The Heart of Community

Child Saving Institute (CSI) is lucky to have an incredibly strong, diverse community supporting the kids we serve. Thank you for being part of it! Our great community comprises individuals, families, businesses and corporations, foundations, churches and other organizations across the metropolitan Omaha area and beyond who share a common interest — helping kids who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect find hope and healing. Our community also includes the kids and families who benefit from CSI’s programs and services. What defines CSI’s community is a shared commitment to help those in the greater Omaha community who are among the most vulnerable populations — children.

Our community members show their commitment through direct and indirect participation — by joining our Board of Directors, Guild, or Aunty’s; by joining our staff; by supporting our work through corporate, foundation, organizational, and individual gifts — allowing us to provide the services and programs that our kids and their families need.

Inside, you will meet a few people who participate in CSI’s community. We are grateful to them, and to you, for choosing to be members of our community to help children.

Thank you,

Peg Harriott
President and CEO
Corporate Community

Many of Omaha’s corporations and businesses have leaders who promote and support corporate social responsibility — a commitment to balance profit-making activities with activities that benefit society.

If you look around our community, you’ll see businesses balance these commitments in a variety of ways including participating in recycling and employee volunteer projects, and providing financial support to worthy organizations that serve people in our community.

In 2016, Child Saving Institute (CSI) received generous donations from many corporate partners to help kids who have experienced a variety of traumas learn to reestablish healthy, trusting relationships and move forward. We look at this as an investment. It’s an investment to help these kids:

- Find success in school and life despite what has happened in their young lives.
- Break the intergenerational cycle of abuse and neglect and become responsible, employable, and productive members of society.
- Become good parents when they are grown with families of their own.

On behalf of CSI, I want to personally thank its corporate supporters for understanding the value and importance of the work we do.

Paul Olson, Board Chair
Arbor Bank
With a Little Help from ILS, River Takes Charge of Life

Eighteen-year-old River found herself six months pregnant, with no identification, no money and no place to live. River’s boyfriend had been arrested and charged with domestic violence. Her mother was in jail. Her father was not in the picture. She was alone.

River had been in foster care for most of her life, but her placements never worked out. River’s caseworker arranged for her to live independently, with living expenses paid for by a monthly stipend from the state. River never received the promised stipend, didn’t have her medicaid card and her baby was due in November.

She wasn’t getting the kind of support she felt she needed. She knew she needed to find additional resources and programming to help her.

River’s caseworker referred her to CSI’s Independent Living Skills (ILS) program where she met Britanny Rodriguez, an independent living specialist.

Brittany worked with River to secure her birth certificate and acquire a state identification card. They also filed the paperwork for Medicaid coverage, which was available because she was pregnant. Having coverage during pregnancy ensured that when River turned 19 in January, she would not lose coverage.

Brittany helped River obtain her high school diploma, which was being held because of money owed to the school she attended as a sophomore. They also completed paperwork to have the baby’s Medicaid coverage set up at birth.

“We really bonded,” Brittany said.
By the time daughter Scarlet arrived in November, River told Brittany that she felt better prepared to be a responsible parent. But, because of the domestic violence situation with Scarlet’s father, the state required River to follow a safety plan, including completing classes for victims of domestic violence. The father was also required to take diversion classes about domestic violence as part of his sentencing, but he failed to follow through and was arrested for non-compliance. River understood what that meant and ended the relationship.

Brittany worked with River for nine months. River and Scarlet moved to a city where they have extended family and live in their own apartment. Today, River holds a job at a senior nursing care center. Her place of employment is paying her to take classes to become a certified nurse assistant. She also bought a car with help from an uncle.

River continues to check in with Brittany to update her on Scarlet’s development, school, and life. Brittany is confident that River will succeed because of her determination and willingness to listen and learn. 💕

River & Scarlet
CSI’s KidSquad reaches out into the greater Omaha area through referrals from low-income childcares. In 2016, they received a call to help with 4-year-old Anthony who behaved aggressively with his peers.

KidSquad Consultant Glenda McKenna visited the childcare facility to observe Anthony in the classroom, identifying challenges with sharing, taking turns, and focusing during teacher lead activities and group circle time.

Glenda also noted that Anthony had limited language skills, so when another child got too close to the toys he was playing with, Anthony would hit the child. He would also hit the other children when he wanted to play with them. The other kids seemed afraid of him and wouldn’t invite him to play.

Glenda met with Anthony’s mother Danita and learned that Anthony had been neglected at his previous childcare. He had been placed in a high chair during most of the day and had little to no interaction with teachers or peers. Because of this neglect, he lacked age-appropriate social, emotional and developmental behaviors.

In the classroom, Glenda coached Anthony’s teachers to help him learn simple phrases to use with peers, guide problem-solving using visual cues, play games, and role play.

There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

— Nelson Mandela

Anthony Learns to Make Friends, Share & Take Turns
impulse control by taking turns and initiating play. Glenda encouraged the teachers to read emotional literacy books to Anthony and provide in-the-moment labeling of both Anthony and his peers’ emotions. Glenda and the teachers increased praise to peers who were patient with Anthony and to Anthony when he took turns, problem solved, and shared.

Glenda also supported Danita at home. Danita, a single parent of three children, worked full time. Glenda taught Danita skills similar to those she shared with Anthony’s teachers to use in the classroom.

After only three months of KidSquad services, Anthony’s behavior had drastically improved — and he found a best friend! He began playing cooperatively with peers, checking to see if they are OK, and taking turns. Glenda continued to support Anthony and his teachers with strategies and skill-building for regulation of attention and emotions during teacher led activities, ensuring that Anthony will be school ready when he starts kindergarten.
This is our work,

George and Sue Haddix
Sue Haddix worries about the kids in our community. She worries about poor kids, sick kids, and hungry kids. But those she worries about the most are the kids in foster care.

“There is no greater need than a kid who has lost the one thing in the world that every kid should have — parents,” she said. “That should be the one guaranteed thing for all kids — parents who help them navigate through life, support them, and love them unconditionally.”

Sue began doing “cradle care” for babies in the foster system over 25 years ago when she was an at-home mom raising three kids. She also provided respite care for children in foster care whose foster parents needed a break.

In the mid 1990s, CSI called her to ask if she would provide cradle care for a child served by CSI. She agreed and never looked back. She also sat on the Nebraska Foster Care Review Board (NFCRB) at the time and through that experience, found that CSI’s foster care program best meets the needs of foster children.

“I joined CSI’s Guild Board and served nine years!” Sue said. The Guild Board hosts fund raisers to benefit CSI’s kids each year.

Serving on the NFCRB also introduced her to a creative way to find adoptive families for state wards and kids in the foster system — the Heart Gallery. Sue helped create the original

“A man of a right spirit is not a man of narrow and private views; but is greatly interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs, and particularly of the city or village in which he resides, and for the true welfare of the society of which he is a member” ~ Jonathan Edwards
Nebraska Heart Gallery, a traveling exhibit with photos and profiles of foster children available for adoption. She transported and set-up the traveling exhibit all around Omaha and Lincoln.

Sue served four three-year terms on the Guild Board and then joined the agency’s Board of Directors in 2015. Her second term on the Board of Directors expires in December 2020.

“This is my passion,” Sue said. “Knowing there are still kids in foster care without families keeps me involved. To walk away from that? I just can’t do it.”

Sue and her husband George support CSI’s kids through service and financial support.

“We believe CSI serves kids in the best way possible,” she said. “And you can never really do enough for kids who suffer at the hands of their own families.”

Janet Kratina, Teddi Kennedy, Sue Haddix, and Mary Ochsner participate in the CSI Guild’s 2016 Golf Fore Kids at The Players Club at Deer Creek.
Hollingsworth Family Loves Helping CSI’s Kids

Volunteering to support Child Saving Institute (CSI) is a family affair for Robert and Addie Hollingsworth and their two daughters Ava, 13, and Raylie, 9. They love helping CSI’s kids.

“With a background in education, I have seen the huge need for the kinds of services CSI provides,” Addie said. “So I am very supportive of CSI because it’s all about kids.”

The Hollingsworths were introduced to CSI by Judy Kay, former chief operating officer. Robert joined the agency’s board in 2010 and Addie joined the Guild Board the following year. She served as Guild president in 2016.

Ava and Raylie helped to coordinate Kids4Kids, an independent fundraiser to benefit CSI’s kids that is planned, coordinated and executed by children of Guild Board members.

“Robert and I both grew up with hard-working, middle class families,” Addie said, “so we know how blessed we are to have the life we enjoy. We think it’s important that our kids understand how lucky they are to have a loving, supportive extended family and financial stability, and that they need to give back to the greater community to help those who aren’t as lucky. Giving back is a critical part of being a member of a community.”

“Our community could not exist for a day without its volunteers. welfare, youth education, care of the sick and elderly...
Ava and Raylie Hollingsworth sell raffle tickets at Cabaret.

The Hollingsworths feel that their service to CSI is especially important because CSI is a small, independent, and local non-profit and because what they do benefits kids right here in the greater Omaha area.

“IT’s important as a community to help our kids. They are our future ... literally. The sooner we can help at-risk kids, the better,” Addie said.

Addie shares her knowledge about CSI's programs and services for kids whenever she gets a chance.

“People might recognize the name, but they have no idea the depth and breadth of services CSI offers,” she said. “I love explaining that CSI does so much more than what they think.”
and they are ALL our children.
Guild Supports CSI’s Kids

In 2016, the members of the Child Saving Institute (CSI) Guild donated $103,000 to help ensure that CSI’s kids like 11-year-old Coby received the programs and services they needed.

Coby had a history of having the police called on him and his mother Elva said he was an angry kid. He had punched Elva when she was driving, and he nearly got kicked out of the summer childcare he attended. Thankfully, the childcare contacted CSI for KidSquad services. KidSquad made another referral, this time to CSI’s In-Home Services Program.

A CSI In-Home Specialist worked with both Coby and Elva. The specialist helped mother and son build their communication skills, establish reasonable expectations, and make better choices in their actions and reactions to each other. By the time they were discharged, Coby and Elva had begun to have fun together rather than battling daily. More importantly, his behavior had improved and he hadn’t had the police called on him in more than two months.
CSI’s Guild community cares about kids like Coby and all kids in the greater Omaha area who have experienced trauma and may need therapy, foster care or other services.

“Our members care deeply and passionately about kids,” said Tiffany Wade, 2016 vice president who moved into the leadership role in 2017. “We work hard to make sure that kids who are referred to CSI receive the services they need, regardless of the family’s ability to pay. Most of our members are parents themselves, and we want every child to have the best chance at having a healthy, successful life. ”

In 2016, the Guild comprised 125 members — 50 of whom served on the Guild Board, 41 lifetime members, and 34 general Guild members. The Guild Board actively planned, coordinated, and executed four fundraisers to support the agency’s mission: Responding to the Cry of a Child.

The fundraisers — Dough in the Toe in February, Golf Fore Kids in June, PurseOnalities in October and Substitute Santa in December — enjoyed broad participation from the Omaha community and beyond.

The Guild also hosted the annual Touch-a-Truck friend raiser, a popular event for Omaha area families with younger children. Members volunteered several times during the year to make healthy, home-cooked meals for kids staying in the Emergency Shelter.

Mary O’Connell, Karen Burmood, and Amy Epp chair PurseOnalities at the Hilton in downtown Omaha.
Sara had endured many challenges in her young life. She had lived most of her 17 years either in a foster home or as a state ward available for adoption.

It’s a hard place to be for a young teen. But Child Saving Institute (CSI) works to bring together children from the foster care system who need a family and the community of parents who want to expand their families and provide a loving, safe home. CSI operates NebraskaHeartGallery.com, where children who are available for adoption can tell prospective families about themselves and the kind of family they dream of having.

Dennis and Melani Taylor of Omaha knew they wanted to adopt a teenager through the foster care system. They went through CSI’s foster parent training and education program, which is required to be able to adopt a child from the agency. The Taylors were then contacted by an adoption specialist with CSI who was familiar with Sara’s case. The adoption specialist met with the Taylors and showed them Sara’s Heart Gallery video. She also told the Taylors about an upcoming event that matched potential parents with children who were available for adoption. At the event, they connected immediately and began meetings to get to know each other better. Within weeks they had started the process to make Sara a permanent addition to their family.

“The Child Saving Institute not only gave us the tools and training necessary to be successful foster parents, it also introduced us to our second daughter Sara,” Dennis said. “Sara has been the perfect addition to complete our family.”

Sara Joins Taylor Family on National Adoption Day

Sara, Melani, Dennis, and Maya Taylor celebrate their family on National Adoption Day in November 2016.
First Christian Church
Claims CSI as ‘Our Own’

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Omaha claimed Child Saving Institute (CSI) as part of “our own” community from the beginning. We were there sharing the mission, caring for vulnerable children and their families. CSI was “our own,” when our members on the board guided CSI as the agency floundered at the departure of the founder in the 1910s.

Through the years, our women rocked CSI babies in the nurseries, provided “white gifts” at Christmas, and made offerings to support CSI’s work. In our 1957-58 directory, Minister Eulis Hill wrote, “This year we shall ... study the program and needs of our own Child Saving Institute....”

First Christian Church members have served on CSI’s Board, as foster parents, cradle care parents, adoptive parents, adoptees, staff members, and Legacy Society members. Today, Senior Minister Josh Sawyer serves on the board.

We are happy to remain faith community partners with “our own” CSI and the important work we do together on behalf of all our kids.

by Rev. Dr. Becky Zahller McNeil — Associate Minister for Mission First! First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); CSI Legacy Giving Director 2011-2015; CSI Board 2006 -2011; and CSI adoptee
### Financials

#### Operating Revenue

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**Total Revenue**

$11,711,605 100.0%  $8,176,640.80 100.0%

#### Operating Expenses

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**Total Expenses**

$8,926,467 100.0%  $8,344,834 100.0%

**Excess of Revenue over Expenses**

$2,785,138  ($168,194)

The above figures do not include any Fund 2, Restricted Funds, activity. *During 2016, the agency received a very large estate gift. As a result, gift revenue was unusually high for the year.*

### Clients Served

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Total clients served 2,849

### Client Income Levels

- Under $25,000
- $25,000-$49,999
- $50,000 & over

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“Our surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community.”

~ Andrew Carnegie
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This is our work, and they are ALL our children.