

Bethany[®]

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Our world is facing unprecedented challenges and transformative moments.

In these days of uncertainty and change, Bethany remains motivated by our faith and united in our mission.

Hundreds of millions of children around the world are unprotected and poorly defended. That is simply unacceptable. As Christians, we put our trust in God and our passion into the ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Your support enables Bethany to demonstrate Christ's love to children and families within our own communities and around the world.



Together, we can change the world through family.



Chris Palusky
Bethany's President and CEO

234,746

total lives
impacted
in 2019

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IMPACT IN 2019 ONLINE

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Results of General Operations

OPERATING REVENUE

	2019	2018
Service revenue	\$113,499,000	\$103,189,000
Contributions	17,000,000	19,064,000
Investment & other	6,891,000	(1,020,000)
Total Operating Revenue	\$137,390,000	\$121,233,000

OPERATING EXPENSES

	2019	2018
Program services	\$110,869,000	\$105,278,000
Management & general	15,094,000	11,626,000
Fundraising	6,252,000	6,376,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$132,215,000	\$123,280,000

Provision for Future Services	\$5,175,000	\$(2,047,000)
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Building Stronger Families

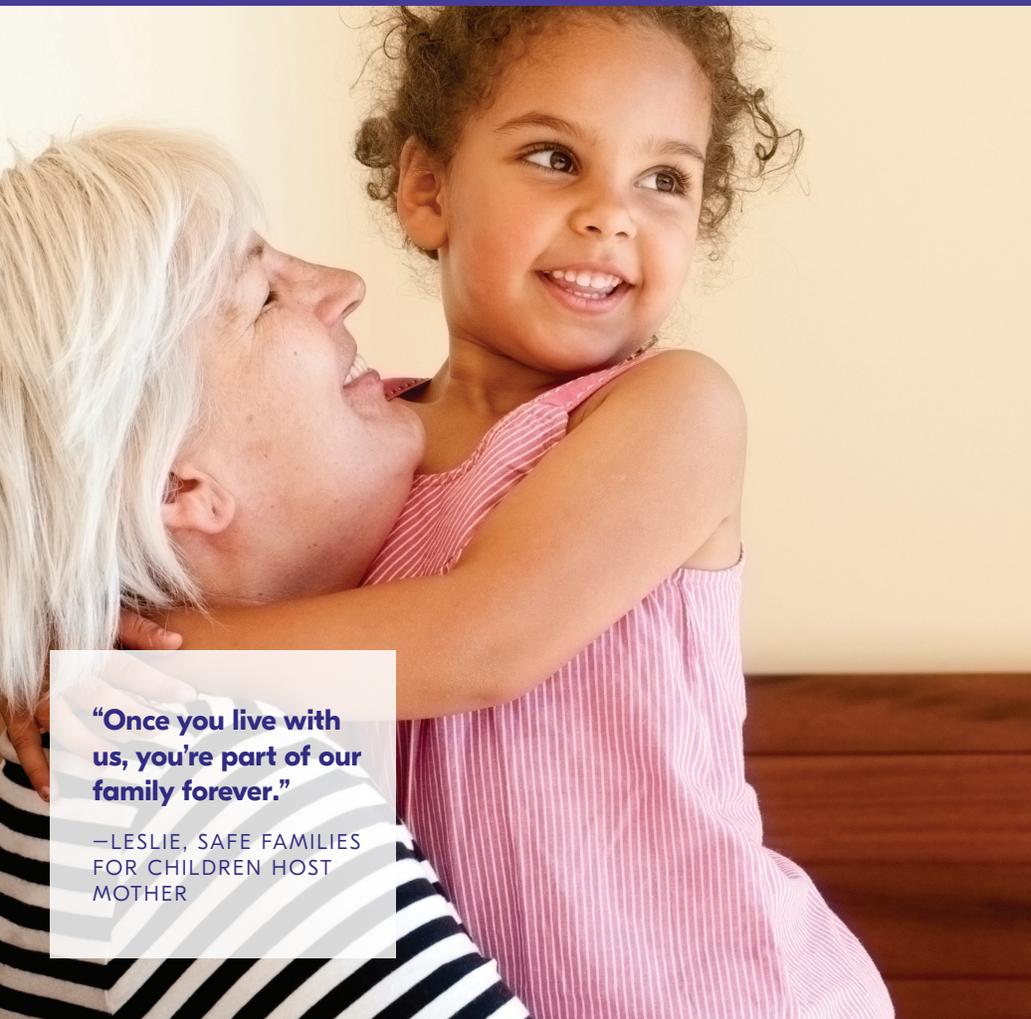
KEEPING FAMILIES SAFELY TOGETHER

Right now in the U.S., more than 400,000 kids are in foster care, 100,000 children are waiting for adoption, and about 40% of parents facing an unexpected pregnancy choose abortion.

When expectant parents feel they can't care for their child, financial challenges are often the reason. When older children bounce around in the foster care system for 5–10 years, they've often lived in 20–50 different homes. And when 18-year-olds leave foster care without the support of a family, they're often at elevated risk of incarceration, substance misuse, or unexpected pregnancy.

That's simply unacceptable. That's why, in the U.S., we begin our work with evidence-based programs designed to keep families together. Homebuilders and Safe Families for Children help parents establish a network of support and a strong family foundation, after a crisis occurs.

When children enter foster care, we provide loving foster families to keep kids safe until they can reunite with their families in a safer environment. And, when reunification isn't possible, we find loving, lasting families for children through adoption.



“Once you live with us, you're part of our family forever.”

—LESLIE, SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN HOST MOTHER

114,365

total lives impacted in 2019

5,033

children served through Safe Families for Children

8,417

children and families served through foster care

17.6%

increase in family preservation services

KEY PROGRAMS

Safe Families for Children

Foster care

Adoption

Pregnancy counseling

NEED

45% of pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended

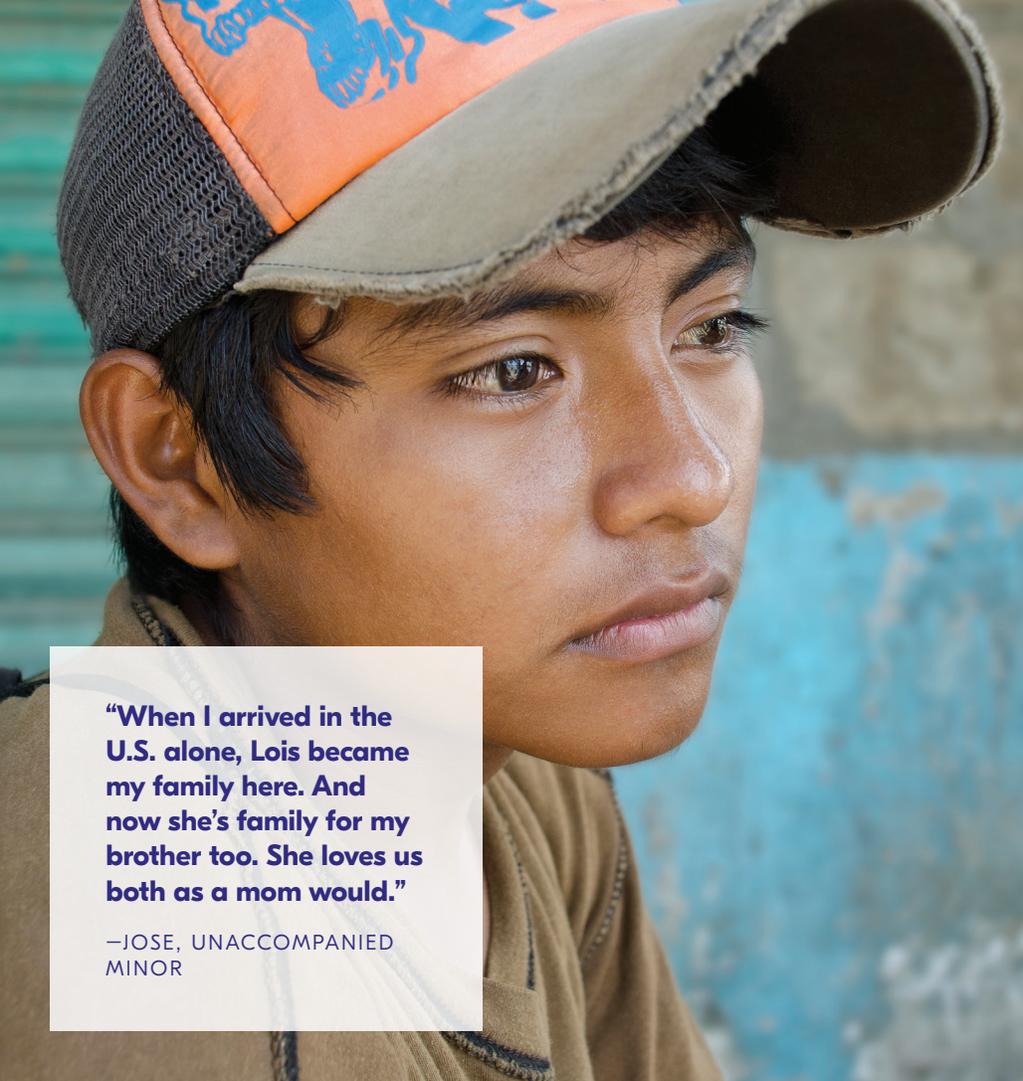
26,000 of the children waiting for adoption leave foster care at 18 without a family

30% of former foster youth become homeless or incarcerated

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LEARN MORE ABOUT LESLIE AND READ HER STORY ONLINE

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“When I arrived in the U.S. alone, Lois became my family here. And now she’s family for my brother too. She loves us both as a mom would.”

—JOSE, UNACCOMPANIED MINOR

Refugee & Immigrant Services

REFUGEES DESERVE TO BE SAFE, LOVED, AND CONNECTED

More than 79 million people worldwide have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to conflict, violence, persecution, or human rights violations, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). At Bethany, our faith compels us to act on behalf of these vulnerable people, the vast majority of whom are women and children.

For refugees fleeing danger, the search for safety can be extremely challenging. And too often, people become numbers in a system that can feel impossible to navigate. That’s why we guide, protect, advocate for, and support refugees. In the U.S., we offer resettlement and continued support services in strategic locations.

Connection is the thread that runs through our refugee and immigrant services. For refugee children resettled in the U.S. without a family, we connect them with foster families where they find love, support, and a home base that continues into adulthood. For unaccompanied kids seeking protection in the U.S., we connect them with short-term foster families until we can reunite them with a family member. Through our post-release services, we continue supporting refugee and asylum-seeking families through a safe and smooth transition and connection into the community.

23,378

total lives impacted in 2019

2,452

families supported in reunification

21

refugee women were assisted in establishing their own childcare businesses

667

children cared for by 266 transitional foster care families

KEY PROGRAMS

Refugee foster care

Transitional foster care

Refugee resettlement

Refugee employment

Trafficking victims support

Trauma counseling

Family reunification

NEED

79.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, as of 2019

29.6 million refugees—the highest ever seen

45.7 million internally displaced people

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Global Family Care

EMPOWERING FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD

Violence, disease, persecution, and natural disasters can jeopardize a family's ability to stay together. And when extreme poverty is paired with these stressors, families are disrupted.

Children without families are at greater risk for homelessness, trafficking, unplanned pregnancy, and developmental delays. According to UNICEF, nearly 90% of the world's orphans have at least one living parent.

In response to the worldwide orphan crisis, we connect children in need with families in their country of origin. In more than a dozen countries, we've partnered with local churches and government to recruit and train families to foster and adopt. Family-based care offers a proven solution to protect vulnerable children around the world.

Our mission transcends borders. Through specialized training, we also work with non-governmental organizations, local governments, and other partners to influence positive change. Our work is tailored for each country, empowering people right where they live.

97,003

total lives impacted in 2019

11.1%

increase in individuals served through Global Services

35%

increase in lives impacted through in-country adoptions

40

international partner organizations

KEY PROGRAMS

Adoption

Foster care

Family preservation and empowerment

Refugee and humanitarian services

NEED

140+ million orphans, meaning they've lost one or both parents

700+ million people live in extreme poverty

1 of 5 children live in extreme poverty. Poverty affects children disproportionately

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“Being taught about parenting is one of the precious privileges that I got from [Bethany] and this refugee camp,”

—SAMIYAH, MOTHER



Demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, strengthening families, and empowering youth through quality social services.

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