



Spaulding
for Children

2014 Annual Report



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A Letter From the Chair



Spaulding for Children placed our 2,000th child in a loving adoptive home in 2014! An incredible milestone born out of humble beginnings, one that could not have been possible without your support. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council, our sincere thanks to the foster parents, adoptive parents, staff and supporters. All those children placed in their Forever Families is a significant accomplishment.

Yet with all that good work, there is still much to do in our community. There are still nearly 7,000 children currently available for adoption and waiting for their Forever Family in our great State of Texas. The need is even greater where we are working; South Texas and Greater Houston are the two regions where children wait the longest for their Forever Family.

I believe we can do more. I believe we must do more. We can't do more without your continued support. While Spaulding for Children's costs to place an adoption is well below the national average, government service fees still only cover about 60% of our costs. Every contribution from foundations, corporations and individuals like you is valuable and helps place one more adoption. Thank you!

We are also always recruiting for prospective families. If you, or anyone you know, have any questions about becoming an adoptive family, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again, thank you for your support and dedication to Spaulding for Children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Seo', written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Seo
Board Chair, Spaulding for Children

2014 Program Outcomes

Foster Care

The Foster Care program provided through Spaulding for Children's Houston office supports the agency's mission by providing a safe haven home for abused or neglected children who have been removed from their birth homes and placed in the custody of the State of Texas. In 2014, Spaulding for Children's Foster Care program:

- Provided 18,845 days of care for 109 children in the Greater Houston area
- Facilitated the adoption of 33 children who were adopted by their foster parents
- Maintained placement for 98% of foster children with their foster parents until discharged through adoption or other type of planned move

Largest Placement was 3 children

Oldest Child was 15 years old

Youngest Child 3 days old

Special Needs Adoption

Adoption services are provided through Spaulding for Children's Houston and South Texas offices which serve 32 counties in Texas. The Special Needs Adoption Program consists of several components: recruitment, training, placement, and finalization. These services are offered free of charge to families, eliminating significant financial barriers for prospective adoptive parents, and helping more children in need achieve permanency through adoption. In 2014, the Special Needs Adoption Program:

- Placed 49 children in permanent families
- Finalized 49 adoptions where children officially became part of their forever families
- Maintained a superior success rate in which 98% of adoptive placements became finalized adoptions

Largest Placement was 4 children

Oldest Child was 17 years old

Youngest Child 1 year old

Post Adoption

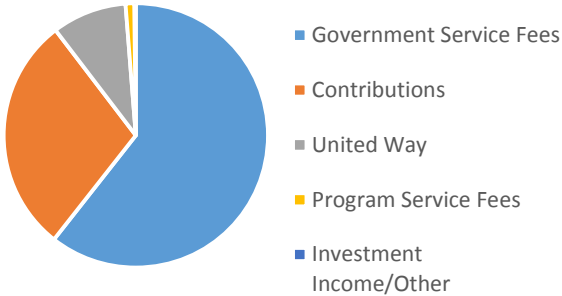
Post Adoption services are also provided through Spaulding for Children's Houston and South Texas offices. Spaulding for Children's Post Adoption Program began in 1988 to provide on-going support to children who were adopted from Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) custody and their adoptive parents. The program is designed to protect, strengthen and preserve the new adoptive families so that they may remain intact. In 2014, the Post Adoption Program:

- Provided post adoption services to 437 children
- Provided 1,828 hours of case management services
- Provided therapy and respite services enabling 99% of the 437 children served by the Post Adoption program to remain with their adopted families

2014 Revenue and Expenses

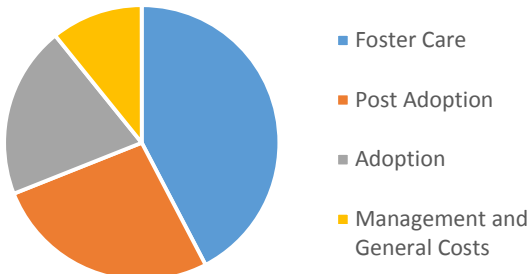
Revenue

Government Service Fees	\$1,522,757	61%
Contributions	\$729,556	29%
United Way	\$228,871	9%
Program Service Fees	\$26,599	1%
Investment Income/Other	\$4,857	0.2%
Total Support and Revenue	\$2,512,640	



Expenses

Foster Care	\$1,013,894	42%
Post Adoption	\$638,222	27%
Adoption	\$484,590	20%
Management and General Costs	\$258,906	11%
Total Expenses	\$2,395,612	



We Can Do This!

Steven Streety never considered becoming a foster or adoptive parent before fate stepped in. Steven became involved with a local organization that served children in the foster care system who had endured abuse. After speaking with foster parents during his volunteer shifts and learning more about the state foster care system, Steven thought to himself “I can do this.” Steven became a licensed foster parent and fostered a six year-old boy, who was finally reunited with his birth father after two years in state custody. After the boy left Steven’s home, his caseworker asked if he would consider adoption and Steven again thought, “I can do this.”

While Steven was in the process of adopting Fabian and Jovani, two brothers who were 14 and 12, his caseworker discovered that the boys had a 16 year-old half-brother, Arnold, who was also available for adoption. Although Arnold originally did not want to be adopted, he changed his mind so he could be with his brothers and not age out of the system without a forever family.

Steven moved forward in adopting all three boys, and they now live in Spring Branch. Fabian and Jovani attend Northbrook High School with aspirations of attending college after they graduate, and Arnold attends the University of Houston-Downtown, an opportunity he never imagined would be possible growing up in the state foster care system. Although raising teenagers hasn’t always been easy, Steven wouldn’t have it any other way.



Steven Streety and his sons. L to R: Fabian, Arnold, Steven and Jovani Streety

Spaulding for Children focuses on getting children like Fabian, Jovani and Arnold, who are over the age of six and part of a sibling group, out of the state foster care system and into loving adoptive homes. Older children, minority children and sibling groups have a harder time finding adoptive homes than younger Caucasian children and are at the highest risk of aging out of the foster care system at age eighteen without ever being adopted.

If you are interested in learning how you can become a foster or adoptive parent, please call 713-681-6991 for more information. Together, we can do this!

Spaulding for Children gratefully recognizes the foundations, corporations, religious organizations and individuals who believe in our mission and allow us to provide adoptive homes for children who have endured abuse, neglect or abandonment through their generous contributions. We know that our work would not be possible without your support!

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