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President & CEO

Hope for the future...

Dear Friends,

Six months ago, I joined the amazing mission of Child Saving Institute (CSI). Throughout that time, I've heard countless stories of how YOU show up to support children and families.

I've also been fortunate enough to meet some of you along the way. I wanted to say, thank you—especially for your support during the last two years. We know the difficulties that the pandemic has presented, and with your support, CSI has been able to remain open and provide stability, connection and hope through its quality programs and services.

Unfortunately, as things return to normal, the impacts and trauma created by the pandemic will require healing for years to come. As we emerge, we will lean in and determine how we can best respond to these increased needs of our community.

CSI has been playing this role in the Omaha-metro for the past 130 years. In this newsletter, we look forward to sharing about our 130-year anniversary, our SAFE program and its impacts on one amazing family overcoming incredible odds, and other opportunities you can explore to further support kids and families.

We invite you to continue to be a partner in our work. If you'd like a tour, more information, or just a friendly phone call please reach out. We'd love to share our story and our mission, and most importantly, we'd love to thank you for your continued support.

Jaymes Sime
President & CEO



**Child Saving
INSTITUTE**
Celebrating 130 years
of helping families find hope.

For 130 years, Child Saving Institute (CSI) has been dedicated to the prevention, intervention and healing of child abuse, neglect and trauma. Over the years, as the needs of the Omaha community have changed, so have CSI's programs and services.

What was once known as the leading agency providing infant adoption services, today CSI provides an array of services, all aligned to bring hope and healing to children, teens and families. While child-focused, CSI provides a multi-generational approach, assisting entire family units to achieve the best outcomes possible.

Amidst the prolonged pandemic, CSI kept its doors open, providing services to more than 2,500 children and their families last year amongst its 15 programs. Each CSI program or service area is geared to aid a local need.

CSI provides quality Early Childhood Education through its two childcare centers in Omaha, Foster Care services, an Emergency Shelter for teens needing a temporary place to live, Triage Center services in partnership with Project Harmony, and comprehensive Mental Health Services, including Therapy and Medication Management Services for children, teens and young adults.

Most recently, CSI added its Family Empowerment Program in collaboration with the Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) to assist parents and caregivers and their children who are survivors of domestic violence in the Omaha-metro.

The Family Empowerment Program offers a research-based model to help enhance life after domestic violence for survivors.

Since its inception 130 years ago, the goal of CSI has been to meet the needs of children in the Omaha community. Because of generous supporters, the organization continues to fulfill the mission of 'responding to the cry of a child' to this very day through its evolving programs and services.

Consider a \$130 Gift

To commemorate this significant milestone, we are asking our supporters to donate \$130, or one dollar for each year we have spent dedicated to helping children and families realize their dreams.

Thank you for helping us continue to support local children and families for many more years to come. If you are able, please make a commemorative gift at childsaving.org or via the enclosed envelope.

SAFE Program Brings Peace to Rachel's Family

After several years of experiencing overwhelmingly difficult circumstances, Rachel's family found peace with the help of Child Saving Institute's (CSI) School & Family Enrichment (SAFE) program.

Rachel had thought the struggles her young daughter, Gracie, had experienced were subsiding. After being faced with big behaviors while Gracie was in kindergarten, Rachel enrolled their family in Child Saving Institute's (CSI) School & Family Enrichment (SAFE) program.

Little did she know that four years later, her family would experience further tragedy. After losing their father in the midst of the pandemic, both Gracie and her younger sister, Raelynn, desperately needed additional support.

Rachel immediately reached out to CSI to inquire about re-enrolling her daughters in the SAFE program.

The program provided not only Gracie and Raelynn tools to cope with their loss, but it also provided Rachel, a single mother and full-time college student, her own set of skills and resources.

Most importantly, CSI provided Rachel support—unwavering advocates to stand with her during these difficult times.

While Rachel and her daughters continue their journey for a brighter future, they've seen incredible changes along the way.

"It's okay to ask for help," Rachel says. "It's amazing how the girls have been able



Rachel's daughters: Gracie (11) and Raelynn (9)

to learn how to recognize their feelings—
anxiety, stress and fear—and use the
tools from SAFE to communicate those
feelings."

Today, Gracie, Raelynn and Rachel have
the confidence they need to live happy
lives despite the past trauma they've
experienced.

While Rachel is excited to soon be
graduating from Nebraska Methodist, she
says what she looks forward to the most is
seeing Gracie and Raelynn continuing to
take the coping skills learned through SAFE
and apply them to their everyday life.

"SAFE has done wonders for us—for all
of us. And, CSI feels like family. We've
created connections that will last a
lifetime." ♥

*Last year, 100 students and 113
family members participated
in CSI's School & Family
Enrichment (SAFE) program.*

Photo Credit: Sabrina Larson

Join Our Guild

Through the efforts of many passionate Child Saving Institute (CSI) Guild members, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to benefit Omaha-area children and families.

The CSI Guild serves as a liaison to the community and is a fun and philanthropic way to make friends and make a difference for kids! The Guild's primary responsibilities include:

- Enhancing agency awareness
- Engaging in fundraising projects
- Recruiting volunteers
- Securing important financial support for the agency
- Participating in other activities as requested by the CSI Board of Directors

The CSI Guild organizes and volunteers for the following events:

Cabaret: CSI's largest fundraiser of the year. The event features dinner, a raffle and a hilarious comedy show.

PurseOnalities: This is a very popular luncheon featuring an engaging keynote speaker and a silent auction of fabulous handbags and accessories.

Touch-A-Truck: A free "friend-raiser" held in the fall and open to the public that features trucks, buses, emergency vehicles, race cars, cranes, snowplows and other heavy equipment.

Substitute Santa: A critical program that ensures that CSI's kids experience the thrill of receiving gifts during the holidays.

We invite you to join this committed group of volunteers! For more information or to meet our Guild Board, visit childsaving.org.



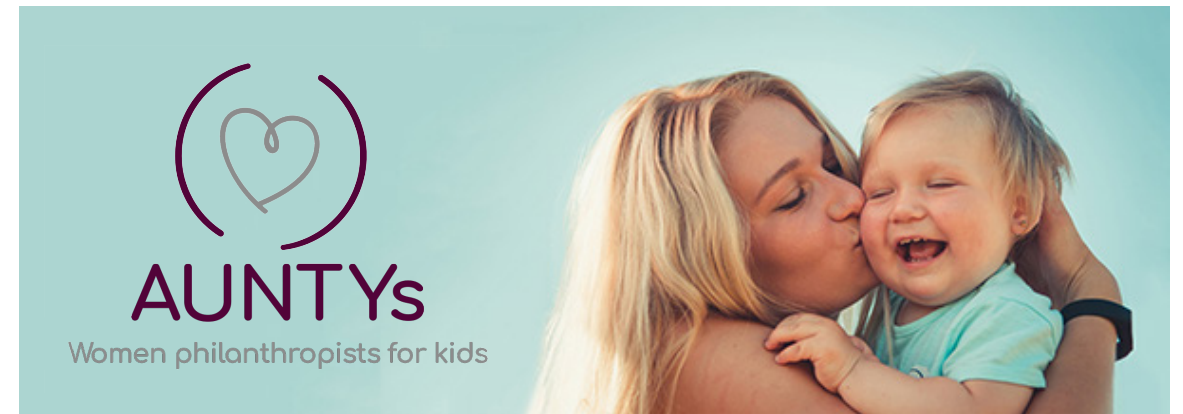
Guild Board members and PurseOnalities 2021 co-chairs: Corrie Loper, Meegan Vellek, Jordan Peterson and Lyndsay Ruma.



Cabaret 2021 was a success in part due to the support of the CSI Guild. Pictured: CSI Guild Board members: Michelle Strawhecker, Lindsey Snyder (guest), Seirra Burt and Christina Groteluschen.



We couldn't be happier to bring back Touch-A-Truck in 2022. Our Guild plays an important role in making this event a success!



In 2012, a small group of women came together and formed a women's giving circle called the "CSI AUNTYs." Today, this group continues to better the lives of children and youth in Child Saving Institute's (CSI) care.

CSI AUNTYs raise funds via membership dues. Each AUNTY is asked to pay an annual membership fee of \$250, \$500 or \$1,000—whatever level they are comfortable with. There is no fundraising involved and membership dues are 100% tax deductible.

At the end of the year, the group of women decide where in the agency the funds will provide additional support. Funds are also available throughout the year if a teen or child is in need of something special like: senior pictures, a prom dress, karate lessons or a laptop for school—the AUNTYs fund is

available to help for such occasions at any time, year-round.

The AUNTYs meet twice a year at which time there is a special presentation about one of CSI's programs as well as an update from the agency's President & CEO.

In 2021, the AUNTYs funded several CSI programs to purchase special items including: a new marimba for the Outdoor Nature Explore Classroom, art and craft supplies for the kids enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program and items to replenish the Baby Boutique. In addition, a "Summer Fun" fund for the youth living in the Emergency Shelter was established.

Each AUNTY has a passion for supporting children in need. **Will you join us?** Please visit childsaving.org for additional information or to **become an AUNTY today!**

Meet the AUNTYs

Becky Bischof
Liz Bushey
Kim Cappellano
Lisa Connealy
Paige Festersen
Liz Fogle
Wanda Gottschalk
Judy Haecker

Peg Harriott
Melanie Hecker
Becki Kerns
Lisa Lehan
Carol Lewis
Joan Miller
Christine Nikunen
Dawn O'Brien

Stephanie Pantano
Linda Renner
Andrea Richardson
Jen Rutar
Julie Shaner
Donna Tubach-Davis

Make Your Mark on the Future

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

More and more friends of Child Saving Institute (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 to Become a Futurist

It's easy to become one of these farsighted, influential individuals. If you already have a will, you can add a gift to us through a very simple amendment called a codicil. We can give you sample codicil language you can send to your attorney to make the process simple.

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, whether it's a little or a lot, 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 also a great opportunity to leave a legacy gift to organizations you care about, like CSI.

What Counts as a Bequest?

You can give ("bequeath") many different kinds of assets—in whole or in part—in your will, including: a paid-up life insurance policy, cash, securities, real estate, CDs, U.S. Savings Bonds, percentage of your estate's

value, or the "leftovers" after all debts are paid and your loved ones are cared for.

To Restrict or Not to Restrict?

Some friends choose to designate their bequest to a certain aspect of our mission. Others leave their gift unrestricted. Either type of bequest is welcome and appreciated. However, since it's impossible to know what the future holds, it's usually recommended to make your bequest unrestricted so that it can be used where the need is greatest when the time comes.

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 to 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.

Leave a Legacy for Kids

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.

Inspire others

People are more likely to make a bequest for CSI's children when they know they are joining others, like you.

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. Thank you!

Plan for the future

We all dream of a day when children are no longer in need of our help, but as long as there are, with your support, we plan to be here. It helps us all to know there will be resources in the decades to come to help us provide the services kids need to be safe and happy long into the future.

Legacy Society members receive an invitation to the CSI Annual Luncheon Celebration, listing in the CSI newsletters and other publications, and the satisfaction of knowing you've made the world a safer, better place for kids.

Join the Legacy Society

Have you already included CSI's kids in your will or estate plan, but haven't notified us? Fill in your letter of intent online or print a pdf to fill out and return to us by mail. 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 or simply mark on the enclosed envelope of your interest in joining the Legacy Society.

Legacy Society Members

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

Melanie Hecker
Heidi L. Hirschbach
Judy A. Hunt
Barbara E. Johnson
Julie & Roger Keaton
Carolyn Kinton
Edward "Ned" Kirklin
Howard & Donna Lefler
Caren Lillie
Rebecca Z. & Michael W. McNeil

Lea Morrison
Rev. Brian & Cali Page
Phil (dec'd) & Jan Schenck
Rev. Judith A. Short
Cheryl Smith
Mary Ann (dec'd) & Ron Sorensen
Art & Michelle Swoboda
Cathy Tibbels
Donna Tubach-Davis & Stephen A. Davis
Anonymous (9)



Every Gift Helps. Here's How:

- \$25** will buy **personal hygiene products** for a child arriving at the Triage Center with nothing
- \$250** provides **a day of care** for a youth temporarily living in the Emergency Shelter
- \$50** 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
- \$1,000** will provide **one month of care** for youth to live in the Emergency Shelter, in which they receive safety, security, therapy and support

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.

Becoming a foster parent is a big decision. You may think you don't have what it takes.

What does it really mean to foster a teen?

Teens need the basic things in life we all take for granted: someone to teach them how to drive, someone to cheer them on at high school graduation, someone to show them how to cook, clean and do their laundry.

For many local teens, a stable, loving family isn't guaranteed. Older children, teens and sibling sets have a much harder time finding foster homes than younger kids or those without siblings. Moving from home to home, these kids can miss out on some of the basic things we learn from our parents.

Do you have what it takes to foster a teen? It may not be as hard as you think!

Visit childsaving.org to learn more about our upcoming Foster Parent Orientation or for more information on how you can support local teens and siblings currently in foster care.

Upcoming Orientations

- Monday, June 27 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 26 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 19 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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.



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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.

CABARET **2022** *Laughing so kids know love*

Cabaret | May 7, 2022

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

Don't miss out on a night filled with laughter, fun and friends during Cabaret 2022 on Saturday, May 7! Join honorary chairs Emily and Steve Dugger, event chairs Adrienne and Patrick Fay, and event co-chairs Gina and Nick Patrick for a night of comedy to benefit Child Saving Institute (CSI) services. Space is limited. Purchase your tickets today at childsaving.org.



Do Good Days | May 17 - 19, 2022

Virtual at shareomaha.org/nonprofit/child-saving-institute

Child Saving Institute (CSI) is excited to once again participate in Share Omaha's Do Good Days. Omahans are asked to "do good" by supporting their favorite causes in different ways May 17 - 19. Please join us during Do Good Days at shareomaha.org and help spread the word on social media!



PurseOnalities | November 3, 2022

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).

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.