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# From My Heart To Yours



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Children's Service Society would not be as effective and efficient if it were not for its helpers! Recently as I was driving my grandchild to school, he announced from the back seat that he had made a mess. He was not worried, nor happy. He just announced it as a matter of fact. Then he added, "Grandma, I guess we need to go and clean the car later." I nodded.

I am not sure what it is about the car wash tunnel that my five year old grandson loves so much, but he was quite excited about it. As we exited the tunnel he asked if he could use the vacuum to clean his mess. I looked at him, gave a few simple instructions and let him start working. There is an innate need in us to help. To do something meaningful, to make things right. I was not worried about him doing a good job and cleaning every crumb left in the back seat of the car, but I wanted him to feel useful, appreciated and important.

There is only one thing better than teaching our children to grow up to be helpful and caring adults and that is to become adults that care and understand that the well-being of our children is in their helping hands. As we approach our 135th anniversary of supporting children and families in Utah, I can only say thank you to the helpers who support our work, understand our needs and give generously to enhance our services. We are blessed to always find people who are willing to help!

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

*Mr. Rogers, American television personality, musician, puppeteer, writer, producer and minister.*



## Children's Service Society Path of Change



**Our Vision:**  
To ensure every child  
has a safe, loving  
home.



### WHY?

The emotional, social and physical development of young children has a direct effect on their overall development and on the adult they will become. That is why understanding the need to invest in very young children is so important, so as to maximize their future well-being.

# STRONG COMMUNITIES



**Children's Service Society's mission is to empower families, caregivers, and professionals through services that support the safety and well-being of children.**

1. We believe that children deserve a nurturing and safe environment where they can grow and thrive.
2. By supporting families, caregivers, and professionals we can ensure all children receive the care and love they deserve.
3. By supporting the adults, we not only influence the lives of children but we create stronger communities.

Through our programs we are able to serve our community and be agents of change in the lives of many children and families. For more information on our services and to view the CSS FY2018 Financial Audit visit [www.cssutah.org](http://www.cssutah.org).



Care About Childcare serving Salt Lake and Tooele Counties served over 2,000 families and child care providers during FY2018.



Grandfamilies provided services through support groups and Friend 2 Friend activities, serving more than 1,000 grandparents and relatives raising grandchildren.



Adoption has risen to be a leading program in the State of Utah, facilitating the Empower to Connect conference and supporting more than 500 families touched by the adoption process.

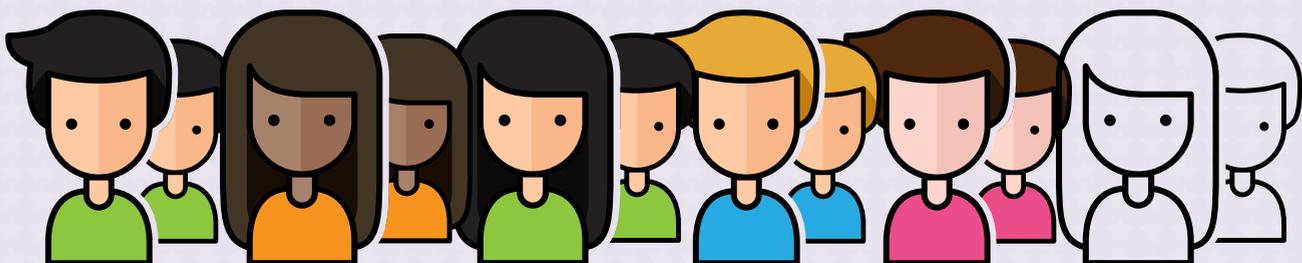


The Home Visitation Program continues to support families and parents to promote the optimal well-being and development of children in underserved families.

## FY2018



Thirty percent of Utah's population is children. No other state in the nation is close to that percentage. Almost 120,000 of those children live below the poverty line. Research has proven that poverty is the single greatest threat to children's well-being and that poverty is often considered the single best predictor of child maltreatment.



# OUR THANKS

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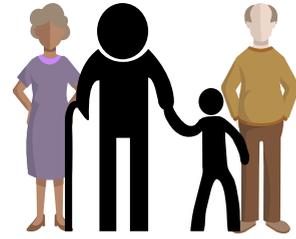
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At Children's Service Society we all know we can't achieve our goals without the help of our community. Our heart is full of thanks to all of you, who during this year made it possible to reach all the children and families. For a full list of donors and funders please visit our website at [www.cssutah.org](http://www.cssutah.org)



### Our Central Focus

Family, in the broadest sense of the word, is at the center of our work and programs, and our clients are the best testimonial we can share. "Many of the families we work with are dealing with severe mental health issues" reports one of our family educators. By acknowledging the situation and creating a safe place to speak we are able to connect the parents with the right resources and support while they engage in parenting their children.



### Leading the Way

Children's Service Society has historically been at the forefront of services for our community. We take pride in recognizing that we have been pioneers and innovators that have brought unique services needed by our community. Our Support Service Programs along with our Early Childhood Programs have been providing support and stability to Utah families as we navigate the difficulties of today's world.

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