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Nurturing Children. Empowering Families.

2025

Annual Report



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with profound gratitude. What you will find in the pages of this Annual Report is a testament to what becomes possible when a community commits itself to the well-being of its children.

Since our founding in 1834, Children's Friend has never wavered in its mission to provide young children with the nurturing support they need to thrive. We have grown into a comprehensive organization with a broad array of high-quality services that empower Rhode Island families.

Every program we offer, every family we welcome through our doors, reflects our belief that the foundations of a child's future are built in the earliest years of life.

Yet, too many of Rhode Island's youngest children face the devastating consequences of abuse, neglect, poverty, and stress. We take that reality seriously, and we respond with compassion and rigor to achieve the healthy development and positive outcomes that we know are possible even in challenging circumstances.

In 2025, we began expanding child mental health service offerings to meet the needs of Rhode Island children head on. We also opened our new facility at Tempo in Providence's Fox Point neighborhood, a vibrant mixed-use development that represents exactly the kind of community-embedded model we believe in. This space allows us to bring our services directly into the neighborhoods where families live, work, and grow. You can read more about that in this report. You will also find stories of family bonds, perseverance, and hope.

None of this work is possible without you. Your investment in Children's Friend is an investment in the children who will shape Rhode Island's future. The stories in this report are your stories, too.

With gratitude,



David Caprio
President and Chief Executive Officer



Guided by Mission and Principles

Children's Friend is the innovative leader in improving the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable young children.

Our approach is family centered.

- We discover each child's and family's needs, then work collaboratively to best meet them.
- We provide opportunity for families to be meaningfully engaged in the design of services.
- We are deeply committed to serving all families in an unbiased and nonjudgmental way.

Our services are seamlessly delivered.

- We coordinate and integrate our services to ensure children and families receive the support they need.
- We partner with high-quality organizations when children or families face challenges outside our expertise.

Our work is driven by outcomes.

- We carefully measure the impact and effectiveness of our services.
- We engage in ongoing learning and innovation to ensure we're offering the most appropriate services.
- We identify areas for improvement and measure our performance against national benchmarks.

We are passionate advocates for children and families.

- We are leaders in educating policymakers and the public about the needs of children and families.
- We will take risks, if the reward will benefit those we serve.

We are vigilant stewards of our resources.

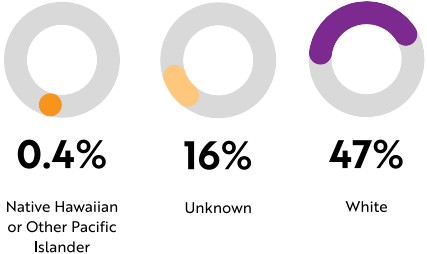
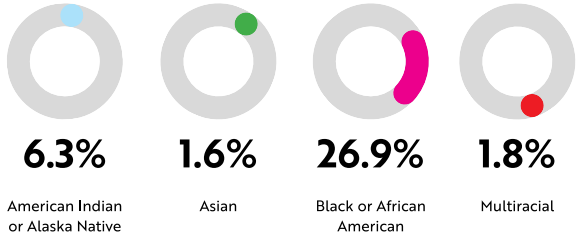
- We take seriously our responsibility to grow and sustain our human and financial capital.
- We expect and demonstrate respect and cultural sensitivity for our community, staff, and board.

Children's Friend is a founding member of the Child Welfare League of America and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the National Head Start Association Program of Excellence.

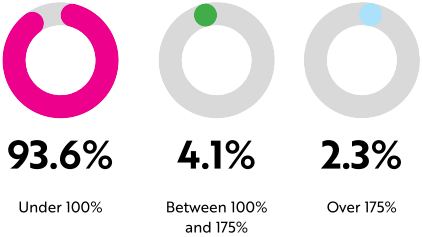


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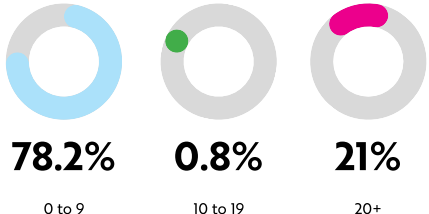
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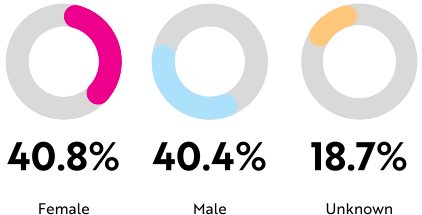
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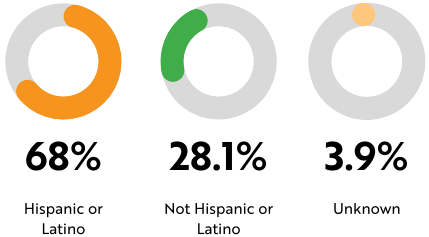
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An Act of Gratitude

For more than two decades, Wayne Kezirian and Elizabeth Paroli have supported Children’s Friend through annual donations, the Investing in Our Children Luncheon, and the Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive. They are proud to give back to an organization that has remained steadfast in its commitment to children and families for nearly 200 years.



Amanda's adoption announcement

“The quality of the programming, services, and communications—it’s exceptional,” said Wayne. “Children’s Friend walks alongside families and children without judgment, and it has grown to be one of the most comprehensive human service nonprofits in the state.”

Wayne and Elizabeth are proud to support such a worthy cause. They are also grateful to Children’s Friend for something profoundly personal: their daughter, Amanda.

For years, Wayne and Elizabeth longed to become parents. After fertility treatments ended, they hoped to adopt locally but adoption lists across Rhode Island were closed. Undeterred, they broadened their search and began the process with an agency in the South. As Rhode Island residents, they needed a local organization to complete their home study, so they reached out to Children’s Friend.

They were connected with Camille Hardiman, a social worker who was handling the adoption program at that time, they learned that Children’s Friend was opening its adoption list. Wayne and Elizabeth mailed their application that very same day and soon found themselves attending sessions with other prospective adopters.

Though they were told a call could come at any time, they were not in a hurry to finish the nursery. After years of waiting, they did not expect that a baby would suddenly arrive. Then one night Wayne felt a need to finish the baby’s room. He stayed up until 4 a.m., carefully pasting the final strip of wallpaper and went into work tired and bleary-eyed. That same morning, “the call” came.

It was January 25, 1989. Wayne was at his office when the phone rang. Having recently installed a new phone system with then-cutting-edge technology, he was able to conference Elizabeth into the call at the push of a button. Camille, who by that time had become a trusted advisor and friend, was on the line sharing life-changing news: a baby girl would be joining their family within days.

“It was like having the whole nine months of preparing for a child condensed into just two days,” Wayne recalled.



Elizabeth shares photos of herself and Amanda.



Elizabeth Paroli and Wayne Kezirian

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“We bought a crib and went to Vincent’s children’s store on Federal Hill,” Elizabeth added. “We bought clothes and anything else we could think of.”

The next day, Wayne and Elizabeth met their daughter, Amanda, at Children’s Friend with the foster mother who took care of her after she was released from the hospital.

On January 27, just two days after “the call,” Wayne and Elizabeth brought Amanda home.

She was seven weeks old, tiny, and born prematurely. Her birth mother had not known she was pregnant when she went to the hospital with severe pneumonia, and she gave birth soon after she was admitted. Despite having no prenatal care and being born during a hospital strike, with the support of a remarkable foster family, Amanda had gained weight steadily and weighed in at nearly seven pounds when she finally arrived home.

Beyond helping them become parents, Children’s Friend made a lasting impact through the care and support they provided as Wayne and Elizabeth built their family.

Camille retired soon after Amanda was placed, and Wayne and Elizabeth made a point of saying that every person they have worked with at Children’s Friend through the years has been equally caring and professional. Through the organization, they found a community of fellow adoptive parents, gained confidence as new parents, and learned how to talk with Amanda about adoption and family as she grew.

“We see our philanthropy as an act of gratitude,” said Elizabeth. “Children’s Friend made us parents. Now, we are grandparents. Children’s Friend is part of our story.”



Elizabeth and Wayne's daughter, Amanda, holds her daughter, Mackenzie, their granddaughter.

Whole-Child Development

A child's emotional well-being in the earliest years of their lives shapes everything that follows. It impacts how they learn, build relationships, and navigate the world around them. This year, Children's Friend expanded its commitment to whole-child development through the growth of our Mental Health and Disabilities program, bringing critical early childhood mental health services to children up to the age of 5.

Grounded in a holistic, trauma-informed approach, the program is designed to meet children where they are by supporting emotional regulation, building resilience, and fostering positive social connections during a pivotal stage of development.

Our mental health clinicians observe, listen, and identify early signs of developmental or mental health challenges for the children we serve. Through early identification and intervention, we can respond quickly ensuring children receive the support they need before challenges grow into barriers.

Clinicians partner closely with families, teachers, and family development staff to create environments where every child feels safe, understood, and supported. Together, they develop individualized plans that reflect each child's unique strengths and needs, while offering guidance and coaching that strengthens classrooms and homes alike.



Inside the classroom, these supports come to life through developmentally appropriate, play-based strategies. Using techniques like Conscious Discipline, educators help children build essential skills in communication, self-regulation, and trust. These are tools that will serve them far beyond their early years.

At the heart of our commitment to child mental health is a simple but powerful belief: strong relationships are the foundation for healthy development. By centering care around each child's emotional and developmental needs and engaging families as partners in that journey, we can ensure that every child is equipped to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

“*Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.*”
- Maya Angelou

A Tempo for Early Learning

In April, we joined the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, the City of Providence, and Pennrose for a ribbon cutting celebrating a new mixed-use affordable housing development in Providence's Fox Point neighborhood.

More than 190 years ago, Children's Friend was founded in the India Point section of Providence. The opening of this new facility brings our mission full circle by expanding access to affordable, high-quality child care in the very community where our work began.

Bringing new early education centers to life takes a village. We are proud to grow our capacity for nurturing early care and education thanks to the generous support of many partners.

The majority of our space at Tempo was funded by a \$2.3 million grant through the Rhode Island Child Care Facilities Bond program, administered by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Rhode Island, and made possible by voters in 2021. Matching funds were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Hall, Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation, Nordson Foundation, Lawson Charitable Foundation, and other supporters.



Tempo joins our King Early Learning Center as our second site located within a mixed-use development designed to pair affordable housing with child care. These partnerships allow for community solutions to the multitude of challenges families face, while helping keep care accessible for families.

In June, we opened our doors and began enrolling our first families. Thanks to the support of our community, more children now have access to the high-quality early learning experiences they need to thrive.

“*Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.*”
- John F. Kennedy

Donors Make It All Possible

Thanks to your support, Children's Friend provided essential services to our most vulnerable children and families throughout Rhode Island.



22,599

Individuals participated in our services.



147

Substance-affected families participated in intensive home-based services through Project Connect, designed to help parents overcome addiction while safely parenting their children.



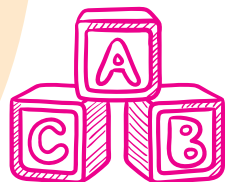
5,412

Families received healthy food, nutrition, and education referrals from WIC.



22

Children were placed in safe and stable foster homes.



1,167

Children and their families participated in our high-quality Head Start program.

279,952

Nutritious meals were provided for children in our classrooms.



770

Children with developmental challenges were supported through our Early Intervention program.



651

High-risk moms and their children, from birth to age three, were served through First Connections.



180

Families received quality bilingual child care services.



354

Children attended our Universal Pre-K program.



30

Families with children under age two received regular home visits from a Registered Nurse.



Balancing Baby Books with Textbooks

Hannah was just 13 years old when she enrolled in Healthy Families America (HFA). She had recently given birth to her son, Elliot, and was adjusting to life as a new mother while living with her own mom and five-year-old sibling. Managing severe anxiety on top of new parenthood made daily life challenging, and the family dynamics were often difficult.

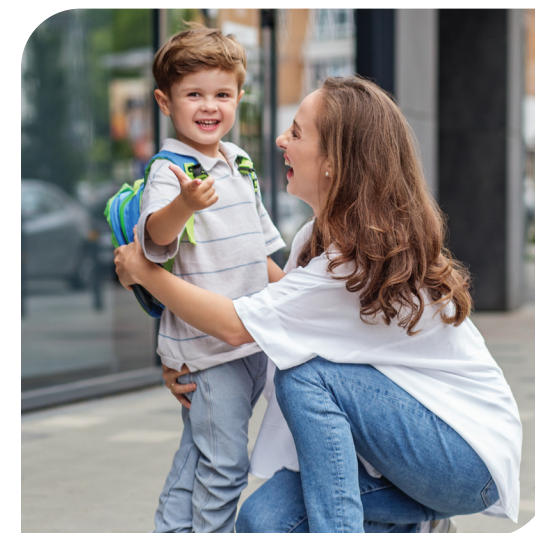
From the very beginning, Hannah knew she wanted to stay in school. Balancing education with motherhood was no easy task—especially for someone who was still a child herself—but she remained committed. Nearly five years later, that determination shows. Elliot has grown into a happy, healthy child, meeting all of his developmental milestones on time. Hannah successfully breastfed and consistently practiced safe sleep, demonstrating her dedication to his well-being.

Like many teens, Hannah once imagined herself graduating high school and playing on the soccer team. Unfortunately, persistent bullying made that path untenable, and she made the difficult decision to pursue her GED instead. Despite this setback, Hannah continued to move forward. She earned her driver's license and confidently navigates the bus system to make sure she and Elliot get where they need to go.

Today, Hannah is continuing her education at a local community college and works part-time helping other students. She has built a life that reflects both independence and resilience. Outside of school and work, she is an active member of her church, where she is known as a wonderful singer.

Throughout her time in the program, Hannah has never been involved with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. And although her family has moved multiple times, over the past few years, she has continued progress toward her goals and consistently maintained a strong, healthy attachment with Elliot.

Elliot will turn five in January 2027. In August 2026, Hannah and Elliot will graduate from Healthy Families America, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another shaped by perseverance, growth, and hope.



“ Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.
- Fred Rogers ”



Our Thanks to You!

Donating to Children’s Friend has an immediate and profound impact. Thanks to the individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations who made Children’s Friend a giving priority, thousands of lives have been touched. We appreciate every donor who cares deeply about nurturing children and empowering families. Thank you for your commitment to our work.

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In their early years, children are learning to form connections, communicate, and express affection. They are building self-esteem and a sense of self-worth. To do this, it is crucial that they have a secure and nurturing environment. Children's Friend's foster parents provide this environment and help children have a brighter future. Our foster parents come from diverse backgrounds but share the desire to have a positive impact on a child's life. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated and caring foster parents who generously open their homes and hearts to children in need.

2025 Foster Parents

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Foster parent, Catherine Fines, and her sister, 2025 Foster Parent Appreciation Event

In 2025, Children's Friend joined together with three other Rhode Island-based organizations to form Foster Care Connection RI, a unique partnership aimed at strengthening Rhode Island's community of safe and stable foster homes.

Together with NAFI-RI and Child & Family, Children's Friend is able to offer:

- Comprehensive training and ongoing support 24/7 access to an experienced team
- Clinical and behavioral support for youth
- Inclusive and diverse foster parent community
- Competitive reimbursement & resources

If you would like to learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit childrensfriendri.org/foster-care.

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The dedicated team at Children's Friend is changing the world one child at a time. Our team works together to provide the highest quality services to children and families across all our programs. Their dedication to our mission, vision, and values is apparent each and every day.

Children's Friend is proud to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our valuable employees. Thank you for your hard work and continued commitment to our success. This list is current as of April 24, 2026.

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Revenue	
Contracts	26,020,074
Fee for Service	8,187,828
Investment Income (losses)	332,459
Contributions/Grants	1,669,245
Donated Goods, Services, Facilities	1,005,252
Other Income	52,818
Total Revenue	\$37,267,676

Expenses	
Early Intervention	4,001,068
Family Preservation	2,765,971
Family Support	22,485,186
Health and Nutrition Services	5,752,368
Total Program Expenses	\$35,004,593
Administration/Development/Fundraising	1,661,922
Total Expenses	\$36,666,515

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