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Hope for the future...

Dear Friends,

I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you to our community partners, incredible volunteers, committed donors, our staff, and most importantly, our children and families.

As I approach my one-year tenure with Child Saving Institute (CSI), I am in awe each day of the commitment, dedication, and grit of everyone around me. We could not do this work without the guidance, advocacy, and financial support we receive. The last several years have been challenging, yet, extremely rewarding for the children and families we

serve, our employees, stakeholders, and community at-large.

Here at CSI, we are proud to continue providing stability, support, and hope—despite the challenges and uncertainty we all face. In this issue, you will read about how a longtime supporter has brought a unique gift to CSI; a story of adoption changing a life forever; how the CSI AUNTYS are supporting youth going back to school this fall; and also how gracious supporters, like yourself, are changing the lives of thousands of local children and families.

We are sincerely humbled by the support that our faithful donors have provided us throughout the years. It truly is an honor to walk alongside each of you. I personally look forward to building the future with your continued support.



Jaymes Sime
President & CEO

Art Heals: The Journey

Watie White Shares Art with Children as Way to Heal

We all experience hardships in our lives. Unfortunately, for many children and youth working with Child Saving Institute (CSI), these hardships are more than most can comprehend. Neglect. Abuse. Trauma.

Families turn to CSI for many reasons; however, the underlying goal of all CSI services is to provide safety, stability, and hope.

CSI's Family Empowerment Program is geared to providing hope and healing to survivors of domestic violence and their children. This collaborative program works hand-in-hand with the Women's Center for Advancement (WCA), Omaha's leading domestic violence shelter for women and children. The Family Empowerment Program is designed to assist survivors—parents or caregivers and their children—in addressing, processing, and healing from past traumatic experiences.

Healing for children looks very differently than for adults. Often, children who've experienced trauma have difficult times expressing their emotions through words.

The Family Empowerment Program and the WCA partnered with local artist, Watie White, to bring a unique, therapeutic way of healing to children at CSI.

Over the summer, Mr. White worked directly with children and youth involved in CSI's Family Empowerment Program. Consistently meeting with youth and providing a new outlet for healing, Mr. White was able to help

children use art as a way to express emotions as they process the trauma caused by domestic violence within their homes.

"The partnership allows youth to share their story—their journey—in a way that is healing," says Jana Habrock, CSI Director of Prevention Services.

Mr. White shared his skills through his teachings, mentorship, and his own pieces of art.

Today, roughly 50 pieces of artwork line the walls at CSI's main campus—a combination of Mr. White's detailed sketches depicting these children's journey of restoring hope—portraits of staff members, children, and other elements of CSI.

Included are children's artwork that they elected to share on display at CSI, providing a way to share their story—and heal from the hardships that once were.

"This opportunity allowed for kids to share their voices through their artwork," said Mr. White. "With their art displayed, they proudly own a part of the space. That is powerful."



MARIAH MYERS

Adoption Makes Gift of a Lifetime to Mariah and Her Brother

Names. They all define us. But for some, names are much more than a word on their driver's license. They represent a place of origin—where one came from and where one is headed.

November 9, 2002 marks the beginning of Mariah's story. It was the greatest day of her life. On this day, Mariah was nine years old when she received the greatest gift any child could ask for—a family; permanently hers with the last name "Myers" attached to it.

For the very first time in her life, Mariah could walk in the door and shout, "Hi mom! Hi dad!" From a young age, Mariah longed for a place to call home and for people to love her unconditionally. In 2002, Mariah and her biological brother, Matthew, received four sisters, two brothers, a mom, a dad, and a place to call home forever.

"My parents joke and say that they got stuck with my siblings but that they chose me and my brother Matthew," says Mariah. "We are so lucky to have been adopted into such an amazing family."

Mariah's parents, Michael and Janel, brought Mariah and Matthew into their family with open arms with the support of Child Saving Institute (CSI). Mariah says, "As an adopted child, I can say that you will never truly understand the gift that you are giving when you foster and adopt a child."

Mariah is truly thankful for the opportunity to have a forever family and says that being "lucky is an understatement."

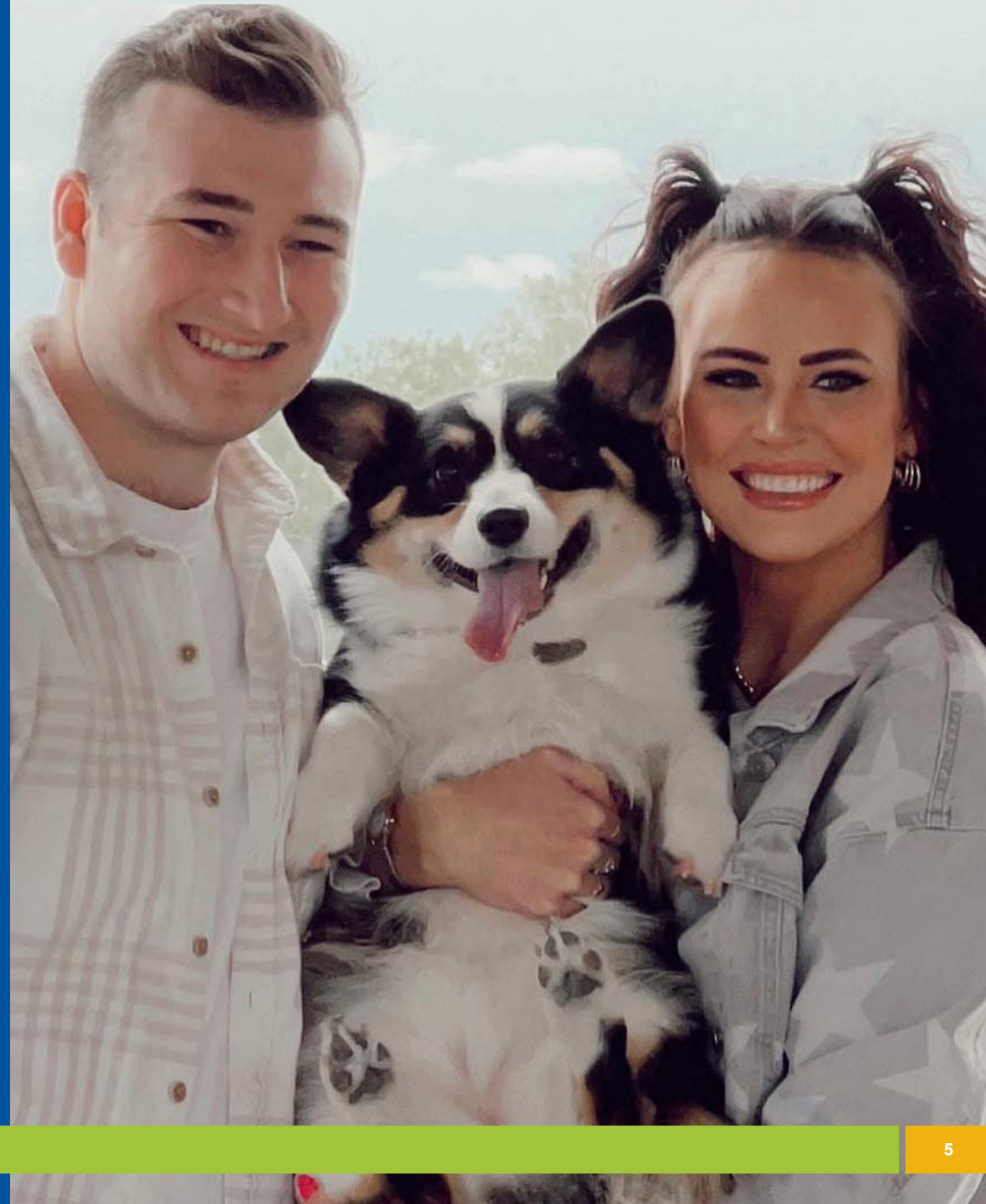
Mariah also shared about her real-life superheroes. "Evell is the adoption and permanency specialist who has worked at CSI for over 30 years. She worked with my parents when I was a child there in the foster care system. She is someone I aspire to be like."

Not only has Mariah been able to stay connected with her caregivers at CSI, she recently made a visit to see where her story began. Her detailed memories while inside CSI's walls brought to light her connectedness to the organization, even years later. "Twenty years have gone by, but I still remember the smell of the wooden playground in the back, and I'll never forget the sound of the tricycles going around the track." These impactful memories remind Mariah how the past has shaped her today.

Like other children who have been adopted, Mariah is grateful for her family opening their hearts and home to her and her brother, making them feel welcomed, supported, and loved. Since the first day they met, Mariah felt as if she was destined to be a part of the family. This family. Her family.

Myers. To some it may be a word, to others a name; but to Mariah, it's her future.

*You are loved, you are needed,
and you are appreciated.*





AUNTYS

Women philanthropists for kids

This Fall, the Child Saving Institute (CSI) AUNTYS provided \$500 Visa gift cards to three young adults in CSI's Independent Living Skills (ILS) program. These gift cards provided young adults with items needed to fill their college dorm rooms.

Not only did the gift cards help them purchase necessities, but helped to set them up for success for the future.

CSI's AUNTYS is comprised of philanthropic women who provide further funding for unbudgeted "extras" and special purchases such as this. These special moments create lasting impacts on the mental and physical health of young adults striving to succeed in our community.

You are invited to **join this giving circle** and participate in giving back to local young adults. For more information, please visit childsaving.org or contact Cali Page at cpage@childsaving.org.



Where are they now?



At a young age, Chelsea found herself facing motherhood. She felt unprepared, scared, and felt that she lacked the confidence needed to be the best mother possible. With the help of several programs at Child Saving Institute (CSI), Chelsea and her daughter, Bristol, found the support they needed to live a fulfilling and successful life. Where are they now, you ask?

Today, they are happy, healthy, and thriving! Chelsea has found success working as a research assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) where she has done various research, including going to Utah to study Chief Walkara, a leader for Utah Indians in the 1800s. Simultaneously, she was awarded the Gilman International Scholarship that financially supported her three-week study abroad class in Ireland over the summer of 2022. While Chelsea was in Ireland studying Peace Negotiations, she was invited to the Department of State Protection of Democracy and Human Rights summit in Philadelphia this November.

Chelsea and Bristol have found themselves staying busy by going to the library every week together—and Bristol enjoys going to the Children's Museum where she could play in the ball room all day! They also attend a monthly squirrel feeding club on UNL's campus where Bristol loves to play with the animals. They have started celebrating Fall by painting pumpkins (Bristol lovingly modeled for her mom's photography using the painted pumpkins as their backdrop!) Bristol recently transitioned from the toddler room at CSI's Early Childhood Education Center to her new preschool classroom—and is doing fantastic!

We thank Chelsea and Bristol for trusting CSI to help them succeed during some of the hardest times in their lives. We commend her for taking the steps needed to be a wonderful mother to her beautiful daughter. By sharing her story, Chelsea is helping others that are facing similar situations and challenges. For this, we thank her.



New Look, Same Great Care

The Spellman Child Development Center Enhanced for Kids, Families, and Staff

Providing high-quality childcare for Omaha families has been a core focus of Child Saving Institute (CSI) for many years. In fact, CSI opened its first childcare center in Omaha in 1971 and has remained dedicated to the changing needs of local families when it comes to early childhood education.

Today, CSI's Early Childhood Education program oversees two childcare centers in Omaha—one located at 45th and Dodge on the main CSI campus. Additionally, CSI manages the Spellman Child Development Center located on the campus of the College of Saint Mary.

For more than a decade, CSI has provided early childhood education services to families of college students and the general public at the Spellman Child Development Center—continuously adjusting to the needs of the children it serves. Recently, the Spellman Child Development Center underwent major, and exciting, renovations that were funded by the College of Saint Mary.

Over the summer months, upgrades were made including new flooring, paint, a newly

renovated commercial kitchen, a newly added staff lounge, mother's room, and much more.

"The intent of the renovations is to make the day-to-date experience more enjoyable for the kids, parents, and teachers" said Kathy Hubbard, CSI's Director of Early Childhood Education.

"Safety is always top of mind," she added. The center features cameras, access badge entry for parents and staff, and added exit points for classrooms.

The entire center received modifications to enhance the everyday functionality of the space. CSI is excited for the students, parents, and employees to see and enjoy the new space.

Currently, the Spellman Child Development Center is enrolling toddlers and preschoolers. To learn more about the Spellman Child Development Center or CSI's Early Childhood Education program in general, visit childsaving.org.

Leave a Legacy for Kids

Written by Cali Page, Child Saving Institute (CSI) Planned Giving Coordinator

About the Legacy Society

The Child Saving Institute (CSI) Legacy Society, formed in 2012, recognizes donors who are helping ensure healthy, happy childhoods for Omaha's children for generations to come. These leaders have made a gift to CSI in their estate plans. Members are those who have filed a letter of intent for a planned/estate gift with the CSI Planned Giving office or have otherwise notified us in writing of their legacy gift and who have given us permission to honor them through society membership. (The letter of intent is revocable and modifiable at any time).

Membership has its benefits for the kids CSI serves and you—now and in the future.

Plan for the future

Your support and legacy gifts allow CSI to continue the good work that you have entrusted us to do for many years to come. Will you consider including a gift to Child Saving Institute in your will or trust? It's a simple gift to arrange, and *it costs you nothing during your lifetime*. Best of all, it makes a lasting statement about who you are and what you care about. All planned gifts are incredibly meaningful and help us build an endowment that gives CSI financial security well into the future.

More and more friends of CSI are choosing to leave a lasting legacy by making a gift through their will or estate. Some of the largest gifts we've received—the kind that really make a difference for future generations—come from planned gifts. No planned gift is too big or too small. All gifts are welcome and make a difference.

How you can help

We're happy to announce that we have launched a new planned giving webpage to make it simple for you to consider a legacy gift to CSI. Please visit it at childsaving.plannedgiving.org.

You will learn about simple gifts that help you:

- Give life insurance you no longer need
- Make a gift from your will or trust
- Donate appreciated stock (and save on taxes!)
- Make a gift that protects your assets

Your support is of great value to CSI because it enables us to continue our efforts of "Responding to the cry of a child." We want it to be rewarding for you, as well. That's why we made it easy to learn about the financial

tools you can use to wisely plan your gift to CSI so that it can return benefits to you.

Join the Legacy Society

We are eager to welcome you into the CSI Legacy Society and to express our appreciation on behalf of the children and youth for whom you are making better childhoods possible! Visit childsaving.org to learn more today.

If you don't have a will, what are you waiting for?

Without a valid will in place, you leave it up to the courts to decide how to distribute your assets. But you've worked hard to achieve what you have, and you deserve the right to say what happens to it.

A will gives you the control you deserve. Writing a will isn't difficult and it's well worth the time. It's a great opportunity to leave a legacy gift to organizations you care about, like CSI.

Don't be shy

Please let us know if you decide to make a bequest to CSI. We realize many donors wish to remain anonymous, and if this is your wish, we will absolutely guard your privacy. However, knowing about your plans really helps us plan better for the future.

It also enables us to thank you in the way you deserve. It's especially important to contact us in advance if: you'd like to make a bequest of something other than cash or appreciated marketable securities; or, you wish to designate your bequest to a specific purpose.

Get in touch

If you believe in our mission and want to help carry it forward into the future, please contact us. We would be pleased to work with you and your advisor to determine the gift that best suits your situation and interests.

Visit childsaving.org or contact Cali Page at cpage@childsaving.org or 402.504.3661 to learn more.

This publication is intended to provide general gift planning information. Our organization is not qualified to provide specific legal, tax or investment advice, and this publication should not be looked to or relied upon as a source for such advice. Consult with your own legal and financial advisors before making any gift.



Cali Page, Planned Giving Coordinator

If you decide to leave a legacy gift to CSI, please tell us about it. We will respect your privacy, but knowing about your gift helps us plan for the future and it lets us thank you in the way you deserve.

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Thank YOU

Choosing the children of CSI for your planned gift is one of the most powerful things you can do to make life better for vulnerable children.

Our children and families need YOUR help and we thank you for being able to continue assisting them during difficult times. Thank you, again, for all you do for CSI's kids and families.

Legacy Society Members

Rev. N. Dwain (dec'd) & Virginia Acker
Donnette Janda Borcharding & Tom Borcharding
Shirley (dec'd) & Don Brewer
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We're hiring!

Are you or someone you know looking to change the lives within our community?

We are seeking caring, qualified individuals to join our exceptional staff.

If you are passionate about helping all children have safe and happy childhoods, please explore our current openings at childsaving.org.

We'd love to have you join our team!

Change a Life. Become a Foster Parent.

All children, including teens, need loving, nurturing role models—especially those who come into foster care.

With **acceptance** and understanding, you can help change a child's life by offering a **loving**, committed environment to live and grow—a home with people who care—and the freedom to dream of a happier future... as all kids deserve.

For many local teens, a stable, loving family isn't guaranteed. Teens and sibling sets have a much harder time finding foster homes than younger kids or those without siblings. **Do you have what it takes to foster a teen? It may be easier than you think!**

Visit childsaving.org for more information on how you can **support** local teens and siblings currently in foster care.



Every Gift Helps. Here's How:

\$25

will buy **personal hygiene products** for a child arriving at the Triage Center

\$256

provides **a day of care** for a youth temporarily living in the Emergency Shelter

\$55

will buy **a month's unlimited bus pass** so a teen parent can take their baby to doctor appointments

\$500

funds **eight sessions of parenting workshops** for a struggling parent

\$100

can help a struggling mom **keep her utilities on** and her children in her home

\$1,250

provides **ten mental health therapy sessions** for an uninsured client

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.



Monthly giving helps Child Saving Institute (CSI) to plan ahead for families and children involved in its programs. These regular gifts allow us to rely on the security of our steady donors that graciously give to support CSI families.

To set up monthly donations, visit childsaving.org/help/donate.



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Upcoming Events

Don't miss a moment of the fun and philanthropic opportunities we have planned for you in the coming months! Visit our website at childsaving.org for more information about these events and ways to get involved.

PurseOnalities | November 3, 2022

PURSEONALITIES

Hilton Downtown Omaha
1001 Cass Street | Omaha, NE | 11:00 a.m.

Save the date for one of Omaha's favorite events, PurseOnalities! We look forward to seeing you on November 3 at the Hilton Downtown Omaha during this year's event. All funds raised support children and families receiving life-changing services from Child Saving Institute (CSI). Purchase your tickets today at childsaving.org.



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Giving Tuesday | November 29, 2022

Virtual at childsaving.org/giving-tuesday

Mark your calendar! Child Saving Institute (CSI) is excited to take part in this year's Giving Tuesday hosted by SHARE Omaha. Please join us on Tuesday, November 29 and be a part of hearts and hands giving to hundreds of local nonprofits across the metro—including CSI. We'd like to thank our matching Giving Tuesday sponsor, CharterWest Bank for their continued support! Visit us online to learn more.

Substitute Santa | December 7-9, 2022



Child Saving Institute
4545 Dodge St. | Omaha, NE | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please help Child Saving Institute (CSI) provide a joyful holiday season for hundreds of children and teens in the Omaha community. Donations to the Substitute Santa program serve foster children, youth living in the Emergency Shelter and struggling families. Please visit childsaving.org to learn more.

Your Support Changes Lives

To further support children and families working with Child Saving Institute (CSI), please consider making a donation online at childsaving.org/help/donate. You may also contact Lori Bechtold, Chief Development Officer, at lbechtold@childsaving.org or 402.504.3660 to discuss other ways to help. Stay connected with us on social media.