every three minutes, someone calls Children’s Home + Aid for help for a child
and 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, we answer that call.

Because all vulnerable children, whatever their age or circumstance, deserve safe, loving homes and the chance to love, to learn, to heal, to dream and to make their way in the world.

In everything we do, whether it’s working with children and families in crisis or working to change the systems that serve them, we have just one goal: to get children on the path to a better life and keep them there.
Dear Friends,

An annual report is usually the vehicle for an organization to toot its own horn and to summarize the year’s accomplishments. This year’s report does that, of course. There’s even a special fold out in honor of our 130th anniversary celebrating the six generations of children we have protected, educated and loved. But the horn we’re tooting this year is yours.

Your support has always made a measurable difference in our ability to care for and protect children in Illinois, and your generosity alone is worth trumpeting. But this year, children and families all across the state also benefited from a nearly 250 percent increase in the number of you who shared your time and talents as volunteers.

Whether it was spending the odd Saturday afternoon painting a preschool classroom or being there week after week for a teen in one of our 9 community schools, you showed up in record numbers: more than 2,200 of you statewide completed an astonishing 48,513 hours of service.

Those volunteer hours add up to more than $1.1 million, but their real value is incalculable. Thanks to your commitment, teens in our community schools are consistently outperforming their more-advantaged peers. Preschoolers are learning in a bright and welcoming place. And children who haven’t had many reasons to believe in the future can see with their own eyes that someone cares.

Several years ago, we distilled our goals into just six words—Best Reputation, Best Results, Best People—and began the rigorous data gathering and analysis necessary to turn aspiration into achievement.

In this report, you’ll see some of the highlights of this past year. We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished so far, and we’re prouder still that you are working with us to accomplish more for children and families.

For all that you do for the children, families and communities of Illinois, thank you.

Nancy B. Ronquillo
President and CEO, Children’s Home + Aid

Elizabeth Connelly
Chair of the Board - FY13
Families can get overwhelmed, but with a little support, they don’t have to fall apart. For one couple, that support began when Children’s Home + Aid found the funds for one month’s rent.

Dad was a veteran. Unable to find a job and suffering from undiagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder, he was increasingly depressed and angry. Mom was working, but had been diagnosed with fibromyalgia and was being tested for lupus. Facing eviction and with nowhere to turn, neither had the energy or emotional resources to support the other. Just coping with the needs of their three young children, a 6-year-old daughter and 2-year-old twins, one of whom was developmentally delayed and unable to walk, was growing harder. They talked about divorce.

What started with emergency funds turned into ongoing, practical assistance. A Children’s Home + Aid caseworker helped the family find affordable housing, protective childcare for the twins and medical care. Shriners Hospital agreed to perform the surgery that would allow the 2-year-old to walk. Things started looking up even more when the father found employment with a temp agency.

With less stress all around—and with someone willing to listen—the couple was able to start talking again, to their caseworker and to each other. They still face challenges, of course. Every couple does. But today, they’re better able to count on each other and to face those challenges together. And that’s good news for the children who count on them.
40,000 children and families counted on us in 2013

- Intact: 38,500
- Separated: 1,500

We help struggling parents get better at parenting.

- Healthy Families: Parents showing increased parenting skills - 91%
- Butterfly Project Parents reporting a better relationship with their child - 89%
we keep children safe and protect them from physical, developmental and emotional harm

we protect 1 of every 12 children in care in Illinois

47% AGES 0–9
28% AGES 10–17
18% AGES 18–21
7% OVER AGE 22
we find children homes

52.3% WERE ADOPTED
40.4% RETURNED HOME
7.3% FOUND A GUARDIAN

63% OF THE 429 FOSTER CHILDREN WHOSE CASES WE CLOSED IN FY13 FOUND A HOME

even the children most deeply affected by what they have lived through

78% OF CHILDREN LEAVE RICE CHILD & FAMILY CENTER READY TO LIVE IN A LESS STRUCTURED, MORE HOME-LIKE SETTING
families count on us to help put their children on the path to a better future—and keep them there

From the parent of a preschooler, Tom Thumb Community Child Care Center, Carpentersville

Diego’s teachers provide resources and information to me as a parent on child development, positive discipline and other parenting skills. I know the impact of high-quality training in improving the care and education that young children receive. As a parent, I have directly benefited from the strategies I learned from Diego’s teachers. I’ve used these strategies at home and have seen Diego thrive.

My son looks forward to going to school every day. He loves his teachers and all the activities they do. Every week, they send home with Diego their lesson plan for the week so I can work with Diego at home, too. This has really made a difference. I know he is picking things up faster, and I have seen the difference in Diego’s independence, his social skills, his language—he has so many words—and his ability to communicate.

I could not have had better people to be able to care for my son while I work. I know every family is impacted by the quality of care their children receive. Every day, the love my child gets from everyone in the center is something I will always be thankful and blessed for. They truly have changed my child’s life and my own life. I feel safe leaving him there and I know they will make sure he is learning.
with early childhood education that reinforces children’s social and emotional growth and stability

violent neighborhoods, the incarceration of a parent, hunger, poverty, frequent moves—all reduce a child’s chances for success in school and in life

*with the right support, they don’t have to*
we help children and families beat the odds

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

8% HIGHER THAN CPS STUDENTS

7% HIGHER THAN CPS STUDENTS

we help foster kids aspire to and work toward a stable, productive life

TEST SCORES

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

82.5% OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN’S HOME + AID IN HIGH SCHOOL PASS TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL OR GRADUATE

99.4% OF FOSTER CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN’S HOME + AID IN K–8 PASS TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL

GRADERS
Mary Smith was trying to make a home for her three children in Englewood, one of Chicago’s toughest and most under-resourced neighborhoods. She believed things could change, for her family and her community. All she needed was encouragement and opportunity.

She found both at A Knock at Midnight, a faith-based organization and one of six community partners participating in the Englewood Community Violence Prevention Program led by Children’s Home + Aid.

Mary became part of the Parent Leadership Action Network, a summer program that put 50 Englewood parents to work transforming their neighborhood. The job connected her to others and gave her a broader perspective on the problems they faced together. It also gave her a chance to discover and use resources she didn’t know she had: leadership skills, resilience, social connections. She began attending parent “cafes,” where she could work through the challenges she faced as a mother and learn to cope better with her youngest child’s special needs. Her teens were learning, too. In A Knock at Midnight’s youth program, they gained job readiness skills and were matched with employers for the summer.

A neighborhood is only as strong as the families who live there. Working together in Englewood made the Smiths stronger and brought them closer together. And at summer’s end, it brought them—and their neighborhood—something more. Mary Smith now has a permanent position with A Knock at Midnight, and her oldest son has his first real job, at the construction company where he trained.

Communities count on us to tackle their biggest problems.
and address each community’s needs

by matching services to needs, investing in prevention

and focusing on continuous improvement

*Children’s Home + Aid saves lives and more*
FY13 cost savings

| Keeping Families Together vs. Foster Care | $2,460/yr. | $16,000/yr. | 1,284 Kids x $13,540 = $17,385,360 |
| Getting Kids Home vs. Keeping Them in Foster Care | $42,359/yr. | $16,000/yr. | 429 Kids x $16,000/yr. = $6,864,000 |
| Therapeutic Foster Care vs. Keeping Kids in Residential Treatment | $92,000/yr. | $49,641/yr. | 23 Kids x $49,641/yr. = $1,141,743 |
| Keeping Kids Out of Detention vs. The Cost of Incarceration | $9770/yr. | $87,009/yr. | 124 Kids x $77,239 = $9,577,636 |

Total cost savings: $34,968,740

so no matter what you count, thanks to you, Children’s Home + Aid is making an impact that counts.
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

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<td>Land, building and equipment</td>
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<td>Indirect - United Way</td>
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**Total Public Support: $6,766,638**

### Revenue

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**Total Direct Program Support: $55,830,005**

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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous income</td>
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**Net Other Revenue: $803,117**

**Total Revenue: $63,109,980**

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<td>$42,760,641</td>
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<td>Operation of programs</td>
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**Change in Net Assets - Increase / (Decrease): $10,448,799**
Children’s Home + Aid served 629 children in Early Head Start and Head Start programs in FY13 in center-based care, day care homes and home visiting programs.

Revenue for the Early Head Start and Head Start programs was $7,749,056, of which $1,090,288 and $6,659,768 came from private and public sources, respectively. The budgetary expenditures of these programs included staff compensation and benefits, professional fees, supplies, occupancy and other expenditures in support of the provision of client services.

The financial results of the agency’s Early Head Start and Head Start programs are included in the agency’s audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2013. The Independent Auditor’s opinion on these financial statements was unqualified. For more information, please see the complete 2013 Early Head Start and Head Start Report at childrenshomeandaid.org or contact our home office.
we’ve been doing it for 130 years

Since 1883, Children’s Home + Aid has been a leader in responding to the changing needs of disadvantaged children and families in Illinois. For 130 years, Children’s Home + Aid has paved the way by establishing best practices and shaping laws in child welfare, early childhood and juvenile justice. Today, Children’s Home + Aid is recognized as a leading provider of quality programs and services to children and families in need.
Keeping kids out of jail

Children's Home + Aid Southern Region leads efforts to develop interventions that divert minors from the juvenile justice system. The interventions achieve a 95 percent success rate.

Working with teenage parents

A pioneering project launches to help foster kids who are pregnant or have children develop their parenting and independent living skills.

Promoting educational success

Partnering with Chicago Public Schools, Children's Home + Aid launches Community Schools to provide in-school counseling and support for at-risk children.

Expanding foster care services

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The Youth Campus, in Park Ridge, merges with Children's Home + Aid; proceeds from the sale of the Park Ridge campus are used to establish the Children's Home + Aid Foundation for Children, Inc. to finance the creation of the Van Arsdale Center for Policy, Practice and Innovation, an ongoing initiative whose goal is lasting change for abused and neglected children statewide.

Leading innovation in policy and evidence-based practice

Center for Policy, Practice and Innovation advances public policy responses to the needs of vulnerable children and families, incubates new techniques, and disseminates research.

Keeping foster children in their own families

Children's Home + Aid is one of the first agencies in the nation to implement the Healthy Families Initiative, which promotes the care and well-being of foster children through early intervention and prevention efforts. The Children's Home + Aid Healthy Families Initiative creates a continuum of care for foster children and their families.

Chronology

1883

Founding a movement

Reverend Martin Van Buren Van Arsdale, seeing the conditions in which abandoned and homeless children are forced to live, works to establish Children's Home + Aid. His idea—to "foster" children in family homes instead of putting them in orphanages—remains radical for nearly 50 years.

1893

Establishing standards of care

Dr. Hastings S. Hart, superintendent of Children's Home + Aid, chairs committee that writes child care guidelines for White House Conference on the Care of Dependent Children.

1909

Ending child labor

Working nationally, Children's Home Societies press for government action on child well-being, including passage of child welfare and child labor laws.

1914

Keeping families together

During the Depression, Children's Home + Aid argues that removing children from their families because of poverty does more harm than good, and provides relief services to poor families.

1920

Giving children a voice in court

Children's Home + Aid leads Congress to pass the revised Adoption Act, which provides for court-appointed guardians ad litem to serve the "best interests of the child."

1925

Recognizing children's emotional needs

Children's Home + Aid general director Mabbett K. Reckford adds a child psychiatrist to staff, noting that children's emotional and mental health is as important as their physical well-being.

1932

Residential treatment

More mental health professionals are added to staff, and residential treatment services begin for children suffering acute psychological problems.

1939

Addressing the needs of the urban poor

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1945

Providing clinical and emotional support for teens

Group homes are established to help teens struggling to bridge the gap between childhood and adulthood.

1960s

Developing standards for adoption

Children's Home + Aid develops standards for adoption, including the requirement that adopted parents be investigated and a six-month trial period completed before adoption into law in 1945, remain in place today.

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