Dear Friends,

Looking back on 2019 and the families Adoptions Together helped to build & support, I am so proud of the work we were able to do and know there is so much more to be done. There are currently over 120,000 children waiting to be adopted living in state foster care across the United States. Each year, I look back and think about how hard it must be for them and what we as a community can do to be there for those we serve. We welcome and serve expectant parents facing unintended pregnancies and provide adoption services when chosen in order to provide stability for children and their families. Every child and every family deserves the resources they need to connect and heal—each person served creates a ripple effect, shaping the world into a better place for all. This year, we were thrilled to be recognized with an Innovator Seal of Inclusion by the Human Rights Campaign for our collaboration with the All Children All Families project. We firmly believe that every person deserves a family no matter their race, gender, or sexuality, and it is an honor to be recognized for our commitment to this mission.

With the incredible three decade milestone coming up, Adoptions Together continues to be a cornerstone in the child welfare system and at the forefront of innovation. From crucial pre- and post-adoption counseling which applies groundbreaking neuroscience to working with healthcare systems to ensure that medical professionals have the knowledge they need to best serve populations impacted by trauma, 2019 brought us opportunities to expand on the ways we impact our community.

Our mission relies on the continual support of our amazing family of supporters—we truly could not do it without you. Together we will continue to strengthen the fabric of society, through 2020 and beyond.

With Gratitude,

Janice Goldwater, LCSW-C
Founder & CEO
Adoptions Together builds healthy lifelong family connections for every child and advocates for continuous improvement of systems that promote the well being of children.

Every child will have lifelong connections to a caring, nurturing family.

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER & FAMILYWORKS TOGETHER

MISSION:

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VISION:

If you're moved by this mission, please contact Margo Devine, Development Director, at mdevine@adoptionstogether.org.

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER PLACEMENT PROGRAMS:

- home study
- domestic infant placement
- foster care adoption

FAMILYWORKS TOGETHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

- counseling
- training
- education
- family finding programs
DOMESTIC INFANT PROGRAM

371 expectant parents received all options counseling (web inquiries, on-demand chat services, phone, email, Parent Finder, social media, community-based referrals)

35 birth parents used 413 days of interim care while exploring an adoption plan

28 infants were placed with adoptive parents
Foster Care Adoption

Families hoping to adopt a child from foster care must attend a 27-hour Foster Care Adoption Training. In this training, families prepare to parent children with emotional challenges through a specialized program focused on developing awareness in the prospective parent while teaching effective parenting strategies.

35 families attended the 27-hour training for foster care adoption

14 older children between ages 4-15 were placed for adoption in 2019
The Heart Gallery welcomes all children within our region who need the support to find their forever families. To take a look at the digital gallery, click here.

45 area youth who are waiting for a family are featured on the Heart Gallery.

MARYLAND
24 kids

VIRGINIA
13 kids

DC
8 kids

Nevaeh | Age 17

Isaac | Age 15

Meghan | Age 14
Adoptions Together provided culturally-competent, individualized home studies to families in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Our Home Study team ensured that families were ready to bring home a child through diligent processes, interviews, and inspections that meet state requirements. This important service is offered to all families within these three locations, even if a family is not adopting through our agency.

212 home study reports completed

372 post-placement reports completed
COUNSELING

908
trauma-informed, adoption-competent counseling sessions held

29
parent coaching sessions held

SUPPORT GROUP SESSIONS

23 grief & loss: foster parents support group
12 FASD parent support group
11 preteen girls support group
8 transracial adoption group
7 pre-permanency support group
FAMILY FINDING PROGRAMS

60 children in foster care found permanent family connections

21 lifelong connection

12 adoption

10 guardianship

10 kinship

7 reunification
At Adoptions Together and FamilyWorks Together our trainings focus on relationship-building within families, connecting with children with difficult histories, and using neuroscience to create safety and connection.

Our trainings focus on the unique issues of adoption/permanency, attachment, and trauma for families and professionals.

1,494 families attended webinars, conferences, and in-person trainings

1,974 professionals taught at 55 trainings and 3 national conferences
YEAR IN FINANCES

INCOME

- 31% Public Funds
- 20% Private Funds
- 48% Self Pay
- 1% Other

EXPENSES

- 67% Direct Program Expenses
- 25% Operating Expenses
- 9% Fundraising Expenses
Thank you so much for your support of our mission.

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- Family finding programs
- Home studies
- Counseling
- Training
- Ongoing education
- How to support us

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