

Fostering Hope creates a community of affirmation and support for foster families so that foster parents can be at their best, children who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect can heal, and young adults can become the productive citizens they were meant to be.

CSHF
8 Grants since 2018

- 6 general operating grants to support core programming for foster children and families
- COVID-19 technology mini-grant
- Program grant to fund a supportive housing program for young adults

Fostering Hope was selected for The Stand Together Foundation's Catalyst Program-- an invite-only national program that selects nonprofits with promising and innovative practices to difficult challenges.

MILESTONES

- * Doubled the organizational budget between 2018- 2023, allowing for more staff and 40 foster family support teams
- * Grew the Fostering Adulthood program from pilot to a comprehensive wrap-around support program for children transitioning out of the foster system
- * Staff and volunteers deepened support offered to address increasingly complex needs of foster kids and families
- * Created more efficient data and technology systems, redesigned website and built staff capacity around technology



IMPACT

- * Served 183 foster families and over 1,000 foster children.
- * A social return on investment study found that for every \$1 spent by Fostering Hope, \$2.79 is returned to the community.
- * 93% foster parent retention rate, with an adoption rate 2.5 times higher than for families without support.
- * 90% of foster children in the program completed high school, compared to 23% of foster children in Colorado.
- * 10% of Fostering Hope youth are homeless, compared to 50% nationally for this same population.
- * All youth in the Fostering Adulthood program have found stable housing and 89% have maintained employment.

SUPPORT FROM CSHF

I don't have the words for how significant it's been...it's permanent transformative impact, that we'll never fully see the extent of. I don't think there are many solutions to healing from trauma as effective as what we are doing... The healing impact on the brain- it really is profound. And it's science, but in some sense, it's so simple. The volunteers are doing ordinary things- just outweighing all these negative things the kids have experienced and flooding them with positive experiences and stability...You can't fully fix it, but you can make it manageable and they can have a fulfilling life. To think of the role that CSHF played in making that happen and where we might be if they didn't exist... I really don't know where we'd be, but I know it'd be a very different place.

