

# A Letter from the CEO



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President & CEO

Dear Friends,

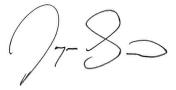
Life is full of unexpected experiences—challenges, celebrations, loss and laughter. For 130 years, Child Saving Institute (CSI) has been providing hope and healing to local children and families through all life experiences—good and bad.

We are proud to continue to provide high quality programs and services to children and families when they need them most. Whether it is a time of great happiness or one of heart-filled sorrow, at CSI, we believe all children deserve to live safe, happy childhoods.

As the needs of the community change, so do our services. Within the last few years, we have nearly doubled our Mental Health Services program, which continues to grow even to this day. With more children, teens and families seeking therapy and medication management services, CSI is adapting and expanding to meet this growing need.

Additionally, we recently launched our Family Empowerment Program which provides support and healing to survivors of domestic violence. The research behind processing and healing from domestic violence shows connectedness is key. CSI's Family Empowerment Program provides connection and support not only to the parent/caregiver but also children in the household that were exposed to abuse and/or witnessed violence. This is just one way CSI has adapted to the evolving needs of the community.

As we continue on this journey, we will remain diligent at evaluating the needs, assessing our resources and working as hard as we can to help as many children and families as possible. We could not do this without the support of our generous donors. Thank you for supporting us throughout the years and for many more to come.



# A Year in Review



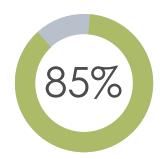
2,537

Omaha-metro children and families received lifechanging services from Child Saving Institute (CSI)

87%

of families receiving services reported income levels below the poverty line





of kids and teens saw improvement in their mental health since beginning therapy services at CSI

91%

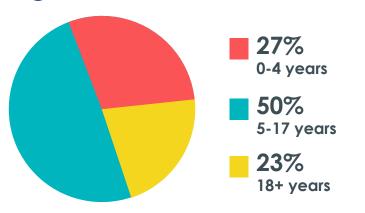
of children under the age of five served by CSI received developmental screenings/assessments which are critical for ensuring children are developing the behavioral and social emotional skills that will support their resilience and functioning throughout their lives

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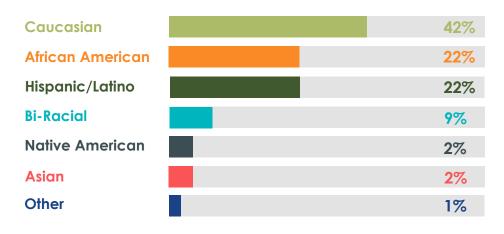
programs provided in five service areas: Child Welfare, Early Childhood Education, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health and Prevention

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## Age of Children & Youth Served



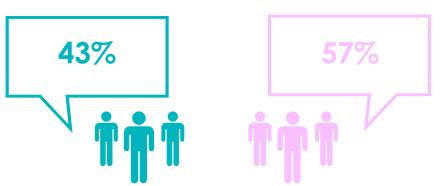
## Race & Ethnicity



### Household Income



### Gender





## Family Empowerment Program Brings Hope

Ten-year-old Teddy was referred to Child Saving Institute's (CSI) Family Empowerment Program along with his siblings and mother as the family had experienced violence within their home. Shy and reserved, Teddy distanced himself from the other children and refrained from engaging in activities with his peers.

Within the Family Empowerment Program, parents and caregivers who are survivors of domestic violence come together once a week to attend classes in order to process and heal from past trauma. During the same time, their children attend classes where they engage in fun, interactive activities proven to address, process and heal trauma. Together, families grow and develop skills to find stability and new hope.

Teddy was one of 32 children who participated in the 10-week Family Empowerment Program in 2021. Like many, he was apprehensive and reluctant about being there.

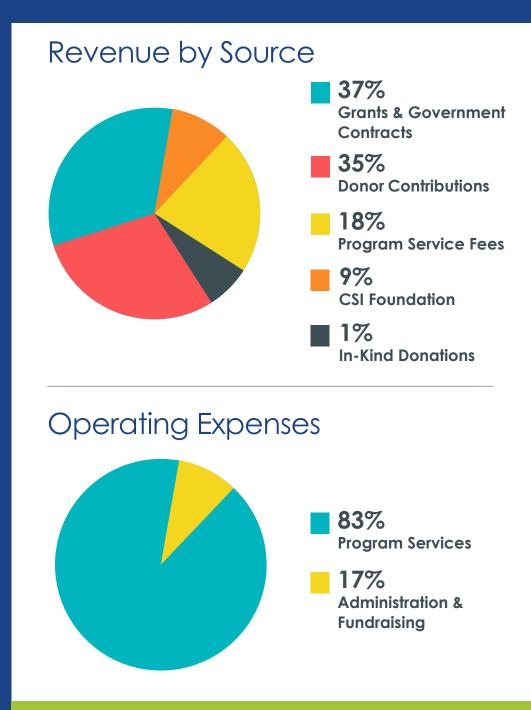
Week after week, CSI staff got to know Teddy, slowly and at his own pace. They worked with him one-on-one to review the materials and complete activities individually. After time, Teddy began to engage with his peers and integrate himself into the group setting.

During the last group session, Teddy was fully immersed in the program. He went from avoiding all interaction with the other children to creating "secret" handshakes and nicknames. He even shared with the group leader that he enjoyed coming to class every week and learning new things despite being scared at the beginning.

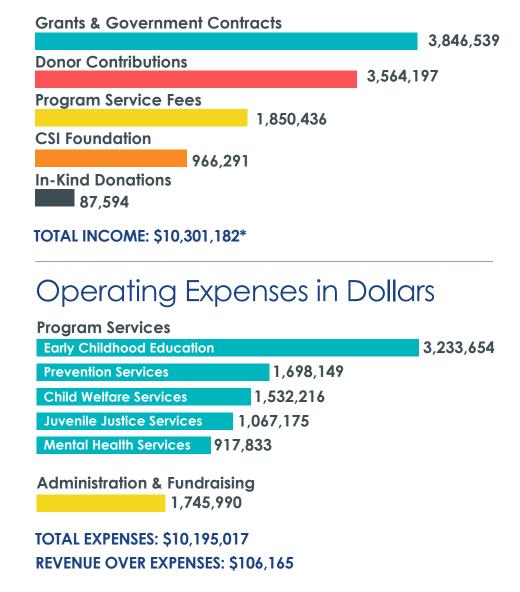
Teddy couldn't wait to receive his certificate of completion—asking when he would get HIS certificate several times as they were being handed out. The beam in his eyes and grin from ear to ear showed Teddy's excitement as he proudly held his certificate in his hands.

Teddy came full circle, showing that change is possible and healing can be achieved through compassion, support and connection. ◀

# 2021 Financials



### Revenue in Dollars



\*Not pictured is other income with a negative amount of \$13,875. The above figures only include unrestricted operating activity.

## 2021 Programs & Services

#### **Child Welfare Services**

Permanency Services, Foster & Kinship Care, In-Home Services, Independent Living Skills (ILS), Triage Center

#### **Early Childhood Education**

Early Childhood Education Center, Spellman Child Development Center

#### **Juvenile Justice Services**

**Emergency Shelter, Missing Youth Services** 

#### **Mental Health Services**

Pediatric & Adolescent Therapy, Medication Management Services

#### **Prevention Services**

Family Empowerment Program, KidSquad, Pediatric Social Work (PEDS), School & Family Enrichment (SAFE), Teen & Young Parent Program (TYPP)



### Our Mission

Responding to the cry of a child.

### Our Vision

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

### **Our Values**

Do what's best for kids.

Never give up on a kid.

We can always do more for kids.

Kids deserve strong, healthy families.

