Dear Friends,

Every three minutes of every day Children’s Home + Aid responds to a call to help a child. Your engagement and commitment enables our talented team of staff and volunteers to respond to each boy and girl in their time of need. Often a child or family is in the throes of crisis and we heed their call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We partner to create strong families and to prevent crises from threatening the safety and future of thousands of children. Whenever we respond, our children, youth and families heal, learn, grow and succeed.

This Annual Report shares highlights of the amazing difference that we are making together. We celebrate a range of distinct accomplishments during 2014:

• We have expanded our reach to over 60 counties, families in 27 new counties in central and southern Illinois now have much needed family strengthening and post-adoption support
• Volunteers from 40 corporations and communities across Illinois numbering over 1,000 individuals lavished their caring and talent opening up a sense of excitement about a future of promise each time they entered the lives of our children
• We achieved the All-Children All-Families Seal of Recognition from the Human Rights Campaign, one of only two agencies in Illinois to merit this certification for our commitment and service to LGBQT youth and families

• The Bring Me Home Campaign, inspired by Paul and Jennifer Konerko, Jim and Andrea Thome, Gordon Beckham and the White Sox Charities, wrapped up an eight year run this season. Their devotion helped 550 children to be welcomed into forever families. The campaign raised over $500,000 and awareness to enlist mentors and recruit new families.

We live in a time where the perils to children are many. Yet we also live in a time where the potential to heal trauma, to create success in school, in families and in community is enormous. You are a part of the Children’s Home + Aid story. Your photograph may not appear in the following pages, but your passion and commitment is reflected in every measure of our impact.

Thank you for heeding the call of a child in need, and for enabling Children’s Home + Aid to make a lasting difference.

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

Beverley A. Sibblies
Chair of the Board - FY14
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
Amy and Mark Thompson knew they wanted to build a family. At the time the Thompsons started the process, civil unions had yet to be recognized in Illinois. After speaking to friends and doing their research, the Thompsons decided that Children’s Home + Aid was the best agency to help them build their family. Children’s Home + Aid is a leader and one of only two agencies in Illinois to achieve the All-Children All-Families Seal of Recognition by the Human Rights Campaign for their support for families in the LGBTQ communities.

In the beginning, Amy and Mark decided that fostering a child would be a great first step, and in 2010 they received their first call to foster a child. For the next several years, the Thompsons welcomed three children into their home, some staying for a year at a time, and some for only months. Several of the children Amy and Mark fostered were eventually able to return to their birth parents, after crises at home were resolved.

During a transitional time for their growing family, an additional transformation was going to affect their desire to foster and adopt; Mark would start the transition to become male. Mark’s transition and identification as transgender affected he and Amy’s roles as foster parents and potential adoptive parents. While Mark was in the process of transitioning to male, the Thompsons received the call that they had been waiting for. Differently than their first several foster parenting experiences, this call was about a child whose parents were no longer able to care for the child permanently. This little girl, Felicia, was searching for a forever family.

In the months that followed Felicia’s placement with the Thompsons, they began the adoption process. As Amy says, their family was navigating the unknown, but their Children’s Home + Aid specialist helped make the journey easy and comfortable.

This past summer Amy and Mark happily finalized their adoption and Felicia was officially a Thompson!

The Thompsons have continued to foster a little girl named Hope throughout Felicia’s adoption process. Hope will soon be reunited with her biological parents after nearly three years with the Thompsons. Amy and Mark hope to adopt again one day and raise their children to be happy and proud members of a gender-queer family. They look forward to their shared future and helping Felicia understand just how special she is to her parents and the journey they took to find the child destined to be in their lives, one they could love and protect.
even the children most deeply affected by what they have lived through

73%

of children leave Rice Child + Family Center ready to live in a more structured, home-like setting.
On a cold day in February, Jennifer and her husband Bob were making final arrangements before heading to the hospital to have their third child. With Bob unable to take time off from work, and neither of them having family in the area they could rely on, they were anxious to figure out a safe place for their four year old son, Roy, and 16 month old daughter, Ellen, to stay while Jennifer was in the hospital.

With nowhere else to turn, Jennifer called Children’s Home + Aid’s MotherHouse Crisis Nursery and made arrangements for Roy and Ellen to stay a few days. Confident that her children were going to be safe and well cared for, she left for the hospital.

The next two weeks quickly became some of the hardest in Bob and Jennifer’s life. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, Jennifer went into emergency surgery to deliver her baby. After a few days of recovery, just when she was planning to return home with her newborn son, complications from the birth forced Jennifer back into surgery. Her newborn son, Jacob, was discharged from the hospital and Jennifer was unable to care for him from her hospital bed. Jacob then came to stay with his brother and sister at MotherHouse. What Jennifer didn’t know at the time was she would spend the next two weeks in and out of surgeries and recovering from a number of medical complications.

During her extended hospitalization, Bob was laid off from his job. He struggled to find a new job, visit his wife in the hospital, take care of their three young children, and work whatever jobs he could find to make ends meet.

This family faced crisis after crisis yet, through it all, the MotherHouse Crisis Nursery was there to provide a safe and loving home for the children and support and comfort to a family stretched to the breaking point.
children count on us to keep their family together and help struggling parents get better at parenting.

- 1,208 children served
- 91% remained together with their families
- 96% healthy families parents showed increased parenting skills
- 94% butterfly project parents reported a better relationship with their child
After suffering abuse at home, three siblings, ages 6 to 13, all found a safe and loving temporary home at the Rice Child + Family Center.

Like so many of the children that come to Rice for care, Addy, Jayden and Destiny had been abused by someone they love and trusted and as a result, they have been hospitalized, had extreme difficulty in school and were not ready to succeed in a new foster home. Residential treatment was their best chance at moving forward and ultimately finding a stable home.

When the children were initially evaluated, it became clear that sending the siblings to three different residential treatment centers would not be in their best interest. Despite their differences in age and their different treatment needs, the unique environment at Rice allowed the siblings to stay together at one center. They received the individualized treatment they needed, but were still together as a family and as a result, they began to thrive.

They formed relationships with staff, participated in art therapy, began to succeed at the on-site therapeutic day school, learned yoga, went on educational field trips and learned basic life skills, independence and giving back to others.

Today, the two older siblings have already successfully transitioned from the Rice Center and Addy, now 8, will be joining his foster care family in the weeks ahead.
we stabilize traumatized children as soon as possible and get them into safe, loving homes

50% WERE ADOPTED
39% RETURNED HOME
11% FOUND A PERMANENT GUARDIAN

we shorten the time a child is sidelined by emotional or behavioral issues

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Average Length of Stay (in Months)</th>
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OF THE FOSTER CHILDREN FOR WHOM WE FOUND A PERMANENT HOME IN FY2014
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 foster kids aspire to and work toward a stable, productive life

92%

OF FOSTER CHILDREN AT CHILDREN’S HOME + AID’S EXCELLENCE ACADEMY GRADUATED ON TIME

we help young children improve their social and emotional growth and stability through early childhood education

- 0-to-2 YEAR OLDS: 73% demonstrated improved learning in language
- 3-to-5 YEAR OLDS: 81% demonstrated improved literacy, 83% demonstrated improved math competency
communities count on us to tackle their biggest problems
### FY14 cost savings

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Current Cost</th>
<th>Proposed Cost</th>
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<td>Keeping children with their families</td>
<td>$2,460/yr.</td>
<td>$16,000/yr.</td>
<td>$13,540</td>
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<td>$27,878,860</td>
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<td>Getting kids home</td>
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<td>2,059 kids</td>
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<td>Therapeutic foster care</td>
<td>$52,278/yr.</td>
<td>$131,400/yr.</td>
<td>$79,122</td>
<td>356 kids</td>
<td>$5,696,000</td>
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<td>Keeping kids out of detention</td>
<td>$9,416/yr.</td>
<td>$111,000/yr.</td>
<td>$101,584</td>
<td>91 kids</td>
<td>$9,244,144</td>
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**Total cost savings:** $44,559,688

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so no matter *what* you count, thanks to you, Children’s Home + Aid is making an impact that counts
Eight years ago, the Bring Me Home Campaign was launched as a partnership between the Chicago White Sox and Children's Home + Aid to bring attention to the needs of foster youth in Illinois.

The Thome and Konerko families founded the Bring Me Home Campaign in 2007 and were later joined by Gordon Beckham in 2010.

After eight years of success that has touched the lives of more than 1,500 of Illinois' most vulnerable children, raised nearly $500,000, and engaged over 600 individual donors, the campaign is coming to a close.

Thank you to the Beckham, Thome and Konerko families and the Chicago White Sox organization for everything you have done to help put children and families on the path to a brighter future.
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

### Assets

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<td>Marketable securities</td>
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<td>Beneficial interest in trust</td>
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<td>Other investment</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
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<td>Land, building, and equipment</td>
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Total Assets: $57,663,450

### Liabilities

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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Accrued salaries and payroll taxes</td>
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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
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<td>Capital lease obligation</td>
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<td>Construction credit facility</td>
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<td>Long-term debt</td>
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Total Liabilities: $9,870,852

### Net Assets

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Total Net Assets: $47,792,598

### Revenue

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### Expenses

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### Combined Statement of Activities

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<td>Net realized/unrealized gain (loss) on investments</td>
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### Change in Net Assets - Increase / (Decrease)

(A) Net assets at beginning of year: $42,760,641

Net assets at end of year: $47,792,598

(A) Analysis of Change in Assets

- Operation of programs: $4,047,078
- Comprehensive fundraising campaign revenue: $1,286,802
- Net investments: $3,590,243

**FY14**

### Public Support

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<td>Direct - contributions</td>
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<td>803,227</td>
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<td>Indirect - United Way</td>
<td>1,395,104</td>
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Total Public Support: $7,065,652

### Direct Program Revenue

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<td>Fees and grants from governmental agencies</td>
<td>56,075,645</td>
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<td>Program services fees</td>
<td>1,362,849</td>
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Total Direct Program Revenue: $58,438,494

### Other Revenue

- Investment income: $157,886
- Net assets released from restrictions: $205,492
- Miscellaneous income: $144,983

Total Other Revenue: $508,361

### Support Services

- Management and general: $7,760,591
- Fundraising: $2,012,332

Total Support Services: $9,772,923

### Total Expenses

- Combined Statement of Activities: $66,290,524

- Change in Net Assets - Increase / (Decrease): $5,031,957

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets:** $57,663,490

**Total Revenue:** $47,792,598

**Total Expenses:** $42,760,641

**Net Assets at Beginning of Year:** $42,760,641

**Net Assets at End of Year:** $47,792,598

**Comprehensive fundraising campaign revenue:** $1,286,802

**Net realized/unrealized gain (loss) on investments:** $3,590,243
Children's Home + Aid served 629 children in Early Head Start and Head Start programs in FY14 in center-based care, day care homes and home visiting programs.

Revenue for the Early Head Start and Head Start programs was $7,730,741, of which $1,377,012 and $6,353,729 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, 2014. The Independent Auditor’s opinion on these financial statements was unqualified. For more information, please see the complete 2014 Early Head Start and Head Start Report at childrenshomeandaid.org or contact our home office.
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