



2021  
*Impact*  
Report



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# Supporting children in foster care and the families who serve them

It is hard to believe that 12 years ago on February 20th, 2010, PS I Love You delivered the very first “Care Bag” to a local child in foster care. Back then, I packed the care bags in my garage and hand delivered them to new foster care placements in our county.

I would have never dreamed or thought 12 years later, PS I Love You would have a whole room for care bags in a 3500 square foot resource center for foster families! And we are publishing our very first 2021 Impact Report.

The goal in providing an “Impact Report” is to thank our donors and community and to show you all the ways God uses your resources in the lives of children in foster care.

As I reflect and look forward to the future, I consider it an honor and privilege to serve foster children and foster families in the upstate. Over the last 12 years, PS I Love You has provided tangible support to thousands of children in foster care. Wow, God is faithful.

2 Corinthians 3:5 says “It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.”



*Kay Kirby*  
Executive Director





# 2021 Impact Report

## Our Team

**Executive Director**

Kay Kirby

**Resource Closet Manager**

Martha Timmons

**Resource Closet Assistant**

Cindy Foster

**Donation Center Manager**

Ashley Reynolds

**Donation Center Assistant**

Keely Price

**Special Projects**

Susan Renard

**Ministry Development**

Laura Timmons



## Board of Directors

Cindy Lathan

Angie Smith

Sabrina Coley

Susan Renard

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# *When God sends a bike*

In the midst of a busy Christmas season, there was a 7 year old little boy came into foster care and wished for a bike.

Through generous donors who gave financially, PS I Love You Ministries was able to order a 20 inch bike to provide for the child. The following day the foster dad called the office to see if we had any training wheels that might fit. You see, even though the child desperately wanted a bike, the foster parents did not realize that he didn't know how to ride a bike. The 20 inch bike was a too big for the child to learn on.

The very next day, a man rang the doorbell at our office and rolled in a 18-inch bike with training wheels. His son and daughter-in-law are foster parents, and he has a huge heart for the ministry. We weren't expecting him and he did not have a sponsored child.

That's how God works to make a child feel seen and loved as He alone reveals himself as their provider. Once again we had a front row seat as we watched God work miracles in the lives of His children.







# Areas of Impact

## **Clothing Closet and Resource Center**

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Foster children receive cost-free clothes, shoes, socks, care bags, underwear, diapers, hygiene items, baby equipment, toys, books, and much more.

## **Foster Family Blessings**

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Annual events like Shipwreck Cove, Easter and Back-to-School shopping experiences, and ticket giveaways for families to enjoy fun times together.

## **Meeting Specific Needs**

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Foster parents who may require assistance providing things that are not covered by DSS or Medicaid such as beds, car seats, equipment, and Same As You Scholarships, etc.





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# Clothing Closet and Resource Center

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Measurable Impacts:

**941 visits**  
to the Resource Center  
representing  
**365 children**  
from  
**24 counties**  
in South Carolina



Ministry Fact:  
The faces of children  
in foster care can not  
be shown in photos in  
order to protect their  
privacy.







**40,060 items**  
were given at no cost to  
foster families,  
representing 24% growth  
over the previous year



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# Foster Family Blessings

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Measurable Impacts:

## 19 Opportunities for Families

2 Ticket Giveaways

(Big Air and Big E)

1 Shipwreck Cove  
Family Night

7 Mom's Support  
Group Events

2 Shoe Carnival Events

(Easter & Back-to-School)

4 Giveaways for Kids

(Valentines, Summer buckets,  
School Supplies, ministry shirts)

1 Giveaway for Parents

(gas cards for Thanksgiving)

2 Family Night Kits

(Pumpkin carving kit,  
Christmas Family Bags)



Mom's Support Group

Ministry Fact:

Offering a variety of  
opportunities increased  
flexibility amidst the  
COVID pandemic







223 pairs of shoes  
purchased at Shoe  
Carnival Events



190  
Big Air tickets  
purchased for families



120 enjoyed  
an evening at  
Shipwreck Cove



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## Meeting Specific Needs

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Did you know?

We also purchase new items  
for foster families, including:  
bikes, beds, carseats,  
mattresses, smoke alarms,  
strollers, and therapeutic  
equipment.





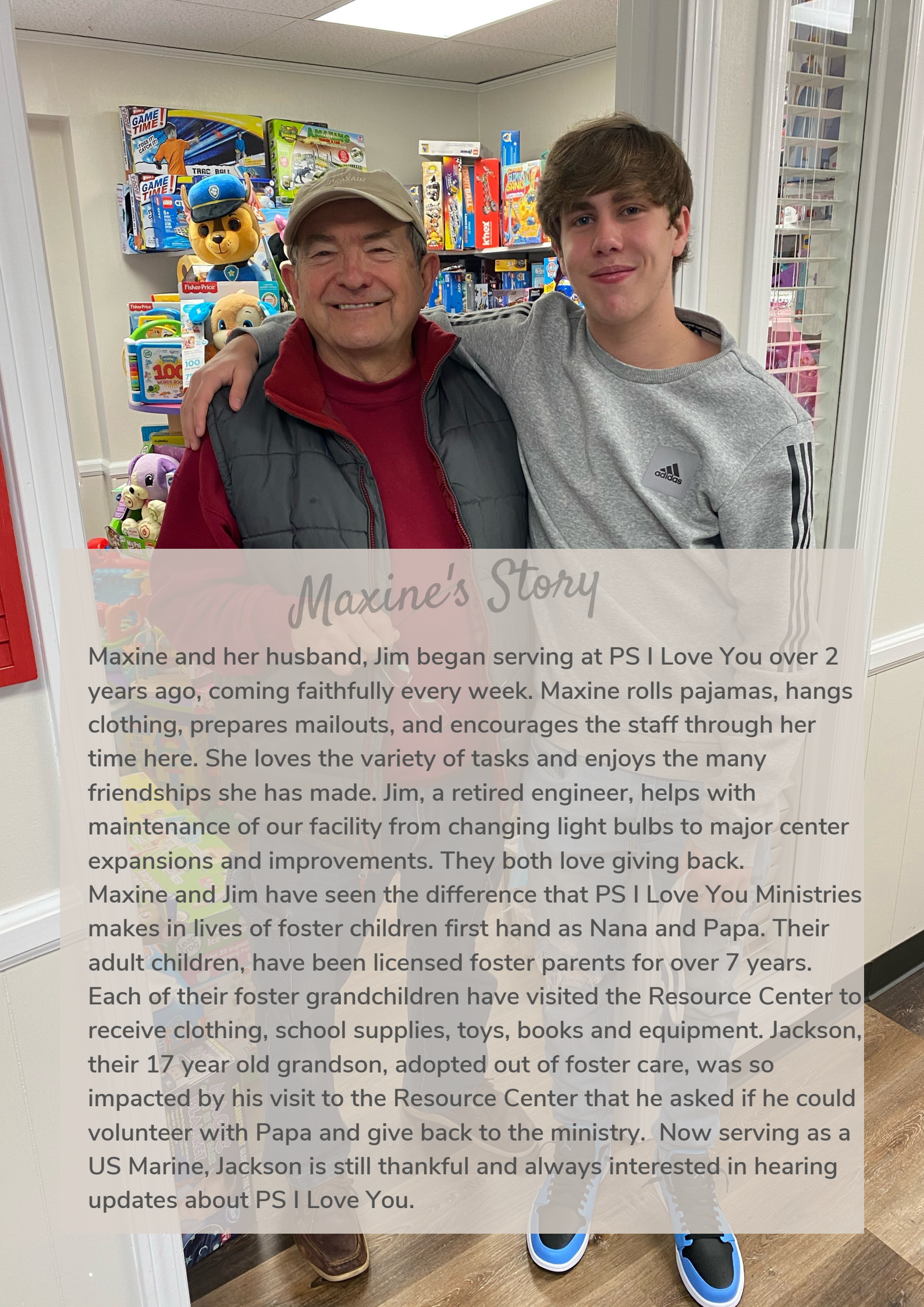


## *a tool for recovery*

The trauma that children in foster care endure would be unimaginable to most. The emotional scars can take years to heal. Emotional regulation, attachment, anxiety, and depression are all very challenging behaviors to navigate and can be overwhelming for the foster parent. Often parents find themselves exhausted advocating for support and services. But when services are found and therapies have begun, there is a new hope for healing. PS I Love You Ministries partners with foster parents by providing therapeutic toys and equipment. Parents request specific items recommended by therapists that coordinate with the child's treatment plan, which is a great benefit in addressing the child's needs at home. These items include: Sensory school supplies and fidget toys, weighted blankets, vests and compression clothing, oral motor stimulators, movement toys and swings, and much more.

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## *Maxine's Story*

Maxine and her husband, Jim began serving at PS I Love You over 2 years ago, coming faithfully every week. Maxine rolls pajamas, hangs clothing, prepares mailouts, and encourages the staff through her time here. She loves the variety of tasks and enjoys the many friendships she has made. Jim, a retired engineer, helps with maintenance of our facility from changing light bulbs to major center expansions and improvements. They both love giving back. Maxine and Jim have seen the difference that PS I Love You Ministries makes in lives of foster children first hand as Nana and Papa. Their adult children, have been licensed foster parents for over 7 years. Each of their foster grandchildren have visited the Resource Center to receive clothing, school supplies, toys, books and equipment. Jackson, their 17 year old grandson, adopted out of foster care, was so impacted by his visit to the Resource Center that he asked if he could volunteer with Papa and give back to the ministry. Now serving as a US Marine, Jackson is still thankful and always interested in hearing updates about PS I Love You.



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# Faithful Volunteers



Measurable Impacts:

**36 Volunteers**

served over  
1,200 hours



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## Generous Givers



Individuals &

Monthly Supporters

Community  
Grants

Churches  
& Corporate  
Sponsors

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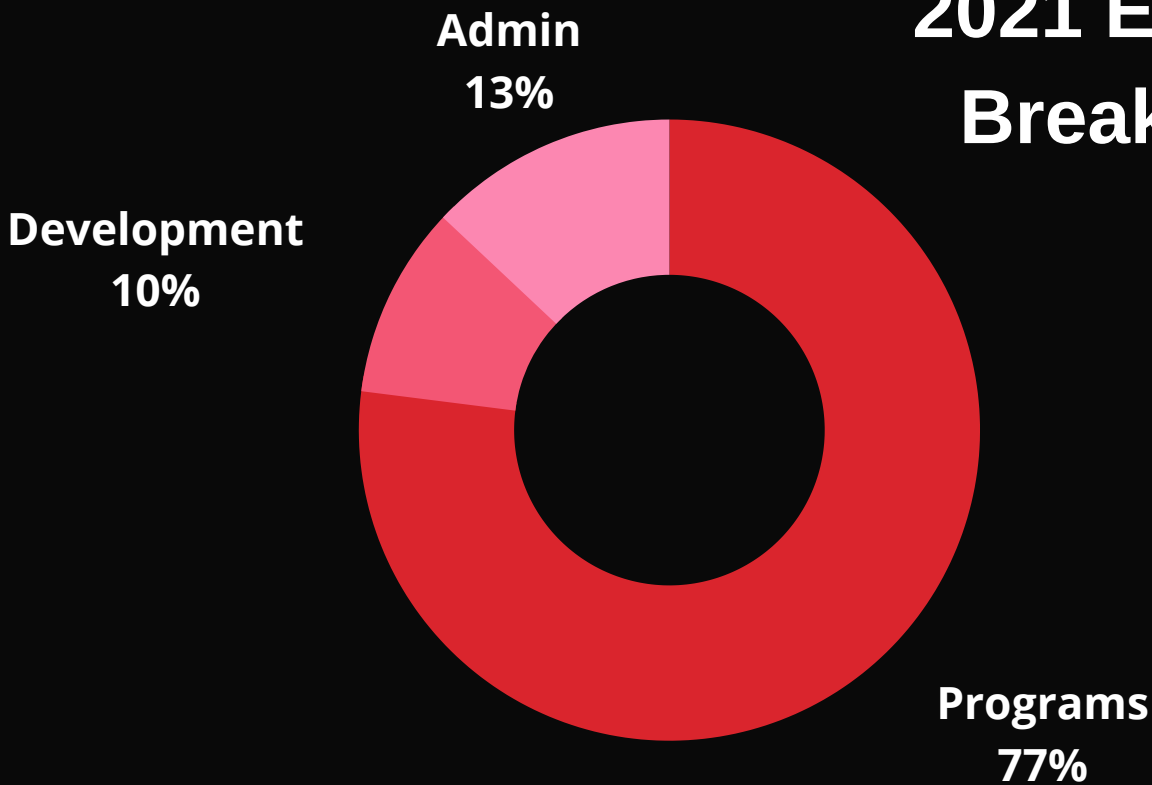


A special THANKS to





# 2021 Expense Breakdown



Measurable  
Impacts:  
Partnered with  
**63 organizations**  
who hosted drives & collections

our Corporate Sponsors



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**2021:**  
*and the families who serve them*  
**A year of dynamic growth  
and new opportunities**



- Honored as WINNER of the Best of the Best Spartanburg, Nonprofit
- Hosted "A Walk To Hope" Community Event



 **PS i love you** presents

**A WALK TO  
HOPE**

A FOSTER CARE WALK THROUGH EXPERIENCE







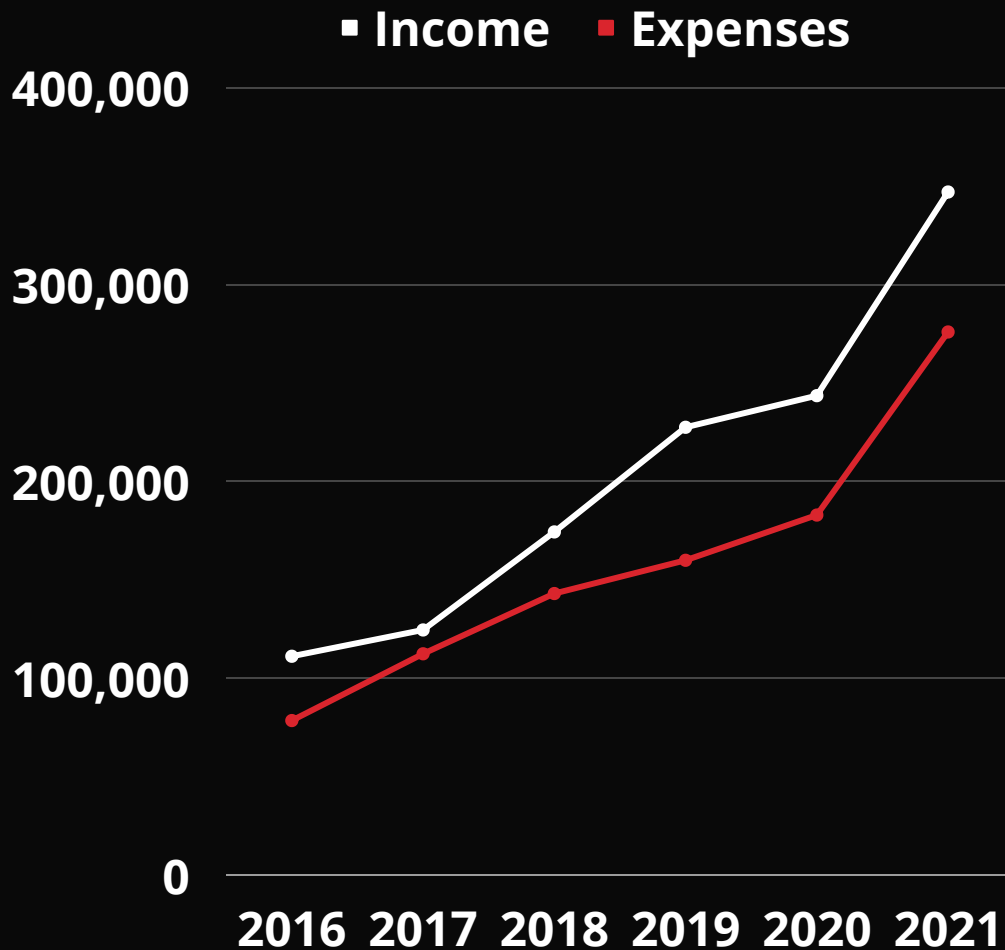
- Donation Center facility expansion completed



- Added 2 additional staff positions
- Kay Kirby participated in the SC Foster Care and Adoption Task Force

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# A look back...



We've experienced 250% growth  
in the past 6 years! Wow!  
God has provided abundantly to  
support children in foster care and  
the families who serve them.



# Goals for 2022

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## Facilities Expansion

To sustain the high quality of service to foster children, as we continue to experience rapid growth, PS I Love You is seeking to expand and prayerfully purchase a surrounding property. Please join us in prayer as we seek guidance, provision, and properties. This addition will enable us to expand our services and programs to better serve children in foster care and the families who serve them.

## Expand our Services for Foster Families

As we focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of children in foster care, we will expand our services to equip foster parents. We will begin offering training opportunities and increase the amount of materials (digital and physical) available in a resource library for their education and support.

## Partnerships with Community Organizations

Occasionally we receive unneeded items or excess inventory that we are unable to store or give to our families. In 2021, we partnered with 25 other organizations in our community that serve vulnerable children and adults. Our goal is to increase our number of partners to ensure nothing is wasted or unused.





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