

OUR STORY

Child Saving Institute 2013 Annual Report



Hi, my name is Peg and I'm a Foster Child Advocate...

I'm also a champion for adoption and therapy, a supporter of parenting education, and a warrior for youth in our shelter and kids aging out of the child welfare system.

I know you are, too.

With your help we are all working on behalf of children like Sophie—children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect, abuse, or abandonment. Her story is OUR story.

On the following pages you'll see the dollars-and-cents investment Child Saving Institute makes when providing our life-changing programs and services. But a balance sheet doesn't begin to tell the whole story—the gritty and emotional tales of families split apart, healthy families reunified, and forever families formed.

In our story, we will continue to do our best. We will sit up straight, roll up our sleeves and do what's best for kids in our community on a daily basis in order to earn your respect and, like Sophie, maybe, just maybe, earn a place in your heart.



Hi, my name is Sophie. I like the color green. I like playing with my brother and sisters. I like riding my bike. But you want to know the biggest thing about me?

I'm a foster kid.

When I was 7, the baby was hungry and Momma had been gone for a while, so I carried her to the corner store with me to get food.

My brother, Aldo, and other sister, Rhea, were home sleeping. I'm not sure what happened, but when we came back, a police car was at my house and some people came and took us away.

Rhea and me were together, but they took Aldo and the baby in another car.



The grownups had a big garbage bag and put some of our stuff in it, but it wasn't my favorite stuff.

It's kind of a blur, but they took us to a strange place with lots of toys. They gave us baths, and they let me help with the baby's bath because she was just screaming.



The Triage Center is a safe and child-friendly facility for temporary placement of children while specialists and law enforcement officials investigate allegations of child abuse or neglect. The placement in the Triage Center (generally 2-3 hours) allows time to determine whether the child can safely return home and, if not, identify relatives or other individuals with whom the children may be familiar to help prevent unnecessary placement in stranger care. In 2013, the Triage Center served 755 kids who had been removed from their homes.

They fed us and then some other people came and took Rhea and me to a white house with a lady named Miss Margie.

I told Miss Margie that we had to go find Aldo and the baby and get back home because Momma was going to be MAD if she came home and we were gone, but she just told me to hush and gave me a big hug.



She put us in the room with the blue flowers on the wall. Rhea fell right to sleep, but I couldn't. I was so scared and feeling so bad.

Who would take care of Momma now?

Who would take care of the baby?

The baby always slept on my mattress with me and I missed her so, so much...



We only stayed at Miss Margie's for a few days, and then we went to another house. And another, and another. Then, at the green house with the yellow trim, they took Rhea away and I was so sad I couldn't breathe.

Every week, a nice lady came to check on me. Her name was Miss Amanda. After Rhea left, Miss Amanda said she wanted me to meet a new friend to talk about how sad I was.

Twice a month Foster Care Specialists visit the licensed homes where foster children reside to inquire about the families' needs. In the course of the visit, the Specialists review court orders and hearing dates, go over the child's medical appointments and therapy progress, discuss behavior at school and/or home, and evaluate contact with biological family members. Part of each visit is spent talking directly with the children to assess their emotions and to see if they are feeling safe and well cared for. In 2013, the Foster Care team served 172 foster children, 96 foster parents, and an additional 17 kinship homes where children are placed in the care of extended family.





I went to see Miss Pam a few times, and she listened real hard to me and we drew pictures. It made me feel a little better.

CSI's Therapy Program offers mental health services with an emphasis on serving the most vulnerable: children and adolescents in out-of-home care, families experiencing abuse or neglect, clients with behavioral issues, and marital issues affecting a child. Providing therapy to children is different than providing traditional therapy to adults.

Children and adolescents are generally not able to be reflective in their thoughts and may not share their experiences using words, often expressing their thoughts and feelings through their behaviors. Therapists working with children require specialized training. CSI therapists are trained in a variety of best practices for children including: Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), Attachment, Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Art Therapy, and Play Therapy.

One day, Miss Amanda picked me up and we drove to a yellow house with a big front porch. And guess what? Rhea was there! We hugged and hugged and I laughed until juice came out my nose!



It turns out that Rhea had been living with a nice family, the Carters, since she left, and she had been just as sad as me. The Carters told Rhea that as soon as they moved into a bigger house, they would invite me to come for a visit and maybe live with them!

(Don't tell anybody, but I think if I'm really, really good and say please and thank you, and help set the table, maybe they'll let me stay. Maybe, if I'm not bad, they'll let me live in the big yellow house, too.)



My name is Sophie.
I'm a foster kid.

Financials

	2013		2012	
Operating Revenue				
Gifts	\$2,689,270	33.0%	\$2,600,482	31.5%
Government Contracts & Grants	3,200,067	39.3%	3,140,863	38.0%
Program Service Fees	1,550,769	19.0%	1,912,254	23.1%
United Way Support	326,166	4.0%	321,339	3.9%
Inkind Donations	226,865	2.8%	205,916	2.5%
Other Income	156,090	1.9%	87,570	1.1%
Total Revenue	\$8,149,226	100.0%	\$8,268,424	100.0%
Operating Expenses				
Program Services	\$7,359,540	89.6%	\$7,289,012	89.6%
Management & Fund Raising	857,754	10.4%	842,626	10.4%
Total Expenses	\$8,217,295	100.0%	\$8,131,638	100.0%
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(\$68,068)		\$136,786	

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Our vision is that all children have homes where hope is kindled and dreams can be achieved.
This is our work, and they are ALL our children.



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