



# 2022 IMPACT REPORT



## 2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW MESSAGE FROM THE CEO AND BOARD CHAIR



### DEAR FRIENDS:

2022 was a year of growth and expansion for our organization. Through the generosity of a private family foundation and the work of our development team, we raised the necessary funds to expand our office space by adding 2,000 square feet and thirteen new offices which will adjoin the existing administration building. This is an exciting project, and it is the first time in thirty years since we opened that we have undergone an expansion. It has been a labor of love which will allow us to carry forth our mission to an even greater level. Additionally, we received a state grant targeted towards capital improvements. These funds will be used for interior and exterior painting, new appliances in all our homes, and general landscaping upgrades.

Speaking of growth, in 2022 we received excellent support through majority funding from The Jim Moran Foundation and Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation to expand our NEXT STEPS program from servicing 150 to servicing 195 young adults in the community. This program offers a continuum of services to young adults who have aged out of foster care in the areas of financial literacy, employment, affordable housing, and continuing education. It is open not only to former SOS residents, but to anyone in the community who has recently exited foster care. These critical services are designed to ensure a smooth transition to independence.

For the first time in many years, we welcomed the highest number of infants and toddlers to the Village – at one point we had a total of fifteen! As always,

our dedicated staff rose to the occasion to get them settled. The South Florida housing crisis has created a far-reaching impact in terms of children entering foster care. Traditionally we have seen children coming into care due to either substance abuse or domestic violence in the household. However, homelessness has been a growing factor for the past year. It is important to note that homelessness alone is not a reason for a child to enter foster care, it is more connected to a parent's inability to provide adequate care for their child when they have nowhere to live. As part of a child's reunification plan, our case managers work with families to help them secure affordable housing.

As an organization we are thriving. We have been able to accomplish amazing things through the caring and generosity of so many of you. Your support makes a difference, rebuilds lives, and offers hope and promising outcomes for every aspect of our organization, the people we serve, and the outcomes we achieve. Please enjoy this report and see the many areas where you have made an impact!

*Jillian Smath*

Jillian Smath, MSW  
CEO

*Greg Zeigler*

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Board Chair

## THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

- 32 Discharges
- 31 New Admissions
- 16 Reunifications Parents and Family Members
- 9 Adopted or Placed in Pre-Adoptive Homes
- 25 Number of Sibling Groups Served
- 3 Aged Out At 18 Years Old



### NEXT STEPS PROGRAM

- 149 Young Adults In The Program
- 112 Employed
- 14 Attending School And Working
- 17 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.

## 2022 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**GOAL:** 75% of the children will improve or maintain their academic level.

**RESULT:** 91% attained this goal.

**GOAL:** 75% of the children will improve or maintain their independent living skills.

**RESULT:** 91% attained this goal.

**GOAL:** 75% of the children participating in the NEXT STEPS Program will be enrolled in school or employed full time.

**RESULT:** 96% attained this goal.

**GOAL:** 90% of the young adults participating in the NEXT STEPS Program will not be homeless.

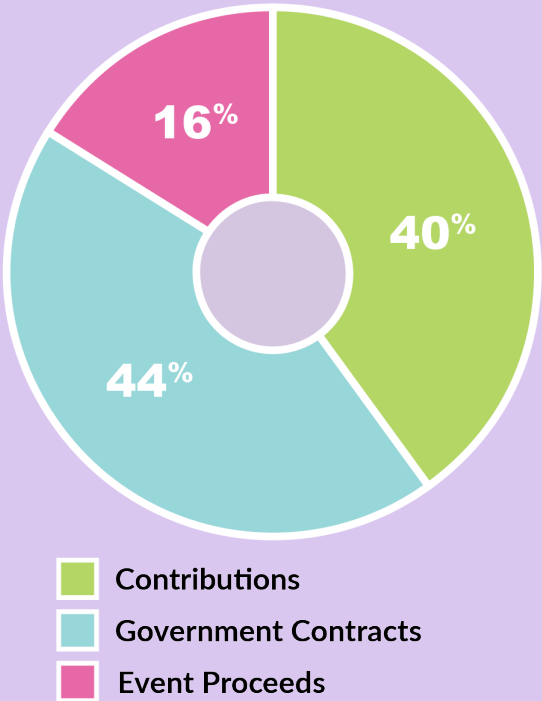
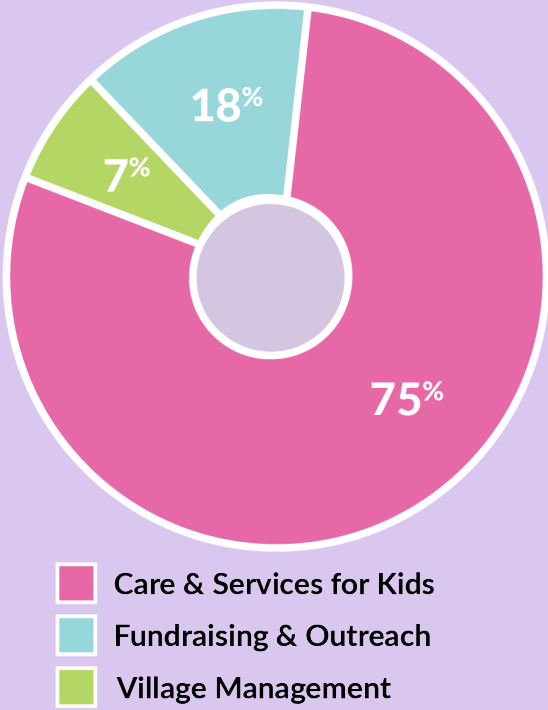
**RESULT:** 99% attained this goal.





HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

Your support gives SOS the means to provide a warm, caring, and supportive environment where every child and young adult has access to a variety of enriching programs designed to help them thrive.



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

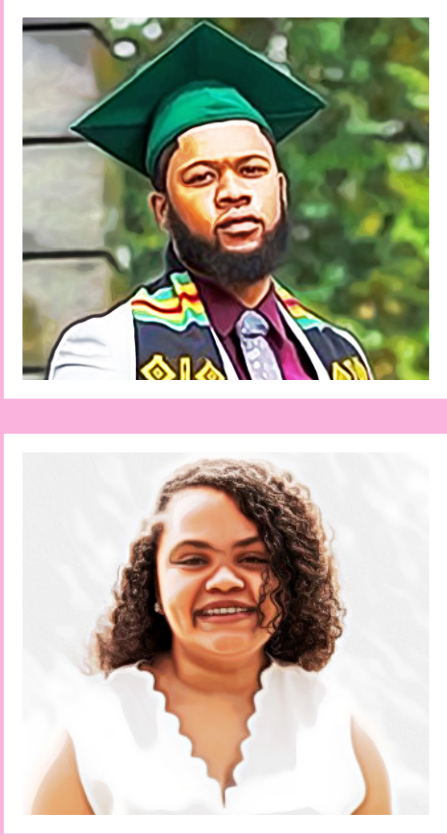
In addition to the daily stipend SOS Florida receives from the State for the daily care of our children, we rely upon the support of friends like you to fill the cost gap for our programs and services. Funding through grants and foundations, special event income, third party events, and individual giving, account for additional revenue streams.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT AUDIT

TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 6,317,184
Grants And Foundations	\$1,889,430
ChildNet /Government Grants	\$2,791,235
Special Events	\$997,156
Other Income	\$639,363
EXPENSES	\$4,677,975
Program Services	\$3,477,882
Management And General	\$340,268
Fundraising	\$618,557
Special Events	\$241,268
FINANCIAL POSITION	
Cash And Cash Equivalents - Operations	\$3,209,558
Cash And Cash Equivalents - Building Expansion	\$686,346
Property And Equipment Net	\$813,384
Other Assets	\$2,728,011
Liabilities	\$403,563
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$7,033,736



LIFE AFTER FOSTER CARE — WHAT NEXT?



In the United States, more than 23,000 youth exit foster care annually and are left to fend for themselves. Exiting foster care without sufficient services and support carries lifelong consequences. Youth who age out of foster care face are more likely to engage in risky behaviors and more likely to experience hardships such as homelessness, incarceration, joblessness, early parenthood, and substance use. With Florida having the third largest number of children in foster care nationally, this issue is compounded and presents as a significant social service issue.

At SOS Children’s Villages Florida, we are addressing the issues facing young adults aging out of care, through our NEXT STEPS program. This program relies on collaborative partnerships with local agencies and our own SOS Life Coaches to provide a continuum of services to help young adults with resources in the areas of education, affordable housing, employment, financial literacy, and a host of other areas to move them towards full independence. Our program is open to both former foster youth who lived on our SOS campus, as well as those who come from the community. NEXT STEPS has grown through majority funding support from the Frederick A. Deluca Foundation and The Jim Moran Foundation. The growth of this program has been phenomenal, and we have received additional funding to expand this program to serve 195 young adults.

California	52,337
Texas	32,960
FLORIDA	24,404
Indiana	18,560
Illinois	16,840

Data obtained from Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) 2019

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