

# 2023 IMPACT REPORT



EVERY CHILD LANE COUNTY  
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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR: "IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS"

Friends of Every Child Lane,

March 2024

As an Executive Director, my work has been deeply influenced by my upbringing in the Eugene area, where my father instilled in me the importance of community involvement and the value of relationships. One of his fundamental beliefs was encapsulated in his motto, "It's all about relationships." I've come to believe that investing in relationships is one of the most meaningful and impactful endeavors we can undertake. It enriches not only our own lives but also those of others as we see, serve, and encourage one another.

At Every Child Lane County, we embody this philosophy by bringing together community members to support children and families impacted by foster care. Our approach is rooted in intentionally cultivating connections as we believe in the power of relationships to transform lives.

Linsey, one of our newest team members, aptly captures the spirit of our work: "At Every Child, I regularly witness our generous community members dedicating their time, talents, and resources to make a difference. Together, we're blessing children and families through the power of relationships. As we move forward, let's keep connecting and making impactful changes in our community."

While our impact report may contain numerous statistics, each figure represents a unique story of compassion, generosity, and resilience as our community rallies together to support children and families.

Reflecting on the past year, our team has compiled ten memorable moments that illustrate the profound impact of the community's collective efforts. And still, these moments are merely a glimpse into the continual stream of uplifting stories that represent Every Child's mission. We share these stories amongst ourselves regularly, finding inspiration and motivation as we assist in facilitating these relationships. We hope you, too, are inspired. We invite you to visit our social media pages to enjoy stories all year long.

Ultimately, we hope that you will become part of this story - joining us in making a meaningful investment in the lives of these remarkable children and families. In doing so, we believe that not only will you make a difference in their lives, but you will also find your own life enriched and blessed in ways you never imagined.

Warmly,



*Kristin Wall*

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
EVERY CHILD LANE COUNTY



# RAISING UP & SUPPORTING RESOURCE PARENTS



## FOSTER PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



In 2023, five Foster Parents' Night Out events were hosted in Lane County. On average, 28 children joined us per event for an evening of themed FUN while resource parents enjoyed a night out. Our favorite event was "Superhero Night," where the little one pictured to the right put on a volunteer's cape and showed us her newly discovered superpower: flying!

*"Respite is the life-blood of our marriage!" -Resource Parent*

*In total, 28 Every Child Lane County volunteers provided 786 hours of respite to resource families in 2023.*

## peer mentorship

Peer Mentorship is a 12-week, one-to-one relational pairing between an experienced Resource Parent (Mentor) and a newer Resource Parent (Mentee). Peer Mentorship offers a unique space for supportive conversations while facilitating guided discussions through a book and discussion packet. 3 Mentors and 11 Mentees participated in Lane County cohorts in 2023.

## SUPPORTING NEW RESOURCE PARENTS

Did you know that newly-certified resource parents in Lane County receive a "Support Packet" from us? We begin building relationships with families by providing a list of local resources, a handwritten card, and a coffee card. This simple touch point shows resource parents that their community is ready to support them on their fostering journey. 173 Support Packets were sent to new resource parents in 2023.



## THE SEARCH FOR SAFE, STRATEGIC HOMES

There is a real and pressing need for caring community members to provide safe and loving homes 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.

*Every Child Lane County held 5 recruitment events and provided information on the first steps to becoming a certified resource parent to 115 inquiring community members in 2023.*



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



# OUR TOP 10 MEMORIES IN 2023

## 1

### "Ella" at Brighter Side Giving Store

After learning that she loved playing dress-up, our store hosts searched through the store's stock and found this dress for Ella! Spinning around, her face lit up. We asked her how she felt. She smiled and said "Pretty. I love it."



## 2

### Easter Egg Hunt

Texas Roadhouse, in partnership with Every Child Lane County, hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for nearly 50 kids in foster care at Eugene Science Center! Kids enjoyed Crumbl cookies, searched for 2,000 easter eggs, took home goodie bags and balloons, and had a fun visit with the Easter Bunny!



## 3

### Teen Mentorship Program Pilot

Our first paid teen intern, McKayla, supported administrative efforts, completed projects, shadowed staff, and worked one-on-one with a mentor.

## 4

### Trunk or Treat

300+ kids filled their baskets with bubbles, candy, and harvest fun at this annual event.



## 5

### Summer Em's Baseball Game

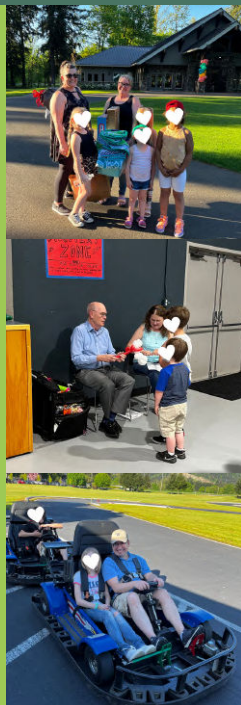
Heritage Bank and the Eugene Em's provided tickets for 100 resource families. Kids loved throwing the first pitch and a very special meet-and-greet with Sluggo!





# 6 Foster Family Fun Day

In May, 106 enthusiastic volunteers welcomed resource families for a day of FUN at Camp Harlow. Children enjoyed a myriad of activities, including rock climbing, zip-lining, face painting, go-kart rides, a delicious dinner, crafts, and carnival games. When asked, "Are you having fun?" one child exclaimed to their resource parent: "How could we not be having fun? Look at everything they're doing for us!"



# 7 Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque

Our volunteers are the BEST! We celebrated them and enjoyed Texas Roadhouse BBQ together.



# 9 SOARING with HOPE

Over 200 community members joined us for a special evening to hear stories of hope and invest generously to benefit children impacted by foster care in Lane County. Thank you for helping kids SOAR with HOPE!



# 8 NeighbORs Helping NeighbORs

"Jaide" was recently reunited with her mom. They lived in an unusually hot environment during an unusually hot summer. Supporters provided a new A/C unit so she could sleep and play comfortably in her home.



# 10 Christmas Party & Holiday Generosity

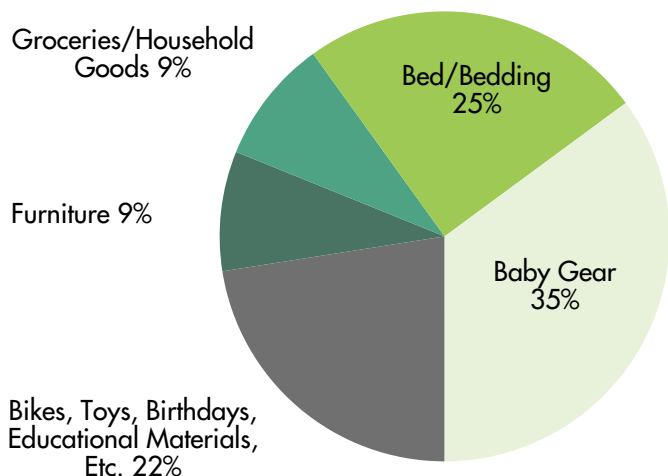
Every Child Lane County partnered with ODHS, 15 churches, and 8 businesses to host a Christmas party for kids in foster care and their birth parents. Parents and children exchanged gifts donated by the community and enjoyed dinner, crafts, games, face painting, and time with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.



# MEETING TANGIBLE NEEDS



My NeighbOR invites community members to support their “neighbors” impacted by foster care by meeting essential needs like beds, baby equipment, car seats, and occasionally meeting special requests like birthday presents or bikes.



**372**

tangible  
needs met



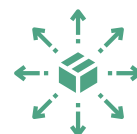
**134**

families  
supported



**\$46k**

worth of goods  
distributed



*View the real-time needs of kids  
and pledge to meet a need!  
[everychildlane.org/myneighbor](http://everychildlane.org/myneighbor)*



Brighter Side Giving Store gives school-aged children in crisis a free and dignifying shopping experience in a beautiful boutique-like setting. Kids enjoy picking out multiple outfits as well as undergarments, shoes, backpacks, coats, and more. Volunteer hosts strive to make each shopper feel special, valued, and empowered.



**297**

children  
served



**736**

volunteer hours  
with kids



**492**

volunteer hours  
behind-the-scenes



**17**

businesses and  
churches engaged



*Shop our clothing wishlist! Visit [everychildlane.org/store](http://everychildlane.org/store).*



# RADICAL GENEROSITY

**\$597,334 Total Giving\***

**\$140,348 In-Kind Support**

**\$456,986 Financial Support**

\$137,258 from foundation partners

\$105,873 from individuals

\$97,595 from fundraising events

\$65,514 from business partners

\$50,746 from church partners

**\$563,347 Total Expenses\***

32%  
**Meeting Tangible Needs**

19%  
**Recruiting and Supporting Families**

18%  
**Mobilizing the Community**

12%  
**Forging Essential Community Partnerships**

10%  
**Creating Positive Childhood Memories**

9%  
**Keeping the Lights On**

**15**  
*foundation  
grants*

**348**  
*individuals  
and families*

**117**  
*business  
partners*

**26**  
*church  
partners*

**11**  
*schools, clubs  
& nonprofits*

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today!**

*Every Child Lane County mobilizes the community to  
support children and families impacted by foster care.*



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