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2024 IMPACT REPORT

Every Child Lane County mobilizes the community to uplift vulnerable children and families with a specific emphasis on those impacted by foster care. We do this by recruiting and supporting resource (foster) parents; meeting tangible needs of children; and creating redemptive childhood memories.

THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY

REFLECTIONS ON 2024'S IMPACT



Dear Friends of Every Child Lane,

Throughout 2024, you have generously given your time, talents, and treasures to over 660 vulnerable children in our community. These children, through no fault of their own, have faced incredibly difficult times. Yet, because of your care, they have experienced moments of joy, connection, and healing.

As I reflect on this year, I am overwhelmed by the smiling faces and moments of excitement your generosity has made possible. Through your efforts, these children feel seen, loved, and valued. Their stories now include redemptive memories and joyful experiences every child deserves.

Take Johnny, for example. He dedicated his time (and his truck) to deliver bikes—special gifts for children who won them at the Foster Family Fun Day. Watching their laughter and excitement as they received their bikes was a heartwarming reminder of how small acts can create profound joy.

Or consider the 94 volunteers who came together to host a special Christmas party for families navigating separation. One unforgettable moment was seeing a father's smile as his child, temporarily removed from his care, hugged him after handing him a gift selected in "Santa's Workshop." These moments of connection and love are transformative, not only for the families but for everyone involved.

This year, our community has shared their gifts in remarkable ways:

TIME: Volunteers have given the gift of their time, pouring 4,475 hours into hosting shoppers, delivering essential items, playing with kids at special events, and being a steady presence for children in need.

TALENTS: Many have shared the gift of their unique skills to build furniture, audit inventory, organize events, and create opportunities for children to thrive.

TREASURES: Donations have provided the gift of needed items such as clothing, car seats, and Christmas and birthday presents, ensuring children have what they need and wish for. Financial contributions have funded programs and services that make a significant difference in their lives.

Your kindness has done more than meet immediate needs. It has shown these children they are cherished and never alone. Every smile and laugh is a testament to the love you have shared.

As you reflect on the impact we've made together, I encourage you to continue sharing your time, talents, and treasures in the year ahead. Whether by volunteering, donating, or spreading the word, your involvement creates lasting change. Together, we can ensure every child feels seen, valued, and supported while finding your own life blessed in ways you never imagined.

With heartfelt gratitude,



KRISTIN WALL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EVERY CHILD LANE COUNTY

RAISING UP & SUPPORTING RESOURCE PARENTS



foster parents' night out

In 2024, six Foster Parents' Night Out events were hosted in Lane County. On average, 43 children joined us per event for an evening of themed FUN while resource parents enjoyed time to refresh. In total, 765 respite hours were provided and 29 families were served.



Resource Parents Say...

"We so appreciate the volunteers for spending the time to get to know our kids."

"We like the choices in activities. All ages have something to do, like playing in the gym and my younger two love the crafts!"



peer mentorship

Peer Mentorship is a 12-week, one-on-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. Seven Mentors and six Mentees participated in Lane County cohorts in 2024.



Scan to connect to the Peer Mentorship Program

my community

The My Community program connects caring community volunteers with relative resource (foster) families in need of support. Volunteer teams come alongside families to offer tangible and intangible care through meals, random acts of kindness, and encouragement! In 2024, we piloted three groups, supporting relative placement resource families. This program will continue to grow in 2025.

This is one of the many ways we collaborate closely with the Oregon Department of Human Services to support families. This partnership creates a network of care, giving families comfort and reassurance, knowing their community is here to support them during challenging times.

Scan and watch Elaine's Story



THE SEARCH FOR SAFE, STRATEGIC HOMES

There is a real and pressing need for safe and loving homes for local kids in foster care. We are always recruiting caring community members to invite children into their home. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a resource (foster) parent, we will walk with you as you explore whether foster care is the right choice for you and your family.

Every Child Lane County held 6 recruitment events and provided information on the first steps to becoming a certified resource parent to 133 inquiring community members in 2024.



LEARN MORE AT everychildlane.org/foster

OUR TOP 10 MEMORIES

YOUR COMMUNITY MOBILIZED in 2024!

1

Foster Family Fun Day

In May, the giggles of 179 children from 62 resource families rang through Camp Harlow to the delight of 94 enthusiastic volunteers. Kids were given the **gift of smiles** as they rock climbed, zip lined, rode go-karts, crafted, played carnival games, and got their nails and face painted. Families enjoyed a delicious BBQ, and many won beautiful gift baskets. 15 children were thrilled to win a new bike!



2

Soaring with Hope

Nearly 250 community members filled an airplane hangar with giddy excitement. These friends were simply happy to be together hearing the stories of how children are being supported in our community through Every Child initiatives. They generously gave the **gift of hope** to children and families impacted by foster care.



Foster Parents' Night Out

February was one big birthday party celebrating every child at FPNO. Resource (foster) parents got a needed break while kids jumped on inflatables, played party games, enjoyed dinner, crafted, and topped the night with cake and presents. But the best present of all was the **gift of playing** with friends and familiar caring adults.



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Christmas Party & Holiday Generosity

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It was an honor to partner with ODHS, 14 churches, 10 businesses, and 94 volunteers to host a heartwarming Christmas party for kids in care and their birth parents. For the first time, children had the opportunity to select gifts for their parents in "Santa's Workshop," creating moments of love and connection. Watching families who have faced deeply challenging times share the joy of opening gifts together was truly moving. As they enjoyed a festive holiday dinner, crafts, games, photos, and more, they experienced the priceless **gift of time together** as a family.



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Brighter Side Giving Store

The back-to-school season is always a special time, and this year we partnered with CASA to welcome more shoppers than ever before. At BSGS, children in crisis receive the **gift of confidence** and are celebrated just as they are. "I love taking youth to the Brighter Side Giving Store. It allows them to fulfill unmet needs and feel renewed pride. They love getting what they want and always gush about how they were treated by their personal shoppers." – Matt, ODHS worker



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My NeighbOR

Over the summer, Johnny and his wife Shelly delivered two bed sets to two girls who were placed with their grandmother. What a **gift of joy and security!**

"The girls' excitement when getting their new beds was like they had never owned beds before. They were overflowing with excitement and were screaming with joy. It was crazy to see how excited they were about something we all take for granted."
– Volunteers, Johnny and Shelly



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My Community Program Impact

The My Community program is a network of support teams, who give families the **gift of comfort** and reassurance, by coming alongside them during challenging times. "We started with three relative placement families, and I can confidently say that one of the families has been impacted by their support team in a way that we could not have imagined. My Community made a significant difference for this young aunty who is caring for two children under the age of three, providing help she didn't expect but deeply needed including new and trusted friendships." – Nicole Sims, Certification Supervisor at the Oregon Department of Human Services
(Presented at Soaring with Hope)

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Our volunteers are AMAZING! We celebrated them and enjoyed the **gift of friendship** that many have embraced while serving kids together with Every Child. Listening to the meaningful moments volunteers experienced throughout the year with children, was a highlight.



9

Explore Fostering Socials

In July, 25 prospective resource parents came to learn more about foster care from a panel of seasoned resource parents that included Tony and Lauren Dungy, Rachel and Daniel Christianson, and Alaire Fajardo. Everyone left with many questions answered, new insights, and the **gift of inspiration.**



10

Redemptive Childhood Memories Easter Egg Hunt & Trunk or Treat

The **gift of redemptive memories** serves as a powerful antidote to trauma and pain. In May, Texas Roadhouse hosted an easter egg hunt for 50 kids in foster care. They enjoyed a hunt, hot cocoa and muffins, a craft, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. In October, 300+ kids at the ODHS Trunk or Treat event received goodies and Crocs from our very own Crocodile Hunter (Kristin) and Crocodile (Shiela).



YOUR COMMUNITY IS ON THE MOVE!

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.

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tangible needs met



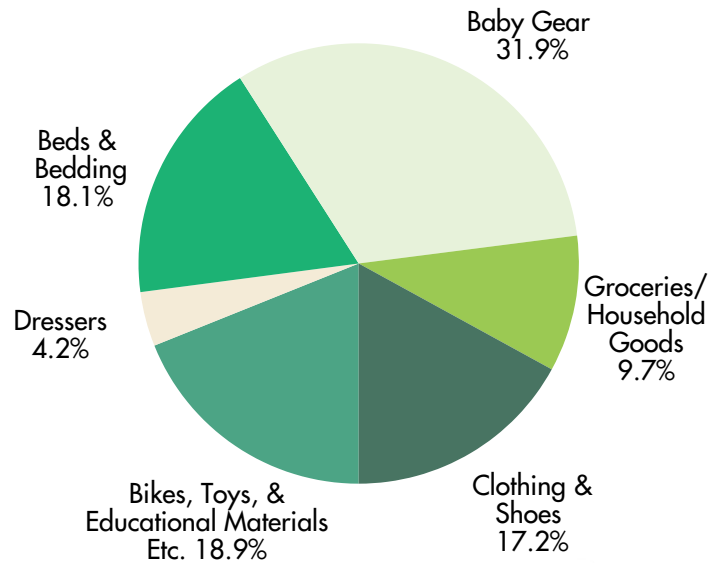
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families supported



\$29,316

worth of goods distributed



*Scan to view the real-time needs of kids and pledge to meet a need!
everychildlane.org/myneighbor*

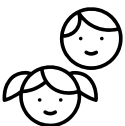


Brighter Side Giving Store provides a dignified, boutique-like experience where K-12 students in crisis can shop for free brand-new and like-new clothing. Dedicated to supporting children facing challenging circumstances, we partner with local agencies and schools to offer personalized, one-on-one appointments that promote confidence and a sense of belonging.



321

Kids seen at BSGS



\$65,000

Value of items distributed to kids



\$74,675

In-kind donations



1,922

Volunteer Hours



Scan the code & shop our clothing wishlist!



Visit everychildlane.org/store

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

11

foundation grants

358

individuals and families

170

business partners

18

church partners

28

schools, clubs & nonprofits

Check out your **COMMUNITY!**

\$693,268 Total Giving*

\$176,933 In-Kind Support

\$516,335 Financial Support

\$105,110 Foundation Partners

\$117,418 Business Partners

\$134,961 Individuals

\$139,580 Fundraising Event

\$19,266 Church Partners

\$440,178 Total Expenses

30% Meeting Tangible Needs

20% Recruiting and Supporting Families

13% Mobilizing the Community

12% Forging Essential Community Partnerships

13% Creating Positive Childhood Memories

12% Keeping the Lights On

*Including In-Kind

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