Leadership

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Lana Temple-Plotz
Chief Executive Officer

Yolanda Robinson
Chief Operations Officer

Carly Wegner
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Kim Anderson
Chief Program Officer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

NCHS’s diverse board of directors represents a cross-section of our community. Each member works hard to ensure the longevity of our organization, overseeing the funds we raise to help families in need. The NCHS board of directors is also the board of directors for the NCHS Foundation (NCHSF).

Keith Hier
President

Wilson Banks III
Vice President

Dave McCue
Treasurer

Sue Weidner
Secretary

Cash Gifts

Bequests or Estate Gifts

Gifts of Stock

Employer Matching Gifts

Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA

Donor Advised Funds

Ways to Give

NCHS TRUSTEES

As an appointed group of individuals, our board of trustees works hard to ensure the best interests of our organization and the families and children we serve.

Branche

Auburn
Troy & Jennifer Dvorak

Denton
Tom & Tracy Focht

Amelia
Keith Oster

Lincoln
Blake & Kathy Collingsworth

Wendy Kyser

Keith & Mary McConnell

Scribner
Craig & Tonia Stokell

BRANCH

BRANCH (Building Revenue and Awareness) for Nebraska Children’s Home Society is a volunteer group of supporters who strive to build support for the children and families served by NCHS.

Mike DeBoer
President

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Secretary

Harun Kiani
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Past President

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Advisor

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Bladen
Daren & Buffy Niemeyer

Hastings
Gary & Regina Anderson

Laurel
Larry & Susan Koranda

Scottsbluff
Jim Bogus

Omaha cont’d
Tony Vargas
Alan & Terri Wasmooen

Omaha cont’d

Ways to Give

Photos by Harun Kiani
CEO Message

Dear Friends of Children and Families,

As we release our annual report, I am proud to reflect on NCHS’s impact and growth over the past year. Our numbers demonstrate the measurable outcomes of our efforts, but we know that our agency’s success is rooted in the countless moments of triumph of the families we serve. Each metric represents a story of strength and resilience.

As we celebrate our 130th year, we honor the legacy of the NCHS and its enduring commitment to provide a safe and loving home for every child. From the Great Depression to present day, our agency has weathered many challenges, but we have always remained steadfast in our mission to serve the children and families in our community.

A copy of The Nebraska Children’s Home Society Advocate from 1933 was recently brought to my attention. The nation was in the throes of the Great Depression, and the agency’s financial situation was bleak. Despite the insurmountable odds, the board proudly stated that the agency “continued to function with the record of not refusing any child who should rightfully come to the Home during these financially trying times.”

I am pleased to report that our agency is in a strong position and well-equipped to continue making a positive impact. We have a tenacious team and dedicated champions who share our vision of a world where all children thrive. Our financial sustainability ensures that we can continue to offer essential services to those in need.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has contributed to our success, from our staff and volunteers to our donors and community partners. As you read through this report, know that the unwavering support of our community has ensured that we can deliver life-changing programs and services to those who need it most.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our vision of a world where every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe and nurturing home. Together, we can make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Lana Temple-Plotz
Chief Executive Officer

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission
To provide safe and loving care to children of all ages.

Vision
A safe and loving family for every child.

Values

- **Inclusion**
  We embrace the richness inherent in our diversity. Integrating our unique experiences, knowledge and perspectives helps us better understand children and support their families.

- **Advocacy**
  We are champions for children. We speak out and take action to protect children, and strengthen families and communities. We work to create change in policies and practices to put children first.

- **Compassion**
  We care deeply for children and their families. Compassion begins with understanding trauma and promoting healing. We partner with families to develop, enhance and secure nurturing connections.

- **Integrity**
  We strive to do what is right for the child. Integrity is the foundation upon which we have built our organization and is at the heart of everything we do.

- **Innovation**
  We embrace continuous improvement, bold creativity, and change. We will persevere until all children thrive and families have the tools they need to succeed. We recognize that one size never fits all and push to design interventions that benefit every person.

- **Collaboration**
  We value the importance of teamwork. We join forces with team members, professionals and community leaders, but, most importantly, we partner with families and children. By passionately working together with all stakeholders, we challenge each other to achieve the highest levels of professional excellence.
HR and Volunteers

113 Employees

17 Number of new volunteers

933.75 Number of volunteer hours

236 Number of returning volunteers

$27,965.81 Value of volunteer hours

The value for volunteer hours is provided by Independent Sector (IS), a coalition of nonprofit organizations. In 2022, IS estimated the value of a volunteer hour in Nebraska at $29.95.

Who We Served

59 of 93 Nebraska counties

$20K or less

is the reported annual income of 28% of participants served
Family Support

Putting children first requires continuous attention to the wellbeing of the family as a whole.

Our services support, educate and empower individuals and families to realize their full potential. With an emphasis on prevention and early intervention, we offer a range of services to the community.

Programs

- Early Childhood Education
- Healthy Families America®
- Kinship Navigation
- Pregnancy & Parenting Services
- Self-Sufficiency
- Young Parent Support Program

"They have helped us for over five years to take care of our family. We never doubted that they had all of the kids’ and the staff members’ best interests at heart."

Spratford-Hubbard Family
“I still have support through NCHS. I want to say thank you for everything NCHS has done for me and my family. If it wasn’t for them and the support then we wouldn’t be here today.”

Foster Care

Whether you’re choosing to become a foster parent, or your child is living in a foster home, foster care requires trust, education and collaboration.

NCHS unites foster parents with the children who need them, ensuring that the children’s parents stay involved, connected and satisfied with the care they receive.

Programs

• Family Assessments
• Family Finding
• Foster Care Support
• Kinship Support
• Options Education

86% of youth with no change in caregiver

139 youth served by licensed and kinship foster care families

100% of children placed with at least one sibling

213 children establishing connections with family members through Family Finding

100% of children safe from abuse and neglect in NCHS foster home
Adoption

In 1893, our founders were inspired to build lasting family connections for children across Nebraska. We continue to support families with expert care and guidance.

Our role is to connect families with the children who need them, as well as to provide adoptive parents, birth parents and extended families with education and ongoing support throughout the adoption journey.

Programs

- Adoption
- Families Forever
- Post-Adoption Services

16 children joined families through infant and foster care adoption

108 birth family search and records requests

461 individuals served through Families Forever post-adoption services

110 prospective adoptive couples served

“NCHS personally educated me on adoption, open adoption and how to make everything work between adoptive parents and birth parents and all the different things that go in to help the child.”

Froschheiser Family
Advocacy Efforts

NCHS advocates at state and national levels to advance policies that put children first by prioritizing prevention and early intervention, strengthening the collective community response, disrupting cycles of poverty, abuse and neglect, and supporting children and families of all configurations.

NCHS values the role of advocacy in its pursuit of its mission to provide safe and loving care to children of all ages. Establishing and growing relationships with policymakers is essential to effective advocacy. Introducing an organization’s experience, and expertise are needed to guide well-crafted public policy. This year, Advocacy Director Chris Jones met with 11 state senators to advocate for programs and policies that help Nebraska’s children and families thrive.

Bills and Resolutions Supported by NCHS

2022 Legislative Session

- **LB831** support it
  Provide for caregiver diversion programs and conditional release of pregnant and postpartum inmates

- **LB865** support it
  Change provisions relating to reimbursement for child care and state intent to appropriate federal funds

- **LB869** support it
  Change provisions relating to a leave of absence for an adoptive parent

- **LB905** support it
  Provide for perinatal mental health screenings

- **LB929** support it
  Require submission of a medicaid state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage

- **LB932** support it
  Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children for social security benefit eligibility

- **LB1000** support it
  Change provisions relating to child abuse and neglect under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act and the Nebraska Juvenile Code

- **LB1014 (2446)** support it
  Appropriate federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- **LB1037** support it
  Require the Department of Administrative Services to contract for an evaluation of the state’s procurement practices and change provisions relating to the materiel division of the department

- **LB1073** support it
  Require the Governor to apply for emergency rental assistance under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- **LB1113** support it
  Provide for a pilot program to transfer funds under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act and state intent to appropriate federal funds

- **LB1164** support it
  State intent regarding an increase in reimbursement rates for Child Welfare Aid
Financials  Fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Endowment: Transfers from the Nebraska Children’s Home Society Foundation for program investments totaled $2,820,000. A copy of the independent auditor’s report* by Frankel Zacharia is available for review from the NCHS Finance Department.

$54,207,703
Beginning of the Year

$44,749,933
End of the Year

-$9,457,770
Net Change

Support & Revenue

$10,953,476
52% Program Services
15% Contributions and Grants
26% Endowment
7% Other

Expenditures

$10,837,284
69% Programs & Services
18% Administration
13% Resource Development

Partners

*Subject to completion of an independent audit.
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