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HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



To my **Child Saving Institute (CSI)** friends, Your commitment to championing youth and families has been instrumental in enabling **CSI** to make a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families in need of our support.

I want to emphasize the significance of mental health services, especially during the back-to-school period. This time of transition can be overwhelming for families. As we adapt to new routines and challenges, it's crucial to prioritize the well-being of ourselves and families.

CSI remains committed to providing accessible and reliable mental health services to support families through this critical time. Remember, reaching out for help is a sign of strength, and we encourage you to check in with your loved ones to ensure a healthier and happier environment.



On the topic of support, the impact of a caring and stable home environment on a child's life cannot be overstated. Through your collective efforts, we are making a real difference in the lives of the youth who need stable, loving homes. Together, we can build a brighter future.

I am delighted to announce that our capital campaign is progressing exceptionally well. The generosity of our community has been overwhelming. These funds will enable CSI to expand our programs and services, benefiting even more individuals and families in need. Your continued support in our Campaign for Hope is essential. We are grateful for any contributions you can make to help us reach the finish line.

As we move forward, let us remember the strength of our community lies in its unity and compassion. Together, we can create a world where everyone has access to the support they need to thrive.

Thank you for being a part of **CSI** and for making our vision a reality. I am immensely proud to be part of such a caring and committed community.

Warmest regards,

Jaymes Sime
President & CEO

THE MIND OF A YOUNG SCHOLAR

The back-to-school rush is all too familiar... Shopping for supplies, catching up with friends, and bracing yourselves for those early morning alarms. As you gear up for another successful school year, don't forget the importance of your family's well-being.

Amidst this roller coaster of a season, it can be easy to overlook the big emotions that your children might be feeling. Imagine those first day jitters. Multiple that by 100. That's what some children may be experiencing!

So, how do you help? **Encouragement and positive words can work wonders.** Encourage your young scholars to share their thoughts and feelings with you. Creating and cultivating an open road for conversation with them is key. Schoolwork is essential, but so are play breaks. Engaging in creative play is a double agent, building cognitive skills and relieving stress. These "mini-vacations" for them throughout the day can help improve their focus, and lower their anxiety.

A well-rested mind can be your child and family's shield to disruption and stress.

The infamous "snooze" button is a common button during this time of the year, but staying motivated with a healthy and balanced diet can help!

Remember, it takes a village. Rally the support troops – teachers, friends, family, and mental health practitioners. Let's create an environment where asking for help isn't a sign of weakness but a mark of courage. Child Saving Institute (CSI) is here to help when you need it the most.



CSI's Mental Health Services team of licensed therapists specialize in child and family therapy – providing the support, skills, and knowledge necessary to improve family relationships and mental health.



STAFF HIGHLIGHT.



Early Childhood Education is an essential part of a child's development. To learn more about what CSI's Early Childhood Education program can offer your family, visit childsaving.org today.

PRESIDENT & CEO RECEIVES TOYA AWARD

We are thrilled to share that **Child Saving Institute (CSI)** President and CEO, **Jaymes Sime**, has been honored with the 2023 JCI USA **Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA)**.

This honor serves as a testament to Jaymes' unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions to the broader Omaha community. His endeavors, spanning from his past accomplishments as executive director at MICA House to his present role as a visionary leader spearheading CSI's current Capital Campaign, have earned him this well-deserved recognition.

The JCI USA TOYA Award stands as a symbol of recognition for individuals who exemplify outstanding leadership, innovation and positive impact in their respective fields. The selection committee was deeply inspired by Jaymes' journey and his commitment to driving meaningful change in our communities. He joins others, far and wide, in receiving this award recognition including notable past recipients like Drew Brees, Elvis Presley and Theodore Roosevelt.

Jaymes humbly acknowledges that this significant impact is made possible only through the dedication of his co-workers and the generosity of the Omaha community. "It's a collective effort enabled by the dedication of those surrounding me—both within the professional realm and throughout our community. For this, I thank the greater-Omaha community," Jaymes said.

For more information about the JCI USA TOYA Award, visit www.jciusa.org/toya.

To date, the **Child Saving Institute (CSI) AUNTYs** have raised over **\$18,000** for CSI! They have purchased new furniture for the **Triage Center**, graduation gifts to high school graduates that are members of the **Independent Living Skills Program**, and provided a "summer fun" fund for the youth in the Emergency Shelter.

CSI's **AUNTYs Giving Circle** 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.



AUNTYs

Women philanthropists for kids



CHANGE A LIFE. BECOME A FOSTER PARENT.



Where would YOU be?
Where would you be without that person in your life who listened to you?
Someone who gave you that advice when you needed it the most?

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.

Phase I of the **Campaign for Hope** is nearing completion. Phase I consisted of a new parking lot and renovation of the **Early Childhood Education Nature Playground**. Thank you to the generosity of our Campaign for Hope donors, Child Saving Institute (CSI) has raised **\$40,625,812** towards the **\$46 million** campaign goal. To learn more about the campaign, please visit childsaving.org/campaignforhope.

CAMPAIGN FOR HOPE 2023



View of new parking lot, CSI's main building, and renovated ECE Playground.



Renovated ECE Playground and curb parking along Douglas Street.



New parking lot located west of CSI's main building.

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support and dedication from the community. Our mission of nurturing and protecting the youth of today, and tomorrow, can continue on with your generosity. Your tireless efforts have been detrimental in shaping a brighter future for countless children and families near and dear to Omaha who have relied on us for support.

Whether through your financial contributions or the gift of your time, you have played a part in creating a better future for children and families in our ongoing success.

As we continue on with our ambitious **Campaign for Hope** to expand our facilities, we want you to know that your continued support and encouragement remains invaluable.

Your belief in our mission fuels our determination to create an expanded environment for those that we serve. Together, we can ensure every family and child receives the love, care, dignity, and opportunities that they deserve.



Thank you for being a driving force behind our mission, and we look forward to continuing this care for families well into the future.

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a movement that inspires millions of people to give and celebrate generosity.

It's simple: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for those we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need it most, every act counts.

Thank you to **Child Saving Institute's (CSI) Giving Tuesday 2023 Matching Sponsor, CharterWest Bank!** Your support and dedication to children and families in the Omaha community does not go unnoticed. We are grateful for your support and look forward to helping many of those in our community!

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. Visit us online to learn more at childsaving.org/giving-tuesday.



National Adopton Day

was **first held in 2000**, including national partners of Children's Action Network, The Alliance for Children's Rights, Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and Freddie Mac Foundation.

In 2002, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute and Casey Family Services joined. These sponsors co-operate with states and foster care agencies across America to provide forever families to as many children as they can!

Since the first National Adoption Day more than 20 years ago, **more than 54,000 children** were moved from foster care into their forever family.

Currently, there are **more than 100,000** children in foster care across the United States. Approximately **6,200** of those children live in Nebraska.

To learn more about how you bring a child into your loving, safe home, please call **402.553.6000** or visit nebraskaheartgallery.org.

MAXIMIZE GIFTS. MINIMIZE TAXES.

As the year draws to a close and the holiday season approaches, many individuals are not only focused on family gatherings and festive celebrations but also on giving back to their community and making a positive impact. One powerful and often underutilized way to support charitable causes like **Child Saving Institute (CSI)** is through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through your IRA. This unique method of year-end giving allows individuals to combine their retirement planning with their philanthropic aspirations, creating a win-win situation for both donors and the organizations they support.

Recent changes to tax laws, called the **SECURE Act 2.0**, raised the age for required distributions from retirement plans from 72 to 73.

Earlier changes also eliminated the “stretch IRA” by requiring non-spousal beneficiaries who are at least 10 years younger than the plan holder to fully deplete those retirement accounts within 10 years. That means beneficiaries could face tax liability much sooner than anticipated.

Here are two ways you can use those laws to help **CSI** advance our future while also eliminating or reducing your tax liability. One option even allows you to earn income on your gift.

♥ THE QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION Make a gift that has a positive impact on our mission and your taxes

If you'd like to help **CSI** and avoid tax liability on required minimum distributions from qualified* retirement accounts, a QCD might be the answer.

If you are at least 70 ½, you may transfer up to \$100,000 each year directly to **CSI**. The gift must be distributed directly from the plan administrator to our nonprofit in order to qualify and avoid being taxed. Because we're a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit, you will not pay

tax on the distribution, and the distribution can count towards your RMD.

** The \$100,000 limit will be adjusted for inflation in 2024.

♥ THE LEGACY IRA

Here's how to touch the future and create your legacy-with a gift that pays you income for life

Did you know you can use your qualified* IRA account to make a once-in-a-lifetime gift that will make a big impact at **CSI**, spare you from paying taxes on a government-mandated distribution, and pay you an attractive income for the rest of your life?

The **Secure Act 2.0**, also called “Legacy IRA” legislation, allows donors who are at least 70 ½ to make a one-time, tax-free QCD of up to \$50,000 from a retirement account to establish a life income gift, either a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust, that pays you income.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime gift opportunity and must be completed all in one tax year; there is no rollover or carry forward option.

Because your gift is not included in your taxable annual income, a tax benefit is still realized, even though no charitable deduction is allowed.

The \$50,000 limit will be adjusted for inflation in 2024. This gift will also count toward the total \$100,000 QCD yearly limit.

* **Gifts from 401(k), 403(b), and 457 plans are not permitted. However, you may be able to benefit from the plan by rolling your retirement plan over to an IRA – speak with a qualified financial advisor for details.**

** **There is no charitable deduction, however, the entire amount of the QCD is excluded from income – in effect, an above the line deduction whether you itemize or not.**

*** **Intended for general gift planning information only. Our organization is not qualified to provide specific legal, tax or investment advice, and this document 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.**

JOIN 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).

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.

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.

Who is a part of the Legacy Society?

Members of the Legacy Society have many reasons for including **CSI** in their will (or other plans).

♥ Some are continuing a family tradition of caring for CSI's children. Like the donor who remembers when his mother and others at her church canned fruits and jellies to feed CSI children during the Great Depression.

♥ Others, adopted from CSI as babies, have made their gifts in honor of their loving parents.

♥ Some are adoptive parents, thankful for the opportunities CSI has given them.

♥ Some worked at CSI for a time, and want to pave the way for those who will continue their work with Omaha's vulnerable children.

♥ Others still are generous people who care deeply about the well-being of children and trust CSI to continue their commitment to kids for years to come.

Join the CSI Legacy Society today! For more information, please visit our website at childsaving.org.

MEET THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Rev. N. Dwain (dec'd) & Virginia Acker
Janice L. Bolte
Donnette Janda Borcharding & Tom Borcharding
Shirley (dec'd) & Don Brewer
Russ & Kathryn Cranston
Trudi Crosby
Paul E. & Ruth Warden Few
Wanda & Mike Gottschalk
Peg Harriott
Drs. Robert (dec'd) & Susan Hassmiller

Morgan & Walter Hecht
Melanie Hecker
Heidi L. Hirschbach
Judy A. Hunt
Jill Goldstein
Barbara E. Johnson
Roger Keaton
Carolyn Kinton
Edward "Ned" Kirklín
Howard & Donna Lefler
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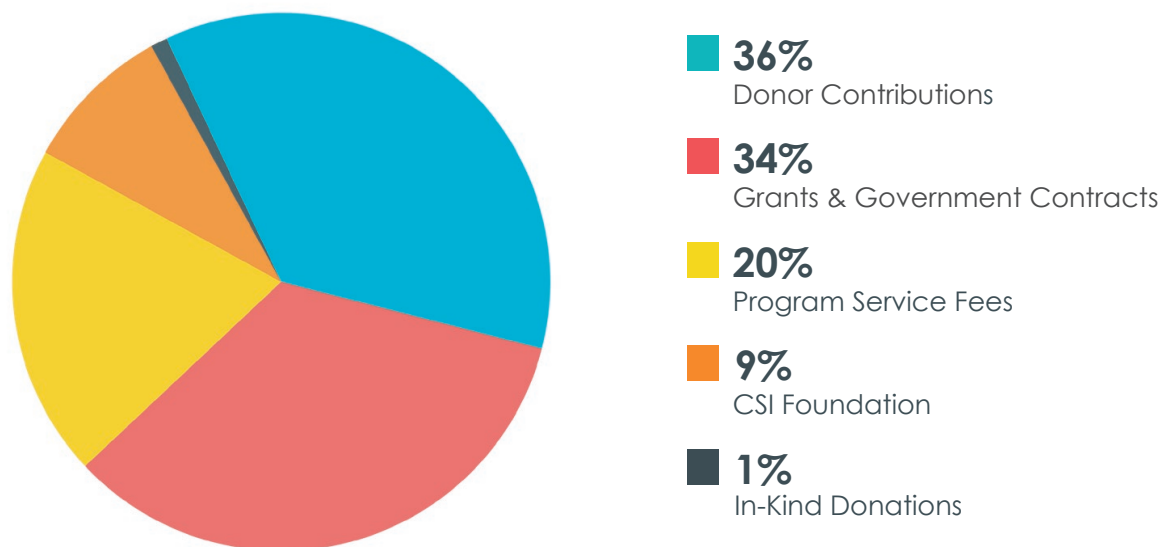
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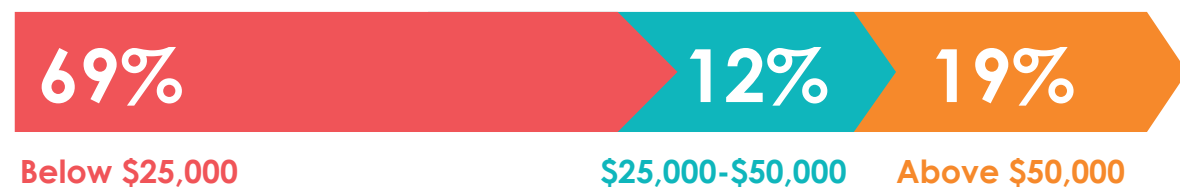
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- 81% of families that received services qualify as low-income households
- 95% of early childhood education students met or exceeded widely held expectations in social-emotional development
- 229 therapy sessions were provided to youth living in the Emergency Shelter, which is an average of four therapy sessions for each youth at no cost to their family

Revenue by source



Household income



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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 10 mental health therapy sessions for an uninsured client

Donate today at bit.ly/ChildSavingDonate



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/careers.



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 Mission

Responding to the cry of a child.



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.



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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 2, 2023

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

PURSEONALITIES

Don't miss one of Omaha's favorite events, PurseOnalities! We look forward to seeing you on November 2 at the Hilton Downtown Omaha. All funds raised support children and families receiving life-changing services from **Child Saving Institute (CSI)**. Purchase your tickets today at childsaving.org.

Substitute Santa | December 6 - 8, 2023

Child Saving Institute
4545 Dodge St. | Omaha, NE | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Please help **CSI** provide a joyful holiday season for hundreds of children and teens in the Omaha community. Donations to Substitute Santa serve foster children, youth living in the Emergency Shelter and struggling families. Please visit childsaving.org to learn more. Thank you to our Sponsor- **SCHEELS**

Cabaret | April 5, 2024

Embassy Suites Omaha La Vista Hotel & Conference Center
12520 Westport Pkwy | La Vista, NE | 6:00 p.m.

CABARET
2024
Laughing so kids know love

Save the date for Cabaret 2024 on Friday, April 5 at the Embassy Suites La Vista Hotel & Conference Center. Join us for an evening of fun and laughter as we celebrate and support **CSI**'s mission. This year's entertainer is Justin Willman. His show is mind-blowing and hilarious and will likely keep you up at night wondering how the heck any of it was possible. More information coming soon! 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 bit.ly/ChildSavingDonate. 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.

