2018 Spring Edition
The Children’s Friend, The Porch Light, and
2017 Annual Report of Children’s Home Society of South Dakota
Established in 1893, CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY (CHS) is South Dakota’s oldest human services, nonprofit organization. Our mission is to protect, support and enhance the lives of children, women, and families. Through a merger in 1998, Children’s Inn (founded in 1977 as a domestic violence shelter) became a program of CHS.

CHS provides emergency shelter, residential treatment and special education, forensic interviews, foster care and adoption services, and prevention programs. In addition to serving victims of child abuse and domestic violence, CHS also partners with caring parents to help children with emotional or behavioral needs.

CHS is accredited by the Joint Commission and licensed by South Dakota Department of Social Services.

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Privacy Policy:

To protect the privacy of the children and families we serve, it is our practice (unless otherwise noted) to use names and photos that represent our stories, and ensure confidentiality.
We’re Celebrating 125 Years with You!

This is a milestone year. We are celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of Children’s Home Society of South Dakota (CHS). Our co-founders, William and Elizabeth Sherrard, were people of great vision. But could they have ever imagined in 1893 what would exist 125 years later?

**Never changing.** Since day one, and right up through today, the “true north” mission of CHS has always been the protection, care, and support of children and families.

It has not always been easy. Historical documents reveal that CHS could have closed its doors on more than one occasion. It took a lot of courage for staff and leadership to persevere through some pretty dark days.

But thanks to a Guiding Hand that uplifted the work and blessed the grassroots support for the CHS mission, the work prevailed. And children and families continue to need us today.

**Ever changing.** From our beginning as an orphanage to the diverse programs and services offered today, the protection, care, and support of children and families continues to evolve in response to the ever-changing needs and challenges of the times.

We want to thank all those who are part of the history being made now because of your continued support. Who knows what new chapters can be written as we all work together!

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Two children wave goodbye to their first home—the South Dakota Children’s Home orphanage, which was located on the corner of 10th & Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls.

— CHS Archival Photo, circa 1950
125 Years. Wow! Over that many decades, just think of the numbers of children and families who have benefited from the programs and services provided by Children’s Home Society.

It has been my humble privilege to lead the board this past year. From the very first board of directors until today’s current board, there has been strong and consistent leadership to carry out our mission to protect, support, and enhance the lives of children, women, and families.

I want to thank and recognize not only the commitment of our board, but also our amazing staff all across the state. It is their skill and dedication that changes, and often saves, the lives of those we serve.
Children’s Home Society

1895 Board of Directors

Children’s Home Society of South Dakota was officially incorporated in 1895 as a private nonprofit, nonsectarian agency with its own board of directors. The first Board included:

Col. Charles Baker
Real estate developer

Mira Beveridge
Active in the work of First Congregational Church
Treasurer of The Women’s Benevolent Association

William Bushnell
Publisher of Dakota Farmer in Aberdeen

Coe Isaac Crawford
Later elected as Governor of South Dakota, then U.S. Senator

Arthur Disbrow
Vice President of the Bank of Alcester

Rev. J.O. Dobson
Pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church

Bishop William Hobart Hare
Bishop, Episcopal Church of South Dakota

Rev. J.N. Hutchinson
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

Charles McKinney
President of Sioux Falls National Bank
Former State Railroad Commissioner

Rev. Amund Mikkelson
Head of the Lutheran Normal School
(n/k/a/ Augustana College)

Judge Cornelius Palmer
Member of the Territorial Supreme Court

Honorable Porter P. Peck
Operated a livery stable, and became a two-term mayor of Sioux Falls

Hattie Phillips
Married to one of the founders of Sioux Falls, Dr. Josiah Phillips
Helped establish The Women’s Christian Temperance Union
Helped establish The Women’s Benevolent Association

Rev. Darius Scott
Pastor of First Congregational Church

Rev. William Stifler
Pastor of First Baptist Church

Joseph Stone
Citizen of Tyndall, SD

Rev. William Thrall
Superintendent of Congregational Conference of South Dakota

Mrs. S.G. Tuthill
Wife of a Sioux Falls banker, and involved in the lumber business

Rev. George Ware
Helped establish the first Episcopal churches in the Black Hills

Matilda Woods
Wife of rancher, bank founder, and mayor of Rapid City

You’ll Notice a Change.

You may have noticed that this issue does not look like our typical annual report, filled with listings of gifts from many generous friends. We are hearing that what interests our donors most is information about how their gifts are impacting lives. So for this issue, we are converting the space we have to share that kind of news, knowing full well it is our friends’ generosity that makes it all possible. Though not found on the pages of this booklet, your names are imprinted on the daily work of CHS.

What do you think of this change?
Please let us know.

CHS Executive Directors 1893 – 2018

William Sherrard
1893–1909
16 Years

Elmer Garness
1947–1970
23 years

Don Schempp
1970–1972
2 years

David Wright
1972–1985
13 years

Aaron Stuckeman
1909–1938
29 Years

Samuel George
1938–1947
9 Years

David Loving
1985–2002
17 years

Dennis Daugaard
2002–2009
7 years

Bill Colson
2009–PRESENT

Executive Directors
Served in 2017

**Residential Treatment and Schools**
Serving children, ages 4–14.

- **Black Hills Children’s Home**
  Residential Treatment and Education .............. 91 Children

- **Sioux Falls Children’s Home**
  Residential Treatment and Education .............. 122 Children
  Day School Program ............................... 39 Children

**Community Based Services (Foster Care and Adoption)**
Serving children of all ages, with the majority being ages 4–14.

- **Black Hills Area**
  Adoptive and Foster Family Home Studies and Training ................................. 56 Families
  Therapeutic Foster Care (all ages) ................ 33 Children
  Adoption Services and Support ........................ 42 Children & 11 Families

- **Sioux Falls Area**
  Adoptive & Foster Family Home Studies and Training ................................ 107 Families
  Therapeutic Foster Care (all ages) ................ 16 Children
  Adoption Services and Support (all ages) ............ 43 Children & 24 Families
  Beyond Consequences: Foster/Adoptive Parent Training ............................. 14 Attendees

**Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center (Rapid City)**
One coordinated forensic interview for children who are alleged victims of sexual and/or physical abuse or who have witnessed severe violence.

- Forensic Interviews ..................................... 316 Children

**Children’s Inn (Sioux Falls)**
Emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence and child abuse. Serving women and children of all ages.

- Emergency Shelter Intakes:
  - Women .............................................. 405
  - Children with Mother ............................. 407
  - Children in Protective Custody .................. 144
  - Children in Respite Care .......................... 6
  - Crisis Phone Calls ................................. 2,596
  - Crisis Counseling .................................. 2,558
  - Outreach Counseling ................................ 886
  - Children’s Support Groups ........................ 25 Sessions
  - Women’s Support Groups ........................... 128 Sessions
  - Parenting Classes .................................... 204 Sessions

**Bright Start (Sioux Falls)**
Nurse home visitation to pregnant young women/families to promote prenatal care, healthy births, and children’s health and development, up to age 3.

- Families Served ....................................... 194
- Home Visits ......................................... 1,724

**Prevention (Statewide)**
Domestic Violence
  Community Education ................................ 4,187 Attendees, 279 Presentations

Child Abuse Prevention
  Community Education ................................ 3,431 Attendees, 140 Presentations
The cash collections were $2,261.64; in addition to this we have received from friends in the country contributions of wheat, flour, potatoes, butter and vegetables, besides contributions from various parts of the state, of clothing, bedding, etc., the receipt of which has been acknowledged as received but upon which no cash value has been placed.

The expenditures for the year have been $2,210.60, expended as follows:

- Care of children: $80.44
- Traveling expenses: $15.31
- Printing, stationery and printing: $34.70
- Rent and household supplies: $305.70
- Legal expenses: $20.00
- Wages: $315.03
- Fuel: $95.40
- Care of live stock: $30.61
- Piano: $40.00
- Miscellaneous: $68.22

Total: $2,210.60

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND
June 1896

The Children's Friend

In a monthly paper published in the interest of the Children's Home Society of South Dakota, the Society is entirely free from sectarian bias, and is supported by the voluntary offerings of those who sympathize with suffering humanity. Its work is finding homeless children and children homes, and bringing these together. All contributions to the work will be acknowledged through the paper. The paper is sent to any address, postage paid, for twenty-five cents a year. Address all communications to the Superintendent Children's Home, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ENTERED AT THE SIoux FALLS POST OFFICE AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER.

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND
March 1896

Published monthly, The Children's Friend was a four-page newsletter written by William Sherrard emphasizing the need for financial, spiritual, and political support of Children's Home Society. A subscription cost 25 cents per year.
As we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Children’s Home Society (CHS), it is my privilege to be able to thank the many people that support CHS either directly or through Children’s Home Foundation (CHF) at any one of our many fundraising events held throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the many friends who volunteer countless hours and who help with special CHS events throughout the state. The generosity abounds in each and every volunteer’s efforts to share their time and talents.

Support from our many friends provides encouragement and confidence for the incredible staff who care for the children and families touched by CHS.

I am constantly amazed by the love and concern by all the staff for the kids and families they care for day in and day out. Every one of them deserves a special thank you for the part they play in the teaching and healing that takes place throughout the organization.

The impact every donor has on the lives of children, families and staff at CHS cannot be expressed enough through words, but I will say it again to each and every donor and staff member:

Thank you for all you do to improve the lives of hurting children and families all across South Dakota!
Children’s Home Foundation
Funds Raised Fiscal Year 2016–2017

Children’s Home Foundation (CHF) was established in 1982 with a mission to ensure that CHS programs and services are fully funded. To that end, CHF raises financial and gift-in-kind resources for operating support and facility needs, and works to establish long-term sustainability through endowment funds and estate gifts.

It also promotes community awareness of the work of CHS through special events, media resources, campus tours, and speaking opportunities.

Total Raised
Fiscal Year July 2016–June 2017

$5,097,792

NOTE: All totals reported include gifts to Children’s Inn.

— THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND
November 1897
When Ben was four, his mother hit him on the head with a broom handle which left a lasting welt. This action was one of many examples of physical abuse, emotional abuse, and severe neglect endured by Ben. In addition, his days were filled with domestic violence, alcohol abuse, and chaos. Conversely, his days were void of safety, nurturance, and structure. When the welt didn’t subside, an aunt took Ben to the ER which resulted in exposure of the abuse. Ben was taken to Children’s Inn for temporary care, then was placed in a foster home.

Ben was desperate for attention, could not focus or concentrate, and was scared of everything, particularly night time. When highly anxious or fearful, Ben would respond with outbursts of anger and aggression. His behaviors were more than the foster family could handle, so Ben was admitted to Children’s Home Society (CHS) for assessment and short-term treatment.

This scared and anxious little boy eventually responded to the structured, consistent, and nurturing environment provided by CHS. Feeling safe allowed Ben to let down his guard, at times, and just be a playful child.

Meanwhile, parental rights had been terminated on Ben’s parents, and the system that had jurisdiction over...
his case made the decision to place Ben and his sister with a grandmother in Virginia. This placement did not go well for anyone. Ben’s negative behaviors escalated, both at home and at school. He required constant supervision. It was also found that Ben’s grandmother did not administer his meds appropriately, nor did she follow through with counseling services for Ben. She asked for “expedited support to remove him” from her home.

Now nine years of age, Ben was brought back to South Dakota for a brief time, then was moved again to be placed with another grandmother in Nebraska with his two brothers. Ben again experienced abuse and neglect in this home. He was often in charge of taking his own meds and described often running out of them. Because of his difficult behaviors, this grandmother also requested that Ben be removed from her home.

Ben returned to South Dakota and was placed in foster care. Once again, this well-intentioned family was not equipped to deal with Ben’s extreme behaviors. Ben ran away and was missing for several hours. He came out from where he was hiding when officers arrived. He then became violent and assaultive, but was able to calm down when told he would be going to Children’s Home.

Ben was readmitted to CHS. He was on guard about his surroundings and needed to know every little thing that was going on or that was expected of him. He was so needy and so starved for attention. He literally begged for it from people he knew would take care of him and be good to him.

Over several months, Ben became calmer in his reactions and responses to direction by CHS staff. This little boy learned to ask for and receive attention in very appropriate and endearing ways. Staff witnessed this previously labeled “wild child” become thoughtful and kind-hearted. He thought about others and learned to be “the giver” rather than always being on the receiving end of kindness.

In a rare but incredible development Melinda, a previous CHS staff who worked on the unit that cared for Ben, expressed a desire to be considered as a foster home following his discharge from CHS. She had two other boys, and the whole family was on board to make this commitment.

When Ben learned of this news, his excitement was brought to a whole new level.

Ben spent extensive amounts of time on home visits with Melinda in order to help him readjust to living in a home environment. Though he was sometimes worried due to his abuse history when living in homes, he also had confidence in Melinda’s ability to care for him, and he trusted in their long-standing relationship.

Due to Ben’s hard work and Melinda’s commitment, Ben was discharged last year into Melinda’s care. For a time, Ben remained in CHS’s day school program to help him build further skills and prepare him for a transition back to public school.

Today, Ben is succeeding at public school. He enjoys going to school each day, is eager to learn, and is excited for warmer weather so he can go outside and play soccer. Melinda is making plans to begin the adoption process, and Ben continues to say, “I want to live with Melinda even when I am an adult!”

THE CAPTION ON THE BACK OF THIS PHOTO READS: Jerry and Donna had the lead in the school kindergarten play. Donna was a marigold in yellow. Jerry was Sweet William in blue. They were married. Cute as anything was the play and the little children.

– CHS Archival Photo, circa 1940
Landon's behaviors were so challenging that he spent most of his public school days in an isolated classroom with one teacher. He would become upset when things didn't go his way or when other students would touch his things. He wanted to be in control and did not respect those in authority. He had outbursts that could last up to 45 minutes. Kids were afraid of him and didn't want to play with him. In addition, Landon had some speech difficulties that made it difficult for others to understand him, which just added to his frustration.

Landon's parents were asked to consider the Day School Program at CHS—an educational option for their son that could also address his behaviors and help the whole family.

At first, Landon's parents were hesitant to place him in another school. They didn't know anything about the CHS Day School Program. But they came for a tour and asked lots of questions. They left feeling better about how CHS could help their son, and agreed to admit him to CHS's Day School Program.

The smaller, more intimate classroom setting seemed to calm Landon's behaviors. He received more individualized attention and slowly built relationships with CHS staff. He connected with another boy in his class and, for the first time, made a friend. The structure, routine, and clearly defined expectations gradually removed Landon's need to control as he came to trust adults and feel part of the culture of the classroom. He made gains with his speech and language skills, and he was completing his assignments!

At the first quarterly review meeting, the parents shared with CHS staff that this was the first time they had ever received any completed work that Landon had done.

Landon is a very bright little boy. And peeling away his layers of anger has revealed a great sense of humor. For a long time, he would not say, "Good morning" or "Hi" when he passed by the Education Director at the school's front doors every morning. But now, Landon has greetings for everyone every morning, and often has important stories to tell—like losing a tooth!

Landon continues to build on his new-found success at school and, with help from CHS, is working to integrate that success into the other parts of his life as well.
Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) serves children who have moderate emotional and behavioral needs, usually from abuse or neglect. TFC offers a healing family experience to prepare children for reunification or adoption.

Adoption Services: Wendy’s Wonderful Kids (WWK) works to find adoptive families for children who are hard to place. WWK believes that no child is unadoptable.

Post Adoption Services include therapy, family support, training, and referrals.

PRIDE Training and Assessment is offered to families who are interested in becoming a foster or adoptive family. It includes orientation, home studies, and licensing.

chssd.org/foster  
chssd.org/adoption

About one year ago, Dan and Marie welcomed three young children into their home, with plans to adopt them. These siblings were ages three, four, and six.

Other “numbers” to note? This was the 4th placement for the three-year-old, the 5th placement for the four-year-old, and the 3rd placement for the six-year-old.

The oldest two had histories of abuse and neglect and the multiple placements for all three had impacted their ability to attach to any caregiver. In their short little lives, these siblings had only lived together for barely one year. Being together now was a relatively new experience for them.

As one might assume, each placement for each child came with a new parenting style. For the children, this lack of consistency created confusing messages and growing mistrust with each new caregiver because “...things never stay the same!”

Playing fun games together is typically a method used to build attachment between a parent and a new child in the home. But Dan and Marie’s attempts to play with these three little ones were often met with disruption, arguments, and opposition. Between the children’s difficult backgrounds and varied parenting experiences, not living together as siblings, and Dan and Marie’s well-intentioned but first attempt at being parents—this family had its hands full. They sought help from CHS.

Working to get Dan and Marie and all three children headed down the same family path was critical for this placement to succeed. The activities and interaction methods taught by their CHS family therapist were challenging and sometimes exhausting for Marie and Dan, but they knew it had to be done if they were all going to become a family. Marie, in particular, pushed herself to be playful and engaging, yet firm. One year later, all three children—the youngest, in particular—are very attached to her. Dan is also making great strides as he patiently works to break down those walls erected by the kids’ abusers who were all male.

“Working with our CHS therapist helped us to learn and understand the reasons why the kids behaved the way they did,” said Marie. “It was so helpful to have her watch us interact as a family and give us feedback based upon her observations.”

It has not been an easy year, but all three children trust Mom and Dad and know that they won’t be moving anywhere else, ever again.
Beka was 11 when her life journey crossed paths with Children’s Home Society (CHS). Before then, it had been quite the journey...

Beka was removed from her birth parents at five years of age. In just those few years, her childhood was marred by the effects of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and severe neglect.

Between the ages of five and ten, Beka was in and out of multiple foster homes. Her struggle with the long-term impacts of trauma were more than most families could deal with. Beka once again experienced physical and emotional abuse during an out-of-state adoptive placement when she was 10, effectively ending that adoption attempt.

Another foster home placement was considered as this family had also been identified as a possible adoptive home for Beka. But she continued to struggle.

Not wanting this placement to disrupt, the Department of Social Services referred Beka to the CHS Therapeutic Foster Care program (TFC).

Unfortunately, this adoptive placement had disrupted beyond repair when Beka came into the care of CHS. After this second failed adoption attempt, Beka felt hopeless about ever being part of a family.

But CHS placed Beka in one of its TFC homes. With support and guidance from a TFC therapist, this family had the skills to help Beka begin to deal with her past trauma without the pressure of feeling like she was going into another adoption attempt. She just had to live with this family and allow them to help her.

CHS stayed with Beka and this family and continued to provide therapeutic and support services. Over time, Beka made great progress as she worked through her past hurts and her jumbled ideas about what it meant to be part of a family.

Meanwhile, this family expressed their desire to CHS that they would like to adopt Beka. The stakes were high. Everyone knew what another failed adoption attempt could do to Beka.

But after one year of intensive in-home therapy and support services by their TFC therapist, Beka was able to process and heal from her trauma, and finally feel safe and secure with this family. At the age of 13, Beka was adopted by her TFC family, a family who had been dually licensed by CHS.

Beka had always been a kind, compassionate, talented, and brave child. Now, Beka is still all those things. But she has been adopted. She belongs. She is loved unconditionally. She is part of a family.

Beka’s story is a testament to the capacity CHS has to change lives, often by becoming a healing presence at a critical moment in the life of a child or family.

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**Two little girls play outside at the South Dakota Children’s Home orphanage in Sioux Falls. Eventually both girls, like Beka, were adopted into a loving family.**

— CHS Archival Photo, circa 1950

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**Wanted—homes for babies of both sexes. Also a home for a nice brown-eyed little girl 9 years of age.**

This dear child’s vivacity has been crushed by hard work and rough treatment and she must have a kind, sympathetic mother who will treat her tenderly. Those needing a girl to “tend baby” or a person of a fretful disposition need not apply.

— **THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND**

March 1899
PRIDE is a program that helps prepare, educate, and select families who are interested in providing foster care, or in adopting children in the foster care system. The program includes 30 hours of training and a home study.

“Our primary focus is to find families for children, not children for families.”

—CHS PRIDE Trainer

The PRIDE program helps parents develop skills to better understand children who have experienced trauma, while also strengthening relationships within birth, foster, and adoptive families. Those skills include:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children’s developmental needs and addressing delays
- Supporting relationships with birth families
- Connecting children to safe, nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a team member in trauma-informed care for children and families.

The State of South Dakota contracts with Children’s Home Society (CHS) to provide this program for a large portion of South Dakota.

In 2017, CHS PRIDE staff taught 159 individuals and families. Of those, 104 had approved home studies.

Tom and Teri were not able to have children and decided to pursue becoming foster parents. Tom and Teri’s first placement was a newborn from an 18-year-old drug-addicted mother. Initially, Teri did struggle with the idea of being involved with the baby’s birth mother. But they helped this mother and really brought her into the family.

Over time, this mother was honored with the highest marks when she graduated from drug court and is now mentoring another birth mother. Tom and Teri have cared for eight foster children over the past two years.

“Going through the PRIDE training and becoming foster parents has really opened our eyes to what we now believe is our purpose in life,” says Teri. “You love and care for these kids as if they were your own, and then send them on. We are blessed to be a part of something that keeps families together.”

As Others See Us.

The following is an excerpt from an article in the Argus-Leader of this city:

But even were there not a music lover in this city. Even though the talent secured were not among the most brilliant in the country, still the hall should be crowded. The object for which the concert is given is one of the most worthy ever brought to public notice in this city. There is no charity which appeals more strongly to the average man or woman than does an orphan’s home. The work performed by Mr. and Mrs. Sherrard, unostentatious and unassuming, but persistent and broadly philanthropic, should command the earnest support of every person in this community who possesses a heart. These quiet people go out into the byways of life, find the little homeless waifs, take them in, cloth them, warm them, feed them and find them homes where they will be surrounded with comforts and be given a Christian education and care. Hundreds of little tots who otherwise would have been left to die or to struggle in squalor and vice have thus been rescued and are now in the way to become honorable, respected and useful men and women.

The Children’s Home has no resources except the gifts of the philanthropic. Though it has been located in Sioux Falls for several years it has received little assistance from this city. Other communities all over the state have contributed liberally, but this city has given little. Now there is a disposition among many benevolent ladies to take the matter up and place the Home on a stable foundation. This concert is the first effort. Others will follow. The movement should have the hearty support of every citizen in Sioux Falls.

—THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND
November 1897
At very young ages, Luke and Josh lived in a home where there was domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and extreme neglect of the boys’ most basic needs. Child Protection Services (CPS) became aware of their situation thanks to a concerned neighbor.

Luke, particularly, struggled in school and displayed aggressive behaviors. Both boys did not trust adults to care for them. Nor could they express their hurt and anger in healthy ways. They were out of control both in school and at home, and eventually were referred and admitted to a Children’s Home Society (CHS) residential treatment program.

CHS staff was able to help the boys allow adults to nurture and care for them. Their aggression subsided as they learned to trust adults and developed relationships with both staff and other children. They really enjoyed playing with their new friends.

Luke became the thoughtful, very caring older brother. Josh was a bright little boy that loved to read. Both were athletic and wanted to be involved in any kind of sports activities.

While living at CHS, their parents’ rights were terminated. Difficult as it was, they were able to process some of their grief and loss while at CHS with people they had come to trust. As things progressed, their permanency goal became adoption, and they were referred to the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) recruiter at CHS to help identify a family for them.

Because the boys were quite young, there were many inquiries. The WWK recruiter and CPS worker read 35 home studies. A family was identified that would be a strong match for the boys. And it just happened to be a family that was licensed through the CHS Therapeutic Foster Care program (TFC).

A plan was made to integrate the boys into this family. Over time, with good transition planning and guidance from CHS staff, the boys moved into their new home with their new family. Luke and Josh were so happy there was a family that would keep them together and wanted them both.

The WWK recruiter and TFC therapist is helping support them through this adjustment and transition period as they become a family.

After the adoption is finalized, the family will then receive support from the CHS post-adoption therapist.

It has been six years since the first day Child Protection intervened on behalf of these little boys. Luke and Josh finally have permanency, and a forever family.
“You’ve got to be the worst mother that ever lived!”
“Could you be any more stupid? What did I ever see in you?”

Early in the marriage it started out as hurtful words. Then Joe accused Heidi of having a boyfriend and would go into jealous rages. His methods graduated to harassing Heidi at work, and his threatening behavior caused Heidi to lose her job on more than one occasion. But he never hit her. Not yet.

It was after the birth of their third child when the physical abuse began. It wasn't uncommon for Joe to punish Heidi physically if he was unhappy about something she had done. He strangled her on several occasions and yanked her arm so hard that Heidi required medical attention.

Then came the day Heidi decided she had had enough. But Joe did everything he could to prevent her from leaving. He removed their daughter’s car seat from the back seat of the car, threatened to cut the brake line, then laid down behind her car so she couldn’t back out of their driveway.

At that point, Heidi got out of the car and ran with her kids to a nearby gas station and called Children’s Inn. A cab was sent to pick up Heidi and her kids and bring them to Children’s Inn. Once safe and secure inside the walls of Children’s Inn, Heidi and her children learned more about the services available and how they could be helped. Over the next few weeks, they met with a therapist, and attended support groups and parenting classes. Heidi became less anxious and more confident as she prepared for a different kind of future with her children—one that is free of violence and fear.

After a six-week stay at Children’s Inn, Heidi and her children were ready to move into their own apartment. But a week after leaving, Heidi called the Children’s Inn crisis hotline asking for assistance with a protection order because Joe was stalking her. She did not want him to find their new home.

Heidi met with the Crisis Intervention Advocate and completed the necessary paperwork. With the protection order in place, a new safe home, and the support of Children’s Inn always there when needed, Heidi and her children have all they need to begin their new life.
Chloe was a recent college graduate planning to continue for her Master’s degree when she learned she was pregnant. Being a mother wasn’t something Chloe planned for at this point, or ever, after having been told a chronic health issue made having children impossible. Chloe immediately put her career on hold.

At an early doctor appointment, Chloe was made aware of the Bright Start program. As a first time mom, uncertain about the future, Chloe thought the program would be helpful to her and soon began meeting with her nurse, Betsy.

The first few visits between Chloe and Betsy focused on getting to know each other and what Chloe needed from the program. Betsy learned that Chloe’s boyfriend was in the picture but had a job out of the state, so Chloe didn’t have a lot of support nearby. Chloe also had some complicating health issues including diabetes. Chloe successfully stopped smoking while pregnant, and the information and support Betsy provided her helped to prepare her for the birth of her son.

Chloe’s son, Reed, was born four weeks early, and it was clear early on that Reed would have some special needs. He slept very little, cried and screamed a lot due to sensory issues, and was hospitalized a couple times due to illness. Chloe struggled to deal with the stress of essentially being a single parent to a newborn with health issues.

Chloe was sleeping very little and struggling to take care of herself. She was depressed and unable to work because of her own health issues. With the added stress, Betsy recognized that Chloe would benefit from meeting with the Bright Start Mental Health Therapist, Paula, and soon Chloe had regular visits with her as well.

Chloe is committed to helping Reed succeed. She takes all of the information and activity ideas she is given and works on them between visits. Because of Chloe’s commitment to him, Reed is developing beautifully. He recently told her “Mommy, I love you,” which made it all worth it!

While it hasn’t been an easy road, Chloe has persevered.

Bright Start is a resource and support program that offers nurse home visitation services to at-risk families during pregnancy and after delivery. Services may continue until the child’s third birthday. Nursing services include prenatal, maternal, and infant/child health assessments and education; infant/child development assessments; parenting education; and health, safety, and nutrition education.

Bright Start provides assistance to help link families with resources such as prenatal, postpartum, and pediatric medical care; family planning services to delay and plan future child bearing; and mental health services.

chssd.org/brightstart

Bright Start Program Budget:
$878,500
United Way:
$479,840

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Over many decades, Children’s Home has helped hundreds of mothers and babies get off to a good start in life.

— CHS Archival Photo, circa 1950

The little village of Garretson has as many good people to the square foot as can be found anywhere. Just as the heated term was approaching and our babies were having the measles, they opened their homes to them and thus not only relieved us of great care and anxiety, but saved the lives of the little things who came to us with but a spark of life in them. This they did cheerfully and without compensation other than that which comes from the consciousness of doing good. If such work is not self-sacrificing Christian service we do not know what is. Our prayer is that the Master may reward them abundantly.

— THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND
September 1906

Never changing. Ever changing.
No matter the job, or where you work, most people feel like there is more to do than there are hours in the day! It is no different for the staff at Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

Days are filled with trainings of all kinds, back-to-back forensic interviews, unscheduled stops by families looking for guidance, meetings with community partners, and meetings with decision makers to advocate for the welfare of children and families.

Then there are those times at CAC when the day brings a reason to pause and to be truly reminded about what is important.

CAC received a referral on Anna, a young girl who was an alleged victim of sexual abuse. It was close to Christmas, so every effort was made to schedule an interview with Anna before all the parties in this case began their holiday breaks.

While Anna was being interviewed, her mother, Nola, met with the CAC Family Advocate. During their conversation, Nola talked about not knowing where she and her children were going to stay. And with Christmas around the corner, Nola felt helpless knowing she couldn’t provide any semblance of Christmas for her kids.

Nola’s plight is not unlike many who come through the CAC doors who are just trying to keep the heat and lights on, food on the table, and their heads above water. The abuse that has happened to their child is just one more thing adding to their stress level and the downward spiral that steals their hope.

Anna’s case was important. But that day, Nola needed to feel like she could be a good mom and take care of her children. She was being brave and acting confident, but deep down she was terrified.

Thanks to CHS friends whose generosity “stocks the shelves,” Nola left CHS that day, her car filled with toys, coats, blankets, and the funds to keep her heat on and the rent paid for that month. Nola and her children would celebrate Christmas together in their home.

That day, Anna’s case wasn’t as much about “catching the bad guy” as it was about helping create a memorable Christmas for a family, bringing hope, and honoring the integrity and heart of a good mother.

Just another day...? Absolutely.
Honor Gifts

HONOR GIFTS & PLEDGES GIVEN JANUARY 1–DECEMBER 31, 2017

CHS is intentional and proactive in its efforts to prevent child abuse and domestic violence in South Dakota. Statewide training and prevention events focus on:

■ Teaching the public and professionals how to recognize and respond to child abuse and domestic violence.

■ Educating adults on how to properly handle child abuse disclosures.

■ Educating teens about healthy relationships and dating violence.

■ Keeping Kids Safe! 4 versions of What if...? card sets are available!

chssd.org/Whatif

Program Budget:
$182,304
Charitable Support:
$91,870

BY THE NUMBERS
140...Trainings
2,711...Adult Attendees
720...Youth Attendees

The CHS Advocacy & Prevention Program empowers individuals to end abuse and build safe, healthy, and strong communities.

TRAININGS HELD IN 2017
53...Recognizing and Responding to Child Abuse
35...Trauma and Resiliency
17...Healthy Dating for Teens
11...Keeping Kids Safe
9...What If...?
5...Multidisciplinary Approach to Child Abuse Cases
4...CAC 101
3...Bullying
2...Human Trafficking
2...Internet Safety
2...A School’s Response to Child Abuse

CHS HELPS EQUIP THOSE WHO HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

■ Trained 56 counselors on best practices for working with children referred to Child Advocacy Centers (CAC).

■ Trained 70 officers on a trauma-informed approach to law enforcement.

■ Trained 115 investigative partners (law enforcement and child protection) to work as a coordinated team in child abuse cases.

■ Offered 9 free community trainings.

■ Trained 36 juvenile services staff on recognizing and responding to child sexual abuse.

■ Trained 40 grand jury members in Meade County on child abuse dynamics.

■ Presented CHS’s What If...? project in Washington, D.C., to 55 leaders in Child Advocacy.

■ Trained 99 new foster parents on the dynamics of abuse and trauma.

■ Trained 18 new law enforcement officers on recognizing and responding to child sexual abuse.

■ Trained 110 Ellsworth Air Force Base officers on trauma and recognizing and responding to child abuse.

■ Provided 8 group trainings for WAVI clients in Rapid City.

■ Trained 136 dental professionals on recognizing and responding to child sexual abuse.

■ Trained 15 U.S. Attorneys on child sexual abuse case dynamics and working as a team.

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No child is safe while any child is neglected. No work in the state does more to reduce taxation by the prevention of the development of criminals. Fifty dollars will place a child where it will become a useful citizen, while it takes $2,000 to send a man to the penitentiary after he has committed a crime; and lastly our work brings joy and happiness into many a childless home. If you can find any work that has more to commend it to your common sense than ours, send your contributions there; if not, send them to the Children’s Home Society.

— THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND
June 1898

Children’s Home Society advocates for children of all ages every day.

— CHS Archival Photo, circa 1940

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– THE CHILDREN’S FRIEND
August 1897
Since the early 1900s, caring friends have helped CHS survive challenging economic times by providing bequests from their estates.

Today, donors are using a wider variety of gift vehicles to ensure that CHS can care and advocate for children and families well into the future. In addition to making a bequest through a will or trust, friends often designate CHS to receive memorial gifts.

Making CHS the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan is another popular option. For larger estates, Lead Trusts and Charitable Remainder Trusts are advantageous gift vehicles.

Unless designated for a specific purpose, legacy gifts are used to grow the CHF endowment from which a board-designated percentage is distributed annually to fund CHS programs.

To include CHS in your will, the most common bequest language is:

I bequest (description of gift) to Children’s Home Foundation to be used to support the operations of Children’s Home Society of South Dakota.

Become a Guardian of the Children by making a gift through your will, trust, or retirement plan.
IRA Gift Provision has been made permanent

The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 makes permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover provision that has come and gone several times over the past 10 years. A direct distribution from an IRA can be a great way to provide a charitable gift.

**BENEFITS TO THE DONOR**

- Allows the donor to avoid receiving an IRA distribution as taxable income.
- May lower the donor’s income tax rate.
- The gift counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

**RULES**

- The donor must be age 70½ or older.
- Gifts are allowed up to $100,000.
- The gift must be a direct distribution from the IRA to the charitable organization.
- The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction.
- The gift may not be used to fund a gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, or private foundation.
- You may not receive any goods or services in return for the gift.

Donating Appreciated Property = Substantial Tax Benefits

Donating appreciated property can be an easy and tax-effective way to make a gift.

**BENEFITS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

- You can avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stocks, bonds, or other property.
- You can receive a charitable income tax deduction for the current/appreciated value.
- Stock gifts can typically be simply made through an electronic transfer process.
- Assets need to be held long term (over one year) to avoid long-term capital gains tax.

For more information, check with your tax consultant, or contact Children’s Home Foundation:

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**Endowment Update**

In 1998, the CHS and CHF Boards of Directors recognized the risk to the future of Children’s Home Society due to the high dependence on government funding, which is uncertain and does not keep pace with increasing expenses. A goal was set to build an endowment with a distribution that would cover 25% of the annual budget.

**Legacy of Love and Hope**

**$10 Million Endowment Campaign**

**GOALS**

- Secure $5 million in Challenge Gifts ................. $4,150,000
- Raise $5 million to earn Challenge Gifts ............ $4,050,000
- Raise a total of $10 million to meet Campaign Goal ........................ $8,200,400

Since the 2012 campaign launch, **37 people** have included CHS in their estate plans to become members of **GUARDIANS of the CHILDREN**.

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Children’s Home entered this float in a Sioux Falls parade. – CHS Archival Photo, circa 1930
22nd Annual Orion Classic

August 6, 2017: Evening for the Kids Event
August 7, 2017: Golf Tournament at The Country Club of Sioux Falls

Net Proceeds: $669,388.49

DESIGNATION: CHS Program Support

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28th Annual Rushmore Rotary–Black Hills Children’s Home Golf Tournament
July 31, 2017
Net Proceeds: $66,251
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Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center Endowment

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July 10, 2017
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Net Proceeds: $35,083
DESIGNATION:
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Gala at Mount Rushmore
The “Non-Event Gala 2017” was held the month of March
Net Proceeds: $25,214
DESIGNATION:
Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center Endowment

Although major renovations in the dining room at Mount Rushmore prevented Xanterra Parks and Resorts, Inc., the National Park Service, and Rotary Club of Rapid City Rushmore from hosting the GALA at Mount Rushmore in 2017, generous donors contributed $25,214 to the non-event fundraiser to support Children’s Home Child Advocacy Center endowment.

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**Toy Drive**

December 1–24, 2017

The Empire Mall

**Net Proceeds:** $61,549

**DESIGNATION:**
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**Dick’s Chicks Artists:**
This group of 11 women took weekly classes from the well-known watercolor artist, Richard DuBois.

The group began painting with Richard in 2007 at a workshop he taught in Custer. After the workshop ended, Richard agreed to continue with the classes for a short time. That “short time” turned into regular art sessions until Richard’s death in 2014.

These ladies honor Richard’s memory by continuing their artistic journey.

**2017 Dream Team Mentor Artists:**
These artists worked with small groups of children at Black Hills Children’s Home to teach, encourage and inspire the children to create their own art. Rose DuBois and the late artist and professor, Richard DuBois, started this program in 2008.

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▶ 696 volunteers
▶ 2,054 volunteer hours
▶ 7,000 gifts wrapped
▶ Hundreds of toys, gifts & needed items collected for children’s birthday and Christmas presents

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