

# 2021 Impact Report



Keeping siblings together is what ~~we~~ **you** do

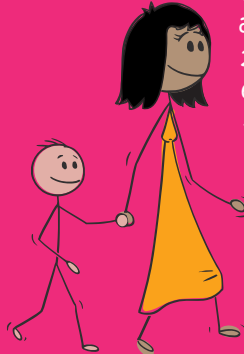


## Message From The Board Chair And CEO Changing Lives Is A Collective Effort



In 2021 we continued to emerge from the pandemic as the past two years brought special challenges. It was refreshing to look forward to having more people back at the Village doing volunteer projects with the children, and attending the gala and Steps for SOS 5K as in person events. The continued commitment, resilience, and dedication demonstrated by our donors, volunteers, and staff has been unwavering and has allowed us to continue to fulfill our mission **“to provide a family-oriented community offering healing, hope, and home for children, young adults, and families to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.”**

Our program has grown over the years, and this year we launched a campaign to fund the expansion of our administrative office building which will provide 2,000 square feet of new office space. By the end of 2021, this project was eighty-five percent funded through the generosity of our donors. This space will allow our Case Managers the privacy to conduct sensitive meetings, there will be a dedicated Human Resources office, and a small employee break area. We expect to break ground on this project by the last quarter of 2022.



NEXT STEPS continues to be our largest growing program with a record one hundred and fifty young adults served. Through majority funding by the Jim Moran and Fredrick A. DeLuca foundations, we continue to provide critical services and guidance to young adults who have aged out of foster care at age eighteen. In 2021 one of the most significant areas of support was assistance with affordable housing.

As we understand and work together to bridge the chasm of disparities facing foster youth, what we have accomplished could not have been done alone. This year’s annual report highlights the work we have done representing long-term solutions to the most pressing problems facing foster children. By uniting the passion and commitment of donors, advisors, and community leaders, we are creating sustainable solutions that will continue to affect lives for years to come.

*Greg Zeigler*

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Board Chair

*Jillian Smath*

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CEO

## The Year In Numbers

81	Children served
35	Discharges
34	New admissions
27	Sibling groups
24	Reunifications with family members
8	Size of our largest sibling group
3	Aged out at 18 years old



### Next STEPS Program

149	Young adults in the program
108	Employed
28	Attending school and working
13	Post-secondary education

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.

## 2021 Program Outcomes

The outcomes for 2021 are as follows:

**GOAL:** 75% of the children will improve or maintain their academic level.  
**RESULT:** 92% attained this goal.

**GOAL:** 75% of the children will improve or maintain their independent living skills.  
**RESULT:** 94% attained this goal.

**GOAL:** 75% of the children participating in the NEXT STEPS Program will be enrolled in school or employed full-time.  
**RESULT:** 93% attained this goal.

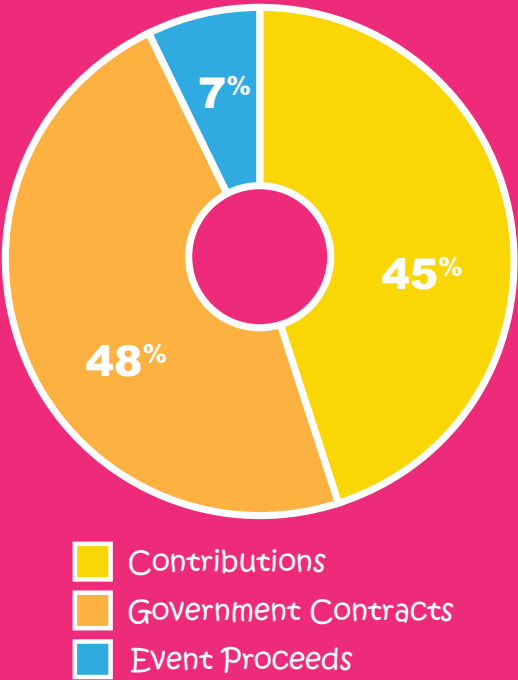
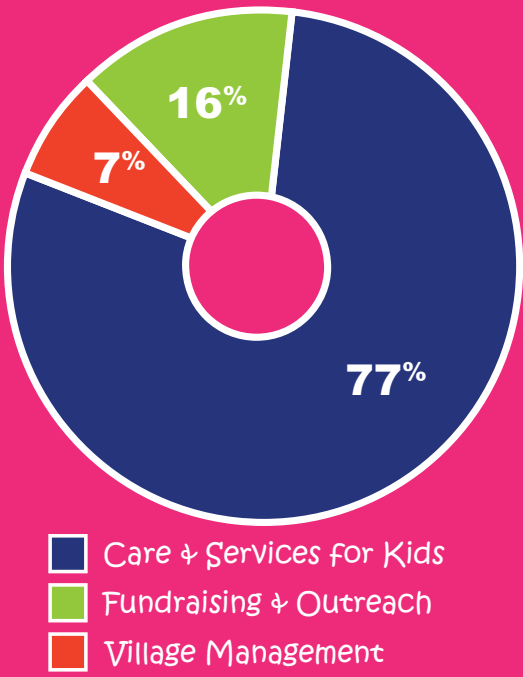
**GOAL:** 90% of the young adults participating in the NEXT STEPS Program will not be homeless.  
**RESULT:** 98% attained this goal.





# 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.



# 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 2021 we received \$5,985,355 with private sources comprising \$3,145,981. Total expenses amounted to \$4,402,900 producing an increase in net assets of \$1,582,455.

## 2021 Annual Report AUDIT

TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 5,985,355
Grants And Foundations	\$1,761,139
ChildNet /Government Grants	\$2,839,374
Special Events	\$427,267
Other Income	\$957,575
EXPENSES	\$4,402,900
Program Services	\$3,362,592
Management And General	\$317,189
Fundraising	\$578,845
Special Events	\$144,274
FINANCIAL POSITION	
Cash And Cash Equivalents	\$3,413,132
Property And Equipment Net	\$874,481
Other Assets	\$1,340,162
Liabilities	\$233,248
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5,394,527

## Keeping Families Together



Last year we welcomed a sibling group of eight which included a 3-day-old infant. Their mother struggled with addiction and was introduced to drugs by her husband and father of her children. The situation was dismal as the children were removed from their home once prior due to domestic violence; this, compounded with the use of drugs, were grounds for the children to enter foster care.

The children made an easy transition to SOS as this close-knit family sought ways to maintain their bond and be a source of support for each other. They had weekly visits with their mother where she would catch up with them and talk about what was going on in their lives. She brought their favorite foods, and they would have a meal together as a family. When COVID imposed restrictions

for visitors coming to the Village, they would meet virtually. Not a week would go by without them getting together.

The Rodriguez children were a delight with their good manners and joyful personalities. Their mom worked hard with the help of our case managers to regain custody. This included providing stable housing, a consistent source of income, and testing negative for drugs. They had overnight visits with their grandparents who rotated weekly visits as their home was unable to accommodate everyone at once.

The family was reunified in 2021 and the youngest still comes to the Village for regular visits with his “SOS Mom.” We wish them all the absolute best!

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