

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD AND BUILD PROMISING FUTURES

2020 Update

A lot has happened since March as we, along with most others around the world began to address and continue to adapt to the many changes brought about by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past several months have been nothing short of challenging as we work to ensure the safety of our children, the foster parents in their care, and the entire SOS Village staff. Our young adults and families have been very fortunate to have the kind, caring, and generous support of so many of you to help get through difficult times. Thank you so much for everything you do to support our children and mission.

The cancellation of our gala in April, the loss of third-party fundraising events, along with the transition of our special events to virtual platforms, has taken a toll on income. We have been able to pivot to meet some of these challenges, which otherwise would not have been possible without your help. Your donations since the coronavirus epidemic began in March have allowed us to develop an SOS summer camp, purchase items to engage the children while staying at home, provide unbudgeted food items when we could no longer rely on school lunches, and provide financial support for our young adults in the Next Steps program of whom many lost their jobs and incomes.

**2019 Recap** 

Your support in 2019 made a huge impact on the lives of our children and young adults. We received an outpouring of support from the community and saw increased levels of corporate sponsorships and employee volunteer engagement. We also welcomed our largest group of 8 children, with the youngest being only 3 days old.

Because of donors like you, SOS Children's Villages Florida goes far beyond just providing a place

for foster children to live. When a child comes to SOS, they learn independent living skills, receive twice weekly tutoring in reading and math, have opportunities to attend summer camp, and recieve therapy and counseling for them and their parents. Our Next Steps program offers a continuum of services for young adults who have aged out of foster care at 18. This year we were very fortunate to have our Next Steps program expanded through funding from the Jim Moran and Frederick A. Deluca Foundations.

**Our Appreciation** 

There is not a day that goes by where our children do not see the many positive and life changing impacts of your generosity. It can be something as nice as having a cake to celebrate a birthday; to catching up two or more levels in reading as a result of our twice weekly tutoring program. The investment you make in the lives of our children and young adults result in long term self-sufficiency. A special thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution towards providing a safe and caring environment where our children and young adults can grow, live, land learn.



2020 Board Chair



Jillian Smath, MSW

## **BUILDING BETTER LIVES IN 2019**



- children were cared for
- 31 reunifications with family
- 54 admissions
- 55 discharges
- days old was the age of our 3 youngest child
- aged out at age 18
- 22 sibling groups
- 15 placed in pre-adoptive homes
- 4 placed with a different provider
- 651 medical appointments

# Next

### **NEXT STEPS PROGRAM**

- 109 Enrolled in the program
- Former foster youth outside of SOS 20
- 30 **Enrolled in post-secondary schools**
- 66 Working full-time
- Working and attending school

Next Steps is a program designed to provide a continuum of services to young adults who have aged out of foster care. Our program supports both SOS and non-SOS young adults in the areas of employment, affordable housing, financial literacy, education, and more.



## 2019 PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

#### THE STATED OUTCOMES FOR 2019 ARE AS FOLLOWS

**GOAL: 75%** of the children will improve or maintain their academic level. **RESULT: 88%** attained this goal.

GOAL: 75% of the children will improve or maintain their independent living skills. **RESULT: 88%** attained this goal.

GOAL: 70% of the children will demonstrate improved behavior and functioning as

**RESULT: 86%** attained this goal.

**GOAL: 75%** of the children participating in the Next Steps Program

will be enrolled in school or employed full time. **RESULT: 88%** attained this goal.

GOAL: 90% of the young adults participating in the Next Steps Program will not be homeless.

measured by the CGAS (Child Global Assessment Scale).

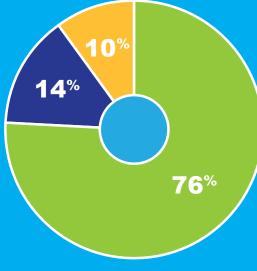
**RESULT:** 99% attained this goal.





#### HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

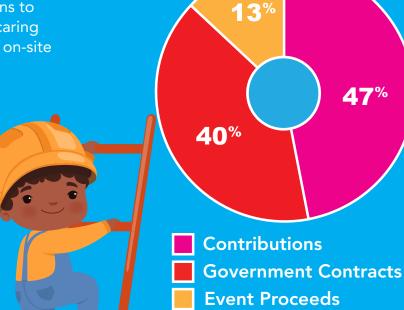
Your support gives SOS Florida the means to provide every child with a warm home, caring family, happy childhood and a variety of on-site programs and services 24 hours a day.



Care & Services for Kids

**Fundraising & Outreach** 

Village Management

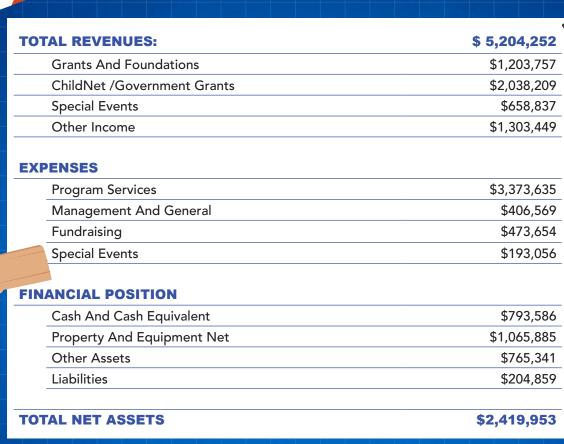


#### HOW WE ARE FUNDED

In addition to the daily stipend SOS Florida receives from the state for the daily care of our kids, we rely greatly upon the support of friends like you to meet the needs of our families.

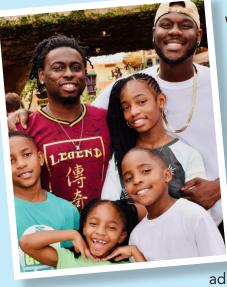
In 2019 we received funding of \$5,204,252 with private sources comprising \$3,166,043. Total expenses amounted to \$4,446,914, producing an increase in net assets of \$757,338.

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AUDIT



Visit www.sosflorida.com for the complete financial audit and IRS 990

## OUR WORK IS TRULY OUR PASSION HOW A FAMILY WAS BUILT



Working at SOS is more than a job. For most, it is a calling to serve and create the best lives for the underserved. When Residential Manager, Eryc Allen, and his husband Jeremy, had the opportunity to adopt four siblings who

had been with us for 3 years, they knew that this was the right choice for them and their new family. The children arrived in 2016 as part of a sibling group of 6 whose parental rights ended up being terminated. The bond between Eryc and the children was deep, and he knew almost right away that he

wanted them in his life forever. The circumstances around the adoption could not have been better, as the two youngest sisters were adopted Rashani, an ex SOS employee and close friend of Eryc. What this would mean to the families was that they would have a built-in support system and that the children would continue to grow up alongside one another and share holidays, vacations, and other special occasions

"Our decision to adopt our kids was purely based on the connection we built. My husband met them and fell in love. He became a mentor, and I work here so it was a match made in heaven. We all just clicked. They are so bonded, and we wanted to do everything we could to keep them together. So we just made it happen!"

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