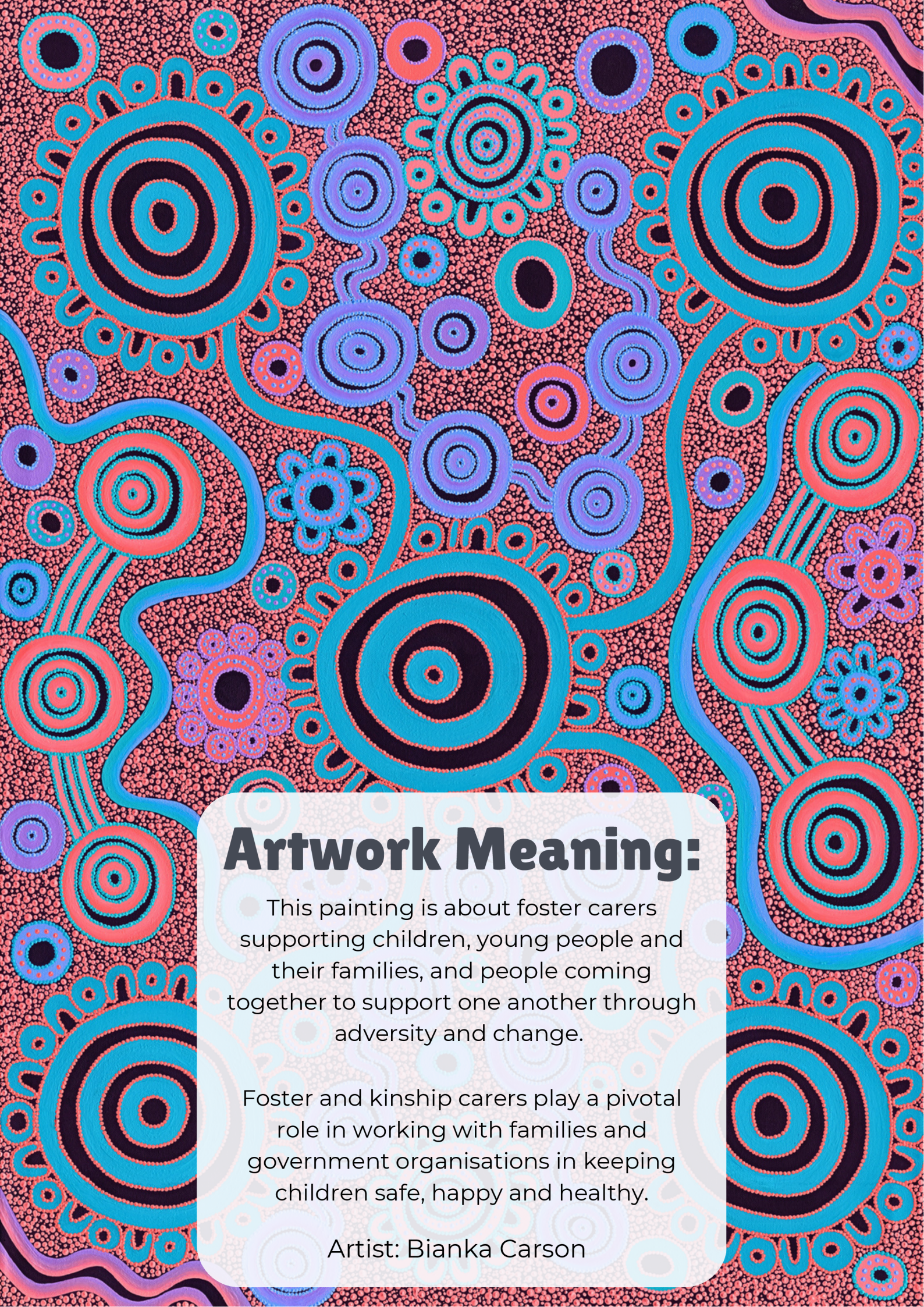


Foster & Kinship Carers
ASSOCIATION NT Incorporated

Supporting carers for over 10 years

Annual Report

2022 - 2023



Artwork Meaning:

This painting is about foster carers supporting children, young people and their families, and people coming together to support one another through adversity and change.

Foster and kinship carers play a pivotal role in working with families and government organisations in keeping children safe, happy and healthy.

Artist: Bianka Carson

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Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Inc proudly acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Northern Territory, and recognises their continuing connection to their lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Aboriginal cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR & CEO

Steve Downie & Amanda Thompson

On behalf of Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT (FKCANT) and our Board, we present the 2022-23 FKCANT Annual Report.

It is indeed a great honour for us as the Peak Body in the Northern Territory, to have the responsibility of delivering services and advocating for our remarkable volunteer foster and kinship carers. These compassionate individuals generously open their hearts and homes to provide a safe haven for our most vulnerable children.

The year presented some remarkable achievements, celebrations and challenges and we extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our accomplishments. In 2022 FKCANT, in partnership with co-host International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO), staged the International and National Foster Care Conference in Darwin. The conference achieved remarkable success, featuring 77 speakers, including 15 international ones and drawing in 680 delegates over the course of the three-day event.

In January 2023, our former CEO, Cheryl Schmidt, stepped down after years of exceptional service. We extend our deepest gratitude to Cheryl for her dedication and unwavering commitment to the FKCANT community. We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new CEO, Amanda Thompson in July. Amanda brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our Association. Her vision for FKCANT aligns seamlessly with our mission, and we are confident that under her leadership, we will continue to make significant strides in our commitment to serving our carers, community and the Out-of-Home Care sector.

In late 2022 and early 2023, FKCANT experienced a significant staffing loss, with a seventy percent reduction in its workforce. Given its modest team size of only nine members, this placed a substantial burden on the remaining staff. However, diligent recruitment efforts were undertaken, resulting in a complete team restoration by May 2023.

Going forward, FKCANT is committed to establishing itself as an employer of choice. The organisation is dedicated to fostering a work environment that prioritises work-life balance, offers ample opportunities for professional growth and enhances overall job satisfaction for its staff members.

Despite facing staffing shortages, our Carer Support and Advocacy Team has consistently provided robust support to our foster and kinship carers. They have actively participated in care team meetings, conducted home visits, engaged in case management discussions and diligently addressed the growing volume of inquiries. This unwavering commitment reflects our dedication to assisting carers in navigating the intricate challenges of their roles.

In addition to providing steadfast support to carers, we actively advocate for carers at the systemic level, raising issues on behalf of individuals or all carers to improve policy, standards of care and the needs of carers. Carers are currently facing considerable difficulties, and the FKCANT Team remains deeply concerned about the ongoing decline in the number of available volunteer carers, as well as the persistent challenges related to carer recruitment and retention.

We frequently receive feedback from carers who express their feelings of being undervalued, underappreciated, and inadequately supported by the government. One of the primary contributing factors to this sentiment is the lack of effective communication with departmental staff and the failure of the carer allowance to keep pace with the significant rise in the cost of living. We will persistently champion the need for comprehensive government reforms within the out-of-home care system.

Central to our advocacy efforts is the recognition and strengthening of the indispensable role that carers fulfil in the lives of vulnerable children. We will work tirelessly to ensure that these reforms address not only the challenges faced by carers but also the broader issues affecting the quality and effectiveness of care provided to those in need. Our goal is to foster a system where carers receive the recognition, support, and resources necessary to continue their invaluable work, ultimately improving the well-being of those under their care and creating a more compassionate and responsive out-of-home care system for all.

In response to shifting operational needs and with a focus on optimising resources, FKCANT made the strategic decision to close our Alice Springs office. This move will allow us to streamline our operations and allocate resources more effectively, ensuring that we can continue providing the highest level of support to our valued members.

Our financial health remains robust, thanks to the diligent stewardship of our resources by the CEO, Board and our dedicated finance team. We continue to operate with transparency and accountability, ensuring that every dollar is used to further our mission.

Our most profound gratitude goes to our foster carers, the unsung heroes who selflessly commit themselves to nurturing a brighter future for the children and young people under their care. Your compassion, love, and dedication are the cornerstone of our organisation's success, and we are forever thankful for your remarkable contributions. Together, we strive to create a better tomorrow for children living in out-of-home-care.

In closing, we express our sincere appreciation to our FKCANT sector partners, community, funding body Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC), our exceptional staff whose unwavering professionalism and commitment drive our mission forward and a special acknowledgment to our board members, whose diligent efforts uphold good governance and support the Associations strategic objectives.



Steve Donnie



Amanda Thompson

ABOUT US

FKCANT is the peak body for foster and kinship carers in the Northern Territory, providing support, training and advocacy services.

As the peak body for more than 10 years, we represent the voices of foster and kinship carers. We ensure those voices are heard by government and other decision-makers so that carers are supported as they take on one of the most challenging and rewarding roles in our community. Our carers have a range of experiences and it is our role to make sure the out-of-home care sector supports carers and children through their journey together.

We assist foster and kinship carers to transform children's lives, and we work with the wider sector to develop and share best practice. We advocate on behalf of carers, provide information on carers' rights and services, offer training and education on key issues affecting caring families, and advise and support our carers during their care experience.

In 2022, we expanded our footprint into service delivery, taking on the role of carer services – formerly sitting with TFHC. This service means we don't just solve problems, we can identify potential issues early and help to address challenges before significant issues arise.

Supported by our highly experienced and skilled board, we want to keep delivering great services, reach more carers and make a bigger impact.



"You might be temporary in their lives; they might be temporary in yours. But there is nothing temporary about the love or the lesson." - Tonia Christie

BOARD MEMBERS

Our board of management comprises volunteers, seasoned foster and kinship carers, as well as professionals hailing from various backgrounds in the Northern Territory. Each member of the board contributes a distinct perspective and wealth of experience to our organisation.

The primary objective of the board is to oversee the strategic direction of the organisation, ensuring that every action we take is in the best interests of foster and kinship carers, the children under their care, and the broader out-of-home care sector.

In 2022-2023, Board meetings were conducted in **October, February, May, and September.**



Chairperson
Steve Downie



Vice Chairperson
Denise Jenkins



Treasurer
Stephanie Ransome



Secretary
Bailey Tambling



Member
Jackie Williams



Member
Kerry Wetherall

FUNDING BODY

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REGISTERED

REGISTERED CHARITY · acnc.gov.au/charityregister

OUR TEAM

The Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT is assisted on a daily basis by a committed group of staff members who strive to provide support and advocacy for our carers and the children under their care.

Our headquarters is located in Darwin, and our team regularly journeys across the Northern Territory to engage with carers, sector partners, important stakeholders, and other community agencies.



Cheif Executive Officer
Amanda Thompson



Practice Manager
Amanda Reid



Finance Officer
Louise Lasker



Intensive Case Practitioner
Kaye Devine



Communications & Media Officer
Rebecca Webber



Business Support Officer
Jayne Rachor



Carer Support Case Manager
Jarrad Elvish



Carer Support Case Manager
Mae Anderson



Carer Support Case Manager
Johnnie Mugabe

OUR VISION

A thriving, resilient carer community

To continue to build a thriving, resilient carer community where foster and kinship carers are connected, equipped, empowered, and valued for their support of children and young people in their care.

OUR MISSION

Advocate, Collaborate , Educate

To foster a resilient and strong carer-based community through representation, advocacy, collaborative relationships and the provision of support services and training to its members.

OUR VALUES



Collaboration

In our work with individuals, families and other organisations, we commit to working in a collaborative spirit.



Respect and Inclusion

We believe all carers have the right to have their voice heard, valued and respected.



Integrity and Ethics

To ensure best-practice through full accountability and the provision of high-quality support.



Innovation

We are adaptive to meet our ever-changing environment, always reflecting the needs of foster and kinship carers and our carer community. We are committed to evolving as an organisation to ensure those needs are met.



Drive

We accept the challenge to explore possibilities as we lead the sector to improve the lives of vulnerable children in the out-of-home care sector and the essential carers who support them. We are active in raising the profile of fostering and the positive benefits of being a carer.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 – 2025

We have continued to focus our goals on three key areas: our carer community, our sector and our organisation.

The annual report reflects our achievements and how our Association has been meeting the strategic goals.

Key areas of focus	Strategic Goals	Objectives
Our Carer Community	To continue to strengthen and grow a carer-centred organisation focused on resilience and diversity.	• Champion advocacy and be recognised as a persuasive, credible and collaborative voice as the peak body representing foster and kinship carers. • Assist and support carers to build their capacity so they can provide a high level of support to children and young people in the care sector. • Actively promote our range of support services to our members and the community. • Maintain and support existing members while maintaining a commitment to the recruitment of new carers. • Identify issues impacting carers to develop training, support services, advocacy and systemic lobbying strategies. • Empower carers through advocacy, training, skill development and case management. • Develop new, innovative, and responsive training, support networks and events to fill gaps in skill and/or knowledge.
Our Sector	To influence and maintain collaborative partnerships throughout the Northern Territory.	• Influence policy and the legislative frameworks that impact foster and kinship carers to improve their role and care experience. • Engage with government, the sector, the community and the media to encourage policy change and generate greater awareness of the importance and value of volunteer carers. • Forge strategic partnerships and networks to increase the impact of our work as a united sector for change. • Partner with local organisations, with a focus on Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. • Identify issues affecting carers to champion and lead our sector through collective and systemic lobbying. • Advance our work as the peak body to connect new and emerging organisations within our sector and build capability in evidence-based programs, practice and decisions.
Our Association (Organisation)	To continually improve our organisation through adaptability and innovation.	• Strengthen sector relevance, enhancing our reputation and position within the out-of-home care sector. • Focus on growth, ensuring the organisation is structurally supported to capitalise on new opportunities to grow and expand. • Ensure effective governance with training and mentoring of board members. • Maintain and improve best-practice governance processes that are understood, implemented and effective across the organisation. • Deliver on effective and strategic risk management and identification. • Foster a culture of continuous improvement. • Develop innovation solutions and opportunities to expand service delivery and operational capacity.

WHAT WE DO

FKCANT provides services to more than +820 members covering every corner of the Territory as well as carers located interstate. Our services include:



Advocacy and Government Lobbying

- Being a voice for foster and kinship carers, promoting positive change through lobbying efforts.
- Raise issues on behalf of both individual and collective carers to enhance policy, care standards, and the support provided to carers.
- Offering specialised advice to TFHC, and other agencies responsible for shaping policies and guidelines that directly influence carers and their families.



Carer recruitment and support

- Empowering carers to voice their concerns and actively participate as crucial members of the care team.
- Offering essential information to individuals contemplating becoming foster or kinship carers.
- Conflict resolution.
- Provide mentoring and referrals to support services.
- Providing confidential guidance and assistance.



Networking and Peer Support Events

- Sharing insights and expertise to assist carers throughout their carer journey.
- Facilitating connections and peer support groups.
- Delivering training and professional development opportunities on key matters impacting carers and the children and young individuals under their care.



Training and professional development

- Sharing insights and expertise to mentor carers throughout their carer journey.
- Delivering training and professional development opportunities on key matters impacting carers and the children and young individuals under their care.



Contributing to policy and research

- Contributing to the development of national and international policies and research to enhance the sector.



Recognising and Celebrating Carers

- Acknowledging and commemorating the contributions of volunteer carers.

CARER MEMBERSHIP

819
Members

36% Male

64% Female



43% of members identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians - an increase of 4% from previous years.

110 Expressed interest in becoming a carer

CARER SUPPORT SERVICES

In 2021, FKCANT collaborated with TFHC to transition the support of Greater Darwin Region (GDR) carers to our organisation. Currently, we provide crucial case management to over 160 carers in the GDR. Our dedicated Carer Support Case Managers (CSCMs) maintain regular contact with our carers. They provide timely support and advocacy to ensure that carers are equipped to navigate the challenges they may face in their caregiving roles and ultimately, to improve the well-being and quality of life for both the carers and those they care for.

We take immense pride in our innovative service and support model. Our CSCMs engage with carers every six to eight weeks and conduct home visits once a quarter. This offers carers the opportunity to have candid discussions with an impartial case manager about their carer experience. During this financial year in the GDR, our data illustrates that we have doubled our commitment, with over 1300 interactions with carers. Moreover, we have conducted more than 640 home visits during this period.

During these visits, our team assesses the well-being of carers and ensure they possess all necessary departmental documents to support the children in their care. We also identify any required training or supports to enhance the care experience.

Our organisation remains committed to seeking opportunities for the development and delivery of more effective support services for our carers. Our goal is to enhance carer retention rates and foster an even more resilient carer community.

1360 Contacts Made

200 Carers supported

640 Quarterly Home Visits

ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

One of our primary responsibilities is to stand by and advocate for our carers. This can range from providing a comforting presence for a carer navigating difficult times to representing a carer's case in meetings with TFHC.

Two years into our carer service model, we have adjusted our data reporting to align with the evolution of our approach. The data demonstrates a notable decrease in advocacy cases in the Greater Darwin Region, with an elevation in other regions. This signifies a reallocation of our team's resources.

During this period, we have identified significant trends in both individual carer and systemic advocacy issues. These encompass:

- Communication with TFHC
- Transition of children from placements
- Concerns about care plans and essential documentation
- Delays in pursuing Permanent Care Orders
- Breaches of the Signs of Safety Practice Framework

Our team of CSCMs work tirelessly to ensure that our carers have a voice and feel empowered to advocate for themselves. Additionally, our CSCMs establish regular communication with all new foster and kinship carers under the purview of TFHC. This ensures they are fully informed about the range of services and supports available to them.

During 2022-23, we engaged with 62 new carers throughout the NT. We believe that dedicating resources to invest in and maintain relationships with new carers is paramount for ensuring the satisfaction and long-term commitment of these invaluable volunteers.



CARER CONNECTION & TRAINING

An integral component of our mission involves enhancing the skills and fostering connections among our carers. The role of a carer can present its share of challenges, and it is paramount to equip them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and a network of fellow carers for support during more demanding periods.

We initiate this process from the moment a prospective carer expresses interest in being a Foster or Kinship Carer through TFHC. Additionally, we provide ongoing assistance to help carers build confidence in their new roles through mentoring and comprehensive training.

This year, more than 36 in-person and online training sessions were held. This past year we reached out to carers and added additional training to key issues:

- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- Working with the effects of Domestic & Family Violence
- Youth mental Health First Aid
- Navigating the NDIS
- Working with children with complex trauma

36
Training Sessions

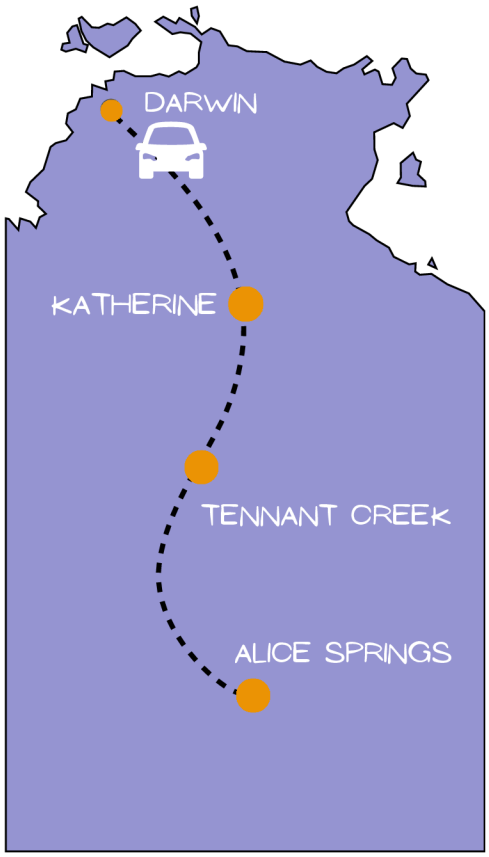






One of our more popular events is our regular Carer Connect Groups. Our Case Support Managers travel within the Northern Territory to faciliate Carer Connect Events. These events are informal and a great way for carers to get out of the house and connect with other carers.

In 2022-2023, we hosted 24 in person events around the Northern Territory, primarily in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Spings.



24
Carer Parent Groups Held











SERVING THE COMMUNITY

At Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT, our commitment goes beyond providing essential support to carers; it extends to actively enriching our local community.

Through these endeavors, we aim to instill a sense of belonging and well-being in the lives of those we serve. We remain steadfast in our commitment to making a positive impact on our community, one initiative at a time.

Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive future for all.

Sponsoring the All Abilities Expo:

We proudly sponsored the All Abilities Expo in May 2023. An event that celebrates diversity and inclusivity within our community. By supporting this initiative, we helped create a space where individuals of all abilities could come together, learn, and thrive.



Donating to Bub‘s Ward in Royal Darwin Hospital:

We achieved a significant milestone in our mission to support the community. With immense pride, we extended our heartfelt commitment to the Royal Darwin Hospital by generously donating essential brand-new baby items. These included soft muslin wraps, cozy beanies, snug mittens, and cherished milestone cards, all carefully chosen to provide comfort and joy to both infants and their devoted mothers during the festive season.



FKCANT EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022

BIKE GIVEAWAY

Partnering with XL Events in Victoria:

Collaborating with XL Events in Victoria, we had the privilege of providing free bikes to children living in placements. Witnessing the joy and empowerment that these bikes brought to the lives of the children was truly heartwarming. This initiative not only offered them a source of recreation but also a means of independence and exploration.



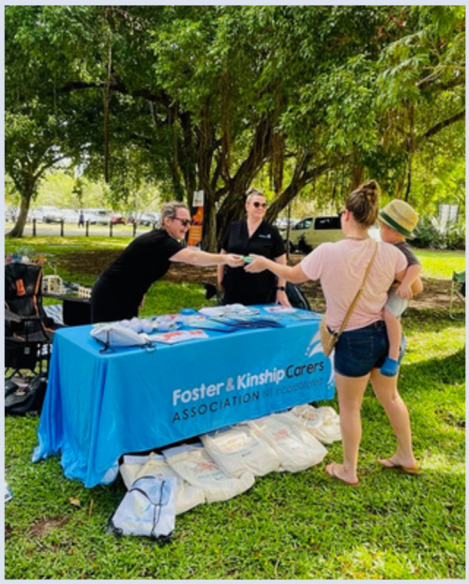




OCTOBER 2022

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK 2022

To honour National Children's Week, we partnered with the City of Darwin Libraries to offer a stage for our committed carers, whether they were just starting out or had been with us for a while. This allowed them to spotlight the children's talents, abilities, and achievements to the wider community. Moreover, we took advantage of this occasion to connect with individuals who were interested in becoming a carer. The morning was abuzz with lively children's activities, highlighted by the Fun Bus and a visit to the Pop-Up Library.



INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE 2022

FKCANT co-hosted the combined International and National Foster Carer Conference from 22-25 September 2022, at the Waterfront Convention Centre. The conference being the 2nd of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

The theme ***Finding ways forward: Celebrating identity, cultures, families and community*** was created to cover sub-themes included but not limited to:

- Formal and informal educational outcomes for children in care and care leavers
- Managing challenging behaviours and therapeutic parenting techniques
- Facilitating cultural connection for children and young people in care
- Caring for children with disabilities or acute/chronic health conditions
- Gender fluidity LGBTQIA awareness regarding children and young people
- Care planning; transitions through care, extending care and leaving care
- Changing face of foster carers: recruitment, support and retention
- Foster carers and social workers: education, training, assessment, and supervision
- Understanding trauma
- Residential care and specialised models of care



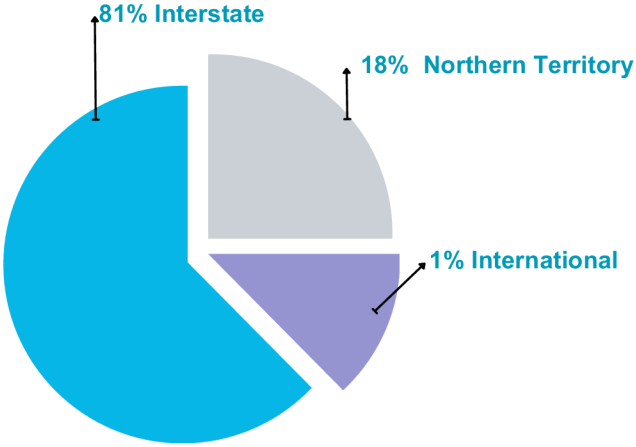


Former CEO Cheryl Scmidt with IFCFO Vice-President Jo Derrick, conference Ambassador Kate Warden MLA and guest Key Note Speaker Paul McDonald.

This event provided the opportunity for foster and kinship carers, sector partners, professionals and other stakeholders from across the world to come together.

680 Delegates in attendance

Attendees from 10 countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, Madagascar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States.







The conference was a major and significant project for our small team working together with event coordinators Associated Advertising and Promotions, and IFCO. We are extremely proud of the achievements and success generated through the dedication and commitment of the team and our volunteer carers who supported FKCANT during the conference.

The conference was a resounding success on several levels; promoting FKCANT and TFHC's ongoing care and commitment to Foster and Kinship Carers and the children and young people living in Out of Home Care; shining a light on Darwin and the Northern Territory to our interstate and international delegates; and injecting significant dollars into the local economy.



The conference content was a combination of interesting plenaries and interactive workshops and exhibitors that have a focus on engagement and connection for children and youth as well as carers and professionals. The aim of the conference was to create a platform for all stakeholders to share and understand their role and responsibilities in supporting children in care and care leavers. 15 of the 77 speakers presenting at the conference, were international.

Exhibitors:

- Life Without Barriers
- Territory Families, Housing and Communities
- Key Assets Australia
- Our Family Wizard
- Kentish Lifelong Learning
- IFCO
- Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT (FKCANT)
- CASPA
- MacKillop Family Services
- DaV'ange
- Caring with Carers

Sponsors:

- Territory Families, Housing and Communities
- Life Without Barriers
- Key Assets Australia
- MacKillop Family Services
- OZCHILD
- Caring with Carers
- Anglicare NT
- Minister
- NT Business Events















The Gala Dinner took place on the evening of September 24, 2022, at the Waterfront Convention Centre, with an attendance of 483 guests. It was during this elegant event that the Foster and Kinship Carer Excellence Awards were bestowed upon five deserving recipients.























MAY 2023

MOTHER'S DAY - ELEGANT TEA PARTY

The Foster and Kinship Carers Association's delightful Mother's Day Tea Party exceeded all expectations, leaving an indelible mark on everyone present.
In this year's event, we had the pleasure of curating a truly extraordinary gathering, one that not only paid homage to our devoted carer mothers but also extended its warm embrace to the wider community. It was a day filled with heartfelt moments and connections, where the spirit of nurturing and support thrived.

Adding a touch of brilliance to the affair was the presence of the nationally acclaimed comedian and master of ceremonies, Amy Hetherington. With her infectious humor and witty anecdotes, she not only entertained our honoured guests but also served as the perfect catalyst for celebrating the essence of motherhood in all its facets.

The event was a harmonious blend of laughter, gratitude, and camaraderie, a testament to the profound impact that foster and kinship carers make in the lives of those they care for. This Mother's Day Tea Party was not merely an event; it was a celebration of the selfless love and tireless dedication that defines the carer mothers within our association and, by extension, within the broader community.







SYSTEMATIC POLICY & ADVOCACY

The Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT (FKCANT) holds a respected position as the peak body advocating for the rights and well-being of foster and kinship carers in the Northern Territory. With over a decade of experience, FKCANT has cultivated a strong and extensive member network, making it a trusted advocate for carers.

Leveraging its established reputation, FKCANT remains committed to expanding and fortifying its presence, ensuring that carers receive the support and recognition they rightfully deserve. Our objectives are clear:

- We want to substantially increase the number of foster and kinship carers across the NT to ensure that every vulnerable child finds a safe, loving and supportive home.
- We want to develop a resilient and strong carer-based community through representation, advocacy, collaborative relationships and the provision of support services and training to our members.

Our journey also involves advocating for policy changes, engaging with government agencies, and building strategic partnerships to create a conducive environment for foster and kinship care.

We eagerly anticipate the journey ahead as we continue to build upon the achievements and successful collaborations of the previous year with the National Foster and Kinship Care Collective, Child and Family Wellbeing Associations of Australia (CAFWAA), and Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS).

We will persist in our advocacy efforts at both the local and national levels to draw attention to the challenges faced by carers and children residing in out-of-home care. A prime illustration of these challenges is the significant surge in the cost of living, which, regrettably, has not been met with a corresponding adjustment in the carer allowance by the government to offset the substantial out-of-pocket expenses borne by carers.

Additionally, we are dedicated to collaborating with government agencies to investigate the feasibility of instituting exemptions that will grant carers access to family tax benefit payments.

Looking forward, there remains a significant amount of work to be undertaken within the Out-of-Home-Care (OOHC) sector to improve carer support and recognition, as well as to advance the well-being and outcomes for the children in out of home care. Despite the challenges ahead, FKCANT's dedication to adaptability, innovation, and continuous improvement will drive its mission forward, enhancing the lives of carers and the children in their care.

NTCOSS Northern Territory Council of Social Service

HOME STRETCH

National Foster and Kinship Care Collective

PROMOTIONS

Throughout the year we embarked on promotional campaigns, including utilising bus advertisements. The primary objective was to actively engage and inform prospective new carers about the invaluable opportunities and support available through the association's programs.
This strategic effort aimed to not only raise awareness but also to inspire individuals to step forward and become vital contributors to the fostering and kinship care community.



CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Here at the Foster and Kinship Carers Association, we recognise the vital importance of staying connected with our valued carers. By providing the latest updates and information, we ensure carers are well-informed and supported in their crucial role. Moreover, our online platforms allows us to foster a sense of community and solidarity among our carers, providing them with a space to share experiences, seek advice, and offer mutual support. Visit our website **fkca.org.au** and scan the QR codes below to follow us on social media.

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Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Incorporated
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 $	2022 $
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Grants and Other Income	1,271,484.92	1,046,129.00
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(923,766.98)	(799,698.00)
Interest Recevied	1,130.39	497.81
Interest Paid	(9,474.59)	(9,936.79)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	**339,373.74**	**236,992.02**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(74,111.85)	(16,150.00)
Payments for Term Deposit	(170,716.66)	(141,762.00)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	**(244,828.51)**	**(157,912.00)**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Leasing Principal Payments	(55,091.82)	(57,564.00)
Leasing Finance Needs	68,673.24	0.00
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	**13,581.42**	**(57,564.00)**
Net Cash Flows	**108,126.65**	**21,516.02**
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	316,675.02	295,159.00
Net change in cash for period	108,126.65	21,516.02
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**424,801.67**	**316,675.02**

Auditor's Report

Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2023

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2023, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Northern Territory Associations Act 2003, and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects (or gives a true and fair view –refer to the applicable state/territory Act), the financial position of Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Inc as at 30 June 2023 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Northern Territory Associations Act 2003.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Foster & Kinship Carers Association NT Inc to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Northern Territory Associations Act 2003. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Byrne Haigh, Registered Company Auditor

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Dated: 8 / 11 / 2023



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Foster and Kinship Carers Association NT Inc proudly acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Northern Territory, and recognises their continuing connection to their lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects top Aboriginal cultures; and to Elders both past, present and emerging.