DEAR FRIENDS,

To better serve the community, Children's Home Society of Missouri and Family Resource Center officially united to become FamilyForward on April 1, 2017. Together, we have 169 years of experience helping children and families.

FamilyForward moves vulnerable children in the direction of hope by delivering comprehensive therapeutic and educational services to support biological, foster, and adoptive families. We are deep in what we do, and that is being recognized. Our highly skilled staff, evidence-based practices, and strong partnerships with leading educational institutions and researchers reinforce and strengthen the outcomes for the children and families we serve.

FamilyForward provides specialized services to prevent and treat abuse and neglect: trauma assessment and psychological evaluation, therapy, coaching and education, foster care and adoption, therapeutic preschool, and care for children with developmental disabilities. Our agency serves Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties, as well as St. Louis City. FamilyForward has six sites (Creve Coeur, South St. Louis City, Hillsboro, Downtown St. Louis, Brentwood, and St. Charles) and employs 182 clinical, professional, and administrative personnel.

Eight months into the merger, I remain very excited. We are doing what we set out to do – moving vulnerable children and families in the direction of hope. People are talking about our work and why the merger happened. Not because either organization was weak and needed support, but because we were established and solid and knew we could do more for children and families together. This rationale is unique and now FamilyForward leads the community in providing innovative solutions for advancing safer, healthier relationships for children and families.

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Gratefully,
Karen

Karen Nolte
Chief Executive Officer, FamilyForward

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Children reported abused or neglected in the St. Louis area last year

22,407

Children and family members helped by FamilyForward last year

9,392

Cost to society for one abused child

$210,012

FamilyForward’s average annual cost to build safer, healthier relationships for one child or family

$3,471

DEFINING THE NEED, MAKING AN IMPACT

Together at The Rocket Ball on February 25, 2017, we raised more than $500,000—an unprecedented accomplishment—to help vulnerable children and families served by Family Resource Center and Children’s Home Society.

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BETTER TOGETHER

6 Geographic sites

182 Clinical, professional, and administrative personnel

483 Actively engaged volunteers

100 Professional members on Governance and Advocacy Boards

*Missouri Department of Social Services, Children’s Division (2016)

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2016)
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DIRECT CLIENTS SERVED THROUGH THESE 10 PROGRAMS IN 2016

- Foster Care: 820
- Education and Training Services: 319
- Foster Care: 35
- Foster Care: 820
- Foster Care: 391
- Foster Care: 120
- Foster Care: 52
- Foster Care: 497
- Foster Care: 70
- Foster Care: 45
- Foster Care: 1,071

SAFER, HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS

Hannah is only six years old but she hides when anyone raises their hand or their voice. Fortunately, two years ago a neighbor heard her desperate screams and got help, and today Hannah and her adoptive family are working with one of our therapists to help her overcome the trauma of her physical abuse.

Our therapists partner with foster and adoptive families like Hannah’s to help them understand the child’s trauma so they can address their behavioral and mental health issues. The supportive environment at FamilyForward gives caregivers hope to face challenges forthrightly and to improve the quality of their family life. Helping them maintain their own ability to remain regulated and emotionally available to their children is essential to the therapeutic process.

MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF HOPE

Two years ago, Henry was living in a car with his mom. The five-year-old was non-verbal and severely autistic – more than any young mother could handle alone. Then she found FamilyForward. “I thought they would just give me resources for Henry, but they ended up being a resource I could lean on,” she says.

Today, with support from FamilyForward, Henry’s mom is employed and they live in a nicely decorated home within easy reach of the little boy’s school and his occupational and speech therapists. “I know I won’t fail,” she says, “because now I have all these people rooting for me and my son.”
CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

To better serve the community, Children’s Home Society of Missouri and Family Resource Center officially united to become FamilyForward on April 1, 2017. Prior to the merger, Children’s Home Society operated with a June 30 yearend and Family Resource Center operated with a December 31 yearend.

Because FamilyForward will recognize a December 31 yearend, Children’s Home Society’s final audited statements are for the nine months ending March 31, 2017 and Family Resource Center’s final audited statements are for the three months ending March 31, 2017. FamilyForward’s first audited statements will be for the nine months ending December 31, 2017 and then for each 12-month period ending December 31 thereafter.

FamilyForward’s operating budget for 2017 is $11,467,780.

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How You Can Help

Your gift makes a difference. A tax-deductible donation at any level stays right here in the St. Louis community and helps move vulnerable children and families in the direction of hope.

For information on ways you can support FamilyForward, visit familyforwardmo.org or contact Jessica Dederer at jessica.dederer@familyforwardmo.org.

The Greg Echele Guardian Society recognizes individuals who make significant and ongoing financial contributions to FamilyForward. The name honors Greg Echele, Family Resource Center co-founder and 28-year Chief Executive Officer, who retired at the end of 2016. We are proud to recognize Greg, who devoted his career to the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and family violence. There were 208 Guardian Society members as of March 31, 2017.
DONORS

We are grateful for our 2021-2022 donors and Guardian Society members. To align with our audited financial statements, Family Resource Center donors are recognized from 1.16.21 to 3.31.21 and Children’s Home Society donors are recognized from 3.16.21 to 4.30.21.

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