



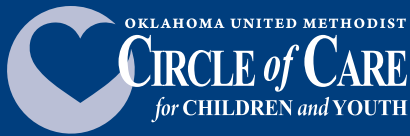
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A Word From the President

KEITH HOWARD



Step Into the Gap

Frederick Douglas once said, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." This is as true today, as it was during Mr. Douglas' day and when we talk about Oklahoma's aspirations to be a great state, I think this statement rings true for the societal challenges we are currently facing.

With over 8,000 children in the Oklahoma foster care system, I'd argue this would be a great place to start, especially knowing that approximately 300 of those young people will turn 18 during the next year and be in a position to "age out" of the foster care system, effectively leaving the safety net that is not fully equipped to launch them into adulthood.

No matter which data source you pull from, the national statistics for this group of young people are often discouraging. The statistics reveal higher rates of homelessness, criminal justice involvement, earlier unwed pregnancies, less than average high school graduation rates and dismal college graduation rates. In Oklahoma, there are resources set up to help these young people, but often even our best attempts to help are still limited in scope, leaving these young people to launch into adulthood without all the tools they truly need to be successful. Furthermore, a most basic need is often not met, housing.

If an older teenager or young adult is focused on finding a place to sleep, that leaves little bandwidth to focus on other critical needs such as, getting a job, accessing college tuition waivers/financial aide or obtaining continued mental health services to deal with the trauma of their childhood or teenage years. As such, it shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that these young people face greater obstacles without a family to guide them and in turn providing them with limited resources and supports to navigate the world as an adult.

Mr. Douglas was correct, repairing broken men is a tall task, but creating the right supports and safety nets for our most vulnerable youth will not only help these young adults launch into adulthood, but allow all of us to get much further down the line in creating healthy adults.

For over a decade Circle of Care has been stepping up to serve this group of amazing young adults through our Preparation for Adult Living program. This program was birthed out of the real life experience of David Beal, now on the Circle of Care Board. He left the Methodist Children's Home at the age of 18 with "nothing but a suitcase and a handshake". He wanted a better way for young adults leaving a residential program, aging out of foster care or coming from a disadvantaged background. These youth rarely have the supports in place to help them navigate this transition in a healthy way.

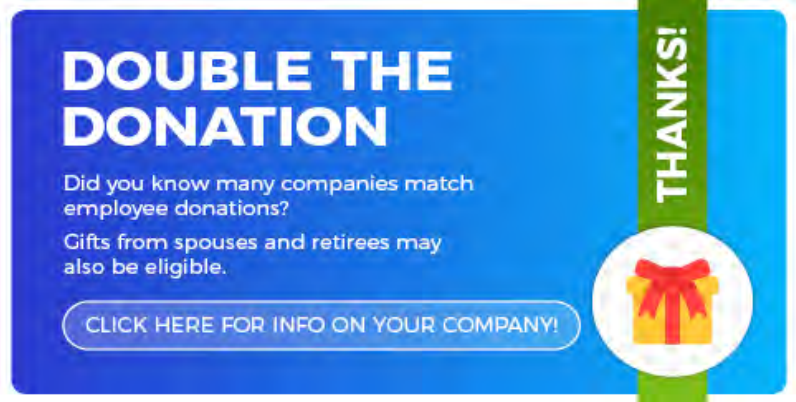
Today, we continue to understand the need, step into the gap, and work to meet this need. I'm thankful for our team and board who are committed to these young adults. I'm also thankful for each of our donors, churches and supporters who help us serve these young adults and meet the numerous needs we have to make this program run efficiently and effectively. Together, we can do better!

To provide Christian help, healing and hope to children and families in crisis to ensure a safe, healthy, and spiritual future.

Employee Giving Programs

What are they and how do they benefit Circle of Care?

What are corporate matching gift and employee volunteer grant programs?



Corporate matching gift programs are charitable giving programs created by corporations in which the company matches donations made by employees. You can double the impact of your donation by utilizing the matching gift programs that are in place at thousands of employers. The standard match is dollar for dollar up to a set limit that normally ranges between \$2,000-10,000 per employee each year.

Volunteer grant programs, also known as "Dollars for Doers" programs, are charitable giving programs setup by corporations in which the company provides a monetary donation to eligible nonprofits as a way to recognize employees who volunteer.

If you volunteer with Circle of Care and work for a company with a volunteer grant program, you can request a grant for us which normally values at \$10-\$15 per hour volunteered.

Last year we received **7** matching gifts and volunteer grants which helped us raise **\$2895**. This year we set a goal of raising **\$5000** from these programs. If we meet our goal, we'll be able to better provide help, healing and hope to children and families in crisis by providing self-care essentials in Welcome Baskets as they enter our programs.

How prevalent are corporate giving programs?

More than 65% of Fortune 500 companies and countless smaller employers offer matching gift or volunteer grant programs. Some even match funds raised for fundraising walks and go as far as providing each employee with a yearly unrestricted grant to allocate to a nonprofit of their choice. For instance:

- After Devon Energy employees volunteer 12 hours with an organization, Devon Energy provides a volunteer grant of \$250 to that organization.
- American Fidelity Assurance matches FT and PT employees' gifts of \$50 - \$1000 to Circle of Care at a 1:1 ratio.
- Boeing matches dollar for dollar over a minimum gift of \$25 and up to \$10000. FT, PT and retired employees are eligible to participate. They offer volunteer grants matching \$10 for every 10 hours volunteered up to a maximum of \$10000.
- After Walmart employees volunteer 25 hours with an organization, Walmart provides a volunteer grant of \$250 to that organization.

Thousands of companies, representing more than 15 million people, offer matching gift or volunteer grant programs.

We hope you'll take a few extra minutes to see if your company (<https://www.circleofcare.org/double-the-donation/>) offers employee giving grants – grants that could equal hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars for us.

For more information about the Double Donation program visit <https://www.circleofcare.org/double-the-donation/>

FOSTER CARE

We Knew We Had Love To Give Joshua and Danielle James Family

Joshua and Danielle James have been a Circle of Care foster family for three years. They began fostering just before Christmas of 2016.

At the age of 25, Danielle was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer known as nonsmoker's cancer. After her diagnosis she was given 6 months to live. "The type of cancer I have isn't curable but it is manageable with medication. The medication keeps me alive but it also keeps me from becoming pregnant," said Danielle.

The James family didn't know they wanted to foster right away but they did know they wanted more children.

"I was diagnosed in May 2013 and married in January 2015. I have a step son but I knew we had more room and love for more kids.

One day, I was thinking about the grief I felt for not being able to have children and share children with Joshua. I prayed and said Lord please give me a child or take the desire away because it hurts too much.

A couple of months later I still had the desire so at that time I realized God gave me this desire for a reason. I started talking to a friend of mine. She revealed to me that she had been in foster care as a child. She told me that it was the best three months of her childhood and it was the first time someone told her they loved her."

Foster care helped her friend see what a mother was supposed to be like. After that conversation, Danielle knew she could be that for a child. She knew she had that love to give!

Later Danielle showed her husband a Christmas wish list written by a foster child in Oklahoma. It described everything he wanted from a family on the list. It was very basic stuff. Stuff that we have in spades. He listed things like having his own tooth brush, his own toys, his own bed and his own clothes. He also asked for his things not to be sold. He asked for clean socks and shoes and for there to be no fighting.

"After reading the Christmas list we knew we had love to give we just needed to get started. We looked at agency options and met recruiter trainer and went to an informational meeting. Within three months we were starting the process," said Joshua.

"Fostering is a journey. Every case is different. Every month is different. Sometimes it is easy, sometimes it is hard and emotional draining but the joy I get with the kids outweighs the hard times. The parents we work with are normal people who love their kids and want to do what is best. They had a bad start in life where things got bad for them," Danielle expressed.

The James family has learned a lot about what it really means to love. Not just loving these children but loving their parents because love holds no record of wrong. That was a big lesson for them in the beginning. Some of these parents have never been shown love before. They have never had someone encouraging them or someone on their side.

"Foster care has changed my perspective on love. Love for kids love and for biological parents. It's also changing my perspective on forgiveness and compassion," says Danielle.

Danielle says, "the joy I get with the kids outweighs the grief I feel. We don't have a lot but we have a lot of love to give. My family and I focus on looking for hope. Hope for me and hope for the kids. My foster daughter and I talk about how I needed her and she needed me. We are able to love each other in this moment and take one step at a time. Even though we aren't sure of the future, we are sure of our present, which is what matters most."

For more information about our Foster Care services, visit <https://www.circleofcare.org/ministries/fostercare>.



Thank You

Christmas is a magical time that brings promise and hope to people. Unfortunately, it can be a difficult time for families and children in hard places.

Through your ongoing generous support and participation in Circle of Care's Angel Tree Program, hope is restored.

We want to say Thank you! In 2018, all of the children, youth and mothers in our three programs; Foster Care Services, Pearl's Hope, and Preparation for Adult Living (PAL), enjoyed a blessed Christmas.

If your church or organization would like to participate in Christmas Angel Tree 2019, please contact Sarah Steffes at 405-215-1400 or sarah.steffes@circleofcare.org.

We look forward to working with you again this year to bring smiles to vulnerable children on Christmas Day!



Circle of Care Sunday

December 15, 2019

Circle of Care would like to share about the impact it's making in the lives of children, youth, and families with your support!! We believe *everyone can do something!*

For more information or to request a media kit contact Tasha Actity at tasha.actity@circleofcare.org or 918-402-3247.

Book a Speaker Today



Keeping Siblings Together

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Circle of Care is actively working to complete the \$5 million campaign before the end of this year! We have raised \$4,245,717 and only have \$754,283 to go. All gifts, no matter the size, make an impact!

Completed homes in Alva and Enid have already welcomed new foster families with large sibling sets! Construction is almost finished on 2 homes and a clubhouse in Woodward and two more homes and a clubhouse in Shawnee. The Cimarron District has raised almost half the money they need to build one home across from Elk City United Methodist Church. The 8th and final home in the campaign will be located in the Tulsa area.

This final stretch of the campaign over the next few months will serve to complete the Elk City and Tulsa Area sites and furnish them as well as the Shawnee homes. All sites will be endowed to ensure long-term success.

Your gift makes all the difference for siblings in foster care as we wrap around these families to ensure long term service. To stay updated on campaign progress, visit legacy.circleofcare.org. God bless you for your generous gift, and loving care for children!

Honors & Memorials



Fall 2019

Veteran's Day is a great time to honor or remember a loved one who is serving or has served in the armed forces. Honor and Memorial gifts to Circle of Care are recognized in our quarterly Lifeline magazine and a personalized letter is sent to the individual being honored or the family of the one being remembered.

Please consider making a gift to Circle of Care's mission in honor or memory of a special person in your life this Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019.

Gift-giving is easy at www.circleofcare.org or mail a check to Circle of Care, 1501 NW. 24th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

We regret any errors or omissions. Help us correct our records by writing Circle of Care, 1501 NW 24th Street, Suite 214, Oklahoma City, OK 73106, or by calling (405) 530-2078.



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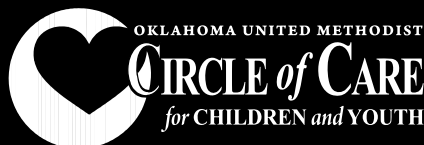
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Haskell, OK 74429

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