

IMPACT REPORT 2022

MEET THE CHRISTIANSON FAMILY

Certified as resource (foster) parents 2016
Resource parents to six kids 2016-23
Started volunteering with Every Child 2018
Adopted five kids after fostering them 2021



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Flourish

/ˈflɔːrɪʃ/ flourished; flourishing; flourishes

verb

1. Grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment.

Friends of Every Child Lane,

March 2023

Every Child Lane County wants to see all children flourish! Because of your commitment and involvement, Every Child has laid down some firm roots in our community and continues to envision a growing group of people dedicated to the flourishing of children and families impacted by foster care.

Every Child Oregon (ECO) launched in 2014 with a laser-focused mission: to provide a safe, loving, strategic home for every child in Oregon's foster care system. To do this, ECO reimagined the community and government working together in a way no one expected. ECO went throughout Oregon, county by county, to ask their citizens to join together on behalf of children in their local community. In 2016, Lane County enthusiastically said, "Yes!"

We cannot enact this strategy unless we unlock the power of collaboration – mobilizing a community to be collectively innovative. When we come together, meeting on common ground and united in purpose, we find solutions. This requires people to work together who have unique perspectives, backgrounds, beliefs, and ideas. It is easy to agree when our focus is the flourishing of the nearly 700 children currently in foster care in Lane County.

For seven years in Lane County, we have been astounded and overjoyed to watch local businesses, government, rotaries, churches, schools, families, and individuals join together to uplift these special kids. You have impressed us with your dedication and support for children in foster care!

This 2022 Impact Report shares a glimpse of this collaborative story. People from all over Lane County are joining together to ensure children impacted by foster care have the opportunity to FLOURISH. This report is my "yes," the "yes" of our board, the "yes" of our staff, and the "yes" of our volunteers.

Will you say "yes" in 2023?



Kristin Wall

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EVERY CHILD LANE COUNTY

OUR COMMUNITY SAID "YES" IN 2022

ACTIVITY BOXES

When ODHS workers expressed a need for activities for kids in foster care who are in-between placements, our community stepped up to help! Kids and teachers from Eugene Christian School provided 17 storage bins full of activities - each grade brought in activities that they would like, so they ended up with a wide variety of items for all ages.

ODHS MAKEOVER REFRESH

14 churches came together to refresh 19 ODHS rooms intended for connection between families and their children in foster care. Over \$13,500 in donations such as new toys, rugs, furniture, and art were given for this project.



RAISING UP & SUPPORTING RESOURCE PARENTS

2022 IMPACT



FOSTER PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Every Child Lane County re-launched Foster Parents' Night Out in 2022. Two events supported 19 foster (resource) parents with a few hours of respite. Kids enjoyed games, crafts, and activities with caring volunteers.

"We've been fostering for almost a year with no breaks. Thank you for giving us a chance to catch our breath."
-Resource Parent



THE SEARCH FOR SAFE, STRATEGIC HOMES

There is a real and pressing need for people to step up to provide a safe and loving home for local kids in foster care. If you are interested in learning more about fostering, we will welcome you and walk with you as you explore whether foster care is the right choice for you and your family.

EXPLORE FOSTERING COFFEE HOUSE

Explore Fostering Coffee House provides a venue for community members interested in becoming resource parents to hear from experienced resource parents as they share the joys and heartbreaks of foster care in a no-pressure environment.

15 potential resource families joined us at local Explore Fostering Coffee House events in 2022.



308 potential & newly-certified resource parents received support, tools, and encouragement in 2022.



LEARN MORE AT [EVERYCHILDLANE.ORG/FOSTER](https://everychildlane.org/foster)



FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT 10 YEARS OLD

Carlos* was about to turn 10. When his resource mom found out he had never (ever!) had a birthday party, she submitted a My NeighbOR request, asking for help. My NeighbOR volunteers leaped into action. Six local volunteers came together to give Carlos his FIRST birthday party complete with passes to DEFY trampoline park, Fortnite decorations (his favorite video game), beautifully wrapped gifts, and homemade cupcakes!

"He had such a great day... I can't thank you enough!!"
- Resource (Foster) Parent



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The My NeighbOR program invites caring community members to meet the tangible needs of youth in foster care. Simply sign up to receive a weekly e-newsletter detailing opportunities to help. If you're able to meet a need, easily pledge right from your phone or computer. Donations can be dropped off or purchased online. Becoming a NeighbOR is an easy way to make a big impact.

193

children's
tangible
needs met



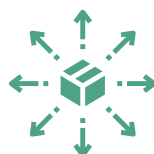
122

families
supported



\$35.8k

worth of
tangible goods
distributed



\$5.3k

donated to the
My NeighbOR
fund



In 2022, a storage facility was donated, enabling ECLC to store items (beds, dressers, etc.) until needs arose; 25% more needs were met, benefitting 18% more families compared to 2021. The total value of items distributed to families **DOUBLED** from \$17.4k (2021) to \$35.8k (2022).

LEARN MORE AT [EVERYCHILDLANE.ORG/MYNEIGHBOR](https://everychildlane.org/myneighbor)

**This is a real story about a real child in foster care. Their name has been changed to protect their privacy.*



DANNY'S NEW SHOES

"When Danny* came to Brighter Side Giving Store, his shoes were well-worn, and he was worried he wouldn't be able to find a style that was "him"... until we pulled out these bright yellow and orange Nikes - just his size AND his favorite colors! He was enamored. He kept pointing out all the details to us. It brought us so much joy to find something that he loved!"
- Brighter Side Store Host

*"I feel like I just put my foot in a treasure chest.
I've never owned something so cool!" Danny, 17*



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Brighter Side Giving Store is a resource for school-aged children in crisis. Children are invited to "shop" for free in a space that allows them to make choices. Two dedicated volunteer store hosts help them shop and feel seen, valued, and special. Kids shop for an assortment of coats, clothing, underwear, shoes, backpacks, books, toys, and more. This experience is available by referral from partner organizations and serves children in foster care, unhoused children, and children experiencing other crises.

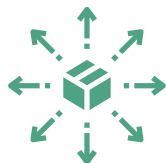
187

children
served



\$65.5k

worth of
clothing
distributed



623

volunteer
hours
with kids



409

volunteer hours
behind-the-
scenes



30

businesses
and churches
engaged



LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED AT [EVERYCHILDLANE.ORG/STORE](https://everychildlane.org/store)

**This is a real story about a real Brighter Side shopper. Their name has been changed to protect their privacy.*



MAKING POSITIVE MEMORIES

2022 IMPACT REPORT

ODHS DRIVE-THRU EVENTS *May & October*

In May and October, our community partnered with ODHS to provide nearly 200 resource families with treats at two drive-through events.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH *August*

In Western Lane County, 20 kids and their resource families participated in a back-to-school fun day hosted by volunteers in Florence. Families enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, dune buggy rides, go carts, bumper boats, and mini golf. Each child at the event received new shoes and school supplies to set them up for success in the upcoming school year.



CHRISTMAS PARTY (IN-A-BOX) *December*

Guided by personalized wishlists, community members provided 257 children in foster care with Christmas gifts, activities, and treats to enjoy with their birth parents during supervised family time.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA *December*

Partnering with Every Child Lane County, Texas Roadhouse hosted Breakfast with Santa, providing breakfast, toys, and time with Santa to 125 resource parents and kids.

"Santa, I've missed you!" -Lucy, age 5*

MAKING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

Creating positive childhood memories for children impacted by foster care is a pillar of Every Child Lane County. Our community rallied together to ensure children who have experienced abuse and neglect have the opportunity to make new, redeeming, beautiful memories.

\$8.7k

worth of
tangible goods
distributed



362+

families
participated



257

kids received
Christmas
presents



VOLUNTEER AT OUR NEXT EVENT: [EVERYCHILDLANE.ORG/EVENTS](https://everychildlane.org/events)

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RADICAL GENEROSITY

2022 IMPACT REPORT



OUR COMMUNITY IS RADICALLY GENEROUS

In May, we hosted a special spring tour of the Brighter Side Giving Store. In October, more than 100 friends joined us for the "Let there be Hope" luncheon & silent auction. In December, our community gave over \$80,000 during our year-end fundraising campaign and open house. Local faith communities and foundations showed up throughout the year by making special gifts. Each month, 29 friends of ECLC give faithfully to support kids.

Our community collectively gave over \$300,000 in 2022 to support Every Child Lane County's mission to uplift children impacted by foster care. An additional \$110,000 worth of in-kind support was received in the form of clothing, supplies, Christmas gifts, and other tangible goods.



2022 SUPPORTERS

192

individuals and families

15

foundation grants

14

faith communities

47

businesses

29

monthly donors

\$47

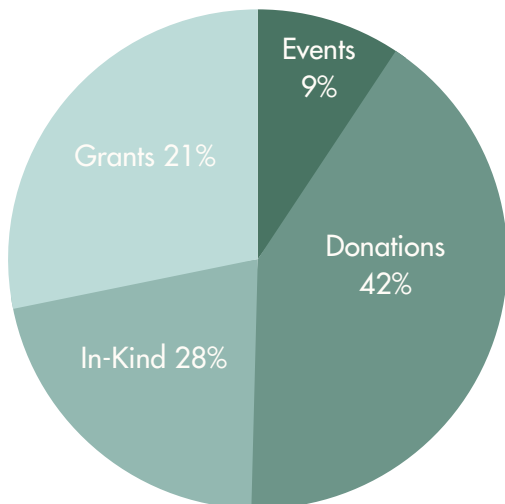
average monthly gift

Monthly giving is an easy way to make a meaningful impact all year long.

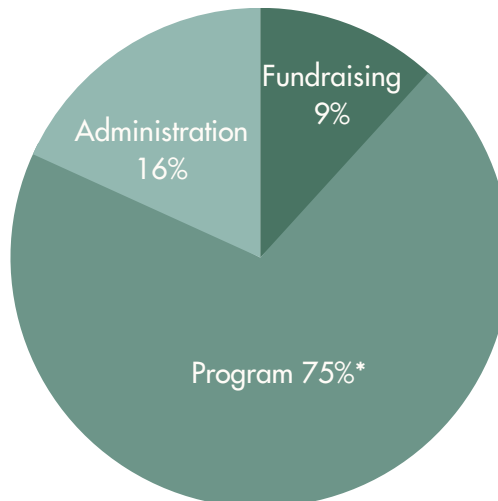
Please consider becoming a monthly supporter today!

100% of our support comes from local individuals, foundations, faith communities, and businesses. Thank you.

2022 REVENUE



2022 EXPENSES



*includes value of in-kind goods distributed to families

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more about volunteering,
fostering, or giving.**

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**Join us for
an upcoming event!**

Every Child Lane County recruits and trains caring community members to love, care for, and support vulnerable children and families.