

HEALING, HOPE & Home

Gratitude

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Giving Matters

Tutoring

Siblings TOGETHER

Next STEPS

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD



As we reflect on the many lives we have impacted, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to help some of the most vulnerable members of our community. It truly has been and continues to be a wonderful journey!

We began the year with the continuation of the development of our Board which began in 2016 with growth from just twelve members to twenty-five; and for the first time we have an SOS alumnus who joined the Board. He came to SOS as a 7-year-old with his sisters, and it is wonderful to see how his life has blossomed as he is now a husband, father, and detective with Broward Sheriff's Office. This young man is a testament to the work that we do and how lives can be transformed.

In 2017 we received funding of \$4.5 million with private sources comprising \$2.7 million. Total expenses amounted to \$4.0 million, producing an increase in net assets of \$500,000. In addition, our endowment fund has grown to a fair value of \$1,123,474 from which we received five percent this year. Our development team continues to work to ensure that our outlook toward 2018 is promising.

September was nothing short of chaotic as we lived through and recovered from Hurricane Irma. Our children were safe, and the Village sustained only minor damages. The children and their house parents were in shelters until the day after the storm, but we were unable to have everyone return to the Village because our electricity had not been restored. Through the generosity of a Board member, all 70 of our children enjoyed several days at his home where his

wife, family, and friends all came out to make sure that the children felt cared for and safe. Additionally, we had hundreds of volunteers assist with debris clean up, preparation of meals, and donations of food and money to assist with the replenishment of perishable items.

The responsibility of caring for children is a huge one, and requires many people selflessly coming together for the greater good of our girls and boys. We are very proud of the staff who are so loving and caring, and always put 150% into everything they do to ensure that our children are safe, well cared for, and loved.

2018 is the 25th anniversary of SOS Children's Villages Florida and we hope that each of you will join in celebration of this special year. We have several opportunities to become involved and add your personal mark to this special time in SOS history. Please consider getting a commemorative brick paver, forming a Steps for SOS 5k Run/Walk team, or attend the 25th Anniversary luncheon in the Fall. Visit our website at www.sosflorida.com to learn more about these and other activities and events.

A heartfelt thank you to each of you who have helped provide the necessary resources to give our children the life that every child deserves.

Kristina Stein
Kristina Stein
2017 Board Chair

Jillian Smath
Jillian Smath, MSW
Executive Director

WE HAVE THE BEST VOLUNTEERS!



- Over 1000 people volunteered
- 500 hours spent on volunteer projects
- 25 mentors provided friendship and guidance
- Over 100 volunteers came to our rescue following Hurricane Irma
- 125 volunteer projects and activities with the children
- Value of total volunteer hours totaled \$14,484



2017 BY NUMBERS



187 children served

39 reunifications with family members

6 aged out at 18 years

21 sibling groups resided at the Village (largest number since we opened!)

2 sibling groups returned when placement with family members fell through

80 young adults were active in our Next Steps program which offers support when a child ages out of the foster care system at age 18

20 non- SOS young adults are thriving in the Next Steps program as a result of a program expansion grant

24 of our young adults in the Next Steps program are enrolled in college

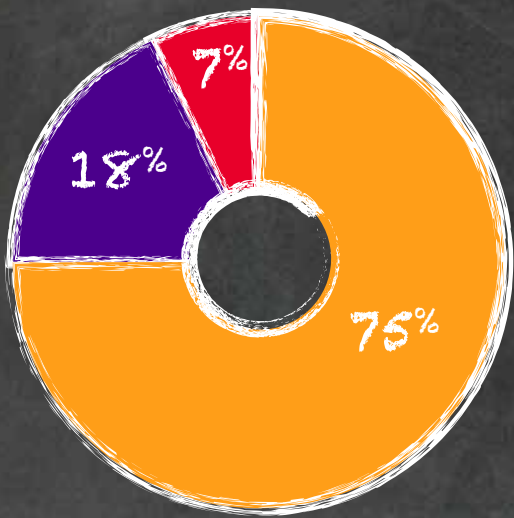
1 graduated from college

1 in law school

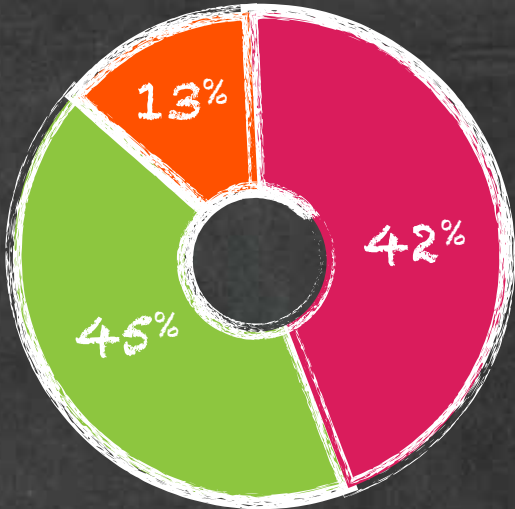


HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

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



- Contributions
- Government Contracts
- Event Proceeds

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.

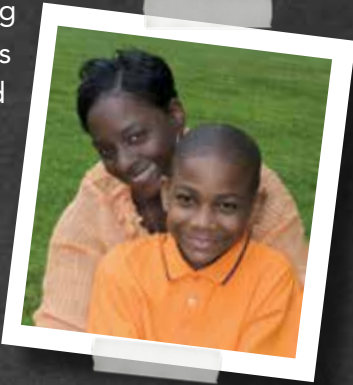
2017 ANNUAL REPORT Audit

TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,343,370
Grants And Foundations	\$771,816
ChildNet /Government Grants	\$1,825,619
Special Events	\$563,485
Other Income	\$1,182,459
EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$2,935,039
Management And General	\$292,489
Fundraising	\$496,339
Special Events	\$214,524
FINANCIAL POSITION	
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$433,123
Property And Equipment Net	\$1,572,986
Other Assets	\$368,836
Liabilities	\$948,638
NET ASSETS	
Temporarily Restricted And Unrestricted	\$1,876,307
Permanently Restricted	\$50,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,426,307

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

A STORY OF HOPE

In June 2016 we welcomed Max, a sad and fearful 8-year-old boy who wanted nothing more than to be at home with his mother. Like many of our children’s parents, Max’s mom loved him, but suffered from a horrible crystal meth addiction which rendered her unsuitable to provide for the needs of her young son. She had hit rock bottom and lost everything, her home, her job, and her child. During a court trail to terminate her parental rights, his mother pleaded with the courts one final time to give her another chance to prove to Max, herself, and everyone involved, that she could be the parent he needed her to be. The judge listened and gave her the chance she and Max needed.



Max’s transition to SOS was rocky as he waited anxiously for his mother to come for her weekly visits. He received therapy to help cope with his feelings of loss and to help make the adjustment to living in foster care. His mother was committed to getting her son back and made it a point to arrive every single week with a positive outlook towards their future together. During her visits we provided her with community resources and referrals to help get her life back on track and invited her to on site therapy sessions with her son when needed.

In the fall of 2017, Max was reunited with his mother. She stopped using drugs, got her old job back at Winn Dixie, and found an affordable apartment for both. Today Max and his mom regularly visit SOS to see the staff and many friends he made during his stay. They both walk through the door with smiling faces, and the love between mother and son is highly evident.

Your generous support allows Max and other children like him to live a life of promise and hope.

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