

# 2012

## CHILDREN AWAITING PARENTS Annual Report



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AWAITING  
PARENTS  **40**  
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Greetings friends,

Forty years ago, a handful of dedicated adoptive parents in Monroe County had a brilliant idea; if you make legally-free children in foster care visible to the general public, potential parents will inquire about them, and more children will find homes. Photos of the children were taken and compiled into the CAP Book, distributed in areas where families frequented, and IT WORKED. The CAP Book expanded to represent waiting children across the country and families from all 50 states inquired about and adopted our children. We were pioneers in the area of photo-listing and it's now

mandated nationwide. If the goal was to make children visible, our job is done. Unfortunately there are still more than 100,000 children living in foster care waiting for their forever family. Our work is far from done...and we are ready for the next step.

I am pleased to announce, that in 2013, Children Awaiting Parents will form the Honorable Donald J. Corbett Adoption Agency. This will be the ONLY adoption agency in upstate NY to focus exclusively on adoptions through foster care. We are uniquely prepared to take on this new endeavor. Traditionally, our staff has done a large portion of the adoption process including recruiting families, providing mandatory family training, helping to identify available children for certified parents, and providing the post-adoption support needed to ensure adoption success. We believe we are the best group possible to provide this much-needed service and create new families.

Judge Don Corbett was a long-time friend of Children Awaiting Parents. He began his judicial career on the family court bench. He was instrumental in family court being opened to the public to better serve the children and families going through the legal process. While his career took him away from family court to serve on the NYS Claims Court (including his tenure as Presiding Judge), his heart never left those served by the Family Court System. When he retired, Don joined the Board of Directors of Children Awaiting Parents and brought his respected leadership and knowledge to our agency. We could think of no better way to honor him or his legacy than to name this vital service after him.

Children Awaiting Parents receives no Federal, State, or Local government dollars to support its mission. We have relied on you, the generous giving community and friends to get us to a place where we could make this major decision. We appreciate your continued support and interest. This report covers the twelve month period from April to March.

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A loving adoptive family is found  
for every child waiting in foster  
care.

### OUR MISSION

Find loving adoptive families for  
children waiting in foster care.  
Advocate nationally for adoption  
by bringing attention to the  
children, by promoting interest  
among people who could become  
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## MEET SETH!



Birth Date: November, 1998

State: New York

Seth is a friendly youth who loves to stay active! When asked what his favorite sport is, he replied, "Football...basketball...hockey...swimming..." When he's taking it easy, Seth enjoys playing video games and chatting about super heroes. He also likes dressing up and has an extensive tie collection, as well as a sweet pair of cowboy boots. In special education classes, he particularly enjoys spending time in the library and on the computer. Seth needs a forever family who will advocate on his behalf and connect him with appropriate services. An adorable youth, he deserves the unconditional commitment and love of a family.



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 Seth's Friday's Child video

# Adopt a Teen

We can program your cell phones...and teach you how to run your computer!  
 We sleep through the night.

We will be ready to move out sooner...but we can still visit.  
 No formula, diapers or bottles.

We can pick up after ourselves and do our own laundry,  
 We will keep you up-to-date with the fashions and trends.  
 You get to dress us up for prom.

We can teach you how to dance.

We will teach you how to be more patient, kind and empathetic.  
 We all need someone to share our life, dreams, achievements and holidays with.

-adapted from the Oklahoma Youth Advisory Board

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## A LONG ROAD HOME

Karen and Nicole both felt that foster care adoption was something that was very important to them but being a same sex couple in Florida, they never really looked into the possibility. But in 2010, when Martin Gill vs. Florida overturned the ban on gay adoptions, they began to talk about becoming adoptive parents.

At the time of their conversations, Karen was working as a pediatric nurse in a home where many of the children in the home were adopted. When sharing her dreams of adopting from foster care with one of the adoptive mothers, she was told, "When you see your child, you will just know." She was skeptical, but always kept that advice in the back of her mind.

A few weeks later, Karen and Nicole decided to search "foster care adoption" on the internet and came across the Children Awaiting Parents' website. They began looking at all the children's photos but a certain photo kept catching their attention. As Nicole read through the profile, she began to cry. She looked at Karen and said, "That's our daughter."

Because the laws for same sex adoption had just changed in Florida, Karen and Nicole had a lot to learn along the way. It was then that they turned back to Children Awaiting Parents.

"We were really grateful for the support of Ilona. She was emotionally supportive, sent us tons of information, steered us in the right direction, encouraged us and generously gave us her expertise and enthusiasm. Many times I sent her an email, frustrated and discouraged only to be right back on track within hours because she had just the right advice or information to get us where we needed to go."

After months of being proactive and tenacious, and learning how to navigate the foster care system, Karen and Nicole were finally able to conference call with the selection staff and answer their questions about Lisa. The questions were few, but important, and the answers came easily. After the last question, one of the supervisors said, "Congratulations! It's a girl!"

Lisa was seventeen years old when Karen and Nicole finalized the adoption. They have been living and learning for the past year and the advice they have is invaluable.

"Be patient, polite and respectful. Throw away your expectations and meet the kids for who they are...there are going to be days when you ask yourself, "What have I done?!" It's okay, we all have those. Just take a step back and take a deep breath. It will all be okay. REALLY. And it will all be worth it. Because one day, that kid will look at you and you will see it in their eyes that they get it...that they belong. That's the pay off. And it'll knock your socks off!"

The road was a long one but Lisa is finally home and happy - a well-adjusted young woman who now believes herself when she says she's smart and beautiful. And although she admits to sometimes not fully appreciating

everything her moms do for her, she strongly believes that being adopted has changed who she is "on the inside."

"What makes my relationship good with my parents is that they parent me. They aren't there just to be my friend and that is something that I am starting to learn. I just love my Moms because I know that they love me."

-Story by: Ilona Frederick



Lisa's Birthday Celebration with Karen & Nicole



Lisa at her high school graduation



Nicole, Lisa and Karen

## VOLUNTEERS

Alice Raymond  
Amanda Berg  
Amanda Dolan  
Amanda Padgham  
Andrea Reynolds  
Andrew Geyer  
Andria DiFelice  
Anna McKenna  
Anthony Malone  
Barbara Sassano  
Beth Adams  
Bill Nelkin  
Blayke Morrow  
Bob Stetzenmeyer  
Brittany McMerty  
Carla Harris  
Charlyn Elliot  
Cheryl Olney  
Christna Murphy  
Cody Gollither  
Daryl Dickson  
David Cadregari  
David Carsel  
David Hammond  
Deanna McMannus  
Debbie McCrossen  
Della Johnson  
Denise Kendricks  
Desiree Acevedo  
Donna Reed  
Dwight Robinson  
Edward Radin  
Eo;eem Verdomp  
Elizabeth Blier  
Emily Faith  
Emily McKean  
Erin Barry  
Felicia Zimmerman  
Gretchen Shafer  
Heather Miraglia  
Isabella Best  
Jackie Dozier  
Jacqueline Connor  
James Gaddis  
Jeff Mills  
Jeffrey Porter  
Jill Morgan  
Joanne James  
Johnathan Wolfgang  
Judy Malone  
Kate Runyan  
Kathleen Cole  
Kathleen Slocum  
Kelly Hinds  
Kerry Pierson  
Larry Shannon-Missal

Laura Provost  
Laura Reid  
Leslie Good  
Linda Timmons  
Lorraine Kucak  
Maryjane Link  
Matt Miller  
Matthew Reynell  
Michele Ely  
Michelle Grabowski  
Morgan Howe  
Norma Holland  
Orest Hrywnak  
Pamela Dolan  
Rachel Gracie  
Rae Lucas  
Rebecca Housel  
Reny Ninan  
Richard Anderson  
Russell Olson  
Ryan Kimball  
Sandra Frankel  
Sarah Vignani  
Scott Pitoniak  
Sharon Wynn  
Shear Ego  
Stephanie Quinones-Millet  
Stephanie Schifano  
Steve Housmann  
Susan Buckner  
Susan Lebbon  
Suzanne DeMers  
TC Pellett  
Tom Parrish  
Trent Bridges

## IN-KIND GOODS + SERVICES

13 WHAM-TV abc/WHAM-DT  
cw  
2 Vine  
441 Band  
45 East Fine Jewelers  
Andrea Holland  
Andria DiFelice  
Anthony and Judith Malone  
Barbara and Carl Sassano  
Bed Beth & Beyond  
Bella Zen Skincare  
Ben Sear  
Ben Werzinger & Sarah  
Viggiani  
Beth Adams  
Bill and Kathy Slocum  
Bill Struzzil

Black and Blue Steak and  
Crab  
Breathe Yoga  
Bristol Harbor  
Bristol Harbour Resort  
Brow Diva  
Canvas on Demand  
Casa Lara Vineyards  
Christopher Karpenko  
Clear Channel Media &  
Entertainment  
Clove Lanes, Inc.  
Cole & Parks  
Corning Museum of Glass  
Darien Lake Theme Park  
Resort  
David and Peggy Soule  
Delmonico's Italian  
Steakhouse  
Dennis Karalow  
Dermatology Associates of  
Rochester  
Dick's Sporting Goods  
Discover Rochester  
Donald and Cheryl Olney  
Dove Gift Shoft  
Dr. James and Hollis Budd  
Ella Bella Beads  
Entercom  
Erin Barry  
Esperanza Mansion  
Exodus to Jazz  
Felicia Zimmerman  
Finer Lakes Racing  
Association  
First Niagara  
Frontier Communications  
Gateway and Company6  
Geva Theatre  
Giovanni's Ristorante  
Glow Sunless Tanning Salon  
& Spa  
Golf Tec  
Gretchen Shafer  
Hampton Inn & Suites  
Harbor Town River Boat Co.,  
Inc.  
Hegedorn's Supermarket  
Heveron & Herson CPA's  
Hurd Orchards  
Hyatt Regency Rochester  
Icon Salon & Spa  
Inga Munch  
Jackson Welding Supply  
Jeff Mills Photography  
Jennifer Butler  
Joe Manza



Kittleberger Florist & Gifts  
 Kutter's Cheese Factory store  
 Larry and Shawn Shannon-  
 Miissal  
 Lamoreaux Landing Winery  
 Lento  
 Marcy C. Nielson  
 Marriott Hotels  
 Martha Le Cars  
 Martin Runyan  
 Maryanna Busby  
 Matt Miller  
 Matt Reynell & Jamie Burgos  
 Melissa Stiffler  
 Mentis Landscaping  
 Microworx Direct, Inc.  
 Midtown Athletic Club  
 Mike Michael  
 Naked Dove Brewing  
 Nick & Eileen Verdino  
 Norma Holland  
 One Restaurant & Lounge  
 Orest Hrywnak  
 Oskar Bynke  
 P'aja Burks  
 Panera Bread  
 Parkleigh  
 Patricia Burks  
 Peggi H Eissenberger  
 Pet\$aver  
 Pier 45

Pittsford Florist  
 Prime Steakhouse  
 Rachel Gracie Photography  
 Ravenwood Gold Club  
 Regal Entertainment Group  
 Robert & Denise Kendricks  
 ROC City Roller Derby  
 Rochester Athletic Club  
 Rochester Business Journal  
 Rochester Lancers  
 Rochester Museum &  
 Science Center  
 Rochester Philharmonic  
 Orchestra  
 Rochester Razor Sharks  
 Rochester Red Wings  
 Rochester Woman  
 Magazine  
 Rply Greco's Salon  
 Ryan Kimball  
 Salon Paragon  
 Salvatore's Pizza/Soccer  
 Sam  
 Sarah Higginson  
 Scotch & Siroin  
 Scott Pitoniak  
 Seabreeze Amusement Park  
 Seneca Park Zoo Society  
 Sephora  
 Snap Kick Karoke & DJ Co.  
 Sonnenberg Gardens

Steve Hausmann  
 Stakoe Farms  
 Strathallan Hotel  
 Strong National Museum of  
 Play  
 TC Pellett  
 The Cheesecake Factory  
 The Raviolio Shop  
 The Strathallan Hotel  
 The Training Ground Home  
 Education Enrichment  
 Tom Mayberry  
 Tom Wahl's  
 Tops Friendly Markets  
 Trent Bridges  
 Unique Toy Shop  
 United MArTial Arts Center  
 UNO Chicago Grill  
 Veronica Wever  
 Virtu Restaurant  
 WDKX  
 Wegmans Food Markets  
 Wick-edly Sent Soap & Candle  
 Company  
 Wifi Party Pix  
 Woodcliff Hotel & Spa  
 Yeager Rug & Furniture  
 Cleaners, Inc.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Support and Revenue:		
Gifts, Grants and Contributions	\$267,802	\$281,005
In-Kind Services	16,605	21,827
Special Events, Net of Direct Expenses	52,319	67,624
CAP Book Subscriptions	-	65
Child Registration Fees	100	7,400
Investment Income	<u>26,241</u>	<u>26,923</u>
Total Support and Revenue without		
Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	363,067	404,844
Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(41,556)	123,750
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>1,018</u>	<u>1,067</u>
Total Support and Revenue	<u>322,529</u>	<u>527,527</u>
Expenses:		
Program Services	380,574	421,379
Management and General	56,516	58,413
Fundraising	<u>32,694</u>	<u>28,476</u>
Total Expenses	<u>469,784</u>	<u>508,268</u>
Balance Sheet:		
Excess (Deficit) of Support and Revenue over Expenses	(147,225)	19,259
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,023,048	1,003,789
Fund Balance - End of Year	875,793	1,023,048
Cash and Investments - End of Year	877,264	981,483

# Children Awaiting Parents Leadership Giving Circle

Since 1972 Children Awaiting Parents has been dedicated to finding permanent adoptive homes for the children in America that typically wait the longest in foster care. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are proud of all that has been accomplished and are determined to continue to advocate for children waiting in foster care long in to the future.

## What is the Leadership Giving Circle?

For Children Awaiting Parents to be in a strong financial position to handle future challenges, the Leadership Giving Circle has been formed. Members of the Leadership Giving Circle are individuals and businesses who share Children Awaiting Parents vision that every child is adoptable and who are committed to ensuring the fiscal health of the organization so that it may serve children that simply need the love and support of a family. Gifts to the Leadership Giving Circle are unrestricted to allow the organization to pursue opportunities to lift the wait for children in foster care across the United States.



## How do I become a member of the Leadership Giving Circle?

Supporters who make unrestricted donations of \$1,000 or more annually become members of the Leadership Giving Circle. Businesses that make annual unrestricted donations of \$2,000 or more are included in the circle. With the donor's permission, cumulative giving is acknowledged in the Leadership Giving Circle. Supporters who have given or give \$20,000 or more are offered lifetime membership in the Leadership Giving Circle.

## What does membership in the Leadership Giving Circle entail?

Membership in the Leadership Giving Circle illustrates the donor's strong support of the work that Children Awaiting Parents is committed to. Members of the Leadership Giving Circle are invited to attend the annual Chairman's Dinner to have the opportunity to learn more about the work they are supporting and to ask questions of those directly involved in finding homes for children in foster care.

### Founding Members

Ann Brayfield & Joe Emerson	Judy & Tony Malone
Theresa Brechue	Onnalie Miller
Anne Browne	Bill & Kathleen Nelkin
Bob Cole & Pam Viggiani	Frank Perticone
Ann Marie Crilly	Matt Reynell & Jaime Burgos
Richard & Denise DeValk	Barbara & Carl Sassano
Michele Ely	Gretchen Shafer
Jeff Fields & Robin Allstadt	Molly Smith
Frontier Communications	Dave & Peggy Soule
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