Transforming Lives with Permanent Relationships and Lasting Support
112 FOSTER CHILDREN
do all ages, races, and backgrounds served by CHS toward creating and supporting healthy, permanent families

53 ADOPTIVE PARENTS
were trained and served by CHS to build a family

45 FINALIZED ADOPTIONS
Including: the adoption of an 18 year old and an 8 year old with SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS (cerebral palsy and wheelchair bound)

CHS NOW PROVIDES FOSTER CARE SUPPORTS
Expanded services to include foster care with our approved families that includes individualized service planning and supervision of the child's placement

“I support CHS because it allowed my wife and me to adopt three wonderful, loving and loyal children. Our lives were forever changed because of CHS.”

431 CLIENTS
served this year

71 PARENTS
received intensive and trauma-informed parent coaching to address their children’s behavioral and attachment needs

103 PARENTS
received Family Support Services that involved advocacy, case coordination and referrals

72 CHILDREN
participated in Kids Club respite program

100% OF FAMILIES
reported improved family dynamics as a direct result of CHS services

96% OF CHILDREN
reported feeling more connected to their peers after participating in Kids Club

Implemented a pilot program aimed at creating adoptive FAMILY NETWORKS OF SUPPORT in both the Richmond and Fredericksburg areas
This year CHS advocacy efforts included:

- Educating 60 legislators on foster care and adoption issues
- Working with 20 experts to identify 40 policy recommendations
- Successfully advocating for the Foster Care Omnibus Bill at the General Assembly
- Launching our advocacy blog
- Listening sessions to hear from adoptive parents
- Serving on Three Branch Institute for Implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME.

Your support helps us create better futures for Virginia’s children and families!

THE POSSIBILITIES PROJECT: SUCCESS STORY

Nahdiyah joined The Possibilities Project in the summer of 2017. After she had aged out of foster care at age 18 with minimal supports, Nahdiyah spent years in and out of homelessness. She was dealing with lots of stress and hardship—personally and within her family. Nahdiyah often put her needs aside to help others. With her education on hold and struggling with the challenges of daily life, any hope of building her future and achieving independence felt miles out of reach.

Nahdiyah finally decided to put herself first and apply for a spot in The Possibilities Project. In less than two years, Nahdiyah has maintained her job and has received numerous raises and promotions thanks to her stellar performance; in fact, she now makes much more than a living wage. She has obtained her driver’s license and her first vehicle. After finally being able to focus on her education, she is set to complete her college certificate in American Sign Language by the end of the summer. In addition to being able to maintain her classes, a full time job, and becoming a licensed driver, Nahdiyah was also able to repair her credit, pay off her debt and build savings.

With less than two years of stable housing and wrap around supports, this incredible young woman began to reach her potential and build the foundation for the rest of her adult life. Signing onto her own lease this past July was a surreal and proud moment—not only for Nahdiyah but for the entire CHS family as well. The sky is the limit for her now, and we look forward to following her journey and seeing the countless accomplishments that still lie ahead.

THE IMPACT OF ADVOCACY

“I support CHS because of the work they put into getting it right: doing research, supporting families, and most importantly listening to the needs of the children they serve. CHS brings us closer to a world where every child has the love and support they deserve.”

Children’s Home Society of Virginia

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Richmond, Virginia 23230

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MORE CHS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

THE POSSIBILITIES PROJECT

- Celebrated its third anniversary in March 2018
- 56 requests for services
- 14 youth participants provided housing during fiscal year 2019
- 3 youth graduated and are now living independently—giving back by mentoring TPP youth.
- 90% made progress towards educational/vocational goals
- 100% were employed either part-time or full-time
- 77% maintained the same job for three or more months
- 98% received trauma education and/or participated in mental health services
- Initiated on-site mental health services to reduce barriers to participating in counseling
- TPP Portal was developed and implemented for TPP alumni to stay connected and to access resources and community services

TRAINING & PRESENTATIONS

- CHS trained 336 individuals that included adoptive families, professionals and community members
- 98% reported their knowledge of the subject matter increased after attending
- 100% reported an increase in their skills after attending