



THE CEO'S PERSPECTIVE

Change a Lifetime



Every day, more than 460,000 children and youth are living in foster care because their own parents are unable to care for them. Communities must address the needs of these children, who need a stable and secure family until they can either return to their parents or establish a lifelong connection to a nurturing adult through adoption or guardianship.

Each May, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity for people nationwide to get involved as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers, or in other ways. It's also an opportunity to show our appreciation for the dedicated families who care for these children and youth, and the social workers who support them.

Foster Care Month originated in 1988 when the National Foster Parent Association persuaded then-Senator Strom Thurmond to in-

troduce a resolution to proclaiming May as National Foster Care Month. The first President Bush issued a proclamation during each year of his presidency, providing an impetus for state, county, and city proclamations.

Over the years, National Foster Care Month has evolved to focus not only on raising the visibility of foster care, but also on conducting outreach and recruitment to increase the number of individuals and organizations engaged in supporting children and families. Organizations, including Trinity Youth Services, continue to seek permanent, loving families for children in foster care – by reuniting them safely with their parents, locating relatives who can support their growth, or connecting them with adoptive families.

THE MAGNITUDE: Currently, 463,000 children in the United States are in foster care because

their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential well-being. Many children in care are unable to return home safely because their parents lack access to services that could help strengthen families. In addition, there are an estimated 12 million alumni of foster care in the U.S. representing all walks of life.

THE NEED: No matter their age, all youth in foster care need a meaningful connection to at least one caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly neglected and/or abused children and teens will end up facing life's challenges all alone.

THE FACES OF FOSTER CARE: Child welfare issues arise in families of every race, ethnicity, culture, and age group. A disproportionate percentage of youth in foster care are children of color, particularly American Indian and African American children. In addition, children of color in the child welfare system experience poorer outcomes.

THE CONSEQUENCES: Research shows that young people who age out of foster care are far more likely than their peers in the general population to endure homelessness, poverty, compromised health, insufficient education, unemployment, incarceration, early pregnancy and parenthood. *Continued on page 3*



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Grand Champions Initiative Nears Milestone

There is an old Chinese saying, "May you live in Interesting times." With unrest in the Middle East, uncertainty in North Africa and economic instability throughout much of the developed world, we are undeniably living in interesting times. Charitable giving down nationwide, as a direct result of the economic environment, and the Children's Foundation has not escaped unscathed. The number of our contributors in 2010 was down, slightly, from the previous year. The amount per gift, however, from our remaining donors increased, and we are very near to welcoming our 100th Grand Champion to our ranks.

The Grand Champions is a donor initiative for individuals and organizations that commit to an annual gift of \$1,000, or more, to the Foundation. Our goal is to reach one thousand Grand Champions by 2020. This will provide an endowment that ensures that the abused, neglected and abandoned children supported by the Foundation will continue receiving the highest quality programs and services, even in the most "interesting" of times.

Since our inception, the Children's Foundation has been exceedingly fortunate to have a loyal and dedicated donor base. As the sting of the recession has impacted us all, many of our long-time contributors have contacted us to apologize for having to temporarily decrease the amount or frequency of their gifts. Although this is certainly difficult news to hear, the level of responsibility to the children these wonderful individuals feel is priceless. It is the heartfelt commitment of our supporters that constantly reminds us that our endeavors are meaningful, and the truest measure of our efforts is the continuing success of the children in our care.

For information on joining the Grand Champions, please contact us at 800.543.7730, ext. 264.

Cher Ofstedahl
Chief Operating Officer

THE PRIORITY: Older youth are in most urgent need of attention. Nearly half of the young people in foster care are over the age of 10. During the last several years, the numbers of young people aging out of foster care have increased to nearly 30,000. These youths exit foster care without the appropriate family connections, resources, skills or options they need to live independently.

THE SOLUTION: Children and youth in foster care are capable of overcoming the repercussions of previous neglect and/or abuse. Across the country, people are raising their voices and engaging in efforts to educate federal and state public policy leaders on the issues facing children and families. They are serving as foster parents, relative caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers and volunteers. Thanks to these unsung heroes, many formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either reunite safely with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families. Even better, many will not have to enter foster care if more states provide support and services to help families cope with crises early on.

CALL TO ACTION: No matter the amount of your resources you have to give, you have the power to do something positive that will *Change a Lifetime* for a young person in foster care. Every state in our country has children in foster care. They belong to all of us. Now is the time to show we care. Join with us and make a difference in a child's life—help them to become the successful adult that we would want for them if they were our children.

HOLIDAY HERO

GIFT DRIVE



The holiday season brings with it many emotions - happiness, joy and excitement...yet for the children supported by the Children's Foundation, the holidays are also filled with sadness, depression, loneliness and anxiety. For children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, abandonment family trauma, the "season of giving" takes a tremendous toll. The heartbreaking reality is that we cannot undo whatever has brought these children to us, but we can, and do show them that they matter. They are important. They are loved.

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delivered more than 100 bicycles, and dozens of skateboards and scooters. Anything with wheels came with the appropriate safety helmets and pads. The donor also delivered dolls, CD players, gift cards and more, almost single-handedly taking care of our children's wishes! The Foundation staff was astonished, amazed and truly awed, as we saw the semi truck show up and the driver unveil his delivery. Tears and laughter both flowed as we helped unload and sort the gifts. We, who work for the Foundation, felt exactly what we knew the children would feel as they opened these

gifts on Christmas morning.

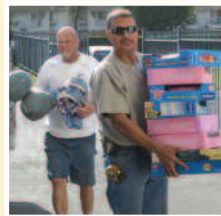


For as long as we have cared for children, we have felt a willing obligation to bring the



joy of Christmas to each and every one of them. This past year, we hosted our 44th Annual Holiday Hero Gift Drive, our annual outreach to the individuals, organizations, businesses and communities where we have operations. More than 3000 toys and gifts were collected to brighten the lives of children and teens who so desperately need to feel remembered and

acknowledged. With charitable contributions down by approximately 40% throughout the United States, the Foundation began the gift drive, uncertain as to what our success



would be. So many families have felt the ill effects of the economic crisis. We wondered if many would be able to extend their giving outside their own four walls. Our concerns were unfounded. With Christmas less than two weeks away, one extraordinary donor, who prefers to remain anonymous,

Collectively, more than 100 separate persons and groups contributed gifts or monetary donations. These "heroes" enabled us to provide holiday meals, as well as presents to each and every one of the more than 800 children that spent the holidays in our care.



Parties were hosted throughout California, Texas and Nevada by cherished Foundation supporters, who understand the importance of sharing the gifts of love and togetherness with children who may be experiencing Christmas away from home for the first time, and for those from such traumatic situations, that they have never experienced Christmas at all.

Words cannot express the gratitude the Children's Foundation of America feels for all of those who have gone above and beyond, on behalf of the children. Our continuing goal is to make a lasting difference in the lives of children who need it most. You are that difference.

Thank you.



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The Act of Giving Can Change Lives

Learning to give to others is a valuable lesson and one that strengthens personal growth. For the 2010 holiday season, Trinity Yucaipa "adopted" seven senior citizens from within the local community. The boys in each dorm, along with their administrators, assembled food baskets for seniors. On the day the baskets were delivered, the Trinity boys were excited, but reflective, as they reminisced about their own families, especially their grandparents. As they handed out the much appreciated baskets, the boys sang Christmas carols for their new "grand-friends." In the true spirit of the season, the young men of Trinity, who at first thought they had nothing to give, learned how a small gesture of kindness can be the perfect gift. By making a meaningful difference in the life of someone else, they felt changed themselves. The experience was so positive for both the boys and the seniors that it was repeated on Valentine's Day!!





The Coolest Summer Carnival

On a beautiful, sunny August day, Trinity Yucaipa hosted its 2nd Annual Summer Carnival. Complete with a water slide, boxing and jousting rings, bungee run, dunk tank, and obstacle course, more than 100 youth enjoyed the festivities. Girls from Trinity Norco, and boys from Trinity El Monte, traveled to Yucaipa to participate in the day of fun. Each dorm created their own carnival game booth which gave the kids an opportunity to really get creative! Games included a toilet paper toss, a challenge to find the safety pins in a bowl of rice while blindfolded and much more. All the youth were given tickets to play games and compete for points. The team with the most points won a trip to Knott's Berry Farm.

Thanks to Bullfrog Jumpers & Waterslides, Living the Dream Party Rentals, Jose's Mexican Food, AJ Barile's Chicago Pizza, Rosie's Mexican Food and Stater Bros. Market for their generous donations and a special thank you to Ferrari Funches for her tireless efforts to make it happen.

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Bon Appetit El Monte

In May 2010, the young men at the Trinity El Monte Group Home were offered a delectable opportunity! Chef Xavier Vargas, a former US Army cook who

served over 500 men in Afghanistan, designed a Culinary Arts Class to give the resident boys a hands on experience in the kitchen. "This course will help them develop life skills that could ultimately lead to jobs. The real-world skills they learn while working in the kitchen allows for growth in areas of maturity, discipline, and work ethic. It also gives them a sense of satisfaction, self-confidence and achievement."

Thanks to the generous donations of Marlite in Santa Fe Springs, DirectBuy in San Fernando and Ventura, and SubZero/Wolf of Los Angeles, and our amazing maintenance crew, El Monte's kitchen has been restored. The entire kitchen staff and culinary students send a great big THANK YOU!



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Happy Trails To You-caipa!

Trinity's Group Home in Yucaipa is on the right path. They have decided to volunteer through the Adopt-A-Trail Program offered by the City of Yucaipa, which provides an opportunity for local residents to become involved in conserving and maintaining the trails. Initially, the participating youth will be responsible for maintaining and improving the area at the entrance of the Wilson Creek Trail, with plans to expand to other areas of Yucaipa in need of care. The job itself requires the volunteers to pick up debris and trash along the trail, clearing away rock and sticks as well as cutting back brush and vegetation. They are also responsible for informing the Trails and Open Space Committee of any hazards. There are approximately 21 miles of multiuse trails that routinely require attention within the community which are enjoyed by locals and visitors. Happy Trails to our Yucaipa boys!



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 Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing
 Rt Rev. Archman Paul M. Doyle
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 Rusovich Photography
 Ruth's Chris Steak House
 Saca's Mediterranean Cuisine
 Saint Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church
 Saint Sophia Foundation
 Saints Constantine & Helen
 Greek Orthodox Cathedral



AES benefitted from Fresh & Easy's tradition of giving to a local non-profit in a community where they have opened a new market.

Sally's Beauty Supply
 Sam's Club
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 Savoie Complete Hair Solutions
 Scandia Amusement Park
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 Sea World
 See's Candies - Corporate Office

Serrano's Nursery
 Shandin Hills Golf Club
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 Sierra Lakes Golf Club
 Somerford Place
 Sonya Stump Photography
 Speedzone - City of Industry, CA
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 TelSet Communications
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 The Claremont Club
 The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies
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 Political Action Committee
 The Huntington Library
 The Little Dress Shop
 The Living Desert
 The Old Spaghetti Factory
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 United Way Valley of the Sun
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 Vanir Development Company
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 Victoria Keyser
 Viva Madrid Restaurant
 Vons - Corona, CA
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A Friendly Place for Kids

As part of the Keller Williams Red Day Initiative, employees from their Rancho Cucamonga location transformed the visitation room at Trinity's Foster Care office, into a colorful, inviting atmosphere. The volunteer group painted walls, added murals, shelving and many other improvements to make the children feel at ease while visiting with their birth parents. We appreciate their spirit of giving and their commitment to making the community a better place. Thank you Keller Williams!

Stater Bros. Market - Colton, CA
 Stater Bros. Market - Grand Terrace, CA
 Stater Bros. Market - Fontana, CA
 Stater Bros. Market - Bloomington, CA
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THE DREAM TOUR

Help Disadvantaged Youth Dream Big

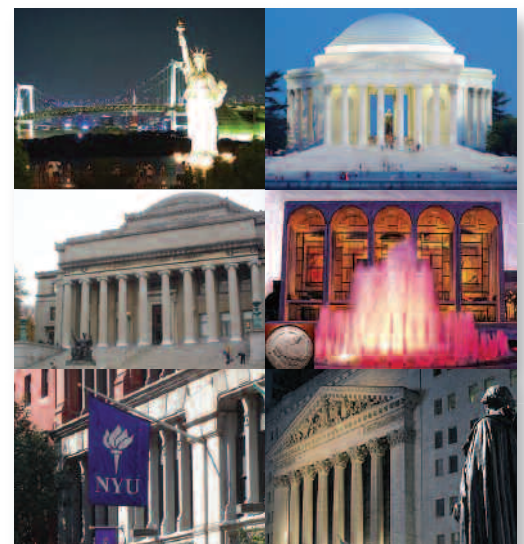
Trinity Youth Services, Speak the Dream Foundation and Music Changing Lives are partnering to provide a seven day trip to New York City for 6 at-risk youth in May of 2011. "The Dream Tour" participants will be selected from those who are disadvantaged and/or at-risk academically, socially and economically. Two youths will be selected from within the Trinity program.

The trip will include tours of NYU, The Julliard School, Columbia University, Fashion Institute of Technology, and The New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music. A one day excursion to Washington DC to visit the White House is also planned as part of this exciting, educational enrichment program.

We are currently seeking sponsorships from the community to make this dream a reality. Businesses, organizations, churches, families and individuals can make tax deductible donations by becoming a sponsor today.

To make a contribution to the trip fund, please note on your donation envelope "The Dream Tour."

For details please contact Vanessa Vizard at 909.825.5588 Ext.264.



New Opportunities To Help Children



**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**

A Challenge of Karts and Hearts

Please join us on July 10, 2011 as we fire up the engines on our annual Holiday Hero Gift Drive by hosting Christmas in July, a Challenge of Karts and Hearts. Thirty teams of racers from all over Southern California will go head to head and heart to heart, as they race to raise funds for the abused, neglected and abandoned children supported by the Children's Foundation. This fun-filled race event includes activities for all ages such as a car show, raffle, games and a rare opportunity to have your photo taken with Santa in his summer wardrobe! Most importantly, this event will throw our year-round efforts to provide foster children the joy and warmth of the holidays into high gear. Guests are encouraged to **bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen and in return will receive one free admission to the event.** World-famous **Adams Motorsports Park**, in Riverside California will be the site of Santa's Summer Shindig.

Challenge your comrades to some competitive kart racing while making a positive impact in the lives of children who are in foster care, residential treatment, and special education programs. Here's a chance to build some real team spirit! Sponsor a team of drivers and bring your whole company out to cheer them on while they compete on Adams 3/4 mile outdoor track, which features slow and smooth turns, fast hairpins, and one of the longest straight-aways in the country. Experience the excitement of kart racing as teams participate in a ten-lap race and tire changing competition, to see who really has the heart of karts! First, second and third place awards will be presented to the teams who earn the most points throughout the competition.

Want to let your business competitors know who really reigns supreme? Let us know who you want to challenge and we will contact them and throw down the gauntlet for you. Let's see who rules the roost and who's just plain chicken!!

**Sponsor A Three Driver Racing Team
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Gentlemen, start your generosity!

Get Fit for Kids!

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"Get Fit for Kids!" is a win-win program that provides an opportunity to support children who have been abandoned, abused and neglected, by competing to lose weight and get healthy. Participants donate \$20 a month as they compete within their group, company or department to lose weight. At the end of each month whoever has lost the most weight wins half of the collected money and the other half is donated to the Children's Foundation of America—a double incentive—to improve health and fitness, and to support children in need! Businesses or organizations with more than one office or department can form groups to compete with one another, or challenge other businesses to see who can lose the most weight and make the largest donation. The program is designed for a minimum of three months, and can be ongoing or an annual fitness event. The more participants, the bigger the jackpot!

**Get started today with Get Fit for Kids!
For all the details call Joey Seward at
909.825.5588 ext. 235.**

Did you know?

- Obesity is the #2 cause of preventable death in the United States
- 60 million Americans, 20 years and older are obese
- 9 million children and teens between the ages 6-19 are overweight
- Being overweight or obese increases risk of health conditions and diseases including: Breast cancer, Coronary heart disease, Type II diabetes, Sleep apnea, Osteoarthritis, Colon cancer, Hypertension, Stroke and more
- 70% of Cardiovascular disease is related to obesity
- Workdays lost due to obesity related health issues costs Americans \$39.3 Million annually



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2011 CALENDAR

MARCH

- 13** Daylight Savings Time begins - set your clocks forward
- 21** Vernal Equinox... Spring begins

APRIL

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month

- 24** Easter Sunday

MAY

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month

- 5** Cinco de Mayo
- 8** Mother's Day
- 10** New York Dream Tour
Six at-risk youth tour NYC's colleges and sights

JUNE

- 19** Father's Day
- 21** Summer begins

JULY

- 1** Back to School Drive begins
- 4** Independence Day
- 10** Christmas In July
Teams race to support children in need

AUGUST

Less than 2% of children in foster care graduate from college. Please make a donation to the **Michael A. Alexander Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

SEPTEMBER

- 13** Trinity Classic Golf Tournament
Our most successful and impactful fundraiser... come out and show your support!

OUR MISSION

Children's Foundation of America provides the opportunity for every person to help children heal, learn and thrive.



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