



2022 IMPACT REPORT





THERE ARE OVER 2,000 CHILDREN & YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE ACROSS THE KCMO METRO AREA.

Children are removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The compounding traumas of this experience, the removal itself, multiple placement changes, and a system that too often lets children slip through the cracks, lead to other issues.



50% of foster homes close within the first year.



50% of youth in care graduate from high school.



3% of former foster youth will graduate from college.



1 in 5 former foster youth will become homeless after age 18.

MISSION

To walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care community by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.

CORE VALUES



INTENTIONAL
GIVING



RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING



MENTORSHIP



VISION

Every single child/youth who experiences foster care has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential, and every family who fosters is radically supported in their journey.

CORE VALUES

HOPE

COMMUNITY

EMPOWERMENT

CURIOSITY

TRANSFORMATION



OUR PATH TO CHANGING THE STATS



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RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Devote time and energy to fostering healthy relationships that promote healing through connections and interpersonal bonding.



MENTORSHIP

Equip and empower youth to be prepared for independent living and to reach their fullest potential.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FOSTER HOMES

Ensuring children and caregivers have the tools, resources, and support needed for long-term placement.



INTENTIONAL GIVING

Give thoughtful and personal resources, gifts, and care packages that meet the real needs of the child and their entire family.



NORMALCY

Providing children and youth with normal childhood experiences that promote positive mental health, well-being, and identity formation.



OUR NORTH STAR

To change the statistics.

Statistics say that youth in foster care are less likely to graduate from high school and college, and more likely to struggle with their mental health, become homeless, be human-trafficked, or go to prison.

But we believe these outcomes **CAN CHANGE**.

Why? Because our programs were built to change them.



Our dream is to open regional chapters across the country to fulfill our vision of reaching and serving every single child, youth, and family experiencing foster care.



THE STATE OF FOSTER CARE

We know children and youth in foster care will move households, on average, seven times within two years. This is a holistic view of what it means to be a child who experiences foster care. Children who grow up in foster care will receive approximately \$1M worth of social services by the time they age out at 18 years old.



This ecosystem changes with every placement, change, or move.

MAJOR FINDINGS SHOW OUR PROGRAMS ARE COMBATTING THE STATISTICS

In 2021, Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing at the University of Texas began researching the impact of the National Angels programs.



Generate social capital that can help reduce hardships experienced by children and families by providing relationship-based resources to navigate challenges.



Meet important needs and provide long-term support for children, youth, and families in a way that is not offered through traditional service models.



Create normalcy opportunities for youth in foster care, which promotes healthy social development and well-being.



Establish relational permanence as National Angels volunteers remain committed to families and youth, often staying connected long after the volunteer period has ended.



244

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVED



91

CHILDREN SERVED MONTHLY



2

CASE MANAGERS



38

FAMILIES SUPPORTED



31

MATCHES MADE



986

VOLUNTEER HOURS



\$24,725

VALUE OF PROGRAM (VOLUNTEER'S) IN-KIND DONATIONS



\$22,883

VALUE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY IN-KIND DONATIONS

2022 SNAPSHOT

299

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED BY PROGRAMS

\$47,608

VALUE OF TOTAL IN-KIND DONATIONS



FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS -EST.2020

The National Angels Advisory Council is a committed and creative community that is bonded by a common goal: to change the way children, youth, and families experience foster care. This amazing group of individuals have come together to help shape the future of our organization. They help with things like strategic planning, and they also fund projects, provide special holiday experiences for our families, advocate on social media, and more. We are lucky and proud to have such a distinguished and talented group of individuals on the National Angels team.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

A sense of belonging and the need for a deep, meaningful connection is primal. It is as fundamental as the need for air, water, food, and shelter.

I want to tell you about my good friend Aimee, a selfless and loving single foster mom who has adopted two of the many children she has welcomed into her home over the years. I had the privilege of being her Love Box leader in 2016, and Aimee has since received approximately 400 hours of consistent volunteer support. Those hours were served rocking babies, playing with kids, cleaning house, helping with shopping, delivering meals, and so much more. Thousands of dollars have gone toward birthday parties, adoption celebrations, Christmas gifts, school supplies, a playscape, clothes, toys, groceries, gift cards, and other items for her family.

I remember when Aimee called me on her way to pick up three-day-old twin girls from the hospital. Our Love Box team immediately sprang into action and gathered diapers, wipes, clothes, and more. During their two-year placement, they were rocked a million miles, constantly played with, and they took their first steps – one of many milestones celebrated with their Love Box group. Painful goodbyes are a hard reality of foster care, and we also supported them through the process of an aunt adopting the twins. We helped pack and ship their belongings, and we sent them off with hugs, kisses, and well-wishes, just in time for a new bundle of joy to be placed in Aimee's home last week.

Our programs were built to support caregivers like Aimee, because every single child, youth, and family who experiences foster care should be radically supported in their journey. Our North Star is to change the statistics – to shift outcomes through intentional (tailored) giving, relationship-building, and mentorship, and to do so with consistency and love.

But we can't do it without you. As you read this impact report, I hope you find yourself delighted at the progress and inspired to continue supporting our vision of reaching and serving every single child, youth, and family who experiences foster care.

Until every child is reached,

Susan Ramirez, CEO

