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2012-2013 Annual Report

Supporting A Vision of Hope for all Families

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

Veteran Parents: Junsada Crawley, Tonia Morrison, and Sarah Ray

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.

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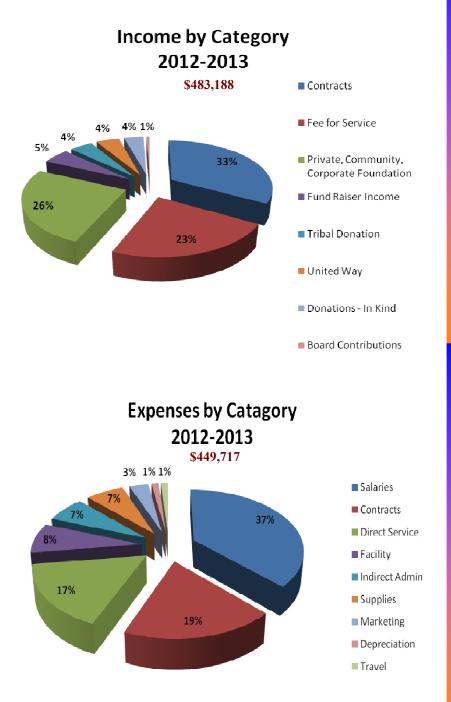
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Statement of Income and Expenses



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**.



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Sixty men participated in, and **44 graduated** from the I2-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:





Recess Monkey



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

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