# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

TWINS—Twins share a special bond; we currently have 11 year old twin sisters who are attached at the hip. They came into our care most excited about having their own bed, as they had been sleeping on the floor of a van for weeks. It is in these moments we are reminded that we often take for granted the simplest things in life.

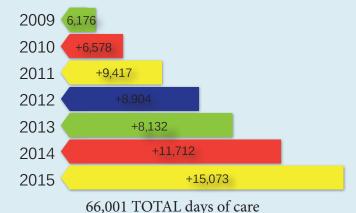
DAKOTA—Year after year, we receive children into our care who are extremely talented, whether creating beautiful works of art, writing or discovering another gift. This young lady was working on a piece of "shard art" with pieces of beautiful broken glass that we entitled the "Tree of Life." She made the comment that the piece of art was much like CIC — we take the broken pieces of children and families and put them back together again, allowing these children to plant their roots and thrive. She and her two brothers will be adopted in the near future by a CIC staff member.

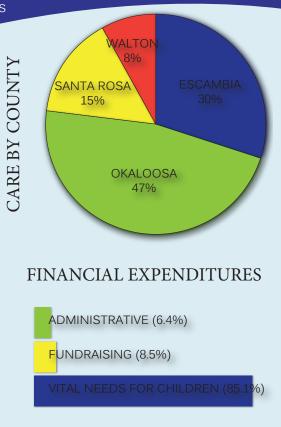
ANDREW—Middle school is difficult enough on a teenage boy. Imagine going through middle school as a kid who has been thrown into foster care because his mother left and his father is in prison for life. This child was found living in the woods at the age of 14. When he came to CIC, he was convinced that because he has survived so much, he didn't need anyone to help him or any family to have his back. It took a while, but now he understands there is merit in having a family that cares for you. He is now a starting football player at a local middle school, complete with his CIC family in the stands for each game. He credits his

success to his CIC family.



TOTAL CUMULATIVE DAYS OF CARE





# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT& CEO KEN HAIR

Our giving community continues to amaze me! Thanks to the wonderful support to Children In Crisis, we've reached new major milestones. Since 2008, we have given a home to over 650 at-risk children while keeping all of our sibling families together. We've helped 26 CIC children with adoptions to forever homes. On any given day, 50 to 60 children are now living at the CIC Neighborhood and we're giving a loving home to about 130 children every year.

These are very exciting times for Children in Crisis and the CIC Neighborhood! In September, we celebrated another significant milestone by cutting the ribbon on the Ty Autry Pennington memorial foster home. A married couple lives in the home as if it was their own and takes care of up to 12 at-risk children at a time.

Thanks to a donation from the Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services, we also cut ribbons on two house parent bedrooms for our Emergency Shelter. The bedrooms enabled us to move to a modified live-in house parent model like our family foster homes. This is highly encouraged by the Department of Children and Families and Families First Network. Now all of our homes are staffed by a live-in married couple.

Additionally, our auditors continue to give us extremely high marks for fiscal responsibility. Our overhead is one of the lowest in the non-profit community and we were recognized as the "Finest Non-profit on the Emerald Coast" for the third consecutive year.

Looking into the future our challenges are great and we'll need your commitment to our children to help us sustain operations of the CIC Neighborhood. I see more great things ahead for CIC and our children. All children need a loving home and a fair chance at life! THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE!!

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Children in Crisis, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Children in Crisis, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes of its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



# 2016 BEST CHARITY ON THE EMERALD COAST

# OUR MISSION

"Providing Homes and Establishing Hope" to the abused, abandoned and neglected children of our community. The Children's Neighborhood provides a safehaven for young children removed from an unsafe environment on short notice and family foster homes to help with the severe shortage of foster homes in our community. Our Teen Transition Home helps to prevent high school students aging out of the foster care program from becoming homeless.

### TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.









Children in Crisis, Inc. Providing Homes...Keeping Brothers and Sisters Together.



# Children in Crisis

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