

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES ONE CHILD AT A TIME

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

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OUR MISSION IS TO FIND PERMANENT HOMES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES TO BIRTH FAMILIES, ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND ADOPTERS

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

At CHS, you help us do so much more than place children in adoptive homes. You empower us to create forever families. And we're passionate about keeping those families strong. Strong families are healthy families. And healthy families are a cornerstone of a healthy society.

Since 1900, CHS has been guided by the fundamental belief that **every child deserves a home**. Today we serve children of all ages from infants to teens, at-risk and special needs children, and children from every background. It is our mission to create the safe, loving, permanent home every child needs, wants—and deserves. Permanence forges a lasting, positive difference in the lives of children and families.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE CHANGE LIVES EVERY DAY.

Every victory for our CHS families is meaningful. And when we create strong families, we all win. Thank you!

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A PASSION FOR PROBLEM-SOLVING

CHS board member Tommy Johnstone has a personal connection to the agency's mission—he and his wife, Carrie, have two adopted children, in addition to a biological son. Though they adopted their son and daughter as infants, it's the plight of the commonwealth's forgotten older children who languish in foster care that drives his passion for philanthropy and volunteerism at CHS.

"It pulls at your heart strings," he says. "So many of these children age out of foster care with no support system. They don't have someone who loves them, someone to help them. How difficult that must be. They're just thrown into the world on their own."

It's for these children he strives to make an impact and be part of the solution—through CHS.



SO MANY OF THESE CHILDREN AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE WITH NO SUPPORT SYSTEM.

TOMMY JOHNSTONE | ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CHS Board Member Since 2010

"CHS is focused on finding homes for children in foster care who are difficult to place," he explains. "Virginia doesn't do—and hasn't done—well at this. There is a definite need. It's a worthwhile effort to lessen this burden, to reduce the number of kids who go through it, both for the child and for society. Because the societal issues affect everybody—homelessness, incarceration, teen pregnancy, there are costs down the line."

Tommy, who is a prosecutor with the Attorney General's office, and his wife target their philanthropy toward organizations that reduce harm and improve peoples' situations. It's where they direct their dollars, and where he dedicates his time. He is currently in his fourth year of service with the CHS Board of Directors.

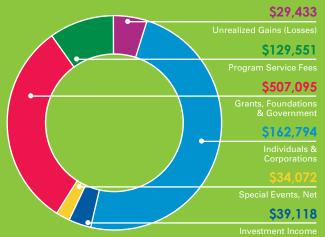
"Focusing on a problem resonates with me," he said. "I want to make a difference—in identifying a problem and finding a practical solution. Being on the board has been a rewarding and eyeopening experience for me, in terms of the difficulty of maintaining a consistent development program, the great need, and the number of lives CHS touches."

With Tommy's passion and problem-solving in our corner, CHS has an advantage in our mission to change lives—and the face of our community—by finding every child the permanent, loving family they all deserve.

CHS FINANCIALS 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Actual Revenues





Actual Expenses \$1,012,309 \$136,685 Fundraising \$201,731 Management & General \$561,638 Adoption \$73,868 Interim Infant Care \$38,387 Counseling



CASSIE, 16 ENTERED CARE IN 2013 STILL WAITING FOR A HOME

2012-2013 HIGHLIGHTS



We hosted a briefing at the General Assembly to educate legislators about foster care and adoption in Virginia. We received an anonymous

\$100,000 CONTRIBUTION,

along with our Adoption Alliance partners, to build a critical post-adoptive respite program for families: Project REST.

In recognition of National Adoption Day, we invited the community to a screening of the foster care documentary film, "Ask Us Who We Are," with a panel discussion featuring its Producer/Director Bess O'Brien.





We welcomed social workers from around the state for an educational conference on foster care adoption. The event, supported by a grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services, featured nationally recognized foster care advocate and author Shane Salter as keynote speaker.

Thanks to our generous volunteers,

WE UPDATED OUR 1968 BUILDING

with fresh interior paint and installed exterior security cameras. We also completed a desperately needed replacement of our old leaky roof!



We launched an updated website with a vibrant, friendly look and strong focus on our waiting kids.







CHS FAMILY 5K

On May 11, 2013, CHS welcomed families for our first-ever CHS Family 5K Run & Walk: An Adoption Celebration at Deep Run Park. Nearly 200 men, women, and children of all ages met for a fun morning of running, walking, jogging, and even strollering. After the race, families enjoyed food, drink, music, and the best of backyard activities like wiffle ball, hula hoop, cornhole, and parachute. Thanks to our sponsors, families, volunteers, and other contributors, we raised more than \$5,000 to support our mission!

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

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THE 2014 CHS FAMILY 5K RUN & WALK WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 10.





PARTNERSHIP FOR ADOPTIONS

The Partnership for Adoptions program (PFA) is focused on finding permanent adoptive homes for children in the public foster care system. We are committed to finding a family for each specific child, matched to that child's unique needs. Every year we work with dozens of older children and teenagers who have been languishing in the public foster care system, waiting for a family to call their own—a family they want, need, and deserve.

Today we partner with 16 local departments of social services to respond to the needs of Virginia's foster children. We are one of 13 private agencies contracted by the Virginia Department of Social Services to assist in finding permanent homes for youths in the public foster care system. Many times we are tasked with serving children who are among the most difficult to place—making our work more challenging, and our successes that much more rewarding.

Children are placed in foster care through no fault of their own, and the abuse and neglect they have suffered requires specialized parenting. We train families to prepare them to parent these children, including everything from handling questions about adoption to managing behaviors rooted in a child's traumatic history. In addition, we provide critical ongoing support and resources to ensure these families stay strong after children are placed for adoption, and after adoptions have been finalized. This includes confidential one-on-one counseling with CHS social workers, advocacy assistance in the school, and referrals to adoption-competent community resources for support with behavioral, medical, or developmental issues. Finally, we host group educational seminars and social activities for our adoptive families so they can learn with—and from—one another.

CHS is also proud to be one of only three Virginia recruiters for Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption—a national non-profit finding forever families for children in foster care.

HERE'S HOW YOU HELPED:

- 76 children worked with CHS torward permanency
- 30 children were adopted
- 30 children were matched with families
- 23 adoptive parents were trained
- 154 children and parents benefitted from counseling
- 86 children and parents participated in group activities

LOVING ALLIE

To look at 13-year-old Allie—a typical teenager—you'd never guess what she's been through in her young life. Allie is anything but typical. She bears the emotional and physical scars of unimaginable abuse by her biological parents, and the trauma of uncertainty, abandonment, and additional abuse she experienced in foster care. "If you read her case file, you'd never believe in a million years she'd be doing as well as she is today," said her adoptive mom, Tammy.



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Tammy and Steve with Allie and Joey, one of their two sons.

When Tammy and her husband, Steve, adopted Allie at age 10, they welcomed her as the daughter they never had. Nearly empty-nesters with two older sons, they were ready to expand their family—and make a commitment to Allie. They knew from CHS training that it could be difficult adopting an older child, whose history often results in challenging behaviors for parents to manage. And Allie certainly put the entire family to the test.

"It was an extremely tough time," said Tammy. "She blew our whole world apart. But we dug in, and we didn't let go. We promised we were going to stick by her—and that's what we did."

Tammy credits CHS as a "lifeline" in their journey with Allie. The family relied on CHS's valuable post-adoption support to parent Allie, to help her feel safe and learn to trust again. For the family, a turning point was taking Allie back to being a baby—snuggling, cuddling, even using a sippy cup. It was a love Allie had never experienced as a young child. And from there, she began to heal.

Today Allie, who once was denied food, loves her dad's big Saturday breakfasts and eats ice cream every day. Instead of Ds and Fs, she now gets As and Bs. And the scared, unhappy, depressed little girl the family adopted has blossomed into a bright, bubbly, confident young woman and championship-level competitive cheerleader.

Soon, Allie will even have a sister—the family is in the process of adopting again.

"There are thousands of kids just like Allie. These kids need homes and a family," said Tammy. "They steal your heart—you love them so much they become as much a part of your family as if they were born to you."

ADULT ADOPTEES

CHS works with birth parents, adoptive parents, and adult adoptees who want to reconnect or simply find information about their heritage.

The support CHS provides takes a variety of forms:

- We facilitate the ongoing exchange of non-identifying letters between adoptive families and birth families. This provides a way for the birth parents to receive photos and updates about the child—which the adoptive family has agreed to provide—while protecting the confidentiality of both families and the child. This is also a way for the adoptive family to learn important updates and medical information about the birth family, to share with their child when they need it.
- We prepare heritage summaries from the adoptee's file to share medical and background information with adoptees who wish to know more about their histories but may not feel ready or wish to have direct contact with their birth family at this time. Oftentimes a heritage summary provides information about an adoptee's birth story they may not have known.
- We help birth parents update their CHS files with current contact and nonemergency medical information, which will be available if their biological child ever seeks it. If the update contains critical medical, psychological, or genetic information, the adoptive family will be contacted.
- We work with some courageous adoptees who wish to be reunited with their biological families, many of whom have been separated for decades. For reunions to occur, both the adoptee and the birth parent must consent to revealing their identities to one another. It is both our legal and ethical responsibility to ensure the confidentiality of all adoptions until permission is granted to reveal their identity.

Whatever the circumstances, it is always our goal to provide information, answers, and support to adoptees and their families—past, present, and future.

HERE'S HOW YOU HELPED:

- 88 inquiries from people wanting to reconnect
- 35 adoptive and birth families updated their files and exchanged non-identifying letters
- 10 heritage summaries were completed
- 21 requests for search and reunions were completed

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

"I always knew I was adopted," said Donna Moore, now 54. "It was an everyday thing, just something I knew. I thought it was kind of cool—I was chosen."

Though Donna always wondered what happened with her birth mother back in 1959, becoming a mother strengthened the desire to find out. "I appreciate what my birth mother did for me. I wanted to thank her and tell her I turned out OK," she said. But Donna was afraid. And though she had reached out to CHS years ago, she never pursued a search.



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Donna (middle) with her moms: her adoptive mother, Oreene (left), and her biological mother, Maxine (right)

In April 2013, fate stepped in and gave Donna the opportunity she thought had passed her by. She got a phone call from CHS—her birth mother was looking for her. Donna wasted no time completing a form required to continue the process. "I was so excited," she said, "it was in the mail in less than 24 hours!"

A few months later, she got a phone call about setting up a date to meet. They met the next day! And not just Donna and her birth mother, Maxine, who was then 72. One of Donna's birth sisters, two aunts, a cousin, and a brother-in-law were part of the reunion they had all imagined for years. The adoption was not a secret in their family—Maxine often talked about her first child, the infant she had placed for adoption when she was an unmarried young woman. When Donna and Maxine met for a second time, Donna's adoptive mother, Oreene, now 91, even joined.

Today Donna enjoys her unique family circle, sharing birthdays, family celebrations, and weekly phone calls. "I thought it was too late for me to reconnect," said Donna. "But it wasn't. It's never too late. And I'm so happy I did."

KID'S CLUB

You helped us launch Year 2 for CHS's Kid's Club! A key component in keeping families strong, our Kid's Club continues to deliver valuable benefits for CHS children and families. In 2012-13, Kid's Club hosted 7 events with participation from 30 children.

THE GOAL OF KID'S CLUB IS TO CONNECT KIDS WHO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED WITH OTHERS "JUST LIKE THEM" ...

This year, our Kid's Club adventures took us all over Richmond. We explored Cobblestones Water Park, Maymont Park, and Pocahontas State Park. We burned energy at hot spots Monkey Joe's inflatable play center and Jumpology trampoline arena. And we enjoyed classic kid-friendly fun at the movies, bowling alley, arcade, and roller skating rink. At every Kid's Club we also explored our creative side and worked on pottery, ornaments, collages, and more!

The goal of Kid's Club is to connect kids who have been adopted with others "just like them" who share many of the same challenges and questions. CHS's trained social workers host activities and lead therapeutic discussions about adoption. The discussions address self-esteem, identity exploration, grief and loss, and building and fostering healthy relationships. But it isn't all work! Our social workers plan age-appropriate activities like arts and crafts, games, and sports, so kids can relax, have fun, and enjoy just being kids.

An added bonus of our Kid's Club is respite for parents, who can take a break from their child's sometimes challenging behaviors with the peace of mind of knowing their child is in a safe, supportive environment. Many times these behaviors make traditional babysitting, even by family members, unrealistic. So during Kid's Club, parents can run errands, plan a lunch date, or just recharge their parental batteries.

Thanks for helping make this terrific program for parents and children possible!

HERE'S HOW YOU HELPED:

- 7 Kid's Club events
- 30 children learned and had fun

CHS RECEIVES SURPRISE GIFT FOR PROJECT REST

CHS AND THE ADOPTION ALLIANCE RECEIVED A SURPRISE \$100,000 GIFT FOR POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Children's Home Society of Virginia, Coordinators2, and Virginia One Church One Child joined forces to form the Adoption Alliance to bring critical post-adoption respite services to families in need—Project REST. Adoptive families need to feel supported to achieve success, and they need opportunities in which their children can be safely supervised in an environment that recognizes unique challenges for families who have adopted children with histories of abuse or neglect. Project REST allows families to recharge, be better parents, and keep their families intact.

The Alliance applied for funding through Richmond's annual Impact 100 grant program. Each year, Richmond-area women collectively give a transformational gift of \$100,000 to a local non-profit at an event called the Big Give.

The Adoption Alliance was thrilled to be a finalist for the gift, and presented its project to Impact 100 members during the Big Give event. Ultimately, Impact 100 members chose another worthy non-profit for their gift. But that wasn't the end of the story. It was, instead, a new beginning.

Days later, the Adoption Alliance was surprised with an announcement by Impact 100 and through The Community Foundation. An Impact 100 member who had



seen the Alliance's presentation at the Big Give was so moved by the need for respite services—and the difference respite will make for adoptive families—that she made an anonymous personal \$100,000 gift to fund the project!

Thanks to that anonymous gift, and the vision of CHS and its Adoption Alliance partners, Project REST got its start and officially began helping adoptive families in 2013!

INFANTS & BIRTH PARENTS

The CHS Infant team continues its focus on three distinct programs with life-changing outcomes for infants, birth parents, and families.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING & BIRTH PARENT COUNSELING

CHS's team of experienced social workers provides free, 24-hour, unbiased professional counseling to birth parents in crisis so they can make the best possible decisions for themselves and their children. This may include exploring feelings about one's life and how a child fits into that life, preparation for parenthood, examining feelings of loss if a plan for adoption is made, and referrals to assist in applying for benefits, getting a job, or finding housing. We work with birth mothers, birth fathers, and extended family members as well.

TEMPORARY INFANT CARE

CHS provides temporary care to at-risk children whose birth parents need time to make a permanent plan for that child. In some cases, birth parents need to make arrangements to improve their situation to be able to effectively parent their child—like finding stable child care, a job, or stable housing. In other cases, they are making decisions about parenting the child, whether a relative will care for or adopt the child, or whether they will place the child for adoption. For weeks or even months, the child is cared for by trained foster parents who are closely supervised by CHS's professional staff. The ultimate goal is always returning the child to the birth parents. CHS's temporary infant care program is open to all children from newborn to 2 years old, including special needs children.

ADOPTION AND HOME STUDIES

CHS places both healthy infants and infants with special needs into permanent homes. We educate prospective parents about the adoption process during regular orientations and training sessions, and complete adoption home studies for families prior to placement. Home studies, which are conducted by CHS's professional social workers, include background clearances, evaluation of financial and medical histories, home visits, and more to ensure children are placed in safe, healthy environments. CHS also completes home studies for parental placement adoptions and relative adoptions.

HERE'S HOW YOU HELPED:

- 7 at-risk infants were provided with 624 days of temporary care
- 19 infants were placed with their new adoptive families
- 83 birth parents were offered free, unbiased confidential counseling

AND BABIES MAKE FIVE

Quintin and Cheryl met in 1989 when they were 23 and 21. They were married the following year and built a happy married life together. Their days were busy and filled with successful careers, an active lifestyle, and even volunteering in the community. But something was missing.

"We always knew we wanted to have children," said Cheryl. After years of trying, they hit a milestone—Cheryl turned 40. That's where their adoption story began. On the recommendation of a friend, they contacted Children's Home Society to explore adopting an infant. And from that point forward their lives were forever changed. Within the span of just more than three years, they grew to a family of five!



ADOPTION IS JUST A Legal Word.... They Are our children.

Quintin and Cheryl with Mya, Myles, and Quintin II.

They were thrilled to welcome a baby boy, and named him Quintin II after his dad. But they weren't done yet. Their adoption experience was so wonderful, they wanted to do it again. That's when Mya joined the family. And when Mya was about a year old, Cheryl was surprised by a phone call from CHS. Mya's biological parents had another infant they wanted to place for adoption—would Quintin and Cheryl be interested? "It was never a question of 'Would we *want* to,'" said Quintin. "We just had to figure out how to make it happen, how to provide for three children—because they're first in our lives." Baby Myles made their family complete.

As parents of three children under age 3, Quintin and Cheryl's lives took on a new level of busy! Today, with Quintin II turning 6 this year, their days are filled with all the hustle-bustle of a growing family. From potty training and family movie nights to the kids' cheerleading, soccer, basketball, and flag football games, they're always on the go. And they wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's amazing how much our children have added to and brightened our lives," said Quintin. "Hearing them say 'Mommy' and 'Daddy,' and seeing them learn and blossom into beautiful young minds, is a blessing. They're our shining stars. It was God's plan to have them when we did—I wouldn't do a thing differently."

"Adoption is just a legal word—a process to go through, that's all," Quintin said. "They are *our* children. There's nothing we wouldn't do for them to help them become the best possible people in this world. And that's no different than any other parent. They're our kids for life."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & AWARENESS

The CHS team remains dedicated to supporting our commitment to Virginia's children and families through ongoing outreach and awareness efforts in Richmond and Fredericksburg. Our activities are critical to extending our agency's presence—and our impact.

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

CHS collaborates with regional agencies to provide counseling and adoption services to mutual clients. We team with organizations serving at-risk women and children—like nonprofit social service agencies, public community services boards, area hospitals, community colleges, homeless shelters, teen parenting programs, and more—to inform, educate, and provide wraparound services.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

CHS strategically distributes materials promoting our free, 24-hour unbiased pregnancy counseling services in key public areas like colleges, shelters, public libraries, and local government offices like WIC. In addition, we distribute educational materials to women in crisis through collaborative partnerships with hospitals and social services agencies.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

CHS frequently attends informational fairs to raise awareness about CHS, our services, and adoption in general. These include opportunities at United Way member agencies, those of our collaborative partners, and other public events designed to educate about adoption and adoption services, as well as recruit potential adoptive parents for our waiting children.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

CHS regularly educates the public and our peers about our work and the state of adoption in Virginia. Our social workers have delivered training sessions to social services professionals. Our President and CEO, Nadine Marsh-Carter, also responds to invitations to speak to area businesses, churches, universities, community groups, and nonprofit organizations about CHS's mission and the impact of adoption-related issues on our community.



JACOB, 7 PLACED FOR ADOPTION IN 2013

GIVING TO GIVE BACK

Bill and Grace Broaddus received a treasured gift in 1972—their daughter, whom they adopted through CHS. It was a singularly defining moment in their lives, as well as a pivotal moment in their plan for charitable giving.

"Having our daughter was a gift that made our lives complete and whole," Mrs. Broaddus said. "Because CHS was responsible for this most wonderful gift, we feel we can never repay the joy and love we've received."



WE'RE EXPRESSING OUR Extraordinary gratitude To CHS...

The Broaddus family

The Broaddus' commitment to CHS extends beyond their daughter to their daughter's birth mother as well. They recognize and value the power of adoption and its impact on both sides of the equation.

"CHS provides a wonderful source of counseling for both sides," said Mrs. Broaddus. "It begins with a woman uncertain about what to do, and continues with invaluable assistance, counseling, and understanding throughout the whole process."

With the help of CHS, the Broaddus' daughter, Elizabeth, now 42, recently reconnected with both of her birth parents, who were open to being found. Elizabeth's birth mother was an unmarried 17-year-old when she placed her for adoption as an infant, and she never had any more biological children. Elizabeth now enjoys a strong relationship with her birth mother as well, and the entire family has since spent treasured time together.

Since their adoption, the Broadduses have made supporting CHS's mission a priority—both through annual giving as well as by providing for CHS in their will. The generosity of the Broadduses, and others like them, ensure CHS can continue helping birth parents and adoptive families.

"We're expressing our extraordinary gratitude to CHS for the support we and our daughter's birth mother received," Mrs. Broaddus said. "For this, we can never give back enough."



Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Broaddus!

BY THE NUMBERS THANK YOU

You help us make a difference every day—to the birth parents we support, the infants and children we help find their forever families, the permanent and loving families we help create and stay strong, and those we connect through search and reunions. We look forward to continuing to help children and families—together.

7 AT-RISK INFANTS

were provided with temporary infant care by safe CHS-trained families

624 DAYS OF CARE

were provided to at-risk infants following their births to mothers in crisis

19 INFANTS

were placed and are now thriving with their new adoptive families

10 SPECIAL NEEDS INFANTS

were among the infants placed and/or adopted by their new families

83 BIRTH PARENTS

were offered free, unbiased, confidential counseling

72 ADUL

attended a total of 21 orientation sessions to learn more about adoption

ASHTON, 13 ENTERED CARE IN 2011 STILL WAITING FOR A HOME

76 FOSTER BOYS & GIRLS

of all ages, races, and backgrounds worked with CHS social workers toward the goal of permanency, including:

- 34 girls
- 42 boys
- 62 who have behavioral challenges
- 28 who have developmental challenges
- 26 who experienced emotional abuse
- 18 who experienced sexual abuse
- 67 who experienced physical abuse
- 15 who experienced medical neglect
- 14 who have had 5 to 9 foster care placements
- 3 who have had more than 10 foster care placements

30 FOSTER CHILDREN

were adopted by their new forever families, including:

16 girls

- 14 boys
- 23 who have behavioral challenges
- 9 who have developmental challenges
- 7 who experienced emotional abuse
- 8 who experienced sexual abuse
- 29 who experienced physical abuse
- 5 who experienced medical neglect
- 10 who have had 5 to 9 foster care placements

30 FOSTER CHILDREN

were matched with prospective adoptive families to begin the state-mandated trial period before their adoptions will become final

154 CHILDREN & PARENTS

benefitted from supportive counseling and connection to community resources to help adoptive families stay strong

23 ADOPTIVE PARENTS

were provided training in a 6-week course to prepare them to parent a child adopted from foster care

28 PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

completed comprehensive home studies in order to be considered for the placement of an infant or older child

> DEASHIA, 17 ENTERED CARE IN 2011 STILL WAITING FOR A HOME

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR CHS TO FULFILL OUR MISSION EVERY DAY. THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR GIFT TO CHS—TODAY AND TOMORROW.

CASH

A cash gift makes an immediate impact. You can make your gift by check or online by credit card at chsva.org.

SECURITIES

A gift of appreciated securities is a cost-effective way to support CHS. Call us to learn more.

MATCHING GIFTS

Check with your employer to find out how matching can double or even triple your personal gift.

LIFETIME

A lifetime gift, such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, allows you to make a substantial gift to CHS while providing you and/or your beneficiary with an income stream for life or a set number of years.

RETIREMENT

Retirement plans are an increasingly popular way to give because of tax benefits for your estate.

LIFE INSURANCE

Donate a policy you currently own and no longer need, or purchase a new policy.

BEQUEST

Bequests of all sizes are welcome. When you develop your estate plan, please consider naming CHS in your will.

Please consult your tax advisor to determine your tax benefits



JOHNNY, 11 PLACED FOR ADOPTION IN 2013

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THE CHS MEMORIAL FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE FALL OF 1935, WITH THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF A BEQUEST BY MRS. LOUISE HUNDERTMARK. TODAY THE FUND'S VALUE IS \$2 MILLION.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

ASSETS 2013	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,926
Investments	\$ 1,988,772
Interest receivable	\$ 5,300
Due from Children's Home Society of Virginia	\$ 300,525
Total assets	\$ 2,396,523
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities: due to Children's Home Society of Virginia	\$ 227,538
Net assets: unrestricted	\$ 2,168,985
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,396,523
REVENUES	
Investment (loss) gain, net	\$ 222,074
In-kind contribution	\$ 83
Other Income	\$ 29
Total revenues	\$ 222,186
EXPENSES:	
Management and general	\$ 227,538
Contribution to Children's Home Society of Virginia	\$ 0
Total expenses	\$ 227,538
Transfer from Children's Home Society of Virginia	\$ 300,525
Change in net assets	\$ 295,173
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 1,873,812
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,168,985
For CHS agency financials for 2012-13, please see page 4.	

LEGACY SOCIETY

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"That experience really resonated strongly with us," he said.



I THINK SUPPORTING CHILDREN IS IMPORTANT. CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY.

Mr. Ward Bourn

The power of that experience cemented their dedication to the mission, and inspired them to continue supporting organizations for women and children throughout their lives. After a move to Williamsburg from Illinois, the Bourns learned about CHS through the United Way. The more they learned, the more they connected to the importance of the agency's mission—in particular, CHS's commitment to at-risk children in Virginia's foster care system.

What began with the Bourn's first \$100 United Way contribution to CHS over a decade ago has now grown to a permanent commitment to making a difference in the lives of Virginia's children. In addition to annual gifts to CHS, Mr. Bourn has provided for CHS in his estate and has named CHS as a beneficiary of a charitable trust he and Jane set up earlier in their married life, before she passed away.

CHS is grateful for the generosity of the Bourns, and others like them, who empower the agency to continue its 114-year-old mission to making sure every child is part of a safe, permanent, loving home.

"I think supporting children is important," Mr. Bourn said. "Children are the future of our society. Continuing support is a vital part of caring for children who have been traumatized and helping to make them a success."

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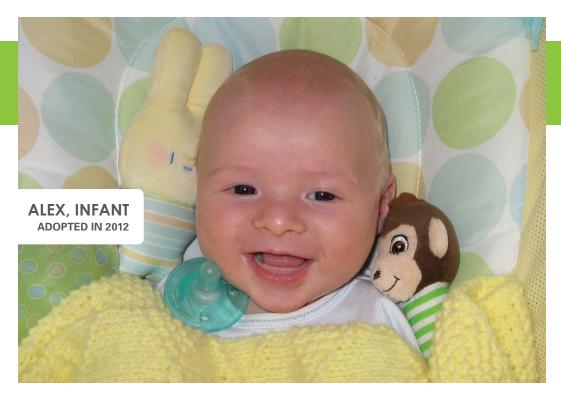
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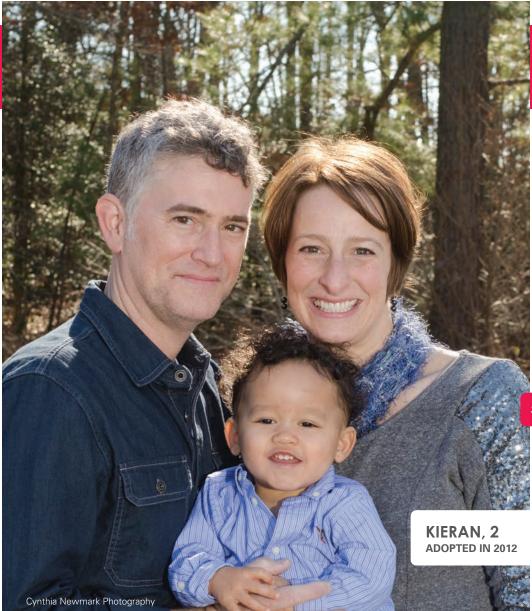
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