblings ranging in age from five to teenager. I'm sure you can imagine that we were a little frightened and not prepared for five children to come into our home all at once. All we knew is that God would provide a way if we accepted, and He did. I had no idea how we would come up with the beds, bedding, toys, bikes, school supplies, groceries and so much more. CarePortal was incredible. They blessed these children with beds and bedding at a moments notice. We are extremely grateful for the loving hearts of these individuals who have partnered with us to make a difference in the lives of this beautiful family. As challenging as this journey can be at times, it's also an incredible season for us. We have been given this blessed opportunity to make a life-changing impact in the lives of these children."

Lynette and Dan

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

"It was a blessing to be able to help make this placement a success. We enjoyed being in partnership with other local churches to be able to supply needs that go beyond the initial request, e.g. extra bedding, bicycles, etc. that met real time needs".

Sonya Matias, Shiloh Church, Windsor

A SOCIAL WORKER'S PERSPECTIVE

"CarePortal is an immense source of support for our Resource Families and social workers. CarePortal makes it possible for the faith community to wrap around caregivers and fulfill the needs of our Sonoma County children and youth."

-Stephanie Montez, Sonoma County Supervisor

CHANGING A CHILD'S TRAJECTORY

Volunteers did it all from providing much needed respite to meeting tangible needs. When COVID struck, they didn't shy away. More volunteers signed up to provide virtual help with homework or leisure reading than the number of foster/adoptive families. Volunteers were waiting to be matched!

One volunteer, Danae Kay, worked with a student from a Spanish speaking household who had fallen very behind in class. The Shelter In Place greatly added to the problem. Coming along side of his teacher and parents, Danae volunteered more than 20 hours of tutoring and translating. Danae helped the student turn in all late work, homework and prepare for the final exam. "We finished his homework," she said. "What a huge accomplishment for "J!" There were three days for him to complete a missing test and his final exam. We are praying for him- praying that this experience has encouraged him and helped build his confidence. Thank you for connecting me with this family."



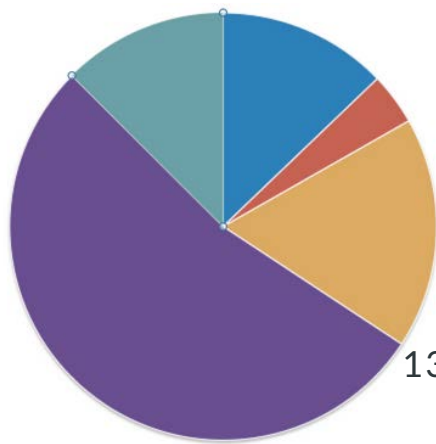
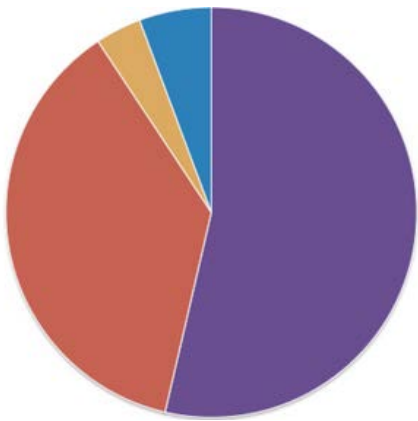
GROWING IMPACT

Help One Child continues to expand annual volunteerism by providing ways for the community to engage with vulnerable children and families.

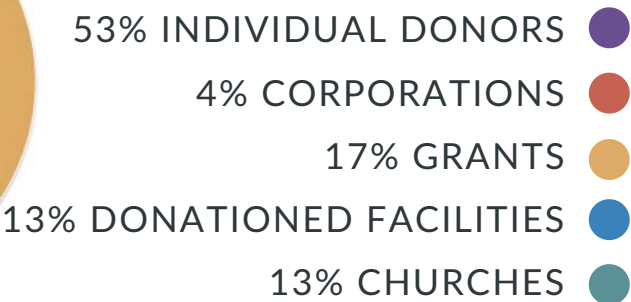


This past fiscal year's 15,500+ volunteer hours fulfilled the equivalent of seven full-time staff, saving over **\$420,000.**

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$446,805



FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
TOTAL INCOME \$573,164



FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with so many individuals who ensure our programming exists year after year. Join our family of families and make sure we are able to continue this important work. All gifts are appreciated.

YEAR	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
INCOME	\$635,685	\$504,000	\$573,00	TBD
BUDGET	\$540,200	\$612,000	\$665,000	\$637,000



JOIN

Connect with staff in your area and learn more about how you and your community can serve vulnerable children and families.

GIVE

Become a financial partner by investing in the ministry of Help One Child. Enable us to serve more families and children around the bay area.

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