

# "Stronger Families Build Stronger Communities"



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### **OUR MISSION**

In partnership with families, communities,
organizations, states and the nation,
the mission of Spaulding for Children
is to assure that all children grow up in safe,
permanent families and have the help they need
to be successful in life.



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### "Stronger Families Build Stronger Communities"

Fiscal year 2017 has been a positive and eventful time at Spaulding for Children. We have provided robust programs that serve and strengthen children, families and communities. We have a solid financial infrastructure in place to ensure we can continue our mission and work. My transition to President/CEO was largely facilitated by a committed Board of Directors and an innovative and talented staff. With the "house in order," we focused on strategies to assure quality and sustainable services, to engage our stakeholders, and to build our capacity.

The Child and Family Services division worked to keep children safe, brought families together and ensured that waiting children found their forever families. The Spaulding Academy and the Spaulding Institute continued to implement two federal projects designed to support, equip and stabilize families across the nation who are fostering or who have made a life-long commitment to serve the safety and well being of children through adoption or guardianship.

The Agency closed the fiscal year financially and programmatically strong. We secured three new federal grants for implementation in FY 2018. Our license and contracts were renewed. Our practices were aligned with accreditation standards. Our reputation on state and federal levels remained solid. And Spaulding was introduced to child welfare leaders in Brazil, representing our efforts to share knowledge and best practices with others who care for

children and families around the world.

Spaulding's continued partnership with state and federal governments, universities, foundations, child welfare organizations, donors, volunteers and the community at large, demonstrates that we have delivered valuable results and that we continue to hold their trust and confidence.

We have initiated work that will create more value for our stakeholders, as well as a sustainable competitive advantage thanks to our partners and supporters. Looking ahead, we find we have more work to do. However, I am confident we are progressing in the best manner to reach our goals.

We are also very excited as we gear up to celebrate Spaulding's 50th anniversary. We want our celebration to honor our rich legacy of work on behalf of children and families and to celebrate our positive impact on the lives of children, families and the community. I strongly believe that the next 50 years will be as dynamic as the last 50.

The pages that follow reflect our accomplishments during FY 2017, but most importantly they reflect our impact on every individual child, family and project that energized us and energized our sense that our work is truly improving lives and creating meaningful impact. We all share the knowledge that our work at Spaulding for Children strengthens families and also strengthens the greater community to which we all belong.



Cristina Peixoto

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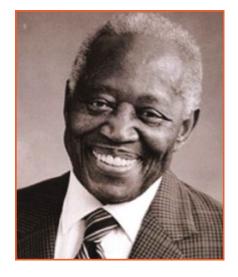
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This annual report is dedicated to John W. Barfield Board Member Emeritus

### "ALL ABOUT MARVIN"

Marvin has been a part of the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Program since January, 2013 and was in foster care for nine years prior to entering the WWK program.

When Marvin entered the WWK program, he was living in a residential facility and unmatched. During his time in the WWK program, through the diligent search process, the recruiters on his case were able to identify and locate 31 potential adoptive resources, 16 of which were relatives before he was matched with an unrelated family in August 2016. The WWK recruiters on Marvin's case conducted 77 face-to-face visits with Marvin over the years. Marvin attended approximately 35 meet and greets throughout the years. WWK recruiters conducted around 41 adoption preparation activities.

Marvin met Ms. Veda Thompkins while placed at Christ Child House. The WWK team introduced her initially to Marvin as a mentor. WWK and Marvin's team fostered the relationship between Marvin and Ms. Thompkins. As the visits progressed, and Marvin became even comfortable, the team put into place an extensive transition plan to move Marvin into Ms. Thompkins' home. This recruiter conducted 5 child-specific outings with Marvin and Ms. Thompkins. WWK maintained a strong relationship with both Marvin and Ms. Thompkins and became an advocate in getting services into place when Ms. Thompkins came forward to plan for guardianship of Marvin.

Marvin spent 13 years in foster care and almost 5 years in the WWK program, before his guardianship was finalized, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2 days prior to his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Congratulations, Mrs. Thompkins!!! Happy birthday, Marvin!!!



signature program

Dave Thomas
Foundation for Adoption.



Veda and Marvin

# "Another success story!"

Wendy's Wonderful Kids is a program that implements proactive, child-focused recruitment programs targeted exclusively on moving the longest-waiting children from foster care into adoptive families.

These recruiters employ aggressive practices and proven tactics focused on finding the best home for a child through the starting points of familiar circles of family, friends and neighbors, and then reaching out to the communities in which they live.

Funded by The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

# Spaulding's Direct Service Division Helps Children and Youth Find and Keep Strong Families

The Child and Family Services is the direct service division of Spaulding for Children responsible for delivering interventions and performing activities to ensure children are safe, have their needs met, and achieve permanence in a timely manner. Services provided include prevention, resource family development, out of home placement and adoption. As part of Spaulding's commitment to quality services, the direct service division incorporates continuous quality improvement activities to promote positive outcomes for children and families.

# Resource Family Development – Spaulding for Children recruits, trains and supports families interested

in becoming a resource to a child in need of out-ofhome placement through foster care and/or adoption. Resource families are supported by ongoing contact with case managers specialized in providing services to children and families in the foster care system.

Foster Care – Spaulding for Children provides temporary foster care placement to children removed from their parents' custody due to abuse and neglect. Children in need of foster care placement typically range between infant to 18 years of age. Often, children are part of a sibling group. The goal of the program is to ensure each child can achieve permanency in a safe, stable and nurturing family environment. Spaulding for Children accepts foster and adoptive families without discrimination as to race, ethnicity, religion, language, national origin, sex, age, marital status, veteran status, disability/handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity/ expression or economic status.

Adoption – Spaulding for Children recruits and develops stable and nurturing families interested in making a lifelong commitment to children in the foster care system through adoption. A committed family can help children overcome their history of abuse and neglect. Children awaiting typically range between 4 - 16 years old. There are no fees for services.

# CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES – FY 2017 AT A GLANCE

### **Clients Served**

Adoptions completed – 35
Children reunited with legal parents – 20
Children served in Foster Care – 153
Families served in MIECHV – 39
Families served in Foster Care – 306
WWK Guardianships completed – 1
WWK youth adopted – 5
WWK youth matched for adoption – 6

### **Referrals by County**

 $\begin{aligned} \text{Macomb} - 1.5\% \\ \text{Oakland} - 8\% \\ \text{Other} - .5\% \\ \text{Wayne} - 90\% \end{aligned}$ 

### Referrals by Race/Ethnicity

African American -65%Biracial -25%Caucasian -10%

### Referrals by Age

0 to 5 - 35% 6 to 9 - 26% 10 to 12 - 19% 13 to 18 - 20%

MIECHV – Healthy Families is a home visiting program that connects expectant parents and parents of children from newborn to age 3 to parenting support in the comfort of their own home. Highly qualified, parent educators provide support to meet individual family needs. Families have access to information and support about pregnancy, infant care and postpartum care. They also receive assistance with learning appropriate expectations for each stage of their child's growth and development, development screening for the child(ren), help in setting goals, and with active links to community resources.

Volunteers

# Faithful Volunteers Sustain Spaulding Support Groups

Through Spaulding's Support Services Department, volunteers assist the agency throughout the year. Volunteers come to us through established relationships with Michigan Works!, the Wayne State University BSW programs, Spaulding for Children's website, and through word-of-mouth recommendations.

### **Teen Mentor Groups Teach Life Skills**

Volunteers in our mentoring program meet 10 months out of the year, beginning in August and ending in June the following year. In 2017, they celebrated the program's eleventh year of service. The male entity, The Gentlemen's Association, and the female entity, Sisters United Creatively Changing Everything with Everlasting Devotion (SUCCEED), educate youths ages 8-17 about skills that will prepare them to face and successfully meet life's challenges.

The group also enjoyed a taste fest of dishes prepared by the young people.

### Teen mentor leaders

Armida Marinov George Miller Charles Bragg (Assistant)

### **Teen mentors**

Rodenna Hardison \*
Morgan Peterson
Orlandus Smith, Sr. \*
Willie L. Smith \*
Giovannie L. Thomas
Veryl "Dr. Vee" Williams \*
\* = SFC Board member

For more information about volunteering at Spaulding for Children, and to learn more about becoming a mentoring volunteer, please contact Armida Marinov, Placement Resource Supervisor, 248-443-7080 or amarinov@spaulding.org.

# **Spaulding Staff and Parents Learn Together** in Parent Empowerment Group

Spaulding for Children recognizes the importance of having our staff members work together with foster and adoptive parents to meet the needs of children in our care. Under the direction of Parent Empowerment Group, Co-chairs Stacey Oakes and adoptive parents Elaine Taylor and Beverly Baker, Spaulding conducts professional team-building sessions to provide training on relevant topics. As members of our professional team, foster and adoptive parent leaders, joined with Spaulding staff members, share information that brings understanding to areas of concern and develops resources to support their children.



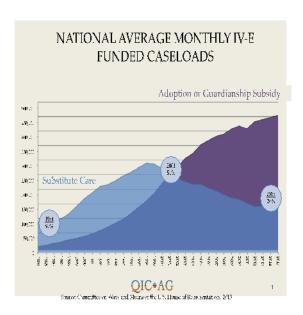
# "Wish List" for Boys and Girls, Sizes from Toddlers to XX Large

- Sweat Suits
- Socks
- Underwear
- Coats
- Gloves/Mittens
- Hats
- Boots
- Shoes
- Shirts
- Pants
- Gift Cards (Target or Walmart)

### Exciting Programs Happening at the Academy

Recognizing that the number of children receiving an adoption or guardianship subsidy has far surpassed the number of children in substitute care, the Academy at Spaulding for Children continues to work on a national level to create awareness of the need to support families from pre- to post- adoption and guardianship. These are some of the ongoing projects of 2017.

- The Academy is working with eight partner sites to implement evidence-based interventions or develop and test promising practices which, if proven effective, can be replicated in, or adapted by, other child welfare jurisdictions. This work is funded by the Children's Bureau, through the National Quality Improvement Center for Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation (QIC-AG).
- Numerous useful documents have been produced this year through the QIC-AG as well, including:
  - A) Ask About Adoption Fact Sheets for Teachers, Pediatric Health Providers, and Parents (Two fact sheets designed to raise awareness about the unique needs of children who have been adopted, and to provide concrete tips on how these professionals can effectively work with these children.)
  - B) Risk and Protective Factors for Discontinuity in Public Adoption and Guardianship (Designed to help professionals better understand the risk factors that lead to adoptions and guardianships being discontinued.)
  - C) 8 site specific documents which describe the intervention being offered by each partner site as well as necessary adaptations that the site made.
- 3) An annual "lesson-learned" webinar titled, "Challenges of Engaging Adoptive and Guardianship Families" was produced by QIC-AG as well. It can be viewed by going to https://qic-ag.org/archives/videos/the-challenges.
- 4) The Academy secured a new grant in October 2017 called "The National Training and Development Curriculum for Foster/Adoptive Parents". It was awarded by the Children's



Bureau and will be developed over five years. The goal is to develop and then to evaluate a state-of-the-art training program to prepare foster and adoptive parents to effectively parent children exposed to trauma, and to provide these families with ongoing skill development needed to understand and promote healthy child development.

At the end of the grant period, states, counties, tribes, territories, and private agencies will have access to a free, comprehensive curriculum that has been thoroughly evaluated. It can be used to prepare, train, and develop foster and adoptive parents. The coming months will bring more news about this exciting initiative.

5) Through an award from AdoptUSKids, the Academy will be developing and implementing a Minority Professional Development Leadership Program (MPLD). It is an 8-month fellowship that helps emerging leaders in the field of adoption to build skills through hands-on experience, structured on-line courses, exposure to national experts, mentorship, development of competencies, and connection to a network of emerging minority leaders. Approximately 15 professionals will be selected to participate each year. Applications for this first cohort will be available in in August of 2018.

# Spaulding Institute Develops Innovative Partnerships, Products, and Training Programs



Spaulding for Children, in partnership with the ChildTrauma Academy; the Center for Adoption Support and Education; the North American Council on Adoptable Children; and the University of Washington, was awarded a 3 year Foster/Adoptive Parent Preparation, Training and Development Initiative grant from the Children's Bureau. The project will develop a state-of-the-art training program, equipping resource parents with skills necessary to meet the needs of older youth who have moderate to serious emotional and behavioral health challenges.

During Year 1 of the grant, CORE Partners reviewed publications, evidence-based or evidence-informed curricula, and conducted interviews and focus groups that included: caregivers, foster care alumni, professionals and content experts to gain insight into the characteristics and skills of families who were successful in parenting older youth with significant needs. This resulted in the identification of 202 competencies, and 30 characteristics. In addition, 17 categorical themes were created.

The CORE Partners utilized the Delphi process, to rank competencies and validate characteristics for inclusion in the curriculum. Consensus was achieved through two criteria: 1) the mean score was a 4 or above on the 5-point Likert scale and the percentage of responders that rated 4 or higher was equal to or greater than 75%.

This resulted in 30 characteristics, 61 competencies and 17 themes being identified for inclusion in the curriculum. Please refer to <a href="https://spaulding.org/core">https://spaulding.org/core</a> for a complete listing of the 61 competencies and 30 characteristics.

In year 2, the CORE Teen Partners began using this information to build the three components of the curriculum: self-assessment, classroom and right time training.

Self-Assessment – The assessment will guide families through self-discovery, maximizing opportunities to build their confidence, abilities, and motivation. It will enable resource parents to reflect upon and evaluate motivation, preparedness, qualities, characteristics, current knowledge base, and strengths / weaknesses.

Classroom-Based Instruction – The 14 hours of classroom instruction will be interactive and focus on information sharing and initial skill development related to the unique needs of older youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. The lessons will provide resource families with knowledge and skills needed to either prepare to care for the target population or successfully parent youth already in their home who fall in this population.

Right Time Training – Videos will build on the classroom experience, ensuring new strategies and skills are transferred into the day-to-day activities of the family. The videos will be designed to be used at times most conducive to the resource parents' learning. They could be used during support groups, in conjunction with case manager home visits, or at a time when the family is in need of immediate assistance in handling a situation.



### Water, Fun, Food and Ice Cream!

The 2017 Ice Cream Social was held on July 7 at Oakland County's Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights, Michigan, with approximately 250 people attending.

Families served by Spaulding for Children had a great time together while enjoying good food and lots of ice cream. The Red Oaks park provided a giant water slide, lazy river and the amazing wave pool. It was a day to remember.

Our dedicated Kohl's volunteers and staff helped to make this outing a great success.

# Spaulding Families Celebrate the Holiday Season Together



Families served by our staff and volunteers celebrated at Spaulding's Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 1, 2017. The First Baptist Institutional Church in Detroit has hosted this jolly event for more than 20 years. The church was beautifully decorated in the

Pajamas & Pancakes motif by Spaulding's employees and interns.

The Godmothers, a non-profit organization and major sponsor of the Holiday Party, sponsored our family's party for the last time. They generously provided dinner for the families and volunteers, served the meal, played games with the children and played music while the children danced and passed out gifts. Retiring their organization at the end of 2017, The Godmothers went out in grand style. The families enjoyed the photo booth and the chance to take pictures with Santa Steve and Ms. Claus. We thank them for their many years of support and wish every one of the members a successful and joyful retirement.

Spaulding's Annual Holiday Party is an exciting event for our children in care who may otherwise have limited opportunities to be hopeful. This party is "all about the children" and validates each of them as important members of their family unit, celebrating together with the Spaulding family. The children left the party well fed, carrying a personalized gift and with smiles that lit up their faces.

Dwight Evans and Maxwell "Max" Bozarth topped the party off by playing festive songs throughout the night. This was a very meaningful and joyful evening for our children and families.



# Thanks You to the sponsors of our 2017 Ice Cream Social and Holiday Party

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Would you or your organization like to sponsor a Spaulding family gathering? Please contact Cheryl Gist at 248-443-7080 or cgist@spaulding.org.



Melissa Jenovai, Vice President of Child & Family Services, receives award from Dr. Herman McCall.

# Vice President of Child & Family Services Receives Excellence in Customer Service Award

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Children's Services Agency Executive Director, Dr. Herman McCall, presented an award for excellence in customer service to Melissa Jenovai, Vice President of Child & Family Services, Spaulding for Children; along with Rachel Sykes, Samaritas; and Gina Aranki, Child and Family Services NW MI.

The nominations were made by DHHS Business Service Center (BSC) Directors in recognition of these individuals' dedication and commitment to a true partnership. The awards were presented at the Michigan Federation Senior Management Conference in September. Congratulations!

### Spaulding for Children

Will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2018. Watch for many celebrations!

For more information, call Cheryl Gist at (248) 443-0300



On Friday, November 3, 2017, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, Spaulding for Children celebrated National Adoption Month. We highlighted our Wendy's Wonderful Kids Program, which works diligently towards our belief that "Every child deserves a Forever Family." The celebration included good food, a tour of the exhibits in the museum, a "Fund the Mission" Opportunity and dancing to Motown hits played by The Original Martini Band.

Some of the youth in the WWKs program attended the event and each had a great time. A WWK video made its debut at the event. Major Sponsors for this fundraiser were Wendy's Detroit Franchisees, HAP, MASCO and The Dave Thomas Foundation For Adoption.





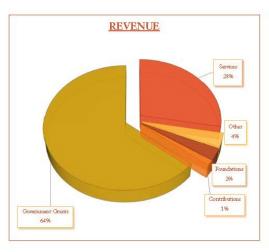
Staff and volunteers working to ensure everyone has a great time at the "Families Forever" fundraiser!

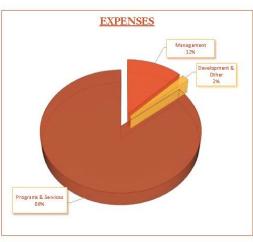
		TEMPORARILY	PERMANENTLY	
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Support and Revenue				
Contributions:				
Foundation grants	\$ 113,285	\$ 170,684	Ξ0	\$ 283,969
Individuals	56,484	<u> </u>	=	56,484
Event revenue	70,527	=	=1	70,527
Government financial assistance:				
Direct federal grants	5,881,707		=1	5,881,707
Other contract revenues and grants	207,130	1-	-	207,130
Program service fees:				
Foster parent pass-through	831,797	950	55.0	831,797
Other program service fees	1,817,842	=	₩	1,817,842
Beneficial interest in remainder trust	-	2,500		2,500
Other revenues	53,842	-	_	53,842
Investment income	269,241	18,270	20	287,511
Total Support	9,301,855	191,454	-	9,493,309
Net Assests Released From Restrictions	132,184	(132,184)		0
Total Revenues	9,434,039	59,270		9,493,309
Expenses				
Program services:				
Child and family services				
Foster parent payments	832,007		m8	832,007
Other child and family service expenses	1,744,569	:=	==	1,744,569
Spaulding Institute	5,135,256	100	-	5,135,256
Supporting services				
Management and general	1,109,313	100	-	1,109,313
Community relations and development	102,131	·=	200	102,131
Other fundraising costs	42,702			42,702
Total Expenses	8,965,978		-	8,965,978
Increase in Net Assets	468,061	59,270	-	527,331
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	3,826,824	220,988	363,389	4,411,201
Net Assets - End of Year	\$ 4,294,885	\$ 280,258	\$ 363,389	\$ 4,938,532

A complete audit, performed by Gordon Advisors P.C., Certified Public Accountants, is available upon request. Contact Cheryl Gist, executive assistant, at (248) 443-7080 or cgist@spaulding.org.

### **ASSETS**

Current Assests		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	583,392
Certificates of deposit		300,842
Accounts receivable		2,072,426
Prepaid expenses		115,386
Total Current Assets		3,072,046
Property and Equipment, Net	1	26,946
Other Assets		
Certificates of deposit		200,162
Donated property		138,000
Funds held for investment		2,406,521
Total Other Assets		2,744,683
Restricted Assets		
Investment of endowed funds		412,648
Beneficial interest in trust		126,000
Total Restricted Assets	7	538,648
Total Assets	\$	6,382,323
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	1,063,961
Accrued expenses		371,330
Deferred revenues		8,500
Total Current Liabilities	×	1,443,791
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		4,294,885
Temporarily restricted		280,258
Permanently restricted		363,389
Total Net Assets		4,938,532
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	6,382,323





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Holiday Market: Royal Oak

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U.S. Ice Corporation Walmart: Livonia (7 Mile Rd.)

Walmart: Troy

Maria Welborne

Westborn Fruit Market

Western Fruit & Meat Market

Veryl Williams

Wolverine Packing Company

Lee & Marsha Yambura

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# It's all about the children!

### Spaulding Succeeds when YOU Get Involved!

### We need your help!

Too many children are entering the child welfare system because of abuse and/or neglect, are staying in foster care too long, or are aging out of the system without a permanent family or a caring adult in their lives - too often without the necessary skills to live successful lives.

Spaulding for Children values all forms of assistance - an investment of time, talent or funding of any amount. Any assistance you can give can change a child's life forever.

See "Wish List" on page 7

# How can you make a difference? Here are a few opportunities:

- Make a financial contribution.
- Donate in-kind items (support our clothing, hygiene and/ or toy closets).
- Sponsor an activity (such as an outing with our teen support group).
- Underwrite a program.
- Sponsor a special event (such as our Ice Cream Social or Holiday Party).
- Host your own fund-raising event, and donate the proceeds to Spaulding for Children.
- Donate your time as a volunteer.
- Donate your time as a mentor.
- Become a community outreach partner.

To find out how you can help Spaulding for Children and the children and families we serve, please contact: Cheryl L. Gist, Executive Assistant





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