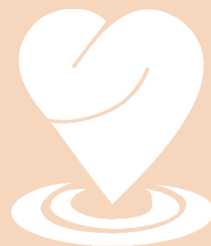




2012 ANNUAL REPORT
SPRING / SUMMER 2013
NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING
CHILDREN IN NEED
OF A LOVING HOME
WITH THE JOY OF
HAVING ONE



Spaulding
for Children

"Love makes a family." - Gigi Kaeser



It never ceases to amaze me how time can fly. You may have looked at the calendar and asked yourself “where has the time gone?”, I know I have. When I look at Spaulding for Children, I’m always astonished at how many lives are affected in what seems to be 12 short months.

In 2012, Spaulding for Children saw the efforts of volunteers, constituents and many others like yourselves, take a stand for the children in the custody of the State of Texas child welfare system. After a long road of advocacy, the fruits of your labor were seen at the close of the 83rd Texas Legislative session. It was a great victory for Child Placing Agencies throughout the State of Texas as we saw the restoration of the state level funding for both our Adoption and Post Adoption programs. We also celebrated a small increase in Foster Care rates for our families that give so much of themselves to provide these children with a temporary or permanent home. These victories will help lead to a brighter future at Spaulding for Children, but are still only small steps towards meeting the needs of the children in the custody of the state.

I want to thank all of the individuals, corporations and foundations that took up the banner and supported Spaulding for Children over the years. In 2012, we saw an increase in contributions and foundational support to help maintain our programs and keep them running at the standard of excellence that we ask from ourselves.

However, the fight is not over yet. Despite the hard work of so many people at the local and state level to make a change and create a better environment for these children, there is still much to be done. As I look to 2013, I am reminded that there are still over 6,400 children waiting and currently available for adoption in the State of Texas, with over 1,800 of those children residing right here in the greater Houston area. The numbers almost seem overwhelming; but the latest US census showed over 700,000 households in the Houston area. Together we can beat the statistics and find loving forever homes for all of the children that need one.

Therefore, I challenge you to look within your hearts and find out if you or someone you know will open their heart and home, to foster or adopt a child, or support us in doing so. Giving a child love, stability and a place to call home is one of the most rewarding things you can do in life.

Sincerely,

John Seo
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Program Outcomes

Foster Care

In 2012, Spaulding for Children provided 21,277 days of care for 114 children in the Greater Houston Area. 23 children were adopted by their foster parents through Spaulding for Children. Spaulding for Children’s Foster Care program supports the agency’s mission by providing foster homes for children currently in the custody of The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. The program has two components: temporary foster care and foster to adopt. Temporary foster care provides homes for children who are waiting for the outcome of their permanency plan which may include adoption, return to parents, kinship placement, or remaining in state custody. The foster to adopt component identifies children for whom the permanency plan is adoption and places them with foster parents who desire to foster them with the end goal of adoption. 100% of foster children stayed with the foster parents until discharged through adoption or other type of placement initiated and planned by TDFPS and Spaulding for Children.

Adoption

Adoption services are provided through the Houston, Corpus Christi, and McAllen offices which serve 29 counties in Texas. In 2012, Spaulding for Children placed 62 children in permanent families. 52 children officially became part of their “forever families” in 2012 when their adoptions were finalized. Spaulding for Children continues to maintain a superior success rate in which 91% of its placements become finalized adoptions.

Foster Care

The largest placement was 5 children
The oldest child was 14 years old
The youngest child was 2 days old

Adoption

The largest placement was 5 children
The oldest child was 17 years old
The youngest child was 17 months old



The Adoption program consists of several components: recruitment, training, placement, and finalization. Recruitment efforts include staff, community volunteers and adoptive parents advocating through media, public appearances and faith-based campaigns. A testament to the quality of services is that the agency’s greatest recruiters continue to be the adoptive families who return to adopt again, and refer their family and friends. Adoption is a permanent, lifelong commitment to a child.

The average cost for adoption through Spaulding for Children is about \$12,715 per child versus the national and Texas average of \$23,000 per child. Adoption services through Spaulding for Children are free of charge to families, eliminating significant financial barriers for prospective adoptive parents.

Post Adoption

Post Adoption Services are provided through the Houston, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Plano, Paris, and Fort Worth offices. In 2012, the Post Adoption program served 1,006 children and provided 4,501 case management hours. Spaulding for Children’s Post Adoption program began in 1990 for the purpose of providing on-going support services to families who adopted children from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). The program is designed to protect, strengthen and preserve the new families, as well as help them understand and cope with the existing bonds the children had in past relationships.

Post Adoption services are free of charge and are offered to all members of the family until the youngest adopted child reaches eighteen years of age. Spaulding for Children specializes in working with children defined as special needs by TDFPS. All Post Adoption services are offered in both English and Spanish. The Post Adoption program provides case management, respite care, education, support groups, therapeutic camping, counseling, and treatment services designed to resolve adoption issues and strengthen family functioning, thus increasing the quality of life for all family members and insuring that the family remains intact. During 2012, 99% of adopted children utilizing Post Adoption services remained with their adopted families.

Adoption Celebration

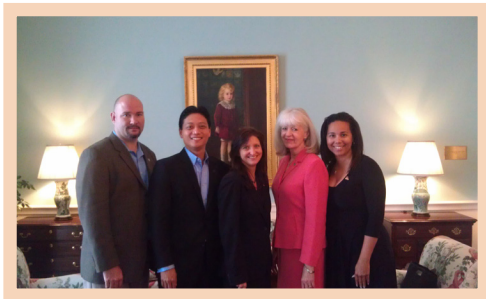
In honor of Foster Care Appreciation Month, Spaulding for Children celebrated with an Adoption Celebration Breakfast on May 30th at the Junior League of Houston. The occasion also allowed us to honor some very special Spaulding for Children friends like Lance Loken of the Loken Group, as well as Houston Advisory Council Member Norman "Buddy" Garner and his wife, Shirley Garner, who were presented with the prestigious Sue Finley Award. The breakfast concluded with a candid talk from adoptee, Ray Pitts. We would like to extend a very big thank you to our wonderful Board of Directors and Advisory Council for their efforts in making this a heartwarming morning of celebration.



Loken Group members Joy Sheikh, Lance Loken, Karina Loken, and Jennifer Holloway



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Rob Pitts, Guest Speaker Ray Pitts, and Spaulding for Children Post Adoption Supervisor Cynthia Couch

2012 REVENUE AND EXPENSES – AUDITED

Revenue

Government Fees and Awards	\$	1,839,545
Foundation Grants	\$	457,511
Contributions	\$	234,682
United Way	\$	251,093
Program Service Fees	\$	34,875
Investment Income	\$	29,326



- GOVERNMENT SERVICE FEES
- FOUNDATION GRANTS
- CONTRIBUTIONS
- UNITED WAY
- INVESTMENT INCOME
- PROGRAM SERVICE FEES

Total Support and Revenue \$ **2,847,032**

Expenses

Adoption	\$	661,104
Foster Care	\$	1,042,799
Post Adoption	\$	1,129,425
Management & General	\$	181,301



- ADOPTION
- FOSTER CARE
- POST ADOPTION
- MANAGEMENT & GENERAL

Total Expenses \$ **3,014,629**

My Journey to Motherhood

My journey to becoming a mother started in my heart years before I actually began looking into adoption. I always knew I wanted to be a mother, and of course I had a "plan" that included getting married and having kids by the age of 30. Neither of those things happened, and at the age of 37, I decided to stop waiting and find a way to fulfill my own journey. I did a lot of research into adoption: private versus open, international versus domestic – there were a million things to consider! I finally decided on domestic adoption through a non-profit adoption agency. I discussed my decision with my family and everyone was excited and very supportive. I was unsure how to go about finding an adoption agency, so one day I asked a colleague at work how she had chosen an adoption agency. She told me that I needed to call Spaulding for Children. The next day I called Spaulding for Children and set up an appointment. The minute I walked into the office, I knew I had found the right agency.



After all of the training and paperwork, I was finally approved to be a foster-to-adopt parent. It was a risk, but one I felt I needed to take.

I was approaching the end of another school year with summer break beginning in a couple of days. It was on June 3, 2009, when I spoke with my caseworker, Elizabeth. We discussed that we would wait for a placement until I returned from a trip to London in July. Later that evening with travel plans in place, I saw a full rainbow over my neighborhood. Rainbows always make me reminisce about my late Aunt Julie who was reassured on the day of her heart transplant by the presence of one. Her strength and peace reminded me of her support she had for my decision to adopt.

Even the best laid plans have a way of changing when fate gets in the way. The very next day, Grace, the Foster Care Supervisor at Spaulding for Children, called me and asked if I would be interested in a one day old little boy. Once I recovered from the shock I said that I was very interested, and she informed me that I should be able to pick up the baby the next afternoon. I quickly called and cancelled my plane tickets to London and spent the next 26 hours getting ready to bring a baby home. On the way home from a shopping spree at Babies R Us, I spoke with my younger sister, Candy. I told her that the caseworker did not know if the baby had a name, so I needed to think of one just in case. Candy told me that she and her husband had chosen the name Timothy in the past. I liked the name, but didn't want to steal it from my sister, so I considered the name Zachary.

The next day was spent trying to wrap up the school year and talking to the Child Protective Services caseworker to coordinate picking up the baby at the hospital. When the Child Protective Services worker arrived at my house to finalize paperwork, we began to discuss the baby and I asked her if he had a name. She said, "Yes" and pointed to the front of the records book. His name was Timothy! I almost fell out of my chair. I told her about my discussion with Candy the day before and we both agreed it was more than a coincidence...of the thousands of names that could have been given to him by his birth mother, she chose Timothy.



That afternoon my mom and I went to the hospital and met Timothy. I will never forget the jumble of feelings I experienced as I walked in to the maternity ward – I was excited, scared, nervous, and every other possible feeling you could have. A nurse told me I could find him in the NICU. When I got there a nurse was feeding Timmy and she looked at me and said "Do you want to hold your baby?" The rush of emotions returned full force!! He was so amazing and I sat and just held him for several hours waiting for the paperwork from the court and Child Protective Services to be finalized. I soon learned that waiting was a large part of my journey! I brought him home that evening and was shocked to realize that I was already in love! I will admit that the first week is a blur – caseworker visits, doctor's appointments, and paperwork – all on top of the fact that I was suddenly responsible for this tiny person's life. I had my first court appointment the first week Timmy was home. Saying I was nervous to go to the courtroom is an understatement; I was petrified, until the judge asked me if I wanted to adopt Timothy, and I answered politely "yes, please!" He laughed and said he would try to fast track the adoption so it was possible to be finalized in as little as six months! I left feeling elated and relieved. I let myself fall even deeper in love with my son after that day in court.

It took several more months and lots of paperwork for our big day to arrive, but we officially became a family fourteen months and six days after we met! It was a bumpy and very emotional journey, but one that I will never regret!

I feel that Timmy is my destiny - the rainbow on the day he was born, the timing in his availability, a call that might not have been made, and his name being Timothy, everything all came together as an answer to the prayers of my entire family.

All Four One

I moved to Houston from Stockton, California with my two daughters in September of 2007 to be closer to family. That is where I met my husband, Curtis Davis in January of 2008. For him it was love at first sight; but I was very guarded and it took me a while to let him get close. We dated, became a couple and in 2010 we moved in with each other. He proposed to me on Sunday, February 6, 2011, in the middle of a mall on one knee in front of a lot of people we didn't know. I can laugh about it now, but at the time I was a little embarrassed.

Foster care is something I have been involved in since I moved to Texas. I started out being a respite provider for my mom and sister who at the time had foster children. Curtis and I discussed it at length and decided we would take in our own foster children. We decided we would take in boys in the age range of five to eleven. The agency called and offered us a sibling group of 3 boys and 1 girl ages 2, 4, 5 & 7 and three of the 4 were in diapers/pull-ups. We decided we were not ready for that group. But sometimes we say no and God says yes, because a week later the agency called and offered us the same sibling group. Curtis and I discussed it again and decided it would be too much and again told the agency we would decline in taking this sibling group. The agency called one week after we had declined the group a second time and asked us to please take in this sibling group until they could find someone else to take them. They didn't want to split the siblings apart. So we decided to take them until they could find a more permanent placement for all four.

On April 29, 2010, we received Avante 7, Talana 5, Alanzo 4 and Daniel 2 into our home. When we looked at these children we were overcome with emotion because we just could not believe that someone could not have taken the time out to give them the care they needed and deserved. Curtis and the girls immediately bonded and fell in love with them. Two weeks later we told the agency they did not have to find a different placement - we would go ahead and keep them. After about a year of having the kids we started talking about adopting them. Curtis and I discussed it for almost a full year. It truly was a lot to consider. We decided we would not adopt them because we could not figure out how we would make it all work; but again God had other plans.



We got a call from CPS in May of 2012 to come in for a meeting. They told me they found a family to adopt the kids. In the beginning I was thrilled, and I told them Curtis and I would do all we could to help the kids transition into their new home. CPS told us the family was out of state and we would not be able to have contact with them once the adoption was finalized. I immediately began to cry because we never thought we would not be able to be a part of their lives at all. I called my husband and shared the news with him and he immediately said, "We can't let that happen. Call them back and tell them we are going to adopt them." I simply responded by saying okay I can do that, but how are we going to make it all work? He said, "Baby, don't worry. God will make a way." So I called CPS and told them we WILL adopt the children. We started the adoption process; and on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, the adoption became final. We know we will have some challenges but with our Faith in GOD, and the Love we have for each other, we will face and overcome them as the Davis Family.

Foundation Spotlight: Ascende Charitable Trust



Every year Spaulding for Children is given the opportunity to continue building community resources through our Post Adoption program. The Post Adoption program is one of the most vital parts of the core programming that guides Spaulding for Children's mission to provide children in need of a loving home with the joy of having one. Post Adoptive support allows our experienced staff to work with families on a personal level to help them connect as a family, provide learning opportunities and even coordinate support groups that allow members of adoptive families to talk about the joys and hardships that come with raising a child that has experienced abuse or neglect.

Support for the Post Adoption program is an ongoing effort to maintain the quality services and help that our families need. In 2012, Ascende Charitable Trust (ACT) was one of the newest foundations to provide financial support for this essential program. ACT was officially established in 2009 by Ascende, Inc., a Houston-based human capital and employee benefits consulting firm. ACT was founded with the intention to distribute funds for charitable purposes that benefit the health and well-being of children in the Greater Houston area. ACT's primary giving focus includes organizations that have significant impact on children in need, physically, financially and emotionally; which includes the adoptive families served by Spaulding for Children.



The ACT committee is comprised solely of Ascende employees that have volunteered their time to assist in furthering the efforts of the trust; which can include establishing grant protocols, streamlining the application process and vetting the charity requests. The personal interaction with ACT committee members gave Spaulding for Children the unique opportunity to connect with ACT concerning the core mission and values that we uphold through our organization's programs.

At Spaulding for Children we were truly thankful for their partnership and support in. The support from ACT allowed us to continue building the legacy that Spaulding for Children is proud to have been a part of since 1977. This organization, as well as many others in the Greater Houston area are very fortunate to have a foundation like ACT that is dedicated to supporting the well-being of children in need.

Foster Care Appreciation Dinner



Two dedicated foster families represented by Debbie Muery and Scott Hollis

Foster Care Coordinator Shea O'Neil and Compliance Supervisor Elizabeth Durham who made the evening one to remember



Adoption Supervisor Jo Chevalier and Foster Care Coordinator Sandra Williams

LISTED BELOW ARE THE NAMES OF THE FOUNDATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE SUPPORT IN 2012 MADE POSSIBLE THE MANY SERVICES PROVIDED BY SPAULDING FOR CHILDREN TO CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH ITS FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, AND POST ADOPTION PROGRAMS.

Thank you for your generous support. Figures shown reflect contributions received between January 1 and December 31, 2012. Please contact the Development Office (713.681.6991 x 128) to note any errors or omissions.

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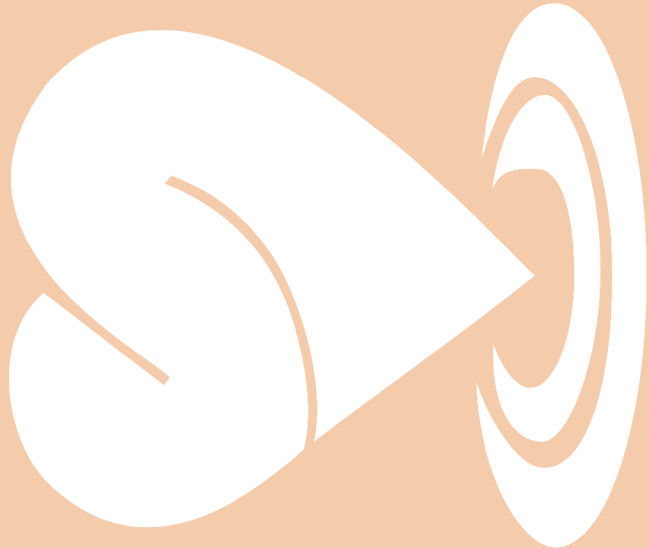
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