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fosteringfamilywa.org

A Permanent Home for the Emergency Sanctuary

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 12/31/2019

ASSETS
Cash & Eq $97,484
A/R & Current Pledges $744,424
Prepads & Other $65,966
Endowment $1,107,159
Pledges, Long Term $49,535
Fixed Assets $8,945,632
TOTAL ASSETS $11,358,070

LIABILITIES
Current Liabilities $804,797
Long Term Liabilities $2,934,427
TOTAL LIABILITIES $3,739,247

NET ASSETS
Unrestricted $4,046,779
Temporarily Restricted $3,572,067
TOTAL NET ASSETS $7,618,846

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REVENUES
Contributions $1,964,589
Foundations $1,183,550
Contracts $779,152
Client Fees $55,800
In-Kind Contributions $147,168
Lease Revenue $94,079
Net Investment Income $34,647
TOTAL REVENUES $4,275,121

EXPENSES
Programs $4,736,221
Management & General $327,071
Fundraising $715,694
TOTAL EXPENSES $5,778,986

Amara works to ensure that every child in foster care has the love and support of a committed family—as quickly as possible and for as long as each child needs.

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Entering Foster Care

When kids are suddenly removed from their homes, there is often no place for them to go. They may wait in police stations, or alone in waiting rooms, as social workers search for a safe home for them. Siblings are often separated, or a child may end up moving to several different homes within just a few days. The Emergency Sanctuary Program provides a temporary home from these children, with smiling faces, a warm bed, and comfort during a difficult transition.

FACT: In 2019, the Sanctuaries served 407 children.

Becoming a Foster Parent

Between the paperwork and home study process to managing the needs and all the appointments of your foster children, becoming a foster parent can be a frustrating and challenging process. In addition, there are so many children in foster care in Washington that state social workers often don’t have the capacity to be a dedicated resource for parents. Amara’s Foster Care Program provides stability and support to families throughout their fostering journey – from preparing to welcome a child into their home, to helping maintain connections with birth families, to facilitating adoption or supporting reunification.

FACT: The Foster Care Team supported 302 families (that’s 551 parents and 201 kids!) in 2019.

Living as an Adoptee

Adoption is a lifelong experience. All too often, adoptive parents are left without supports for themselves and their children, or adoptees lose connections to their family of origin. Our Post-Adoption Program creates opportunities for connection to other adoptive families through support groups and online resources, helps create relationships between adoptive and birth families so adoptees can stay connected to their roots, and more. And, through Project Search & Reunion, adoptees are receiving long-lost information about their families and lives.

FACT: The Post-Adoption Program served 492 adoptees and 360 adoptive families in 2019!

To Our Valued Community:

As we look back on 2018, we are in awe and filled with gratitude for what you - our donors, community partners, families, and volunteers - have come together to accomplish. Our capacity to engage and walk alongside children and families experiencing foster care, as well as adoptees and their birth and adoptive families, has increased significantly in 2018. Thanks to you:

- We’ve dramatically expanded our ability to help keep kids connected to their families of origin at all stages of their foster care or adoptive experience.
- We’ve made BIG investments in the sustainability of our work to ensure kids are cared for far into the future!
- We’ve served more children than ever before!

We are honored to have done all this - and much more - in partnership with you, our community. Please join us in celebrating 2018 and looking ahead with hope and energy to ensure children and families get the love, support, and lifelong commitment they deserve for years to come.

With Gratitude,

John Morse     Robin Rothe
CEO    Board President

None of this work would have been possible without the remarkable generosity of 1298 donors, the tireless work of 256 volunteers, the countless meetings and conversations between staff, families, parents, caregivers, and state partners, and the incredible support of our entire community. Thank you for being part of the Amara Family, in 2019 and beyond!