



ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION

IS TO SURROUND THOSE IMPACTED BY ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
WITH COMPASSIONATE AND COMPETENT CARE.

Every Child.
Every Family.

Every Step of the Way.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

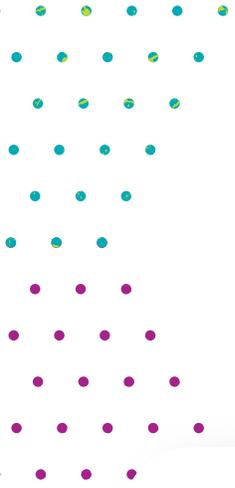


As we end the year, we reflect on the extraordinary contributions of those who have shaped Caring for Kids. After 19 years of dedicated service to Caring for Kids, our beloved Executive Director, Jill Davies, will be retiring.

Jill has been the heart and guiding force of our agency, leading with compassion, vision, and an unwavering commitment to children and families. Under her leadership, Caring for Kids expanded programs, enhanced post-permanency services, and transitioned into our new home in Stow — all while staying true to our vision: Every child. Every family. Every step of the way. Jill's dedication has touched countless lives, and her legacy of care, leadership, and integrity will remain at the foundation of our work for years to come.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome Renée Baker as our new Executive Director. Renée has been part of the Caring for Kids family since 2015, most recently leading our adoption recruitment team. With decades of child welfare and organizational leadership experience, Renée brings both expertise and a deep passion for supporting children and families. We are confident her leadership, energy, and vision will guide our agency into its next chapter with optimism and heart.

As we celebrate this transition, we are filled with gratitude — for Jill's remarkable service, for Renée's inspiring leadership, and for the families, staff, and community members who make our work possible.



YOUR

IMPACT

22 **FRESH START KITS DISTRIBUTED**
PROVIDING EMANCIPATED YOUTH AND MOMS IN NEED OF HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS, HYGIENE ITEMS AND ITEMS TO MEET BASIC NEEDS

VISITS TO THE FOOD PANTRY **79**
PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED

64 **VISITS TO THE CARING CLOSET**
SUPPORTING YOUTH AND WOMEN IN NEED WITH HYGIENE PRODUCTS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLEANING SUPPLIES AND MORE

THANKSGIVING MEALS DISTRIBUTED **33**
TO FAMILIES WHO OTHERWISE MAY HAVE NOT HAD THIS FAMILY MEAL

592 **HOLIDAY WISH LISTS FILLED**
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

FOSTER

HOPE
LOVE
FUTURES
CARE.

“I truly have had such a great experience with CFK! From the top down. I absolutely recommend the agency to other people. I even send them the link to the website and phone number. I feel supported and I feel like my kids are very supported.”

The Eckmeyers - CFK Foster Parents

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“We are so thankful to be fostering with Caring for Kids and the support we get from everyone we work with there. We recommend CFK to all our friends who are considering fostering.”

The Bokas - CFK Foster Parents



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PROGRAM STATS



HOMESTUDIES

190 INITIAL HOMESTUDIES

46 Caring for Kids homestudies
118 SCCS kinship homestudies, 26 traditional



PUBLIC ADOPTION

13 YOUTH

13 youth ages 7 and older were matched with adoptive families



TRAINING

296 HOURS PROVIDED

90 hours of pre-service training
107 continuing training hours
99 hours of CPR/First Aid



PRIVATE ADOPTION

21 PLACEMENTS

13 Caring for Kids matches
8 identified matches



FOSTER CARE

29,663 DAYS OF CARE

CFK foster homes provided 29,663 cumulative days of care for children in foster care to 71 new children and 41 children previously placed



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

78 YOUTH

78 individual children received behavioral health services through Caring for Kids.
10 post-permanency events were hosted



WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS®

33 FINALIZATIONS

Our WWK Recruiters had 33 finalizations and matched 57 children with families



FOSTERING FUTURES AWARD

\$14,000 GRANTED

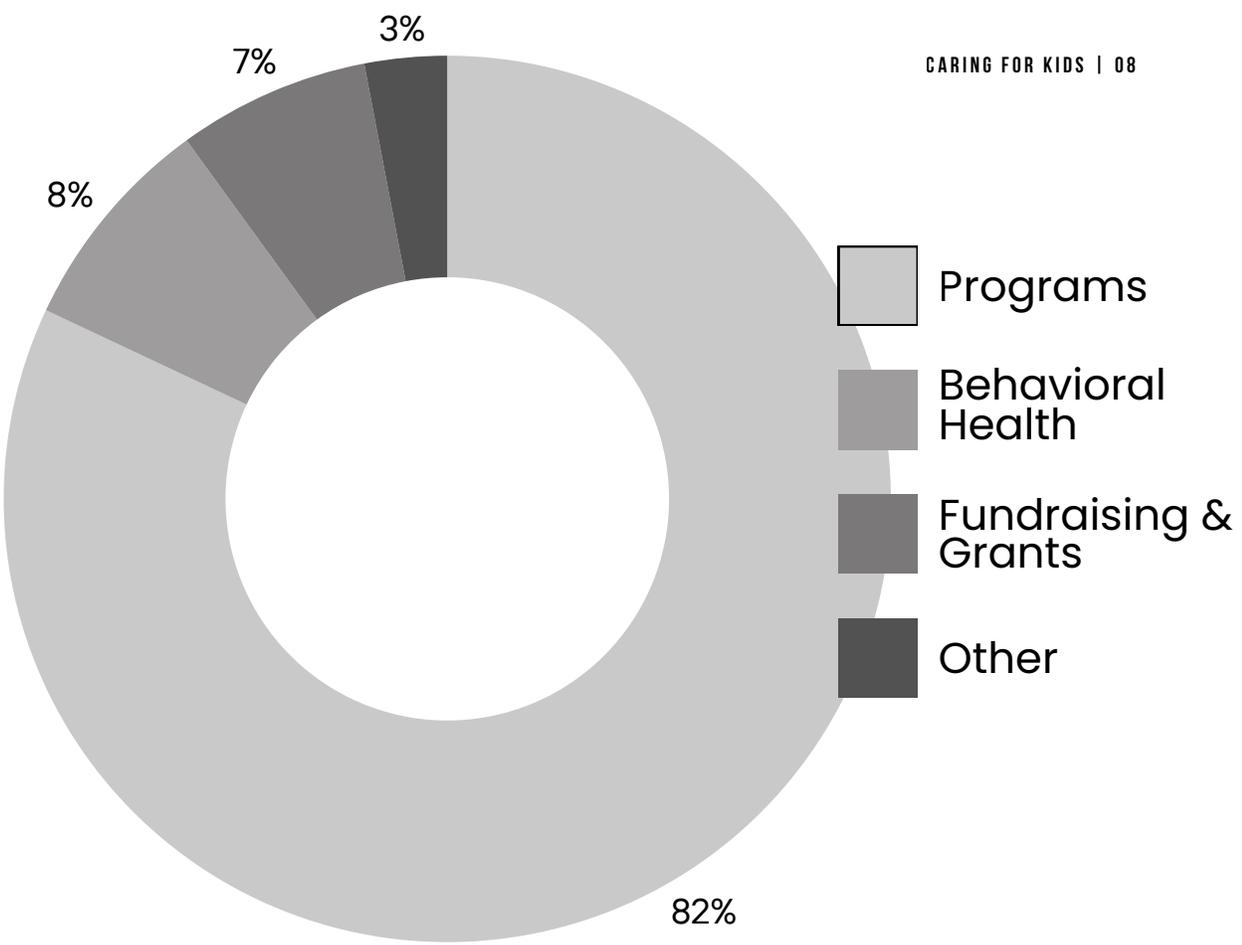
To support 11 child welfare involved youth in furthering their education

“When Matthew and I first met in June 2014, we quickly dove into deep conversations about our dreams, aspirations, hobbies, family values, and future together. We even discussed the possibility of having children and adopting, inspired by the adoptive family members in our lives. We wanted an adoption agency that offered open private infant adoption, lasting support to birth mothers, and was based in Ohio. Caring for Kids met all these criteria and quickly became our top choice. An old friend, who had adopted two children through Caring for Kids, highly recommended them. Their personal referral solidified our decision, and we called immediately. They had an opening for us in their private-infant adoption program, and the timing felt perfect. Everything fell into place. From the staff’s warmth and education to the quick turnaround during our home study, Caring for Kids made us feel comfortable every step of the way. They took care of everything and essentially “held our hand” from start to finish. Their transparency, realistic expectations, and consistent communication reassured us. We never felt uneasy about our choice. Fifteen months after our first call to Caring for Kids, and exactly ten years after we first met, we received the life-changing message that a birth mother liked our adoption profile and wanted to meet us. This moment marked the beginning of our beautiful, crazy, and transformative journey. From that initial meeting with our birth mother to the day we held our perfect preemie twins, each step has been filled with anticipation, love, and growth. Six months later, we joyfully embraced our new normal, our new forever family—our “Lark Party of 4.” We are eternally grateful for the unwavering support and love from Caring for Kids. Not a day goes by that we don’t think of our birth mother and the incredible gift she gave us. She chose us, and that choice will forever be etched in our hearts. We will always explain to the twins that their birth mother loved them so deeply that she placed them first in her heart so they could be first in ours.

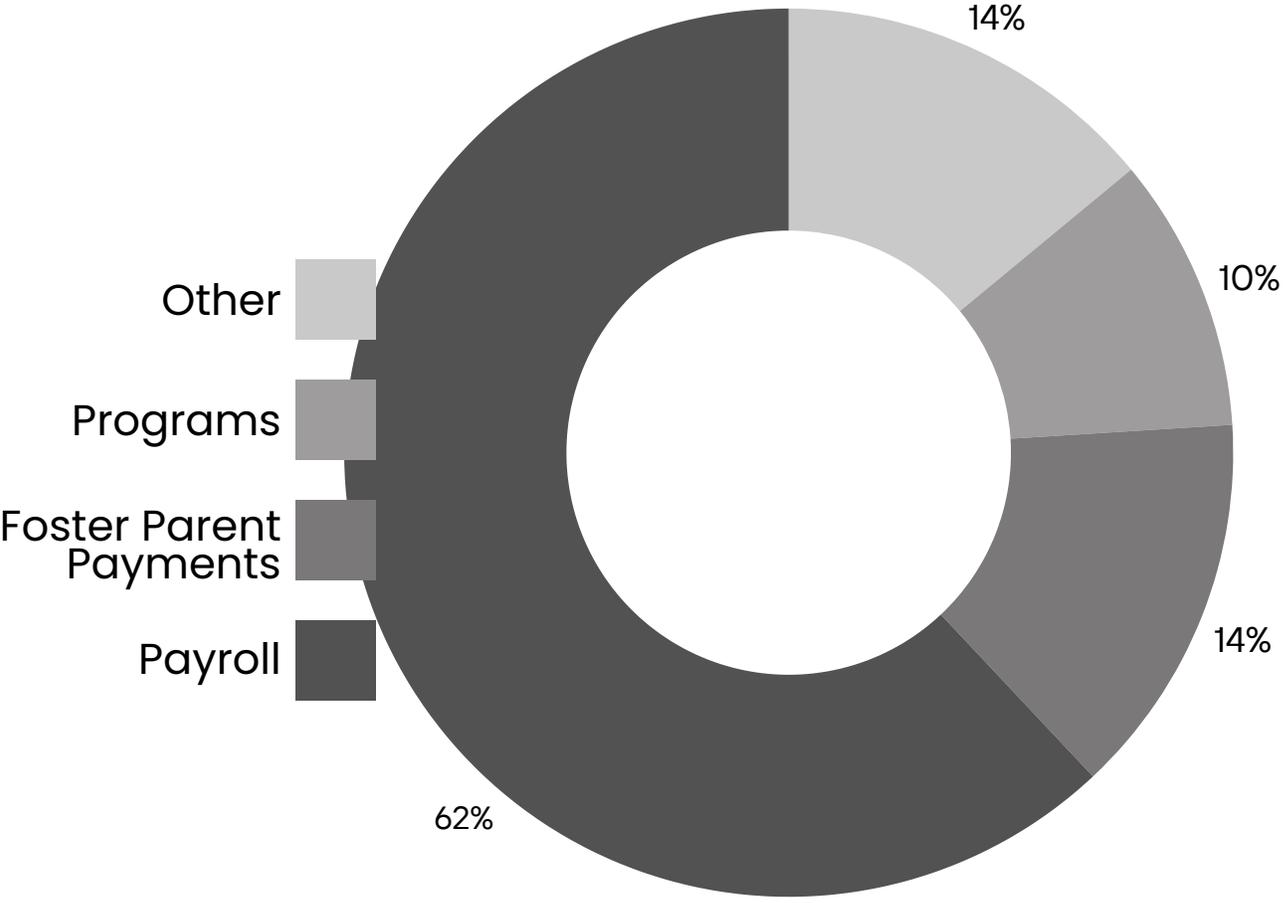
- Matthew and Sarah



REVENUE



EXPENSES



WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS®

A signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption®

Caring for Kids continues to maintain an ongoing partnership with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption as a grantee through its Wendy's Wonderful Kids program. The program supports the hiring and training of adoption professionals, known as recruiters, who implement an evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model to find permanent families for the longest-waiting children in foster care.



SEAN'S STORY



Scan here to watch Sean's story and see the impact our Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter had in finding him a forever family.



Thank
you

to our clients, volunteers, board members, staff and community members; whether you “liked” or “shared” a Facebook post, attended an event, donated your time, tangible items or monetarily, or even allowed us to share with your community what we are about, we sincerely thank you for your support.

