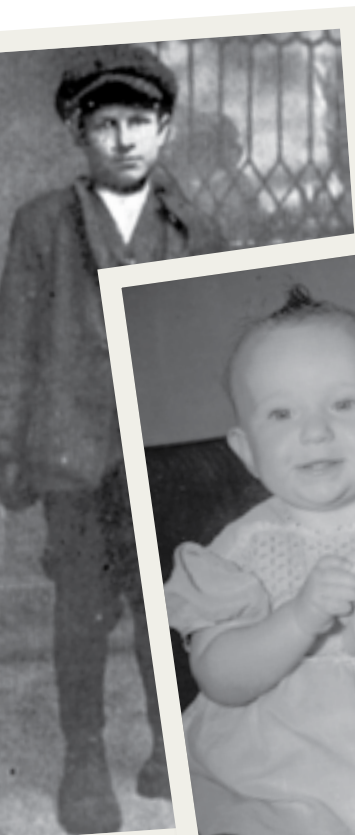




CHILDREN'S
FRIEND

1834-2009 RETROSPECTIVE . 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

175TH Anniversary



Making a difference... one child at a time.



We are history...

The journey for many Rhode Island children through the past two centuries has been one of poverty, abandonment, hunger, cruelty, and danger. Children's Friend has stood for and with them every step of the way. The next several pages prove it.

The unbroken 175-year history of Children's Friend is more than an amazing record. Much more. We are the witness to, the innovator for, and the recorder of the history of the children's rights movement in Rhode Island.

Miraculously, we have the original records of meetings since the 1830s. We begin with a newly-incorporated city of Providence with 17,000 residents and 116 mills. Family life hangs on a thread. Fathers disappear without a trace. One or both parents die. Alcoholism is rampant. Children have no safety net and no rights.

A young schoolteacher named Harriet Ware comes to town with a state-of-the-art concept: a "home" for children no one wants. It is supported and run by the only charity that exists at the time: the willingness of people to give.

The next 174 years take us through the Civil War, the questioning of brutal child labor, new laws that ban cruelty to animals before they protect children, a growing recognition that children are better kept in their homes. "Mother Jones" organizes a children's march on President Teddy Roosevelt. "Orphan trains" relocate East Coast children to rural and Midwest families.

Meanwhile, Children's Friend is finding loving adoptive homes, investigating abuse and neglect cases, and advocating for stronger children's rights.

Children's Friend pages take us through the horrors of the Depression and World War II. They also introduce the emerging profession of social work and the gradual understanding that child and family welfare is a societal right that must be secured by government.

This report brings you right up to today. Children's Friend is still innovating, and still delivering the most effective services. Always with the generosity, caring, and dedication of donors, employees, partners, funders, families, and the community. Thank you!

Read slowly. We won't celebrate 350 for a while. But we'll still be here.

David

David Caprio
Executive Director

Carl R. Neal

Carl R. Neal
President

CHILDREN'S FRIEND



1834

Harriet Ware envisions Providence Children's Friend Society as a refuge for desperate children

1927

Changes name to Rhode Island Children's Friend Society

From Rescuing Children...



1882

Two women hear a child being beaten on Benefit Street. A policeman says it's a parent's right. The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is born.

1946

Changes name to Rhode Island Child Service

to Preserving Families...

1949 - 2009

In 1949, RI Children's Friend Society and RI Child Service merge after 67 years of working hand in hand to protect and preserve Rhode Island's most vulnerable families. Together we are Children's Friend & Service. In 1994, the RI Center for Children At-Risk was added to the historic mix.



1834

Children have no rights

In 1831, the city of Providence is established with a population of 17,000. And 116 cotton mills.

The life expectancy is age 40.
Women give birth to an average of seven children.

There is no universal schooling, no laws regulating child labor or protection. Women and children are frequently abandoned, left with few rights and resources.

“ 1836 Charter

The object of the Society shall be to rescue from evil and misery such children as are deprived of the care of their natural protectors.”



1826

Dexter Asylum opens for poor, aged and mentally ill. Children are mixed with the rest of the population.



1836

The first state (Massachusetts) child labor law: children under 15 working in factories must attend school for at least three months every year

1835

Hans Christian Andersen, born into poverty himself, writes his first child's tale, *Fairy Tales, told for children*



1832

New England Anti-Slavery Society founded in Boston

1836

Providence Children's Friend Society is formally established. With funds from local churches, Harriet Ware and several women open a home for children with nowhere else to go.

“ 1836 Annual Meeting

The number of children at the Children's Home the first year ending Oct. 1st 1836 were 40 – Of these 15 were under the care of the Society until of age. 7 remained several years – 13 were taken away within the year – 4 died – and 1 adopted.”

to 1847

Harriet Ware offers Home

Young schoolteacher Harriet Ware comes to Providence's dilapidated India Point in 1834.

Within a year, she envisions a novel idea: a home for children whose families no longer want them or can keep them.

She appeals to the main charity of the period – organized religion – and gets money and help.



1838

Providence Shelter for Colored Children opens



1847

Harriet Ware dies June 26 just shy of age 48, probably from cancer. A memorial to her stands in Swan Point Cemetery.

1843

Dorothea Dix reveals shocking conditions of prisons and asylums in Massachusetts

1840-1850

States – not Rhode Island – begin passing laws limiting the length of the workday for minors in textile factories



1844 May minutes

An application for the admission of a little boy of 6 yrs old who was left at G-'s house about three weeks since, was presented. All that can be learned respecting the child is that he was placed by a stranger under the care of the railroad conductor at the Stonington depot... The child seems entirely ignorant of his previous history & unable to give any account of himself whatever."

1848

Just like a family

15 women meet monthly to admit children to the "Family".

They outline several expectations for Ware's successor to provide:

"[P]roper ventilation, warmth, and comfort...plain, wholesome, sufficient food...constant, judicious, affectionate, maternal attention...proper and sufficient clothing...kind attention in sickness."

1848 January minutes

The case of a little boy, now in the county jail, only 7 years of age who has been imprisoned and fined for stealing coal, was stated."



1850

State commissions Thomas Hazard to conduct "first critical examination of how the state's cities and towns addressed the needs of their dependent populations"

1854 - 1929

"Orphan trains" begin and end. In what was deemed a "social experiment," the crowded cities of the East send an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children to the Midwest and rural communities. The "orphan trains" run for 75 years.



1850

The Providence Reform School is established, only the second in the country. The Catholic Orphan Asylum also opens.

1860

The Society votes for the first time to send all the children over age 6 in its care to public school

1848 May minutes

The case of Mrs. G- was stated. She has three children, a boy of ten, a girl of 4, and one of two years. Her husband was a sailor, has not been heard from for a year. The family were found in a disgusting state of filth and wretchedness living in a house near the Rolling Mill. They live by begging."

to 1875

The Civil War leaves even more children in crisis

Missing and dead soldiers become such a part of Rhode Island life that, at an October 1862 meeting, the women vote to accept their children automatically, if the city will contribute to the costs.

The Tobey Street Home opens in 1863 with 66 children, soon to exceed 90. It stays open until 1926.

1862 Annual Report

“The public ear is now attuned only to martial notes. It is filled with the clangor of arms and the din of battles... Can we hope, then, that the plaintive voice of suffering childhood will rise above the storm of war and make its piteous plea heard amid the strife of arms? Each severe campaign, each battle field, prepares orphans for our Home.”

1866

Founding of the American Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals

Rhode Island passes its first adoption law

1870

Founding of the Rhode Island Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals

1875

Founding of the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in New York. The first case has to be prosecuted through the SPCA since such laws only exist for animals.



1863

Providence Children's Friend Society opens the Tobey Street Home in the midst of the Civil War. Great public support is provided, representing the era of giving by families of note, in this case Charlotte R. Goddard and Robert H. and Thomas Poynton Ives. The Tobey Street Home represents the key beliefs of child welfare at the time: well-run, publicly-supported residential facilities.

1867 November minutes

“Expenses \$713, of which \$234.18 was for the coal laid in, in September. Miss Haynes had been away... in New York and had seen there a knitting machine which she thought would be a very valuable aid to the family. The Board thought it best for inquiries to be made in regard to such a machine before deciding to purchase.”

1882

Finally, a stop to child abuse

Charles Bent of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children noted in 1946 how it began:

“One evening passing this home, [two women] heard the screams of a child and called the police to make an investigation. The police stated they had no right to enter the home, no matter what the parents did to the child.”

A group of churchwomen, many associated with Children’s Friend, petitioned the legislature to create an organization that could investigate cases of child abuse and cruelty.

“ 1886 RISPPC Annual Report

...the notion which prevails among a large part of our population is that children are the property of parents and that they can do with them as they please utterly regardless of any rights the children have, is responsible for much of the ignorance and viciousness that exist in this state.”

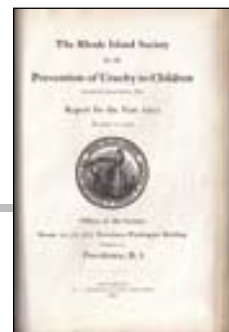


1884

The state of Rhode Island establishes its first orphanage: the State Home and School. Children are officially removed from the almshouses.

1882

The Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is founded, 12 years after its counterpart for animals. At first it could only investigate alleged cases of cruelty and abuse. In succeeding years, RISPPC won the right to prosecute cases according to new laws and remove children from their homes.



1882

Rhode Island passes its first laws permitting removal of children “for cause.” Parents, however, are still not prosecuted under the law.



1886

RISPPC buys a “temporary” emergency facility for children in the Mt. Hope neighborhood of Providence. It remains open until 1953.

“ 1891 RISPPC agent’s report

I have been called upon a great many times, by parents and others, to take young girls from houses of ill-fame. These unfortunates range in age from twelve to sixteen years of age...The laws of Rhode Island practically provide for the punishment of the child alone...unless we can prove that the child was virtuous when she crossed the threshold, we can only proceed against her.”

to 1910

A dramatic change in thinking about children and families

Many attribute an eruption in demands for children's rights in this period to the growth of the middle class and its attitude toward childhood.

Meanwhile the written records of both the Society and RISPCCC increasingly discuss the new theory of society providing adequate services to families so they can keep their children.

1901 RISPCCC Annual Report

[Our first investigation] involved a delicate sensitive little girl of eight years whose dissipated mother, one morning, tied her to a bedpost, in an upper tenement, and left her there for three days. On a table, just beyond the child's reach, the mother left a glass of water and a single cooked cold potato."

1892

The Democratic Party adopts a platform to ban factory employment for children under 12. Democrats win (Grover Cleveland) but a financial depression shadows his term.



1903

Mary Harris "Mother" Jones organizes a 125-mile march by mine and millworking children from Philadelphia to President Theodore Roosevelt's private home on Long Island. The children's banners read, "We want time to play!" and "We want to go to school!"



1907

School for the Feeble-minded, later named the Ladd School, opens in Exeter

Mother's Day is first celebrated in the U.S.



1908

Lucy Montgomery publishes *Anne of Green Gables*, the story of a spirited adopted child



1909

The White House Conference on Children and Youth is the first conference of any kind held in the White House. The seventh and most recent such conference was convened by President Richard Nixon in 1971. Movement is afoot to have another in 2010.

Ellen Key writes *Century of the Child*, an influential book about children's rights

An era passes. The new focus is on social work.

Rhode Island sociologist Sandra Enos characterizes the late 1880s to 1920 as a “Golden Age” when many organizations form to focus on children and adolescents.

Preserving families becomes the goal of the growing, formal world of social work and social workers.

1912

1913 RI Child Welfare Conference

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An interesting suggestion is made for pensioning widows, so that mothers will not have to go out to work and allow their children to drop into the ranks of the neglected child...Modern charity believes in using every possible means to keep families together.”

1912

Congress designates the Children’s Bureau under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to: “investigate and report...upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life among all classes of our people, and shall especially investigate the questions of infant mortality, the birth-rate, orphanage, juvenile courts, desertion, dangerous occupations, accidents and diseases of children...”



1913

World War I begins
16th Amendment introduces the federal income tax



1920

19th Amendment:
U.S. women win the right to vote



1915

Margaret Sanger jailed for writing *Family Limitation*, the first book on birth control. The following year she helps open the first birth control clinic.



1923

Rhode Island approves “Mothers’ Pensions,” support to low-income women so they can keep their children at home
Minimum work age set at 15

1921

The Child Welfare League of America is founded as the Bureau for Exchange of Information Among Child-Helping Organizations. [RISPCC](#) is among the founding members.

to 1928

“Community Funds” change the landscape of charity

Children’s Friend and RISPCC were now among several family-serving agencies in the state.

As organized charity becomes a significant portion of their budgets, it also begins to suggest coordination and collaboration.

1925 Henry D. Sharpe

Considering the great interest in this movement which has been displayed by numerous people, and the fact that the Community Fund, or Chest as it sometimes is called, is now in vogue in a great many American cities... it is hoped that our effort here may have some substantial result in the near future.”

1925

Henry D. Sharpe invites the two agencies to join the newly-formed Providence Community Fund. RISPCC says ‘yes’; Children’s Friend worries about its independence and delays for two years. Population of Providence reaches 220,000

1926

Providence Children’s Friend Society closes the Tobey Street Home. After 90 years, the agency makes clear its mandate is “family aid and foster placement.”



1926

Rhode Island state agencies begin exercising oversight over private social welfare organizations
Rhode Island’s new Children’s Bureau establishes standards for both private and public adoption placement

1927

Newly-named Rhode Island Children’s Friend Society becomes a charter member of the Child Welfare League of America



1925 Society Annual Report

[On the closing of Tobey Street Home] The conviction was driven home that there was more to be done in taking one’s part in a child welfare program in a city or state than the giving of even the best care to a few children.”

As headlines lengthen,
society asks: Does the
government have a role?

In the face of shocking levels of unemployment, community funds cannot raise their usual level of donations. Children's Friend and RISPCC struggle to provide more services with fewer dollars.

FDR is elected and a new era of government involvement begins.

1929

1932 Society brochure

“The year 1932 was heartrending. No cold statistics or statements of fact as we found them can begin to give a true picture of the suffering and want, or the mental distress of the parents who found themselves through no fault of their own, unable to care for their children.”

1929

The stock market collapses in October; the beginning of the Great Depression



1935

New Deal introduces Social Security

1932

Franklin Roosevelt is elected for the first of his four terms



1938

Roosevelt signs the Fair Labor Standards Act, including limits on child labor

Rhode Island establishes Department of Social Welfare with a Child Welfare Division

The Council on Social Agencies recommends that Children's Friend and RISPCC consider merger after several years of competition for funds and child placement. Both agencies resist for 11 years.

1931

Children's Friend entire revenue is \$73,000

Providence Community Fund	\$30,000
Earnings from endowment	18,000
Payments from families	15,000
Donations and unemployment	6,000
Blackstone/Pawtucket Comm. Funds	4,000

1938 RISPCC Annual Report

“A new departure which is proving of great value is the sending to a large mailing list of bulletins from time to time in which are briefly described cases of our work... The value of this effort cannot be estimated purely from the amount of money raised; an intangible but very real result is that the work of the society is becoming better known throughout the state.”

to 1958

World War II takes its toll on families in Rhode Island

From the 1944 Children's Friend Annual Report:

"This global war, more than any other war, has permeated the basic structure of civilization... [a]s a result every social agency has been confronted with the disintegration of family life.

"Because of the...several military and naval centers, many families have moved here...[T]he agency has been able to ...[give] the aid and support most sorely needed throughout these days of unrest."

1940

Children's Friend boards British children during war

Separate Providence Shelter for Colored Children closes

1939

World War II "officially" begins. U.S. doesn't enter until attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

1958

U.S. first attempts school desegregation, in Little Rock



1946

RISPCCC changes its name to Rhode Island Child Service to discard image of "negative destructive action"



1949

Recognizing their common goal to serve the state's most vulnerable children, Rhode Island Children's Friend Society and Rhode Island Child Service merge to become Children's Friend & Service.

1939

Children's Friend launches first "direct mail" fundraising effort

1950

Providence Tuberculosis League transfers ownership of its Lakeside property to CF&S for residential programs

1938 Society Annual Report

William 9 and Donald 6, healthy, normal youngsters, were naturally apprehensive when the doctors told their mother she had T.B. and must go to a sanitarium for treatment. The mother refused for a long time to go because she would not leave her family alone... losing in health every day. Then a district nurse suggested a Children's Friend Society 'housekeeper'. She went to take advantage of what science has learned about checking her dread disease."

Governments accept responsibility, Children's Friend specializes

Over the next two decades, state government slowly accepted that it – not the nonprofits – was legally responsible for the welfare of children and families.

With the responsibility came the powers of licensing and funding.

1959

“ 1961 June Board minutes

Reference was made to the article in the Evening Bulletin about the purchase of care by the state from private agencies. Mr. Cadwgan stated he feels this is an indication the state [is] beginning to move forward with the knotty problem of responsibility for service and the financing for such service.”

1959

United Nations adopts Declaration of the Rights of the Child. An earlier version had been endorsed by the League of Nations in 1924.



1963

State Department of Social Welfare assumes responsibility for all protective care services for children

Children's Friend focuses on “specialized work”: unwed mothers, adoption, and prevention

Lyndon Johnson takes office, calls for “War on Poverty,” “Great Society”



1961

Rhode Island begins handling protective care: serves 32 families and 163 children. In the same period, **Children's Friend** serves 639 families and 2,028 children.

Community Chest argues the state is legally responsible for child protection and that **Children's Friend** had done so for the past 130 years “by tradition and by choice”

1960

Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth endorses the United Nations Declaration

1965

Congress establishes Head Start. Adds Early Head Start in 1995.

1966

By the end of the year, all 50 states adopt laws requiring physicians to report suspicions of child abuse and neglect



to 1985

Children's Friend strengthens families and communities

State increasingly contracts with Children's Friend to provide direct service. It also becomes one of the state's leading and most respected voices for strengthening and preserving families.

1969-1981

Children's Friend transforms Lakeside from an emergency program to a residential facility for 30 emotionally-disturbed children ages 6-12. The full program also includes a group home and extended foster care. It closes in 1981 after uncertain state funding, expense of the program, and a union strike.



1980

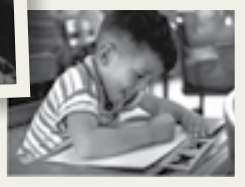
RI Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) created

1973

Marian Wright Edelman founds the Children's Defense Fund

1985

Half of women with children younger than 3 are working



1970

First attempt in state to negotiate a contract between a union – RI Alliance of Social Service Employees, Local 580 – and a private social service agency – Children's Friend. United Fund threatens to discontinue funding to Children's Friend if it pays too much in salaries; union threatens to picket United Fund. Children's Friend staff vote to decertify after a 1981 strike at Lakeside.



1979 May Board meeting

[Executive Director] Harper said that the response to the agency's posts and television Public Service Announcements on the recruitment of minority adoption and foster homes was beyond expectation. Mrs. Spears has had to drop all of her duties to handle these inquiries, with 52 calls coming in for December alone."

Children's Friend Comes home

As Children's Friend renews its commitment to advocating for the state's most vulnerable children, it moves just a few blocks away from a location (near Classical High School) it occupied 150 years earlier!

1990

1997

Congress passes the State Child Health Insurance Program to provide \$48 billion to states over ten years to expand health coverage. Rhode Island responds with groundbreaking RIte Care.



1990

ABC Act, the first comprehensive national child care legislation, becomes law

Children's Friend moves to current location on Summer Street in Providence; later adds locations in Central Falls and Pawtucket

2007

First full year of Dads Making a Difference. **Children's Friend** staff help teenage, incarcerated, step-, and biological fathers to be a positive factor in their children's lives.



1994

Children's Friend adds RI Center for Children At-Risk, an agency that focuses on family work to prevent abuse and strengthen families



2006

Children's Friend forms the Rhode Island Early Childhood Investment Council. Leaders from all sectors – business, nonprofits, policymakers, grantmakers, children's experts – advocate together for wise public policy.

2005 Annual Report

“97% of the families who completed the Adoption Support and Preservation Program succeeded in staying together and none of the children in the highest risk group were returned to DCYF – a success rate that makes this program a national model.”

to now

Children's Friend at 175

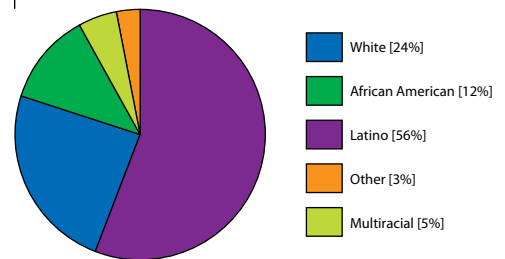
175 years young, Children's Friend has the sage experience of two (or three) wise old women and the energy of its young, still-striving, still-experimenting, still-committed, still-achieving staff.

Happy 175th Anniversary!

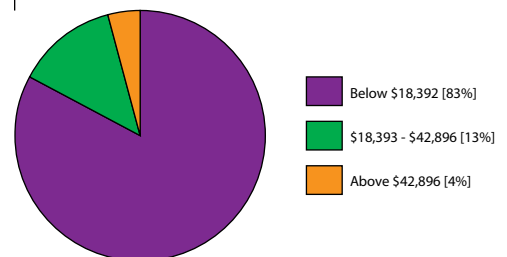
In 2008...

- 17,513 children, families, and child care professionals benefited from Children's Friend services
 - 48 families that adopted children with special needs received counseling, crisis intervention, and other services helping them stay together and thrive
 - 59 children found safe foster homes; 7 children were placed for adoption in loving families
 - 228 children, biological parents, and foster family members received concurrent permanency planning services and support
 - 1,675 families with vulnerable young children received crisis intervention, parent support, home-based, and other family support services
 - 1,666 children and their family members needed individual and family counseling services addressing issues of loss, school and behavioral issues, and more
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- 119 children were placed in quality bilingual child care
 - 3,979 early-care and school-age educational professionals participated in training and technical assistance sponsored by CHILDSPAN
 - Early Intervention provided therapy and education to 308 infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities
 - Project Connect worked with 143 substance-affected families in their homes to help parents overcome addiction while safely parenting their children
 - Project Family provided intervention and home services for 25 families when child abuse and/or neglect was present and the risk of child removal was high
 - Family Outreach promoted health and well-being to 1,853 mothers and their newborn children through home-based outreach services

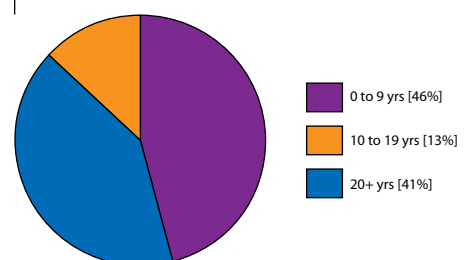
Clients by Ethnicity



Clients by Income



Clients by Age



Children's Friend is still innovating!

Your support during the 175th Anniversary will provide therapeutic child care



Imagine Elisa, a troubled 3-year-old. Her short life has already witnessed more suffering than we may experience in our entire lives.

She sees children her age and younger going hungry. She feels the vacant or fearful eyes of adults around her who can't find work. She clenches her mother's hand tightly as they climb the poorly-lit, worn steps to their apartment. She sleeps fitfully because of the nightly scream of the ambulance and police sirens.

Imagine how life appears to her. Is it really a surprise that she has a difficult time in child care?

Child care centers are increasingly turning away families whose children need extraordinary moment-to-moment support. Understandably, they must protect and serve the greater number of children who can thrive in their settings.

The resulting crisis is twofold. The child with behavioral issues misses a crucial period of socialization and early learning. A parent is forced to shorten her or his work hours or stop working altogether, leaving the family in more desperate circumstances than ever.

Children's Friend pioneers therapeutic child care

As it has for 175 years, Children's Friend is innovating for vulnerable children and their families, in this case therapeutic child care. This new level of care utilizes specialized classrooms and materials. Teachers have extra training.

The good news? Once the program is underway, the state will subsidize much of the additional expense needed to provide this care.

The bad news? The state expects Children's Friend to find the start-up funds to make the costly required changes in classroom design and to purchase program materials and supplies.

That's where you come in! We hope to raise \$175,000 during our 175th Anniversary year to transform our Central Falls Family Support Center into a therapeutic child care facility, one that will then become self-sustaining.

Once again, your help can guarantee innovation for Rhode Island.

What you make possible For Families

Children's Friend offers flexible, effective, and culturally-relevant services that support and strengthen Rhode Island families and communities. In 2008 alone, we helped 17,513 of your neighbors with programs and services ranging from family counseling and crisis intervention to Early Head Start and child care.

- Adoption
- Adoption Support & Preservation
- Birth Parent Counseling
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Child Care
- CHILDSPAN
- Dads Making A Difference
- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention
- Early Start
- Family Counseling
- Family Support Drop In Centers
- Family Outreach Program
- Foster Care
- Partners In Permanency
- Project Connect
- Project Family

Read all about our programs online
at www.childrensfriendri.org



Thank you...



*for adding your name to a 175-year tradition
of giving for Rhode Island's most vulnerable children*

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Paramount Properties Group
United Way of Rhode Island

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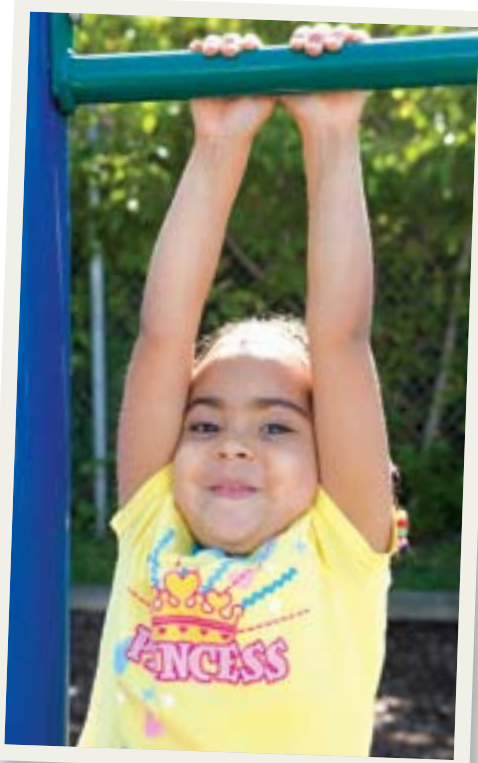
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(Fiscal Year 2008)

2008 REVENUE	ACTUAL
Contracts	\$5,710,787
Fee for service.....	2,820,302
Investment income	994,188
Other income.....	480,776
Total operating revenue.....	\$10,006,053
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Salaries and benefits.....	\$5,854,612
Purchased services	744,395
Occupancy.....	589,400
Client benefits	2,122,314
Other	838,896
Total operating expenses	\$10,149,617

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