



FOUNDED IN 1959 BY SARA O'MEARA + YVONNE FEDDERSON
PREVENTION + TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE



Rooted in Hope



At Childhelp, our promise is a call to action—driving every program, service, and relationship we build. It’s a commitment to create a world where every child, regardless of their past, has the opportunity to rise, heal, and thrive.

Our Vision:

We believe every child has limitless potential, and our mission is to help them fully realize it. By providing the tools, resources, and support they need, we empower children to transform their futures and become the strong, compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

Our vision—a world where every child can play, learn, live and feel loved without fear of abuse or neglect—guides every aspect of our work. Addressing the immediate effects of abuse is just the beginning. We are committed to fostering lasting healing, preventing future harm, breaking cycles of abuse, and equipping children and families with the knowledge and tools to build brighter, safer futures.

This vision is brought to life by our nationwide network of staff whose specialized care supports children and families affected by abuse. They are uplifted by the generosity of donors and volunteers, whose contributions fuel our mission and advocacy. Together, we ensure communities have access to life-changing resources and create spaces where children and families can disrupt cycles of abuse, build resilience, and embrace brighter tomorrows.

Rooted in hope,
Childhelp is where love transforms lives.

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As we reflect on the impact Childhelp has made over the past 66 years, we are filled with gratitude for the countless children and families whose lives have been transformed through the love, care, and support you’ve made possible. In our early days as young actresses entertaining troops in Japan, we provided care for half-American children abandoned as “throwaways” in their homeland. Today, we lead a movement to end child abuse across America, and our mission has always been rooted in hope and the unwavering belief that every child deserves a brighter, more loving future.

This year, we focused on building the future together. The challenges remain vast: With each passing day, more children face the harsh realities of abuse, neglect, and violence. Yet, through

your unwavering support, we continue to reach those in need. Your contributions have been critical in expanding our services and ensuring children in crisis receive the care they need.

But our work doesn’t stop with the children we serve. We are empowering families to create safe, nurturing environments where children can heal. By addressing not just the symptoms of abuse but its root causes, we are working to break the cycle of abuse for future generations. Together, we are laying the foundation for healthier families and stronger communities, ensuring children grow up surrounded by love, safety, and support.

Every visit to a Childhelp Advocacy Center, every call to the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline, every Childhelp Speak

Up Be Safe program, and every child placed in the loving arms of a Childhelp foster family helps children and families begin to envision a future free from the shadows of abuse. Your support provides them with the opportunity to experience life as it should be—safe, loved, and full of hope.

But our mission is not yet complete. The road to eradicating child abuse is long, and it requires our continued commitment and action. Together, we can expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and ensure that no child has to suffer in silence. Every child deserves to be loved, supported, and safe.

Thank you for being an integral part of the transformations that carry young lives from shadow to light. Your dedication to this mission fills us with hope, and with your continued support, we can build a future where every child and family has the chance to thrive. The love of your heart guides these children to a lifetime of hope, and we are so grateful that you care.

For the love of a child,

Sara O'Meara
Sara O'Meara
Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO

Yvonne Fedderson
Yvonne Fedderson
Co-Founder, Vice-Chairman & President



HOPE TAKES ROOT: 66 YEARS OF CHILDHHELP

1959:

Sara (Buckner) O’Meara and Yvonne (Lime) Fedderson found International Orphans to support 11 Japanese-American children left homeless by a typhoon in Tokyo. They were later asked by Congress to replicate their successes by building five orphanages, a hospital, and a school in Vietnam.

1975:

Sara and Yvonne coordinate “Operation Baby Lift” with the U.S. Military, facilitating the relocation of thousands of Vietnamese children to adoptive families in the West.

1978:

Sara and Yvonne establish a groundbreaking residential treatment center in Beaumont, California, exclusively dedicated to providing care for abused and neglected children.

1979:

Sara and Yvonne’s advocacy leads President Jimmy Carter to designate April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

1982:

Children’s Village USA, later renamed Childhelp, launches the nation’s first toll-free child abuse hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

1991:

Childhelp acquires 270 acres of land in Culpeper, Virginia, to establish a new residential treatment facility, The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp.

1998:

Childhelp celebrates the grand opening of the Childhelp Children’s Center of Arizona, dedicated to Linda Pope, in downtown Phoenix.

2000:

The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passes a resolution supporting the Childhelp National Day of Hope, encouraging action and prayer to end child abuse.

2010:

At the Governor’s Convention, Childhelp leads the signing of the Governor’s Resolution to Eradicate Child Abuse, with support from all 50 state governors.

2011:

In partnership with Arizona State University, Childhelp launches “Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe,” a groundbreaking prevention education curriculum to protect children.

2017:

Childhelp celebrates serving more than 10 million children through its prevention, intervention, and treatment programs.

2018:

The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline pilots online webchat services in Arizona and secures a multi-million-dollar grant to expand chat and text capabilities nationwide.

2022:

Childhelp launches the Childhelp Courage First Athlete Helpline, supporting athletes and youth sports communities in partnership with the Foundation for Global Sports Development.



Discover the full Childhelp story! Read our full timeline in the back of this report or scan the QR code to explore how your support has shaped decades of hope and healing.

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A Hidden Epidemic: The Reality of Child Abuse in America

Every year, millions of children in the United States fall victim to the devastating effects of abuse and neglect. Child protection agencies receive over 4.3 million referrals involving nearly 7.8 million children, a staggering number that paints a grim picture of a crisis affecting children from all walks of life. Tragically, the true scope of the epidemic is even worse: for every incident of child abuse or neglect reported, an estimated two incidents go unreported, leaving countless children suffering in silence.

Each day, an average of five children lose their lives to abuse and neglect, with the youngest among them bearing the heaviest toll. But the damage doesn't end there. The long-term consequences of abuse are far-reaching, often leading to addiction, mental illness, chronic health issues, and early mortality. These invisible scars perpetuate cycles of trauma, affecting not only the children but entire communities for generations.

9X the risk of criminal involvement for children who suffer from abuse or neglect

18 months the age by which most children become victims of abuse or neglect

\$120 billion the annual economic burden of child abuse

80% of abused children will develop a psychiatric disorder by age 21

Despite the heartbreaking statistics, there is hope. Child abuse is not an inevitability—it's a preventable crisis, and at Childhelp, we are determined to turn the tide. We recognize that this is a hidden epidemic, one that can only be eradicated through a combination of prevention, education, advocacy, and intervention. Through our programs, we don't just address the immediate needs of children in crisis; we work to break the cycles of abuse that can continue unchecked, offering healing and hope to those who need it most.

By shining a light on this hidden epidemic and empowering communities to take action, we are laying the foundation for a future where no child is left in the shadows of abuse and neglect.



To better understand the real impact of child abuse and neglect, we invite you to listen to the Childhelp Dare to Care Survivors Series podcast. Hear firsthand stories from survivors and advocates as they share their journeys of healing and hope. **Scan the QR code to listen now.**



Childhelp by the Numbers

Childhelp has been a lifeline for children in need, offering hope and healing to millions. From prevention education to foster care, advocacy, and crisis intervention, our programs transform lives and break cycles of abuse. Every contact made, every student reached, and every family supported reflects our unwavering commitment to building a world where every child can thrive, free from fear and harm.

Overall Impact:

13 million

children’s lives transformed by Childhelp programs

3,953

facilitators trained in abuse prevention education

1.2 million

students and families reached by Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe

240

languages supported by The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

2 million

help seekers assisted through the hotline’s critical services

Your support makes all the difference.
Scan the QR code to see how donors and volunteers like you are helping Childhelp change lives.



FY24 Impact Highlights:

79,000

contacts answered by the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

244

youth placed in safe, loving homes through Childhelp Foster Care

208,547

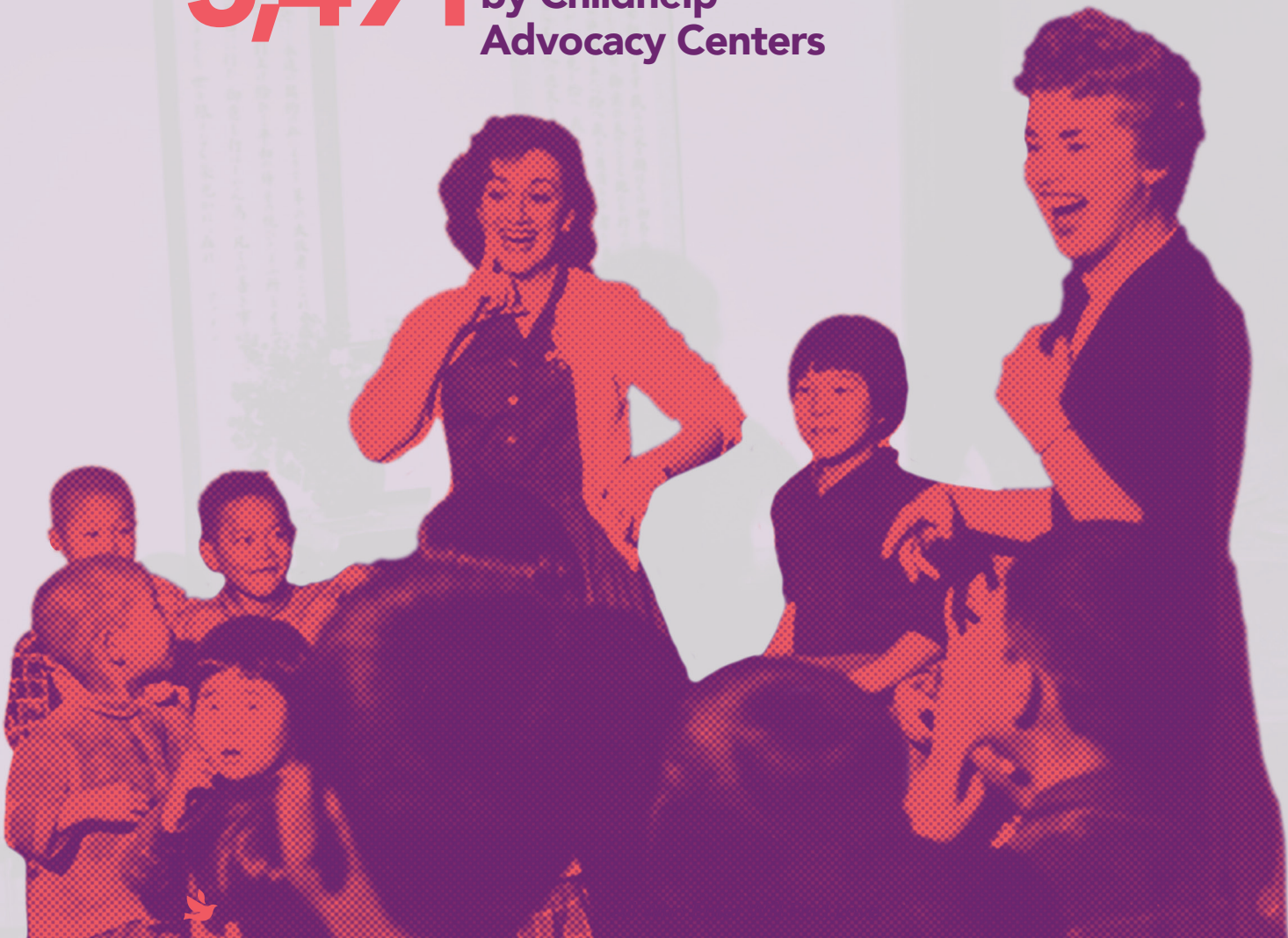
students empowered through Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe

222

children kept with trusted family members through Childhelp Relative Care

5,491

clients served by Childhelp Advocacy Centers



"Together, we are building a future that children can thrive in—a future that is brighter, safer, and rooted in hope."

Looking Ahead: A Future Free from Child Abuse

As we reflect on another year of impactful work, I'm struck by how Childhelp has not only faced the challenges of today but taken bold steps to prepare for tomorrow. As Chief of Staff, I have the privilege of overseeing the daily operations that bring Childhelp's mission to life. This role allows me to witness firsthand the dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners, who have contributed to the incredible strides we've made this year.

This year, Childhelp has continued to provide critical services to children and families in need. From the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline to our Childhelp Advocacy Centers, your unwavering support has allowed us to reach more children than ever before. Together, we've made a profound impact, offering healing, safety, and hope to those who need it most.

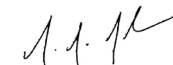
Looking ahead, we are focused on preparing for the future by laying the groundwork that will ensure our long-term success. We've made strategic decisions

to strengthen our foundation, integrating innovative solutions, streamlining operations, and expanding access to the critical services we provide. These efforts will ensure our next 66 years are even more impactful than the last. We are committed to creating safe, nurturing environments where children can grow up loved and hopeful, and we will continue to evolve in response to the needs of those we serve.

But we cannot do this alone. The work is far from over, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to creating a world where child abuse is eradicated. With your continued support, we will move forward, prepared for the future and driven by our shared mission to protect children for generations to come.

Thank you for being a crucial part of Childhelp's progress. Together, we are building a future that children can thrive in—a future that is brighter, safer, and rooted in hope.

With hope for the future,



Michael Medoro
Senior Vice President & Chief of Staff



As we look to the future, Childhelp continues to evolve and adapt, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of child welfare and advocacy. For more than six decades, we have worked tirelessly to meet the changing needs of children, and today, we are laying the foundation for another 66 years of impact. Through strategic partnerships, program innovation, and a renewed commitment to our mission, Childhelp is positioned to continue transforming the lives of children across the U.S.

Strategic Partnerships: Empowering Change

One of the key pillars of Childhelp’s future growth is our strategic partnership with leading organizations in the tech industry. Our collaboration with Meta is a critical step in the fight against sextortion and will expand the reach of our Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe (CH SUBS) program, including the evidence-based core curriculum designed to educate and protect children in grades pre-K-12. “We are thrilled to partner with Meta to develop a new SUBS curriculum designed to empower youth with the knowledge and tools to recognize, avoid, and prevent online exploitation,” said, Cheridan Melvin, Senior Director for Childhelp.

With Meta’s support, we are launching a new CH SUBS module on sextortion and online safety in February 2025, increasing awareness and providing critical resources to facilitators, youth, and their families. Childhelp and Meta engaged a panel of subject matter experts committed to child safety to ensure the program remains impactful and relevant. “This partnership allows us to address the increasing challenges young people encounter while navigating digital platforms. By collaborating with Meta and leveraging insights from abuse prevention experts, we are taking meaningful steps to safeguard youth and foster safer online environments,” said Melvin.

Additionally, our partnership with Google has amplified the reach of the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline. By leveraging Google’s search capabilities, we’ve made it easier for individuals in crisis to find our services, ensuring immediate support and increased accessibility for those who need it most.

“Meta is proud to partner with Childhelp to support young people and empower them to stay safe online,” said Leah Treitman, Safety Policy Manager at Meta. “We’re excited for this new curriculum to get into the hands of educators around the country, to help young people feel more confident to spot suspicious behavior online and know where to go for help.”

Digital Transformation: A Brand Refresh to Connect and Inspire

Childhelp’s commitment to innovation and impact is reflected in our recent brand refresh, an initiative designed to modernize and unify our presence while staying true to our mission. This comprehensive refresh encompassed updated visual elements, refined messaging, and a renewed focus on the heart of our work: the programs that transform lives. Even the Childhelp logo received a makeover, including new ADA-compliant colors for mobile applications. The iconic hope dove now soars over the word “help,” signaling Childhelp’s readiness for the future while staying rooted in its legacy of hope.

One of the most visible components of this effort is the relaunch of our website. Designed with accessibility and ease of use in mind, the new site serves as a comprehensive resource for children, families, survivors, and supporters alike. It provides a seamless donor experience while providing clear pathways to access critical services, learn about our programs, and support our mission.

This refresh extends beyond the digital sphere, touching every aspect of Childhelp’s brand. From revitalized collateral to an evolving social media strategy, we are redefining how we connect with our community, ensuring that our voice remains clear, consistent, and impactful as we look toward the future.

“Refreshing our brand was about more than just updating visuals—it was about creating a cohesive and modern identity that reflects our mission and connects with all generations,” said Bill Backus, Head of National Brand for Childhelp. “The website relaunch is just one piece of this transformation, ensuring accessibility, clarity, and inspiration for everyone we serve and support.”



Celebrating Hope: The Day of Hope Ride and Flannel Brand Collaboration

This year also marked the first-ever Day of Hope Ride in Phoenix, Arizona, a powerful event that united riders and supporters in solidarity for children in need. Held in honor of the Childhelp National Day of Hope, the ride served as a moving tribute to raise awareness about child abuse and generate critical funds for Childhelp’s mission. The event embodied the community’s unwavering commitment to bringing hope into the lives of vulnerable children and underscored the collective strength needed to champion this important issue.

Adding to the event’s impact, Childhelp partnered with Dixon Flannel to create a custom-designed flannel featuring the organization’s signature colors and logo. This unique collaboration not only spread awareness of Childhelp’s work but also raised an

impressive \$20,000. Proceeds from the sales directly supported Childhelp’s vital programs, providing healing, hope, and resources to children and families in need.

“Partnering with Childhelp has been an incredible journey,” said Danny Dreyer, Founder and CEO of Dixon Flannel Company. “Together, we’re helping to create a world where every child can feel safe and supported.”



Amplifying Voices of Resilience: Launching the Childhelp Dare to Care Podcast

Earlier this year, Childhelp embarked on the transformative journey of launching the Childhelp Dare to Care Podcast in partnership with Inspired Media 360. This powerful initiative was created to amplify the voices of individuals who have experienced and overcome abuse, offering a platform to share their stories, inspire others, and raise awareness about the realities of child abuse.

The podcast made its impactful debut in September 2024, premiering five deeply moving episodes that bring listeners face-to-face with courageous survivors. These firsthand accounts of resilience and hope provide a healing space for those who have endured similar experiences while educating the public about the lasting effects of abuse and the critical importance of prevention and intervention.

Looking ahead, additional episodes are set to launch in early 2025, continuing to shine a light on survivor experiences and

fostering a deeper understanding of this vital issue. Through these stories, Childhelp reaffirms its mission to bring healing, hope, and unconditional love to children and families in need.

“At Inspired Media 360, we’re all about telling the story behind the story, and partnering with Childhelp on the Dare to Care Podcast allowed us to do just that,” said Carey Peña, Founder & CEO at Inspired Media 360. “Childhelp’s mission to bring healing and hope aligns with our passion for uncovering the raw, authentic voices that inspire change. Together, we’re not just sharing stories—we’re creating a movement to educate, empower, and transform lives.”



Looking Ahead

As we celebrate the progress we have made, we also recognize the challenges that lie ahead. By continuing to forge powerful partnerships, invest in innovative programs, and listen to the voices of survivors, Childhelp will remain a steadfast advocate for children,

ensuring that every child has the opportunity to heal, grow, and thrive. The future is bright for Childhelp, and with your continued support, we will continue to make a lasting impact for generations to come.



You're Safe Here: Childhelp Advocacy Centers

For children who have experienced the unimaginable, Childhelp Advocacy Centers provide a place of comfort, safety, and healing. These centers offer a child-friendly, trauma-informed environment where young victims of abuse can receive the support they need to begin their recovery.

The centers bring together law enforcement, child protective services, medical professionals, and counselors under one roof, ensuring children do not have to repeat their painful stories. Instead, they share their experiences in a safe and supportive space, helping them start the healing process while justice is pursued.

In addition to reducing retraumatization, the centers provide essential medical evaluations and therapy to address both the emotional and physical scars of abuse. From the moment a child steps through the door, they are met with kindness and care, reinforcing the message that they are safe, believed, and supported. For families, the centers offer resources and guidance to help them navigate the difficult journey of healing.

One powerful example of the centers' impact comes from the story of a 12-year-old girl who disclosed years of sexual abuse by her biological father. When she arrived at the center, she was struggling with deep emotional scars. Suicidal, self-harming, and withdrawn, she wore dark, oversized clothes and hid her face behind her long hair. She had been hospitalized twice for suicidal thoughts.

Over two years of trauma-focused care, her transformation was remarkable. The center's counselors helped her process her abuse, rebuild her sense of safety, and regain her confidence. With the support of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), she even found the courage to face her abuser in court, where he was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

By the end of treatment, she had begun wearing bright clothes, improved her hygiene, and set goals for her future. Her grades

improved, reflecting her growing focus and self-confidence. Most importantly, she no longer had thoughts of harming herself and embraced a healthier, more hopeful outlook on life.

On her last day of therapy, her therapist wanted to give her a parting gift to honor her resilience. Unlike many teenagers, she asked for a Barbie Doll. She explained that she used to love playing with Barbies but stopped when the abuse began. For her, the doll was more than a toy—it symbolized the chance to reconnect with the innocence of her childhood, which had been stolen. "I want to remember what it's like to be that girl again," she said.

Childhelp Advocacy Centers offer more than just immediate support—they lay the foundation for lasting healing. Through a combination of compassionate care, expert services, and the unwavering dedication of all involved, these centers help children move from surviving to thriving. Each story of healing is a testament to the hope, love, and strength that Childhelp Advocacy Centers offer to those who need it most.



"I am so incredibly appreciative of the entire organization and everyone who interacts with the kids on a daily basis. The kindness and support we received were truly overwhelming. We are deeply grateful for all the help that guided us through such a devastating time." - Advocacy Center Parent

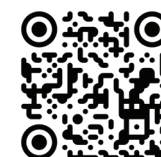
24,683 Total Annual Impact

4,503 cases of child abuse investigated

12,635 therapy sessions conducted

5,500+ parents reached with vital resources and information

2,000 professionals trained in mandatory reporter education

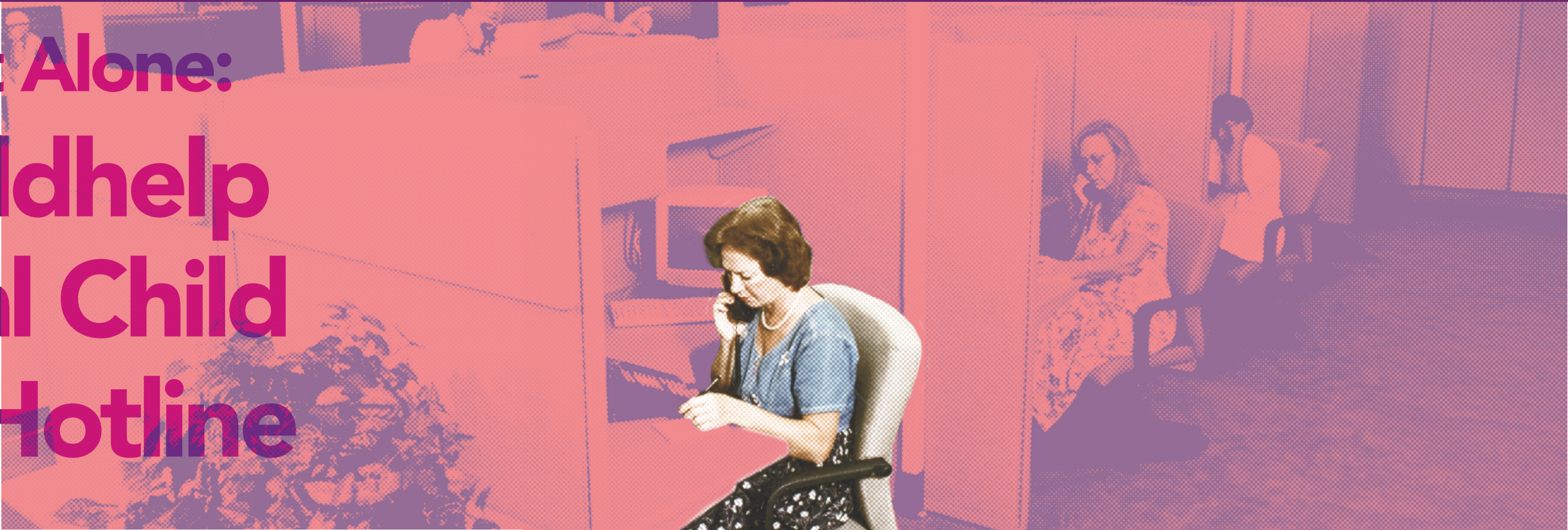


Your support ensures that children in crisis receive the care, safety, and justice they deserve. Help keep Childhelp Advocacy Centers open for every child who needs them. **Scan the QR code** to hear Justin's powerful story and discover how these centers are making a lasting impact on the lives of children and families.



All Who Enter Will Find Love

You're Not Alone: The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline



In a world where millions of children suffer in silence, the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline stands as a beacon of hope and healing for children, families, and caregivers across the U.S. Since 1982, this critical service has fielded more than 2 million calls, offering comfort and guidance to those in desperate need. Each call represents a moment of courage: a child seeking safety, a parent looking for guidance, or a community member stepping forward to report suspected abuse.

What sets the hotline apart is its trauma-informed, personalized approach. The hotline is staffed 24/7 by professional crisis

counselors and provides confidential support in over 240 languages. Whether through a phone call, text message, or online chat, every voice is heard and every plea is met with compassion. The hotline's reach extends far beyond immediate crisis intervention—it connects callers to a network of resources, including legal support, local child protective services, counseling, and prevention programs. For many, it's the first step in navigating a complex system to find the help they need to rebuild their lives.

Childhelp also recognizes the unique challenges faced by young athletes. To address this, it launched the Childhelp Courage First Athlete Helpline, offering specialized support for athletes dealing

how to access support, including CPS and grief counseling for the family. The girl expressed her gratitude for the help and understanding she received, saying, "Thank you for everything. Really. (Like you) just provide info, but you do change lives. (You) just changed mine."

This story is just one of thousands that highlight the profound difference Childhelp's hotlines make every day. They embody the

organization's mission to provide unconditional love and a safe space for those in crisis. These life-changing services ensure that children, teens, parents, caregivers, and adult survivors of abuse have someone to turn to, day or night, because no one should have to face abuse alone.

"You have given me the most information that anyone has. I really appreciate you listening to me."
- Grandmother Facing System Failure

with emotional, physical, or sexual abuse in sports. Together, these two hotlines create a comprehensive safety net for children and teens in need.

One recent call to the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline highlights the transformative impact of these services. A 15-year-old girl from California initially reached out, asking for help for

a friend experiencing neglect and emotional abuse. As the conversation unfolded, she revealed that she was seeking help for herself. She explained that her mother had been struggling since her father's death, spiraling into alcoholism and neglecting her and her siblings. The girl, afraid of being placed in foster care, had hesitated to speak up but found the courage to share her story. The counselor listened with empathy, providing information on

158,006

Total Annual Impact

79,003 total contacts

16,028 web chats

55,429 phone calls

7,546 text messages



Scan the QR code to read our Hotline Impact Report and learn more about the transformative impact of our hotlines.



Preventing Abuse Through Education: The Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe Program



For millions of children, the sense of safety and care that should define childhood is overshadowed by the threat of abuse. Recognizing the urgent need for prevention, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe (CH SUBS) is a groundbreaking program that empowers children, families, and communities to prevent and interrupt abuse.

At its core, CH SUBS is more than just a curriculum; it's a movement. Designed for students in grades pre-k–12, the program delivers evidenced-based, age-appropriate lessons to teach children how to recognize unsafe situations, identify safe adults, and speak up assertively when they feel at risk. Engaging activities and open conversations create a foundation of knowledge that builds confidence and resilience in the process. But the program's true strength lies in its comprehensive approach. It's not just about educating children; it's about empowering entire communities. By providing resources and training for parents, caregivers, educators, and local leaders, CH SUBS builds a network of vigilance and support, ensuring that children have allies at every turn.

This holistic model addresses a wide range of dangers. From physical and emotional abuse to bullying, cyberbullying, and

digital safety, CH SUBS equips children with the tools, and resources they need to navigate an ever-evolving world. The program's impact is felt nationwide, sparking change in classrooms and communities alike. At a recent state boys' wrestling championship, the CH SUBS for Athletes initiative demonstrated its value when a concerned parent approached the program's table. He shared troubling accounts of hazing rituals on his son's team, including instances of sexual harassment in the locker room.

The CH SUBS team listened, educated him on athlete abuse and reporting processes, and provided resources tailored to his concerns. Armed with this information, the parent returned to his community determined to collaborate with school administrators and bring the program to his son's school. His story underscores a key truth: Prevention isn't just about reacting to problems—it's about empowering people to stop them before they occur.

In addition to its national reach, Childhelp has partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense since 2019 to provide CH SUBS on U.S. military bases worldwide, offering vital prevention education and resources to K-5th grade students. In 2025, the partnership is expanding to include grade levels K-12, ensuring even greater

support for military families—who often face unique challenges—and strengthening the program's mission to safeguard children everywhere. By addressing abuse prevention openly, CH SUBS is breaking down barriers of stigma and fear. In its wake, it leaves a culture of accountability and support where children feel heard, and

communities unite to protect them. The message of CH SUBS is simple but profound: every child deserves to grow up without fear, and every adult has a role to play in making that a reality. Through its transformative education and community outreach, CH SUBS is turning this belief into action—one child, one family, and one community at a time.

209,192 Total Annual Impact

208,547 students reached

32 states & territories

599 facilitators trained in abuse prevention education

14 countries



You can help empower children and communities to prevent abuse before it happens. Support the Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe program today. Scan the QR code to learn how your support can make a lasting difference in the lives of children across the nation and beyond.



A Brighter Future: Childhelp Foster Care, Relative Care, and Group Homes



Childhelp has been a steadfast advocate for children in need, providing life-changing services that help children and families heal and grow. Through its Childhelp Foster Care, Relative Care, and Group Home programs, Childhelp plays a vital role in supporting children who've experienced trauma, ensuring they receive the love and care they deserve.

Foster Care: A Pathway to Healing

When children are removed from unsafe homes, they face significant emotional, mental, and physical challenges. Childhelp's Foster Care program ensures these children are placed in loving, supportive homes where they can begin their journey of recovery. Across California and Tennessee, 157 children in the Childhelp Foster Care program experienced reunification with their birth families or adoption—an accomplishment that highlights the success of the organization's therapeutic, family-focused approach.

As one foster parent shared, "Because of the expertise of the staff at Childhelp, children are placed in homes where they will receive the utmost care for their physical and emotional needs, and what is best for their family's well-being." Through comprehensive care, children receive therapeutic services at no cost, addressing the deep trauma they have experienced and helping them heal. The Childhelp team works closely with families to provide stability, creating an environment where children can begin to feel safe, loved, and supported once again.

Relative Care: Keeping Families Together

Research shows that children placed with relatives experience fewer behavioral challenges and better emotional outcomes than those placed in non-familial foster care. Childhelp's Relative Care program plays a critical role in maintaining family connections by providing resources and support to relative caregivers. This program helps stabilize families and prevent children from entering state custody.

This year, the Childhelp Relative Care program served 222 families and kept 473 children from entering state custody in Tennessee. By offering services like case management, support groups for caregivers, and holiday assistance, the program ensures these families have the resources they need to create safe, loving homes for children. This commitment to family preservation reflects Childhelp's belief in the importance of keeping children connected to their roots.

California Group Homes: Providing Stability and Healing

For children who cannot remain with their families due to safety concerns, Childhelp's California Group Homes offer a safe and nurturing environment. These homes provide a trauma-informed space where children can heal, grow, and rebuild their lives. Group home staff is dedicated to creating an atmosphere of stability and consistency, offering children the emotional and therapeutic support they need.

Through these group homes, children have access to case management and therapy to address their unique needs. The goal is not only to provide a temporary safe haven but also to prepare them for a brighter future.

Through these programs, Childhelp is transforming lives and offering hope for a brighter future to children in need. With its

commitment to long-term care, therapy, and family reunification, Childhelp ensures that children in foster and relative care receive the support needed to thrive—not just survive. In a time when the need for child welfare services is growing, Childhelp continues to lead the way in providing a loving, supportive environment for children in crisis.

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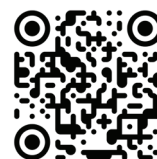
Total Annual Impact

97% of children discharged were adopted or reunified with their families

473 children prevented from entering state custody

222 families supported through Childhelp Relative Care

244 youth served through Foster Care program



Help Childhelp continue to provide safe, nurturing homes and resources for children through our Childhelp Foster Care, Relative Care, and Group Homes programs. **Scan the QR code** to learn more about how your contribution is transforming the lives of children and families in need.



All Who Enter Will Find Love

The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp

A Place of Healing and Hope for Children in Crisis

Nestled on 270 acres in rural Virginia, The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp serves as a sanctuary for children who have endured abuse, neglect, and behavioral challenges. As a nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment facility, The village offers a serene, nurturing environment where children receive individualized care that addresses their emotional, physical, educational, and spiritual needs. This holistic approach, combined with a variety of therapeutic services, helps children rebuild their lives, empowering them to overcome past trauma and embrace brighter futures.

At the heart of The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp is a team of compassionate professionals dedicated to the well-being of each child. Children live in age- and gender-appropriate cottages, receiving 24/7 care from a committed staff, including full-time psychiatric support and a dedicated nursing team. Alongside individualized therapy, children engage in recreational and therapeutic activities such as art therapy, sports, and community outings—all designed to promote healing and personal growth.

“The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp gives children and teens a place to heal, where they can find hope and a sense of safety again. It’s where they can finally start to rebuild their lives.”
– Lauren Anderson, Sr. Director for Program Services for Childhelp

For many children, like C, the impact of this care is life-changing. At just three years old, C’s innocence was shattered by neglect and abuse. After being separated from her mother, she spent years enduring cruelty at the hands of distant relatives. But when C arrived at The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp, a glimmer of hope emerged. Surrounded by the warmth of compassionate caregivers, C began to rebuild trust and open her heart to healing. One pivotal moment in C’s recovery came through horseback riding, an unexpected sanctuary for her troubled spirit. The silent language of the horses and their gentle presence helped her unravel the deep trauma she had carried for so long. With each nudge and soulful gaze, C learned to trust again, finding a sense of peace that had eluded her for years.

The village’s holistic approach is evident in the results: 90% of children discharged from the program transition to a lower level of care, demonstrating The village’s success in preparing children for life beyond residential care. Academic growth is also a priority, with

children showing significant improvement during their stay. On average, reading skills increase by 1.5 grades, and math skills by 1.2 grades—reflecting the staff’s dedication to fostering not only emotional healing but also educational success.

Through therapeutic care, academic support, and life-enriching activities like horseback riding, children at The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp are given the tools they need to thrive. It is a safe, loving environment where children can rebuild their lives, and its

impact continues to resonate as they reintegrate into homes and communities, prepared for ongoing success.

Through the work of The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp, the organization remains steadfast in its mission to provide healing and hope to every child who walks through its doors, ensuring they are equipped to live their lives with love, resilience, and the promise of a brighter future.

440.5 Total Annual Impact

125 children served

314 days: average length of stay

90% discharged to a lower level of care

1.5 grades: average reading level improvement from admission to discharge



You can help bring healing and hope to children who have endured abuse and neglect. Support The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp today. Scan the QR code to learn how your support can make a transformative impact in the lives of children in crisis.

“Together, we’ve helped children find their voices, families discover strength, and communities embrace hope.”

Planting Seed of Change: The Role of Supporters in our Vision

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible community of supporters who make Childhelp’s mission possible. Every contribution—whether time, resources, or heartfelt advocacy—plants seeds of change, nurturing a future where every child can grow up surrounded by love, safety, and hope.

Your generosity has been instrumental in helping us meet the challenges facing children and families across the country. From the life-saving calls answered by the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline to the healing provided in our Childhelp Advocacy Centers, Foster Care, and Residential Treatment Programs, your support has touched countless lives. Together, we’ve helped children find their voices, families discover strength, and communities embrace hope.

Yet, as we celebrate these milestones, we also recognize that this year has been about more than responding to today’s needs—it has been an investment in tomorrow. We’ve strengthened our foundation to ensure that Childhelp is prepared to meet the challenges ahead. By enhancing our programs, expanding

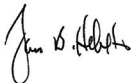
our reach, and fostering innovation, we are building a future that will sustain our mission for the next 66 years and beyond.

This future-focused work is only possible because of you—our dedicated donors, volunteers, and partners. Your unwavering belief in our mission fuels our efforts to address not just the symptoms of child abuse but its root causes, creating lasting change for generations to come.

The impact of your support is felt in every child who finds healing and every family that experiences hope. But there is still so much more to do. As we move forward together, I invite you to continue planting seeds of change with us. Volunteer. Advocate. Give. Your involvement ensures that every child who walks through Childhelp’s doors has the opportunity to thrive in a world rooted in hope.

Thank you for standing with us in this mission. Together, we are transforming lives and building a brighter, safer future for all children.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Jim Hebets
Executive Vice President, Childhelp National Board of Directors



In Service of Hope: Acknowledgements

Hope flourishes at Childhelp because of the unwavering dedication of our board members and chapter leadership teams. Your commitment to our mission inspires action, drives change, and nurtures a brighter future for countless children and their families. You are the roots that strengthen our foundation, the branches that extend our reach, and the canopy that offers safety and love. With heartfelt gratitude, we honor your invaluable contributions to ending child abuse and building a world where every child has the opportunity to rise, heal, and thrive.

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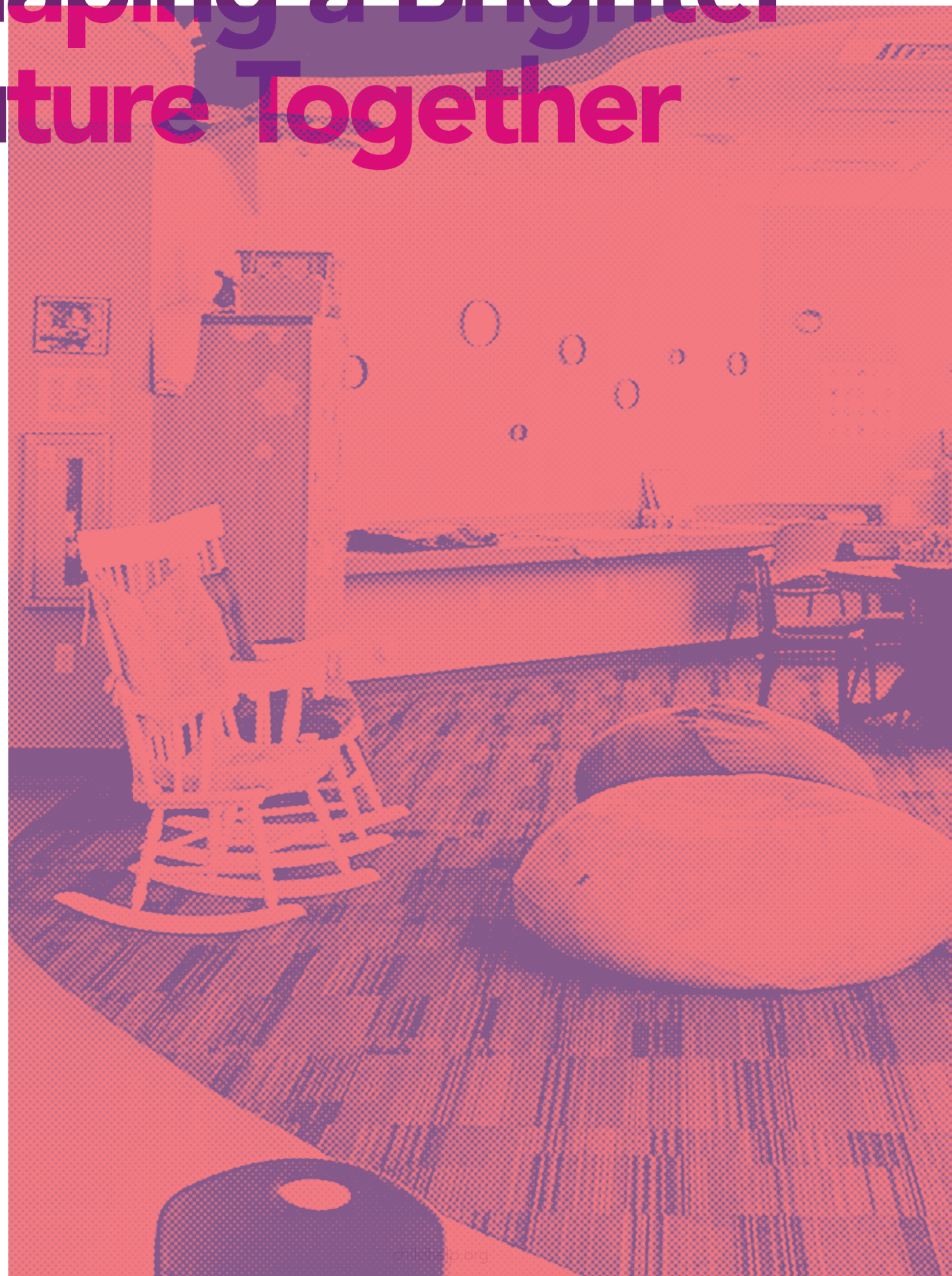
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Shaping a Brighter Future Together



Joey and Ivy Ciolli's Commitment to Childhelp

In Phoenix, Arizona, Joey and Ivy Ciolli have built a successful business with Grimaldi's Pizza while cultivating a legacy of giving back to their community. As philanthropists and dedicated advocates for Childhelp, they exemplify how business and compassion can drive meaningful change.

Joey, a member of Childhelp's National Board of Directors, and Ivy, a member of its Arizona Advisory Board, have supported Childhelp for 12 years. Their commitment began with a shared desire to help those without a voice. "I've always believed in standing up for those who can't stand up for themselves," Ivy said.

Their connection to Childhelp deepened after Joey attended an event and shared his experience with Ivy. "It's impossible to learn about the work Childhelp does and not be moved," Joey explained. "We knew we had to be part of it."

As a couple, Joey and Ivy bring complementary perspectives to their roles within Childhelp. Joey's business acumen provides strategic insights that drive organizational goals, while Ivy's empathy ensures that every decision remains centered on the children and families they serve. "We balance each other," Ivy noted. "Joey brings a long-term, strategic perspective, while I focus on the heart of the matter."

Ivy's passion for storytelling drives her involvement. "What inspires me most are the success stories," she said. "Hearing how a child's life has been transformed reminds me why this work matters." Chairing events has been especially meaningful for Ivy. "Each event is an opportunity to connect people to the stories that illustrate Childhelp's impact."

Joey's advocacy extends beyond the boardroom. He has testified before Congress to share the impact of Childhelp and advocate for stronger child protection policies. "Speaking to lawmakers and sharing the impact of Childhelp's work has been especially meaningful for me," he said. "It's not just about raising awareness; it's about advocating for policies that will make a lasting difference for children."

A major focus for the Ciollis is the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline. They're passionate about finding new ways to make the hotline more accessible to children and youth in crisis. "It's crucial that we connect with kids, whether through digital platforms or increased outreach," Joey shared. Ivy added, "Every child needs to know the hotline is there for them, and we're committed to ensuring that it's easy for them to reach out when they need help."

Looking to the future, the Ciollis are focused on expanding Childhelp's preventative efforts. "Addressing the root



causes of abuse, such as mental health and societal factors, is critical," Ivy said. "The only way to end abuse is through prevention." Joey echoed this, emphasizing proactive measures. "Prevention is key, and we must keep finding innovative ways to reach children and families before abuse happens."

The Ciollis' dedication to Childhelp has left a lasting impact on the organization and the lives of countless children and families. Their story is a testament to the power of leadership, love, and the belief that together, we can shape a brighter future.



Financial Stewardship: Ensuring Impact

Thank you for your continued support of Childhelp. We are incredibly grateful for your steadfast commitment to our mission. Your generosity enables us to continue working toward a future where every child can thrive in a world free from abuse and neglect.

I am excited to share Childhelp’s financial progress over the past year. Thanks to our action plan, we ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$27,550,000. While we did face a FY24 operating deficit of \$6,114,000—primarily due to initial operational issues—Childhelp remains debt-free, with \$7,815,000 in cash on hand, \$7,388,000 in accounts receivable, and buildings/land valued at \$17,500,000.

As we enter FY25, despite the operational issues which we addressed over the past year, we still face an operating deficit of \$1,900,000, largely due to the expiration of the two million dollar Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline Health &

Human Services grant. However, with the continued expansion of our Philanthropy team and increased Marketing efforts, we are actively diversifying revenue sources to strengthen our financial position. I am confident that, with your support, we will continue to grow out of this deficit in the coming years.

The need for Childhelp’s services has never been greater, as cases of child abuse and neglect continue to rise nationwide. These challenges only strengthen our resolve to respond with urgency and compassion. With your support, we are investing in long-term solutions that break the cycle of abuse and bring healing to children. Through strong financial stewardship, we remain committed to sustaining this vital work and building a future where every child is safe, supported, and free from harm.

We are confident that, with the ongoing support of our community—donors,



volunteers, board members, and chapter leaders—we will continue to fulfill our promise to the children and families we serve. The seeds of hope we plant today will help build a brighter tomorrow for those who need it most.

With heartfelt thanks,

Stephen Tucker
Chief Financial Officer

“With each gift, you provide hope, love, and healing—changing lives today and for a lifetime. Your generosity builds a safer future for every child and strengthens the foundation of care and support they rely on.”

Financial Summary: Summary Data from Audited Financial Statements

Balance Sheet Liquidity Metrics

Total Assets	\$ 34,266,523
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,852,182
Equity	\$ 25,414,341
Working Capital	\$ 11,499,460

Support, Revenue, and Gains

Program Revenue	\$ 25,083,133
Special Event and Donation Revenue	\$ 17,794,333
Gain on Sale of Assets (One time gain)	\$ 23,442,056
Employee Retention Credit (One time gain)	\$ 10,151,527
Other	\$ 551,098
Total Revenue	\$ 77,022,147
Total Program Expense	\$ 35,588,803
Fundraising	\$ 4,930,846
Management & General	\$ 8,952,662
Total Expenses	\$ 49,472,311

Net Profit

Net Profit (Change in Assets)	\$ 27,549,838
One-time items	\$ 33,663,832

Year End June 30, 2024



Hope Starts Here: How You Can Help

We believe meaningful change begins with hope and flourishes through collaboration. Eradicating child abuse and neglect is a collective effort, and we are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners. By offering personalized giving opportunities, we make it easy for you to direct your generosity toward the programs and initiatives that resonate with you most. Together, we can create a lasting legacy of hope and healing, ensuring that every child has the chance to grow up in a world filled with love, safety and possibility. Your support today plants the seeds for a brighter, safer tomorrow.

Donate

Your generosity fuels change. Make a one-time or recurring donation by mail, phone, or online at www.ChildHelp.org/childhelp-donation to help us expand our impact.

Get Connected

Join a movement rooted in community. Connect with your local Childhelp chapter or start one in your area today. Visit childhelp.org/chapters or call (480) 922-8212.

Remember Childhelp

Leave a legacy of hope. By naming Childhelp in your will or estate plan, you ensure future generations benefit from the mission you hold dear.

Tune in to Our Podcast

Explore powerful stories of resilience and healing in the Childhelp Dare to Care Survivors Series podcast. Listen now on your favorite podcast platform.

Host an Event

Turn your passion into purpose. Organize a fundraiser to support Childhelp's life-changing programs and empower children to thrive.

Spread the Word

Be an advocate for children everywhere. Follow Childhelp on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube—share our story with your community to inspire action.

**"Your generosity
is more than a
donation — it's a
lifeline of hope
and love."
— Daren Wendell,
National VP of Philanthropy**



To learn more or explore additional giving options, visit the Ways to Give page on our website. **Scan the QR code** to get started.



All Who Enter Will Find Love

Founded by Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, Childhelp is one of America’s most recognized organizations dedicated to helping children affected by abuse, neglect, and hardship. Through advocacy, prevention, treatment, and outreach, Childhelp has touched countless lives. Our rich history, outlined in the following timeline, reflects a deep commitment to providing safety, healing, and hope.

<div>2024</div> <div>Childhelp opens new location in Morristown, Tennessee, to meet growing need for services.</div> <div>In partnership with AmeriCorps, the Los Angeles Tribune awards Childhelp co-founders The President’s Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award.</div> <div>The State of Tennessee recognizes September 9 as “Sara O’Meara Day” in honor of her lifetime of service to Tennessee and the children of America.</div> <div>Google announces that searches related to child abuse and neglect from the U.S. will result in an information box at the top of search results to direct help seekers to the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline.</div> <div>In partnership with Inspired Media 360, Childhelp launches “The Survivor Series: Dare to Care” podcast to amplify survivors’ voices and celebrate their journey.</div> <div>Childhelp organizes the first “Childhelp Day of Hope Ride” in Arizona, welcoming dozens of bikers and supporters to ride from Biker Week Arizona to the state Capitol in support of survivors of child abuse and child abuse prevention.</div> <div>2023</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe includes students in Japan among international delivery of prevention education curriculum.</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe celebrates one million students protected by the program since inception.</div> <div>Childhelp Founders are the recipients of the Arizona Interfaith Movement’s Golden Rule Award.</div> <div>2022</div> <div>The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline celebrates its 40th anniversary serving children and concerned adults with 24-7 crisis counseling.</div> <div>Childhelp launches the Childhelp Courage First Athlete Helpline in partnership with long-time collaborators for Foundation for Global Sports Development. The new</div>	<div>helpline, staffed by specially-trained Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline counselors, is geared toward athletes and ommunities involved in youth sports.</div> <div>Childhelp continues to help children nationwide, meeting the needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children through programs and services in prevention, intervention and treatment.</div> <div>2021</div> <div>Grand opening of new expanded Knoxville location with facilities for the Childhelp Children’s Center of East Tennessee and Childhelp Foster Family and Adoption Agency of East Tennessee.</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is the first pre-k to grade-12 child abuse prevention education curriculum listed as evidence-based.</div> <div>Research on COVID-19 public health response published in academic journals spotlights the work of the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline.</div> <div>2020</div> <div>The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline became a lifeline for children, families, and survivors during the coronavirus pandemic, seeing up to 43% monthly increases in calls as national child welfare lines showed decreases.</div> <div>2019</div> <div>Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline launches text and online chat services nationwide.</div> <div>U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity chooses Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe as their official abuse prevention curriculum for military base schools.</div> <div>Tennessee Senate issues proclamation celebrating Childhelp’s 60 years of service.</div> <div>Childhelp wins 2019 AZ Business Angels Awards – Nonprofit of the Year (Education and Youth).</div> <div>2018</div> <div>After a successful launch, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe for Athletes partners with Foundation for Global Sports</div>	<div>Development to bring prevention education to every state in America through the Childhelp Courage First initiative.</div> <div>The Council on Accreditation grants four-year accreditation for eight Childhelp Programs, recognizing Childhelp as a provider with high standards, effective stewardship of resources, and high-quality service delivery.</div> <div>The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline pilots online webchat services across Arizona, wins multi-year, multi-million dollar innovation grant to expand and research chat and text capabilities</div> <div>2017</div> <div>The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline, in its 35th year, joins the National Hotline Consortium.</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe for Athletes partners with Arizona Interscholastic Association to expand the delivery of prevention education to tens of thousands of youth athletes across Arizona.</div> <div>Childhelp Alice C. Tyler Village in Virginia, is named “2017 Nonprofit of the Year” by the Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce.</div> <div>2016</div> <div>Arizona Governor Doug Ducey proclamation formally acknowledges the Childhelp National Day of Hope in the State of Arizona.</div> <div>The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline partners with Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC. A satellite hotline branch began operating out of this location.</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe, in conjunction with Arizona State University researchers, undertakes pilot project to gather evidence for impact measurement and improvement.</div> <div>Ongoing improvements to residential facilities see 4 new roofs for cottages and an upgrade to paved roads at</div>	<div>Childhelp Alice C. Tyler Village in Virginia, while technological resources and new curriculum implementation enhance e-classroom offerings at Childhelp Merv Griffin Village in California.</div> <div>Childhelp Merv Griffin Village in Beaumont, California, receives technological upgrade and new curriculum implementations to enhance e-classroom learning.</div> <div>2015</div> <div>The Childhelp Children’s Center of Arizona in Phoenix, Arizona, is rededicated in honor of Linda Pope, longtime benefactor of Childhelp’s mission.</div> <div>Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe expands and enriches offerings for students PreK-12 and improved facilitator training.</div> <div>The Childhelp Community Center in Avondale, Arizona, provides families in its Strengthening Families program with Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe, providing a unique research opportunity into program outcomes by experts from ASU.</div> <div>2014</div> <div>The Childhelp Children’s Center of Arizona moves to a building shared with the City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center to provide better care to clients, and Childhelp Headquarters moves from its location in north Scottsdale to Phoenix.</div> <div>The Childhelp Community Center in Avondale, Arizona, begins offering the high-impact Strengthening Families Program to help area families build parenting skills and healthier family dynamics.</div> <div>Childhelp.org sees update and expansion, providing additional information on Childhelp and child abuse prevention to visitors worldwide.</div> <div>The Childhelp Hollywood Resource and Training Center in Hollywood, California, begins offering its after-school program, as well as offering bilingual parenting classes in Spanish and English.</div>
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Childhelp opens its first mobile children's advocacy center

	in Tennessee, the first of its kind in the United States. Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Charity Awards Committee.	center at the Childhelp Village in Beaumont, California. The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp East in Lignum, Virginia, opens a new school and another cottage that will house 16 more children.	Barbara Bush. Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Kiwanis World Service Medal.				
2000	Merv Griffin announces donation of Merv Griffin’s Wickenburg Inn and Dude Ranch to Childhelp USA. The 192-acre property is located within a 4,700-acre private preserve 70 miles northwest of Phoenix. The facility will be named Childhelp USA Merv Griffin Village of Arizona.	Childhelp is now on the Internet, www.childhelpusa.org	1990	Childhelp expands its specialized foster home program.			
	The U.S. House of Representatives passes House Concurrent Resolution 76 with a unanimous vote, supporting the Childhelp USA National Day of Hope. The National Day of Hope is a day reserved for people across the nation to take time to say a prayer and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the children who die every day from abuse and neglect.	1996	Childhelp celebrates the grand opening and dedication of its new headquarters and relocation of the national child abuse hotline to Scottsdale, Arizona.	The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline is expanded, adding a computerized telephone system that is capable of handling up to 5 million calls a year.	1984	Childhelp produces and airs a national telethon on child abuse, Will We Hear Their Cry?	
	The Goodyear Blimp advertises the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-4-A-CHILD, throughout the year.	Childhelp participates in the Stand For Children march in Washington, D.C.	Children’s Advocacy Center of Manhattan, a project of Childhelp, opens in Manhattan, New York.	A joint research partnership with the University of California, Riverside is established.	1983	Children’s Village USA name changed to Childhelp USA for national programs and Childhelp International for international activities. Sara O’Meara was the representative from America to the International Union for Child Welfare which enabled the organization to share expertise with child abuse agencies around the world.	
1999	Grand openings are held for the children’s activity centers at the Village of Childhelp West in Beaumont, California, and the Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp East in Lignum, Virginia.	1995	A grand opening for the Childhelp Children’s Center of Knoxville, Tennessee is held.	1989	Childhelp celebrates its 30th Anniversary of providing direct services to children.	Childhelp is instrumental in preparations to establish the International Alliance on Child Abuse and Neglect.	
	New chapters and auxiliaries are chartered across the United States. These continue to develop and grow to this day.	1994	The Childhelp Southern Regional Office, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, opens its offices with the goal of breaking ground for a children’s advocacy center, a one-stop center for interviewing victims of sexual abuse.		A specialized foster care program to train Childhelp foster parents is established in Southern California.	Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Award for leadership in the prevention, treatment and research of child abuse and neglect, nationally and internationally.	
	Childhelp USA celebrates its 40th Anniversary.	1993	The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp East opens in Lignum, Virginia.		Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the ‘Crime Victims Week’ Department of Justice Award, presented by President Ronald Reagan.	1982	Children’s Village USA launches its first national campaign for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
1998	A grand opening and dedication of the Childhelp Children’s Center of Arizona, an advocacy center for children in Phoenix, Arizona, is held in November.	1992	The Adult Survivor Program, an on-going therapy and support program for those who have survived abuse, is launched.	1987	Childhelp opens two group homes in Orange County, California in conjunction with the Department of Children’s Services.	The first national toll-free hotline,1-800-4-A-CHILD, is implemented by Children’s Village USA, operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week staffed exclusively with degreed professional counselors.	
	A toddler group home opens in Orange County, California.	Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Women Who Make a Difference: Women of the Year Award from Family Circle Magazine.			Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Excellence for Individual Achievement Award from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and are given Citations from Pope John Paul for “recognition of the dedication to the loving care and commitment to protection of abused children in the world.”	Child Abuse and You, a brochure on how to recognize and report child abuse, is published and distributed nationally. Five educational child abuse booklets targeted to teens and pre-teens are also published and circulated to high schools and junior high schools coast-to-coast, including a comic book about child abuse.	
1997	110-acres of land in the Smoky Mountains becomes home to the foster care program in East Tennessee.	1991	Childhelp USA purchases 270-acres of land in Culpeper, Virginia, which will be the site of the Childhelp east coast village. On October 1, 1991, Childhelp celebrated the groundbreaking of this new residential treatment facility bearing the name of its major benefactor, Alice C. Tyler. This site was dedicated by former First Lady	1986	A village after-care program is designed to serve those children discharged from the village in California, but who still require additional support to complete the healing process.	Children’s Village USA co-sponsors an International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect with NATO in France.	
	Groundbreaking takes place for the children’s activity					Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Mary Ellen Award for Excellence in Child Care by the American	



- Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
- 1980** A Time for Love, Children’s Village USA’s first television special on child abuse and neglect, is aired and syndicated coast-to-coast.
- Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Dame Cross of Merit of the Order of St. John of Denmark for outstanding humanitarian work.
- 1979** Through the encouragement of Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson, President Jimmy Carter designates the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Children’s Village USA celebrates its 20th Anniversary.
- 1978** Children’s Village USA opens a residential treatment center in Beaumont, California. This village treats severely-abused children ages 2-12 placed from California counties.
- 1976** International Orphans Incorporated changes its name to Children’s Village USA.
- 1975** Nancy and Ronald Reagan ask Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson for International Orphans Incorporated to address the problem of child abuse and neglect in the United States. Planning begins for a residential treatment center for abused children and their families.
- International Orphans Incorporated helped organize Operation Baby Lift where thousands of orphans were rescued from Vietnam and brought to the United States for adoption.
- 1973-’74** IOI built and maintained a hospital, school and 5 orphanages in Vietnam.
- 1972** Congress asked Sara and Yvonne to go into Vietnam to replicate their successes for children in Tokyo.
- 1970-’71** IOI instituted a Special Friends project to connect helping hearts with Childhelp orphans. A version of this type of program exists to this day.
- 1969** International Orphans Incorporated celebrates its 10th Anniversary.

- 1968** IOI builds 3 more orphanages in Japan.
- 1967** Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson receive the Cross of Merit from the Knightly Order of St. Brigitte for humanitarian work as co-founders of International Orphans Incorporated.
- 1966** Chiyoko, the first Japanese-American orphan brought to the United States by International Orphans Incorporated is adopted.
- 1961-’65** IOI begins building two large orphanages in the Tokyo area for Amerasian children.
- 1960** International Orphans is incorporated (IOI)
- 1959** International Orphans is founded by Sara Buckner (O’Meara) and Yvonne Lime (Fedderson) in Tokyo, Japan to care for Japanese-American children who were considered “throw away” children because of their mixed heritage.
- 1952** Two young Hollywood actresses, Sara (Buckner) O’Meara and Yvonne (Lime) Fedderson, met playing the bubbly girlfriends of Ricky and David Nelson on The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. Little did they know at the time, it was a friendship that would last a lifetime.



“When they first saw me, they really supported me, and now they love me more than ever.”
— Foster Child





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