

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



SOS CHILDREN'S  
VILLAGES  
ILLINOIS

Every child deserves a home





# SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ILLINOIS

Dear Friends:

We have a wonderful story to tell, and you have been there every step of the way to help us tell it. In 2015, SOS Children's Villages Illinois celebrated 25 years of making a difference in the lives of Illinois' most vulnerable children

and families. What started out as an organization serving 45 children, has evolved into one of the state's premier child welfare agencies aiding children and families in four communities throughout Chicagoland. We were even recognized as one of twenty top Chicago-area charities in 2015 by *Chicago Magazine*. It is thanks to your continuous support that we are able to grow and better serve the children and families in our care.



At the heart of what we do is our commitment to keeping brothers and sisters in foster care together: in the care of a full-time, professionally trained Foster Parent, in a stable and safe home environment, and surrounded by an intentional community of resources and support. Our model of care is an alternative to traditional foster care, built upon a foundation where the children, families, and communities we serve are our top priority.

Along with providing safety and stability to our children, we encourage them to dream about the possibilities for their futures. In the company of their brothers and sisters, and anchored by mentorship and individual support, our children flourish.

Our larger community of volunteers, donors, corporate partners, and friends help further instill this sense of endless promise and possibility. You, our extended SOS Children's Villages Illinois family, magnify our voice with your own in telling and continuing our narrative. In doing so, you help shepherd the children toward reaching their fullest potential. For continuing to tell our story of hope through offering your time, knowledge, generosity of heart, and tireless support, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Don Biernacki  
Board President  
SOS Children's Villages Illinois

Tim McCormick  
Chief Executive Officer  
SOS Children's Villages Illinois

“Thank you for inviting SOS Children’s Villages Illinois to the Career Day event. It was truly inspiring and has encouraged me to work on a career path for myself.

I now understand every opportunity can afford me an even greater opportunity as long as I do my very best.

Thank you!”

- Danielle, SOS Illinois Youth



## 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **63,591** days of service and **1,526,184** hours of care were provided
- **657** total children were served
- The average age of children at our Villages is **10.38** years old
- **130** new children found a safe and loving home
- **53** sibling groups stayed together in our care; the average sibling group is **3.83** children
- We celebrated a **100%** high school graduation rate, compared to the national average of 50% of children in foster care
- **98%** of youth attended **90%** or more school days
- **96%** of youth in an educational program earned credits, advanced one grade level, or earned a diploma or certificate



Featured in November 2015 as  
one of 20 "Best Charities in Chicago" by

**CHICAGO**  
MAGAZINE

## 2015 & 2014 AUDITED FINANCIALS

### Assets

	FY2015	FY2014
Current Assets	\$ 6,422,472	\$ 7,649,823
Property & Equipment, Net	24,574,856	25,327,281
Other Assets	4,914,260	4,990,414
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35,911,588</b>	<b>37,967,518</b>

### Liabilities

	FY2015	FY2014
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,138,795	\$ 2,064,478
Long Term Liabilities	16,993,375	17,595,360
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>17,779,418</b>	<b>18,307,680</b>

### **TOTAL LIABILITES & NET ASSETS**

**\$ 35,911,588      \$ 37,967,518**

### Income

	FY2015	FY2014
Government Support	\$ 8,667,635	8,468,004
Private Support	1,789,331	2,800,117
Other Income	86,565	819,551
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,543,531</b>	<b>12,087,672</b>

### Functional Expenses

	FY2015	FY2014
Program Services	\$ 8,656,963	\$ 8,355,179
Management & General	1,708,535	1,616,601
Fundraising	706,295	625,343
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,071,793</b>	<b>10,597,123</b>

### Net Assets

	FY2015	FY2014
Change in Net Assets	\$ (528,262)	\$ 1,490,549
Beginning Net Assets	18,307,680	16,817,131

### **ENDING NET ASSETS**

**17,779,418      18,307,680**



# 2015 CORPORATE & FOUNDATION SUPPORT

*Corporate and Foundation support of \$5,000 and above*

## CORPORATE SUPPORT

Amberleaf Cabinetry  
AMLI Residential  
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.  
AT&T Wi-Fi Services  
Brandenburg Industrial Service Co.  
BSH Home Appliances  
Civitech Engineering, Inc.  
Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc.  
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Sky Ranch Foundation

"Our commitment to SOS Children's Villages Illinois is an employee-driven initiative, created by our CARE Committee. It is so humbling to see how engaged our employees are with fundraising for SOS Children's Villages Illinois. Having a partnership that is local allows us to create more opportunities for the families and the Villages. It is also very rewarding to see the funds we raised as a hotel being put to use to help all of the families in the SOS Illinois communities."

— Mark Huntley

*Regional Vice President, Central U.S.A.,  
and General Manager, Swissôtel Chicago*

# ABOUT SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ILLINOIS

At SOS Children's Villages Illinois, we build Villages that unite brothers and sisters in foster care, surround them with a community of hope, and help them grow into caring and productive adults.

SOS Children's Villages International, the parent organization under which SOS Children's Villages Illinois operates, is the largest non-denominational child welfare agency in the world with over 550 Villages in more than 130 countries.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois has operated as its own 501(c)(3) since 1993. Today, the organization operates four sites: three Villages providing sibling group foster care at an 18-home Village (opened in 1993) in Lockport, Illinois; a 19-home Village (opened in 2004) in the Auburn Gresham/Englewood neighborhood of Chicago; a 14-home Village (opened in 2014) in the Roosevelt Square Community of Chicago; and Casa Tepeyac (acquired in 2011), a facility that offers preventative and in-home family services in the Back of the Yards neighborhood of Chicago.

"At the end of the day you want to know that you've imparted knowledge. Regardless of whether you can see the seed [of knowledge] or not, you have to know that in the years to come they will always, always remember what you have taught them."

—Joy Herth  
Professional SOS Illinois Foster Parent

## The SOS Children's Villages model differs from traditional foster care in emphasizing the following four components:

1. Children live together with their siblings.
2. Children receive care and support from a full-time, professionally trained Foster Parent.
3. Children grow up in a private, single-family home.
4. Children are supported by the Village, designed as an intentional community of care.

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