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Working Together
Highlights from 2012-2013

• New Parent Support Program: “Parents for Parents”

In collaboration with several community partners, FESS implemented a mentor-based program to help parents whose children have been removed from their care by Child Protective Services. The program “Parents for Parents” connects Veteran Parents (parents who have successfully navigated the family dependency court system) with parents who are recently involved with the system. The Veteran Parents provide support and help parents new to the system understand what they must do to successfully reunite with their children.

• FESS holds its first Gala and Auction “Seeds of Hope”

To meet the increasing demand for our services, FESS held its first Gala and Auction “Seeds of Hope” on May 4, 2013 at Hands On Children’s Museum. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, and those who attended the event for helping make it a great success, and raise over $25,000 that will directly support the health and well-being of families in our community.

• The Executive Director, Shelly Willis, receives 2013 Community Impact Award

We are proud to share that on May 31, 2013, United Way honored our Executive Director, Shelly Willis, with the 2013 Community Impact Award in appreciation of her outstanding dedication and support, for making a lasting impact in our community. We admire Shelly for everyday commitment to helping families, for patience, and genuine understanding in problem solving, for listening to anybody who needs to be heard. Shelly was also presented with a coin from Thurston County Prosecutor Jon Tunheim to recognize her for her efforts to raise awareness about child abuse in this county.
### Statement of Income and Expenses

**Income by Category**  
**2012-2013**  
$483,188

- **Contracts**  
- **Fee for Service**  
- **Private, Community, Corporate Foundation**  
- **Fund Raiser Income**  
- **Tribal Donation**  
- **United Way**  
- **Donations - In Kind**  
- **Board Contributions**

**Expenses by Category**  
**2012-2013**  
$449,717

- **Salaries**  
- **Contracts**  
- **Direct Service**  
- **Facility**  
- **Indirect Admin**  
- **Supplies**  
- **Marketing**  
- **Depreciation**  
- **Travel**

### Thriving Tree—a generous donation from JUBILEE for Kinship Program

Our friends from Jubilee’s Community Service Group once again sponsored a Christmas Giving Tree for Kinship Families in 2013. A beautiful Christmas tree was placed in their Community Center Lodge on Thanksgiving week-end. Hanging on the tree were tags with gift suggestions for kinship children. The generous Jubilee residents took the tags off the tree and purchased gifts or gift cards. Each child was given one item they needed, such as clothing, and one item they wanted, such as a toy. Eighty four children received two gifts each. Gifts were distributed by the Kinship Navigator to kinship families in Thurston, Lewis, and Mason Counties. Families were also given gift cards for gas or groceries. The values of this donation to our families was in excess of $5,000.00

### Other Highlights and Events

- Winning at Parenting class was held for the first time at FESS.
- FESS implemented FREE weekly Zumba classes for families serving over 75 individuals - who also made weekly donations.
- FESS partnered with JUBILEE who coordinated a “Picnic in the Park” for Kinship Caregivers. Children were able to fish with their grandparents in the newly stocked lake.
- FESS coordinated a state wide Voices of Children contest.
- Shelly Willis, Jon Tunheim, Jay Mason, and Sandra Romero were successful in securing a second year editorial in the Olympian focused on the Period of Purple Crying.
- In April, 2013, Board President Madelin White and her husband Mark gave away 250 “Pinwheels for Prevention” in collaboration with Olympia Federal Bank during Arts walk. An additional 1,000 were planted at the State Capital to help raise awareness about child abuse and neglect prevention.
- Several proclamations were generated through FESS efforts this year. Each of the city’s and the county Commissioner’s office held a ceremony to read proclamations to honor the prevention of child abuse and neglect in April.
- Staff participated in the Olympia Federal Savings, Nisqually Tribe, Providence St. Peters, Mason County Coordinated Health Fairs.
- FESS was featured in the WA State “Caregiver Connection” newsletter in April, 2013.
- Board member Nancy Koptur was awarded the “Making a Difference” Award from the Thurston Community Network.
Program Highlights

We helped to support and strengthen over 5,500 individuals last year through our programs and services.

Nearly 1,531 adults attended our Consider the Children class on divorce and separation.

Over 170 Kinship Caregivers were served with case management, support and/or training, emergency financial aid and respite care.

107 pregnant and parenting women (77 in Thurston County and 30 in Mason County) struggling with addiction participated in our Clean and Sober parenting classes.

60 parents were supported through our new Veteran Parent program of which 8 have already reunified. This includes outreach in court as well as our Dependency 101 trainings.

Over 130 Parents participated in the court ordered/CPS referred Parenting and Family Values course.

We provided 6 Winning at Parenting classes in an attempt to increase our outreach to mainstream families. One class was held here at FESS, four in schools (2 in North Thurston, Tenino, Olympia) and the Squaxin tribe serving 150 individuals.

Donations were given in memory of:
Dave Smiley
Leanne Hogan (Winkler)
Rolland Mickelson

John Stines
Jan & Tim Suess
Lisa Sutton
Joan Swanson
Indu Thomas
Jesse Thomas
Pam Toal
Minh Trieu
Jon Tunheim
Lynn & Lars Urvina
Angel Agustin Vega
Rosa Venancio
Kathy Vermillion
Sheryl Walters
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Howard & Pat Winkler
Anniea Winston
Mike Whittenberg
Christopher Wickham
Linda Wilcox
Kimya Williams
Bev Willis
Tony Willis
Howard & Pat Winkler
Cathy Wolf
Dee Wolverton
Bruce Wood
Sixty men participated in, and 44 graduated from the 12-week Men As Fathers classes.

125 parents learned how to support children through Domestic Violence in the home.

28 parents participated in our FREE Parents Helping Parents support group offering free child care.

Over 1,500 community members attended our FREE annual Parenting Tools trainings held at SPSCC.

We offered three Parenting Tools Series featuring:

- Mary Sheedy Kurcinka
- Recess Monkey
- Candyce Bollinger

We partnered with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to offer a community training on Jail Booking and reporting systems on April 17, 2013.
Community Collaborations

Child Abuse Prevention Task Force
Domestic Violence Task Force
Kiwanis Club of Olympia
Lewis County Hispanic Fair
Love Talk Play
Mason Early Learning Coalition
Parent Education Network
Parenting Tools Lecture Series
Sand in the City
Sound to Harbor Head Start Policy Council
St. Peter's Health Fair
Thrive by Five, Communities of Practice
Thurston Council for Children and Youth
Thurston County Board of Health; Thurston Thrives
Thurston Early Learning Coalition
United Way’s Right From the Start
Washington State Kinship Oversight Committee
Zonta Club of Olympia

Thanks to all our sponsors and donors for supporting our Vision of Hope!

Sponsors and Donors

- 5th Avenue Theatre, Seattle
- ABC Pediatrics
- Academy of Brian Johnson Karate & Fitness
- Alpine Experience
- Altrusa Club of Olympia
- American Girl
- Area Agency on Aging
- Asset Building Coalition
- Behavioral Health Resources
- Benihana, Seattle
- Bon Lemon
- Brookdale Foundation
- Capital Business Machines
- Capitol City Golf Club
- Capitol City Tennis & Athletic Center
- Casey Family Programs
- Centralia College
- Cheesecake Factory
- Child Care Action Council
- Children’s Museum, Seattle
- Chips-A-Flyin
- City Picnics
- Community Foundation of South Sound
- Dawg Den
- Dee Dee Digi Photography
- Department of Corrections
- Department of Early Learning
- Design Edge
- DisneyLand Resort
- Dispute Resolution Center
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport
- DSHS Disability and Aging Services
- Administration
- DSHS Children Services Administration
- DSHS Economic Services Administration
- Economic Development Council
- Elinor Paintball
- EMP Museum
- Employees Community Fund of Boeing
- Evergreen Vista/Mercy Housing
- Evolving Parents
- Family Support Center
- Fish Brewing Company
- Foundation for Early Learning
- Go Green Car Wash
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Good GRuB
- Hallmark Resort Cannon Beach
- Hands On Children’s Museum
- Happy Homemakers Club
- Head to Toe Landscaping
- Hoodsport Winery
- Horizons Foundation
- Humanities Washington
- Hyatt at Olive 8 Seattle
- Interfaith Community Care
- Jubilee Service Group
- Junior League of Olympia
- Lassen Foundation
- Let’s Paint!
- Lewis County Superior Court
- Little Creek Casino, Squaxin Tribe
- Lodge at Desert Canyon
- Lowe’s
- Lucky Eagle Casino, Chehalis Tribe
- Lutheran Community Services
- McKinney’s Appliance
- Medina Foundation
- Mixx 96 FM
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Non-Profit Solutions
- North Thurston Public Schools
- NR Smith & Associates
- OBEW Credit Union
- Occasions Catering
- Olympia Family Theater
- Olympia Federal Bank
- Olympia Tumwater Foundation
- Olympia Seafood Company
- Olympic Copy & Printing
- Oregon Zoo
- Panera Bread
- Panowicz Jewelers
- Parent Education Network
- Parent Map
- Partners for Children Youth & Families
- Peg and Rick Young Foundation
- Pellegrino’s
- Pierce County Superior Court
- Portland Children’s Museum
- Providence Maternal Child Health
- Ralph’s and Bayview Thriftway
- Recess Monkey
- Red Lion
- Red Wind Casino, Nisqually Tribe
- Rocky Top Homebrew
- Rotary Club of West Olympia
- Seattle Aquarium
- Seattle Children’s Theatre
- Silverwood
- Simmons & Daughters Painting
- Sound to Harbor Head Start
- South Bay Veterinary Hospital
- South Puget Sound Area Service Committee
- South Puget Sound Community College
- South Sound Bank
- South Sound Reading Foundation
- Tacoma Rainiers Baseball
- Thompson’s Furniture Co.
- Thurston Community Network
- Thurston Co. Family & Juvenile Court
- Thurston Co. Health Dept./Prevention
- Thurston Co. Volunteer Legal Services
- Thurston Early Childhood Coalition
- Thurston Talk
- Top Foods
- Total Systems Integrators
- Tugboat Annies
- Tumwater Family Practice
- Tumwater Pawn Brokers
- Twin Star Credit Union
- United Way Mason County
- United Way Thurston County
- UW Athletics Department
- Washington Center for the Performing Arts
- West Olympia Papa Murphy’s
- White Pass Co.
- Woodland Park Zoo
- WSU Athletics
- Yelm/McKenna LDS Humanitarian Group
- Zonta International of Olympia
- Zonta Service Foundation of Olympia