

# 2023 Annual Report



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Hope

Inspiring Hope, Transforming Foster Care

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# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Hello! Thank you for taking a moment to learn more about Resources of Hope. Our BIG news for 2023 was celebrating our 5 year anniversary. For 5 beautiful years we have not only provided physical items for more than 1500 foster/kinship kids in need, but we've also stood by the adults that have opened their hearts and home to kids in need. It is truly an honor to walk alongside so many amazingly selfless people.



Introducing our new logo at our 5 year celebration.

Providing foster or kinship care has many ups and downs. It's hard to really wrap your head around it unless you've been through it. In February 2023, with the help from a grant from Johnson County Community Foundation, we were able to increase our *Foster Parent Retention Program* by launching our *Unite Support Group*. Our parents are loving this opportunity to meet others in similar situations while learning how to navigate the foster care world.

With very generous grant from Greenwood Christian Church we were able to spoil 20 foster teens with a shopping spree. Additional funds went to purchase 150 NEW outfits, including shoes, for the clothing closet. This was SO important to our teens as this is a group of kids that often gets overlooked. We are so thankful for GCC and their continued support.

We continue to grow leaps and bounds, paving the path for Indiana's most vulnerable youth to find a way to healing and feel the love our community is so capable of providing. Thank you to everyone that has prayed, donated, volunteered, shopped or took the time to learn more about us this year. We couldn't do what we do without you. ❤️ *Renee Furnee*

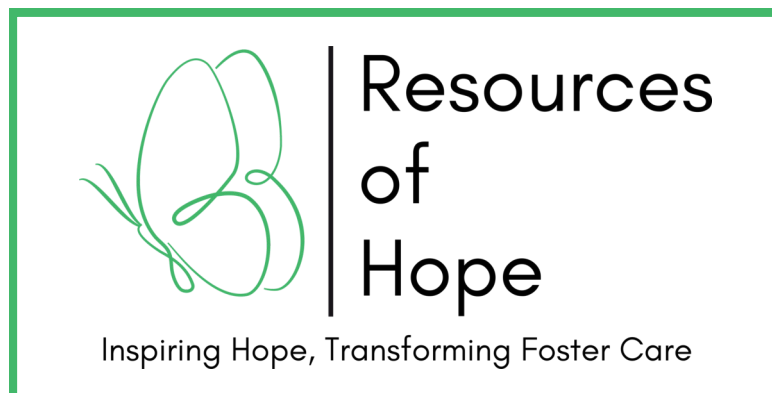
**2023 was a year of substantial growth in the number of kids we served.**

**Our vision remains strong: To ensure a brighter future of every child in foster care.**

**Will you help? Email me today to find out how: [r.furnee@resourcesofhope.org](mailto:r.furnee@resourcesofhope.org)**



Renee Furnee, Executive Director with Summer Huber, Founder.



The color green represents hope and butterflies have so many meanings. What does a butterfly represent to you?

"When you accept a placement immediately before the holidays, it can quickly get overwhelming. On top of the whirlwind that comes with the first 30 days, you're then expected to find time and resources to throw together the perfect Christmas, during a time of enormous grief. This event (Hope for the Holiday) allowed my new children to create happy holiday memories, and allowed me as a single momma to still get Christmas gifts together! Thank you for lifting this burden." -Foster Mom

# Financials

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

## Statement of Financial Position

Revenue & Support		Expenses	
Contributions	\$79,955	Rent	\$24,000
Grants	\$95,565	Management + General	\$14,882
Fundraisers	\$61,428	Programs	\$80,361
		Fundraisers	\$18,317
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$236,948</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$137,561</b>

Executive Director: Renae Furnée

Executive Assistant: Nikkole Seal

Operations Manager: Heidi Guilkey

### Board of Directors:

President ..... Summer Huber  
Vice President ..... Kara Cecil  
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## Resources of Hope, Inc. is proud to offer the following programs:



A mentor led monthly support group with dinner and planned activities for foster/adopted/kinship youth aged 12-17.

## Community Outreach Events



Our Community Outreach Events include the entire foster/kinship family - however that looks. Annual Foster Family Picnic, Hope for the Holidays, Recharge!, etc.

## Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet provides clothing, socks, underwear, shoes, seasonal outfits, diapers, infant needs, toys plus many more essentials!



Foster & Kinship Support Groups

Being a foster or kinship parent is hard. It's easy to feel like you're walking this journey alone. At Unite Support Group we get it, we understand.



Monthly DCS approved trainings and support groups empower and educate foster parents to better serve the children in their care, creating longer retention in a family's journey to foster.



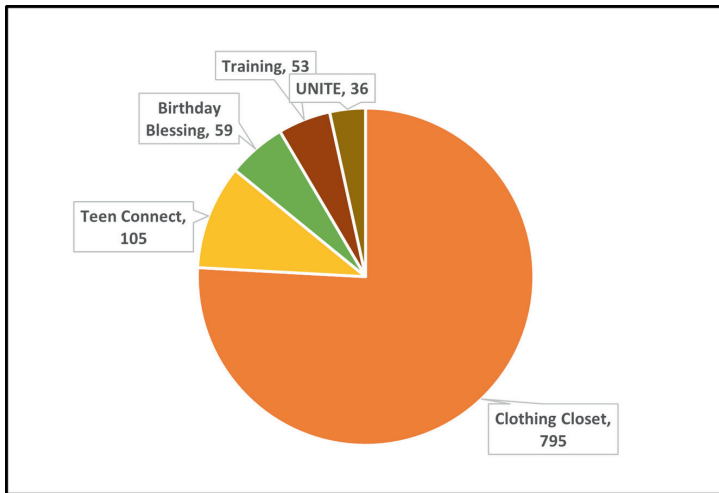
Birthdays are to celebrate. Through this program every foster child will receive toys and a new outfit on their birthday. We also provide "Party Packs" - cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations & more!

# 50%

of foster parents quit after their 1st placement or 1st year fostering.

Why? Simply put, lack of support. We aim to squash this statistic by continuing to listen to what our foster community needs and stepping up to fill those gaps.

# Over 700 volunteer hours in 2023.



Numbers represent each time a program was utilized in 2023.

“Resources of Hope has made taking new placements, especially babies, a much less stressful experience! With each kiddo, we needed car seats, strollers, cribs, clothes, diapers and much more! It gave us such a sense of peace knowing we could reach out to them and they would always come through! We couldn't have done it without them!”

-NB Foster Parent

“Thank you so much for including the older kids with crafts and games for them! They often get overlooked, especially something like this which is geared for little ones. My 13 year old told everyone about it, he was so impressed and that's saying something!” -KD Foster Parent

# 606,000

2021 US Children in the foster care system. \*

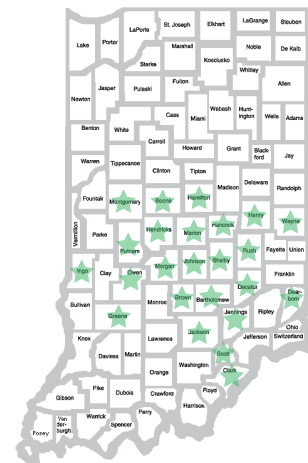
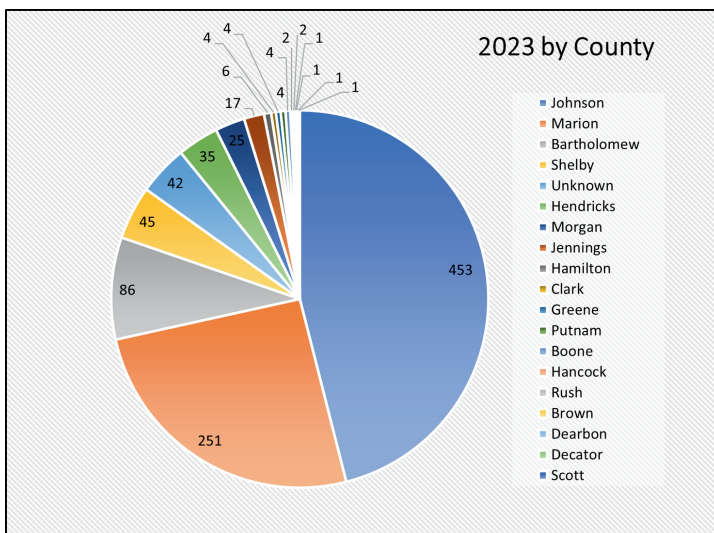
# 21,932

2021 Indiana children utilizing the foster system. \*

# Our Impact

Resources of Hope stands with dedicated caregivers, providing unwavering support and essential resources to youth in foster and kinship care throughout Indiana.

Foster care crosses county lines. So do we.



I had no idea what to expect when I walked in, but I was overwhelmed with love and appreciation. All the workers and volunteers were so helpful and loving to my little boy. Being able to share my foster journey with others and feel the love in the room was special. I am forever thankful to all that made this happen.

-KL, Foster Parent



\*Through our Clothing Closet, Birthday Blessings & Teen Connect Programs.

**1437**

Kids we impacted in 2023.

**53**

Certificates given from our training & UNITE programs.

**204**

Youth received gifts for Christmas 2023.