



CHAMPION STATION:

*Inspiring, Supporting,
and Sustaining*

NO MATTER WHAT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT





DESTINATION:
CHAMPION STATION

TICKET

WE OFTEN THINK ABOUT THOSE FAMILIES TOUCHED BY FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION AS TRAVELERS ON A JOURNEY.

Those travelers are given tickets of sorts and, tickets in hand, they are on their way to the train station to set off on the next leg of their journeys. However, having arrived at the station, now what? Even for those who know their destinations—for example, to become a foster parent—there are so many options. Different routes, different times, different trains.

Some passengers on the journey are looking to feel inspired by the stories of others who have taken a similar journey. They want to hear the stories from families who persevere no matter what.

Other passengers have been travelling for a while already and want to share their own stories—to be a journey partner for others going the same way.

Still others want or need to dive into learning and education, equip themselves with in-depth tools for the work of family resilience that lies ahead.

For all of these families—and so many others, each with their own unique circumstances—the Coalition is the station, offering navigation and advice and support. Our purpose: to strengthen foster and adoptive families, to equip them with all of the tools and resources that they need to grow in resilience.



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ORIANA CAREY
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Kreiter".

MARIA KREITER
President, Board of Directors

DEPARTURE TIME: NOW ARRIVAL TIME: FOREVER

NEW BOARD PRESIDENT: MARIA KREITER TAKES THE HELM



COALITION
FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH
& FAMILIES



LAST NAME: KREITER

FIRST NAME: MARIA

TITLE: BOARD PRESIDENT

YEAR: 2019

Maria Kreiter of Godfrey & Kahn S.C. was nominated as Board Vice President in 2018. She accepted the nomination and took over the helm of the Coalition's Board of Directors in early 2019. We are so thankful for the strong and visionary leadership that Dennis Krakau of Wintrust Financial Corporation has provided to the organization for the past few years. Dennis will continue to serve on the Board of the Coalition, and we eagerly anticipate Maria's leadership.

"It has been a wonderful experience serving as the Coalition's Board President," Dennis Krakau offered. "Working alongside this board in support of a dedicated staff, with generous and connected partners and supporters has been nothing short of a privilege. The Coalition has accomplished a great deal the past several years, both in providing quality services to the families we support and in developing the new tools and approaches necessary to do more.

"My personal thanks go to Ori and our talented staff, our wonderful partners, supporters, and contributors for all you do in support of adoptive and foster families. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board and supporting Maria as we move forward."

Inspiring, Supporting, and Sustaining

A woman with glasses and curly hair is smiling and talking to another woman whose back is to the camera. The scene is set in a bright, indoor environment.

Charlie's Champion

"As an adoptive parent, I'm ever aware that I've been entrusted with the care of another mother's precious child. On those hard days when Charlie was raging out-of-control for reasons not even he understood, I was filled with self-doubt and felt like a bad mom. Friends and family were well-meaning, but they didn't understand Charlie's trauma and behaviors, and ended up making me feel even worse.

"Then, about two years ago, I discovered the Coalition. On a particularly difficult day, I called there and spoke with someone who reassured me there was indeed hope, and among other things she suggested I attend a 'Parent Talk.' This was a gathering of adoptive parents where we shared our experiences over pizza and offered one another support and encouragement. It felt amazing to be surrounded by a room full of people who knew exactly how I felt and had been through similar experiences—including the self-doubt and overwhelm. It was such a relief! That was the first of many affirming, life-altering Coalition events for our family. Now I attend every Coalition 'Parent Talk,' training, and conference I can. As I've increased my confidence and built a support network, Charlie has been showing steady improvement, too.

"Last year, Charlie and I even attended a family event together where he had an opportunity to meet and talk with other adopted youth. Everyone was so warm and welcoming. Neither of us feels so alone anymore. I really don't know what we would do without the Coalition!"

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Provide

ACCESSIBLE AND RELIABLE INFORMATION



More than **33,000** *website visitors* seeking to learn more about foster care and adoption

91% *of parents* believe the Coalition has provided them with the tools and resources they need to help their family

“I love the weekly newsletters and websites. Somedays I get the newsletter and it is exactly what I needed to hear or talk about.”

Offer

A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE AND SAFE PLACE FOR FAMILIES



Provided support to **1,486 individuals** via phone, email, and visits



2,200 calls and emails about getting started as a foster or adoptive parent



Connected **148 children and their families** to post-adoption resources



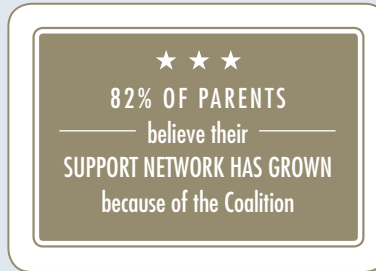
95% of parents feel more confident as parents because of the Coalition

CHAMPION STATION: COALITION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

“Until we discovered the Coalition, our children had never seen other families that looked like ours. That’s so important. Their wonderful family events give us an opportunity to relax and have fun, without having to explain or feel judged.”

Create

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONGOING LEARNING AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



“The Coalition has been life changing for our family. As adoptive parents of special needs children, we often felt alone, and frankly, inadequate. It got easier to just stay home than to go places and feel judged because people don’t understand behaviors associated with trauma. Coalition family events and conferences gave us the opportunity not only to gain confidence in our parenting skills, but to connect with other families just like ours and share experiences.”

GOLF & GALA

2018 marked the ten-year anniversary of our annual fundraising golf outing. 92 golfers joined us on a beautiful June day at the Bull at Pinehurst Farms in Sheboygan Falls. Because of the enthusiastic and generous support, we were able to raise \$30,000 to support the mission and programs of the Coalition.



Golf outing photography donated by Pam Ferderbar

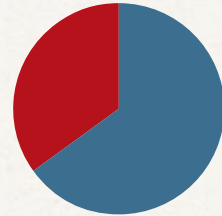
On Thursday, October 25, 267 guests joined us for our annual gala. The event was hosted at Chrome at the Harley-Davidson Museum, lending a fresh and fun vibe to the annual benefit that raised more than \$100,000 for our programs and services. Together, we honored some very special people, including Jam City, our Corporate Champion, Tyra Baumler of Tessera Design, our Distinguished Donor, Paulette Drankiewicz, our Outstanding Advocate, and Stephanie and Jermaine Allen, our 2018 Family of the Year.



Gala photography donated by Dale Stenbroten



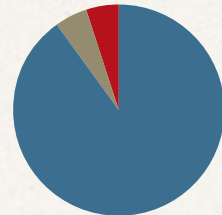
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REVENUE: \$2,020,765

% GOVERNMENT FUNDING: 65%

% PRIVATE DONATIONS: 35%



EXPENSES: \$1,926,898

% PROGRAM: 90%

% ADMINISTRATIVE: 5%

% DEVELOPMENT: 5%

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The Coalition for Children, Youth & Families is a trusted and continuing presence through every stage of a family's foster care or adoption experience.

We are an advocate for the children most in need of connection, a coach for foster and adoptive families to achieve resilience, and a leader in the state's foster care and adoption ecosystem.

Parenting children who have experienced trauma—as so many foster and adoptive families do—can be extraordinarily stressful. At times, parents feel helpless and alone. We work to strengthen foster and adoptive families, equipping them with the tools and resources they need to move toward resilience and stability. Ultimately, we work to ensure children remain in a loving, stable environment through adulthood.



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