

A message from our CEO

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENT ALIVE

What a difference a year makes! United for Families has truly had a very successful year. We have a wonderful Board of Directors, dedicated to moving United for Families forward. Daily, our staff shows their commitment to our mission and vision. We have also developed some remarkable partnerships that have resulted in quite significant outcomes that could not have been achieved by United for Families alone. These outcomes required true community partnership and support. I believe our community genuinely has the vital and relevant services needed to protect children and build families. Still, there is much, much more to do.

To assure that we continue to grow as a company of value, United for Families staff must ask a simple question every day. They must ask themselves, "Is there a better way?" This question will lead to the continued strengthening of our systems, as we strive to improve the child welfare system and services to our families. This question will keep our commitment to you and the children alive.

Yes, it has been a truly wonderful year at United for Families. I am so grateful to be a part of this organization and to work daily with people of passion and purpose. With your help and support, we will make 2008 the best year yet for our children. Once again we will stand united as caring citizens, united for our children, and most certainly United for Families. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Christine W. Demetriades

Our work, our achievements

United for Families was created in 2002 in response to Community Based Care, a statewide, bi-partisan initiative that privatized public child welfare services. We are a non-profit agency charged with delivering local services and supports for children and families in Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast.

Our network of providers and the services we entrust to them is comprehensive. Children and families in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties have access to services that include: Domestic violence and substance abuse prevention, housing assistance, foster care and adoption, family support services, individual and group counseling and behavior management. Through these services, we hope to strengthen families, send children home faster and reduce the number of children in the child-welfare system to 1,300.

We proudly present the following achievements, measured by the safety, permanency and well-being of the children entrusted to us:

Safety

- ✓ United for Families was a statewide lead in the number of children who remained safe while in care. We also were a state lead in the number of times we visited children in their homes to assure their health and safety.
- ✓ The average length of time these children stayed in care remained less than 12 months, bringing our agency in below the statewide target for the second consecutive year.

Permanency

- ✓ United for Families closed more than 600 cases, sending hundreds of children home to healthy families and successfully reducing the number of children in the local child-welfare system from 2,000 to less than 1,400.
- ✓ Our agency oversaw the successful adoption of 84 children.

Well-being

- ✓ United for Families decreased the number of times foster children move from home to home through the expansion of its Caregiver Support Program, which provides peer counseling and mentoring to foster parents and relative caregivers.
- ✓ We also sent 207 children to school with new shoes, paid for the extracurricular activities of 62 children, collected 3,615 holiday gifts and school supplies for more than 800 children and sent 101 children to summer camp.

Our programs, our future

United for Families will continue to improve local child welfare by blending creative energy and new ideas with trusted practices and veteran expertise. Following is a sampling of fledgling programs that will lead United for Families closer to its mission of breaking the cycle of child abuse:

Caregiver Support Program. This program offers support groups, educational seminars, peer mentoring and an emergency fund to the caregivers of children who have been removed from their homes.

Family Group Decision Making. This "kitchen-table" approach to social work brings all essential players in a child's case plan around a single table, assigns tasks to each participant and prevents children from entering the foster-care system. The program, which was piloted in Martin County in early 2006, has now expanded into St. Lucie County.

Foster Parent Mentor Program/Co-Facilitators. These programs retain foster parents by involving them in their own support services. Veteran foster parents help teach foster-parent training classes and mentor new foster parents.

Training. National experts provide community training opportunities in the areas of substance abuse, domestic violence, staff development and other related fields.

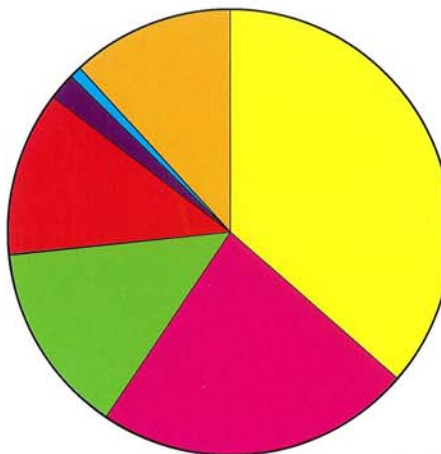
Case Manager of the Quarter Series. United for Families began a new chapter in staff retention and dubbed 2006-2007 as the Year of the Case Manager. Case managers were awarded quarterly for exceptional work and given cash bonuses.

A Financial Overview

Revenue - \$23 million	Foster Care - \$5 million
Expenses - \$22.8 million	Adoptions - \$3 million
Administration - \$2.6 million	Contributions and Fundraising
Program Services - \$10.6 million	\$60,000

Expenses by Program Type

■ Prevention: \$170,000	■ Care Management: \$2.6 million
■ ILP \$380,000	■ Adoptions \$3 million
■ Administration \$2.6 million	■ Foster Care \$5 million
	■ Case Management \$7.9 million



Thank You!

\$10,000-\$25,000

Children's Services Council of Martin County
Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County
Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County

Children's Services Advisory Committee
of Indian River County

\$5,000-\$9,999

Toyota of Stuart
Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida

\$1,000-\$4,999

Children's Home Society
Family Preservation Services
Royal Palms of St. Lucie County
United Way of Okeechobee County
Title 2000
Florida Commercial Ent. LLC

Family Preservation Services, a subsidiary
of Providence Services Corp.
Cloudspace
Waterblasting Technologies
Herman Gottfried
The Sade Group at Smith Barney

\$50-\$999

Proctor, Crook & Crowder PA
Riverside National Bank
JBM Consulting
Harbor Federal Savings Bank
Culpepper & Terpening
House Wall Garage System
Advantage Ford of Stuart
DEX Imaging
Masch & Co.
Gold's Gym
South Florida Orthopaedics
Buford Construction

Palm City Law
HomeCrete Homes
Tree Planters of South Florida
Post Insurance
Rosaland's Downtown Fitness
Skip and Nancy Rees
Hoskins & Turco
Rosenthal & Levy PA
American National Securities
Hon. and Mrs. Robert Pegg
Premier Lab
Glenn J. Snieder, LC

Gifts In-Kind

(\$100 and above)

Hometown News
Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers
Reich & Mancini PA
McNicholas & Associates
Rinker
Braces for Us
Hometown Cable Plus
Zeno Office Solutions
Medstat Urgent Care Centers
Crispers
Publix
HomeCrete Homes
Ace Hardware
Air Tran Airlines
Martin County Sheriff's Office
Palm Beach Princess
Magic Moments Photography
Jack Roberts
Walt Disney World Co.
Sound Advice Amphitheatre
Hammock Creek Golf
Miami Seaquarium
Rapid's Water Park
Mrs. Carole Gross
PGA Golf Club
Palm City Art & Frame
Teddi & Co.
Rosaland's Downtown Fitness
Dawn's Pilates Fitness of Stuart
Diane Kirby
Mr. and Mrs. John Pelecanos
Lisa Ewell
Jamie Turner Joann Bartalucci
Lois Lindsey
Girl Scout Troop No. 729
Mr. and Mrs. Aenea Thorne
Gator Trace Golf Course
Harbour Bay Furniture Co.
Print Headquarters
Junior League of Indian River County
Edwin Watts Golf
Costco
James O'Connor
Bank of America
Retired Educators of St. Lucie County
South Florida Orthopaedics
Grace Place
Indian River County Schools
All Florida Realty
Stuart Police Department
Morningside Elementary
Children's Emporium
Bernard Egan and Co.

Shirley Long
White City Methodist Church
Payton Gozzo
Baysshore Elementary School
Norma Higgins
Girl Scouts Troop No. 718
Daisy Ruiz
Wendy Dionisio
Girl Scout Troop No. 98
Pro Mortgage Resources
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rios
Play It Again Sports
PSL Donuts, LLC
Girl Scout Troop 1228
Shari Hantman
Port City Java
Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Rivan
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kaiser
Mr. and Mrs. Mel Demetriades
Grace Place
My Aunt's House
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
St. Josephs Catholic Church
The Holy Place
Indian River Presbyterian Church
Vero Beach Presbyterian Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Grapevine United Methodist Church
Dr. Harris Goldberg
Title 2000
City of Fort Pierce
City of Vero Beach
Palm Beach Post
WQCS 88.9 FM Radio
WPSL
Coca Cola Bottling Co.
Southern Eagle Distributors
Tropicana
Martin Memorial Health Systems
Manatee Floors
La Buona Vita
Retired Educators of St. Lucie County
Early Learning Coalition
of St. Lucie County
St. Edward's Upper School
La Buona Vita
Stuart Fire and Rescue
City of Stuart
QVC
RJM Builders
Summerlins Marine
Grapevine Community Church
Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie