

THE POWER OF A CARING COMMUNITY

As we reflect on 2023, we are excited to share with you the powerful impact your partnership has made on Alaska's children. Your generosity of time and resources has SURROUNDED families in crisis, SUPPORTED hundreds of children in foster care, and ADVOCATED to find forever families for children who need them.

Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much. – Helen Keller



During her mom's medical emergency, Baby Ida was taken care of by one of our Safe Families volunteers until her dad could get home to Alaska. This brief hosting kept baby safe and the family together!

Our three programs and Bargain Boutique target different areas of need but aim to fulfill our dream of seeing every child in Alaska loved and well cared for in a healthy home.

With the help of donors, volunteers, churches, and community partners, we were able to launch new initiatives, expand to remote communities, and ultimately serve and support hundreds of children and families. We are grateful for your faithful presence in this spacethis hard, holy space of caring for those most vulnerable and often forgotten. You have generated hope, love, and a chance to flourish despite challenging circumstances.

It is truly amazing to see the power of a caring, compassionate community come together to strengthen families and transform lives!



Thank you for joining us on mission to serve and support Alaska's children in foster care and those at-risk, through the love of Christ.

Kristen Bierma Executive Director

THE POWER OF IMPACT



The power of compassionate community helps prevent child abuse and neglect, reduces the number of children entering the child welfare system, and supports and stabilizes families. With the generosity and hospitality of 166 volunteers, children were hosted 92 times in safe homes, providing 935 days of support during times of crisis such as medical emergencies and homelessness. Children were returned to parents 100% of the time!



Our goal is to reduce trauma and build hope for those impacted by foster care. We expanded Foster Well that specifically aims to surround and strengthen local foster, kinship, and adoptive families through support groups, new placement kits, clothing, and winter gear. We became a pilot site to be a Family Resource Center where any family can walk in to find tangible resources, compassion, and care. In our two Family Support Centers, 112 children in foster care were hosted for **592** family contacts, offering them space to bond, play, and heal. We celebrated with 9 families as they reunified and brought their

children home!



The Heart Gallery advocates for the adoption of Alaska's children in foster care who need forever homes. In 2023, 4 children from the Heart Gallery finalized adoption and 6 found their pre-adoptive home. Advocacy and awareness grew with the expansion of the mobile Heart Gallery, Waiting Families Library, and Family Success Spotlights. **109** people attended an orientation to learn more about adoption in Alaska. A new initiative called SEEN was launched to meet the practical needs of Heart Gallery youth and to prepare them for adoption. After 8 years in foster care, one youth found her forever home!



The Bargain Boutique promotes and reinforces Beacon Hill's mission by providing funding, employment skills for youth, community engagement, and clothing along with basic essentials for biological, kinship, foster, and adoptive families. In 2023, a recordbreaking 3,420 tangible items were given away through free vouchers to 684 people for a value of \$24,000. School supplies and winter gear were collected by the community and given to over 250 children in need. One youth on the Heart Gallery started her first job at the Boutique and is excited to be a part of the mission!

Celebrated with parents Chelsea and Byron in MatSu as they reunified after two years!

THE POWER OF INVESTMENT

As a private nonprofit, we rely on the generosity of individuals, churches, corporations, grants, and community partners to fund our mission. Your investment makes a direct difference in the lives of vulnerable children across Alaska. Because of your generosity, we were able to create a long-term fund that we hope to grow with legacy gifts to sustain this work for years to come. Thank you for your trust, resources, and faithful partnership.

2023 Total Revenue \$1,295,109.06

Total Expenses **\$1,293,286.73**



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