



2023

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Impact Report



Supporting children in foster care and the families who serve them

PS I Love You entered 2023 with a flooded building. The flood damaged our offices and the Donation Center, ruining clothing, socks, underwear, and new toys for foster children. This ordeal put our new building expansion on hold and created lots of challenges. But through it all God remained faithful in providing for ALL of our needs. With the help of many local partners, wonderful staff, family and friends, we restored the damaged building and completed the renovations of the new Training Center and Donation Center.

As I look back and reflect on 2023, I have felt the strength of my God and experienced His faithfulness like never before. Isaiah 40:29, says “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

As we celebrate all He did through PS I Love You in 2023, we are also focusing on new opportunities to serve foster children and the families that take care of them for years to come. We count it a joy and privilege to serve His Kids! Thank you for partnering with us on this incredible journey of supporting children in foster care and the families who serve them!



Serving His Kids,



Kay Kirby

Executive Director



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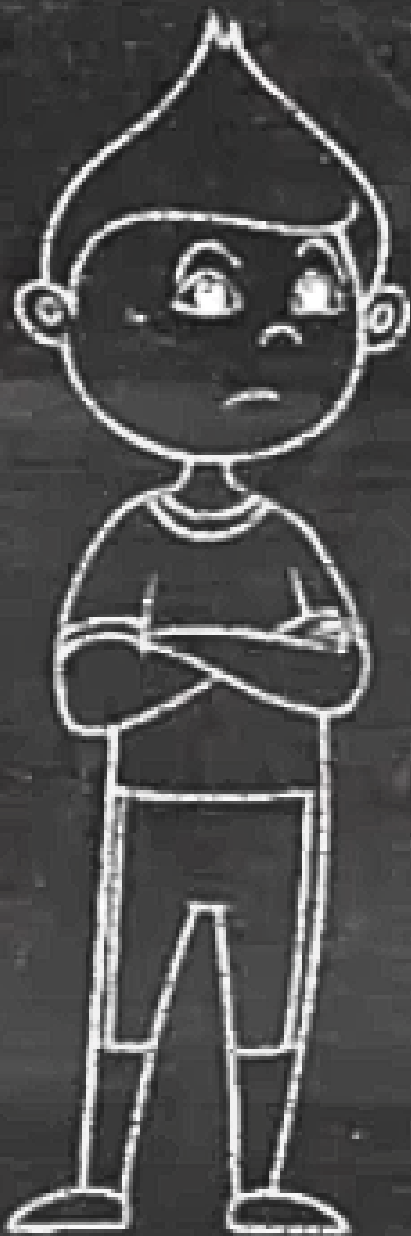
Cindy Lathan

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Connect with us on social
media for more impact stories



*consider the thoughts
and feelings of the
children we serve*



*use your camera app to scan the link &
watch a powerful video about the children
who shop at PS I Love You Ministries*



Areas of Impact

Resource Center

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

Foster Parent Support



Mom's Night Out events and training opportunities help form mentoring relationships within a community of foster parents impacting the emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the whole family.

Fun Family Events

Events for families and giveaways for special family outings, along with shoe shopping events, provide memorable experiences for foster families to enjoy together.



Clothing Closet and Resource Center



Measurable Impacts:
1,665 visits
to the Resource Center
representing
422 children
from
25 counties in SC,
2 counties in NC

The Resource Center expanded to include:
a larger infant room,
a teen girls room, and
a teen boys room.





over 70,500 items
were given at no cost to
foster families.



240
foster families
were served
in 2023.



Foster Parent Support

Measurable Impacts:

6 Mom's Night Out Events

Pedicure Night

Bunco Game Night

Cleaning Tips & Tricks

Jewelry Craft Night

Burgers & Bakery (x2)



1 Training Opportunity
Refresh Conference

2 Foster Parent Giveaways

Datnight

Giftcards (May)

Gas & Groceries

Giftcards (Nov)

Dinner out at Burgers & Bakery



Caroline's Story



My husband Thomas and I began fostering in 2016 and we have welcomed 54 children into our home. While that might sound like a lot, the sad reality is that for every one child we have said yes to, we had to say no to five others. That's really hard! And there are times when I need a break mentally, physically, and emotionally. We have to fill up our cup to have the stamina to keep going...

It takes a Village

read more of Caroline's story at
www.psiloveyouministries.com/ittakesavillage

You can also use your camera app to scan the link & watch Caroline share her heart about the support they received through PS I Love You



Fun Family Events



Measurable Impacts:

11 Opportunities for Families

2 Ticket Giveaways

(Big Air and Strawberry Hill)

2 Shoe Carnival Events

(Easter & Back-to-School)

4 Giveaways for Kids

(Golden Tickets, Summer Buckets,
School Supplies, Ministry Shirts)

2 Family Events

(Fun Fest and Christmas Village)

1 Family Night Kit

(Christmas Family Bags)





227 pairs of shoes
purchased at Shoe
Carnival Events



82 kids
bounced at
Foster Family Fun Fest



136 children
met Santa
and enjoyed
activities at our
Christmas Village



The Stocking Lady

Lauren Mulitauaopele wanted to find a way for her toddler daughter to serve the community. Her favorite Christmas tradition was stockings, so they shopped with a friend and packed 7 stockings for a local children's shelter that year. Over 10 years later, she still reaches out to organizations that serve children in our area and begins recruiting friends on Facebook to help fulfill specific needs by age and gender to fill Christmas stockings for each request.

This past Christmas, Lauren and her amazing friends put together 247 stockings for children in the Upstate. PS I Love You was blessed to receive 197 of those stockings for children in foster care. How do you transport 197 overflowing stockings? You rent a U-haul truck! Pictured above, Lauren is sitting in the middle of the special gifts before unloading at PS I Love You.

THESE ARE
A FEW ARE
OF MY
FAVORITE
GIFTS

Faithful Volunteers



Measurable Impacts:
262 Volunteers
served over 2,300 hours



Generous Givers



A person's heartbeat is vital, a driving impulse, and a steady rhythm that sends a signal to all other systems of the body. Similarly, monthly givers are a vital force whose steady rhythm is an indication of health impacting all aspects of ministry.



In February 2023, PS I Love You launched "The Big Red Heart Club" with 35 founding members who give monthly to support the operational expenses of ministry.

To learn more about monthly giving, visit our website:
www.psiloveyouministries.com/donate-now



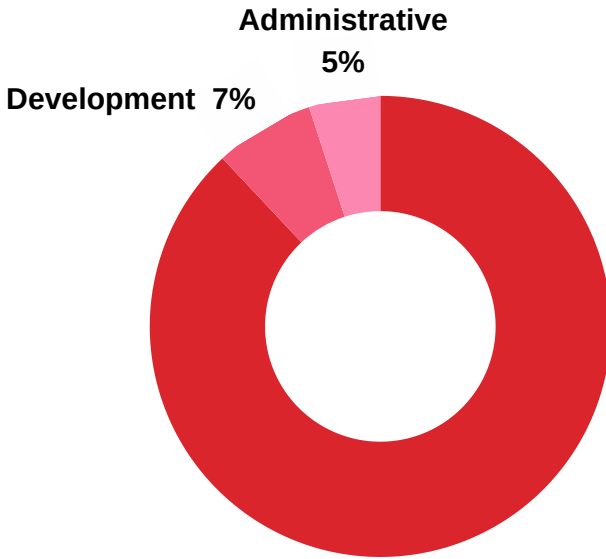
A special THANKS to

Ken, Inc.
BUILDING SUPPLIES



RENEW PAINTING
OF THE CAROLINAS





2023 Expense Breakdown

**Programs
88%**

**100% of items given to children in foster care are provided by the community.
We do not receive funding from the federal or state government.**

our Corporate Sponsors



Upstate Superior Solutions

Fairforest Church of God

D. Trent Lancaster,
at Janney Montgomery Scott

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Cline, Brandt, Kochenower & Co

2023:



Awards and Highlights



- Honored as WINNER of the Best of the Best Spartanburg, Nonprofit
- Official opening of our NEW Training Center with Ribbon Cutting and Dedication ceremony
- Awarded \$41,540 in Grant Funding
 - Celanese Foundation
 - Circle 555 Spartanburg
 - South Carolina Christian Foundation
 - Crane Fund for Widows and Children
 - Sertoma Club
 - Dabo's All In Team Foundation
 - Allegra





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Prayer of Dedication for the Training Center

“God we are overwhelmed at your goodness. As much as we are overwhelmed, we are heartbroken by the kids that we see walk through these doors. Children hurting, not for anything that they have done, but because of the environment they are in. We are so grateful for men, women, and families that sacrifice time and resources to take them into their home.

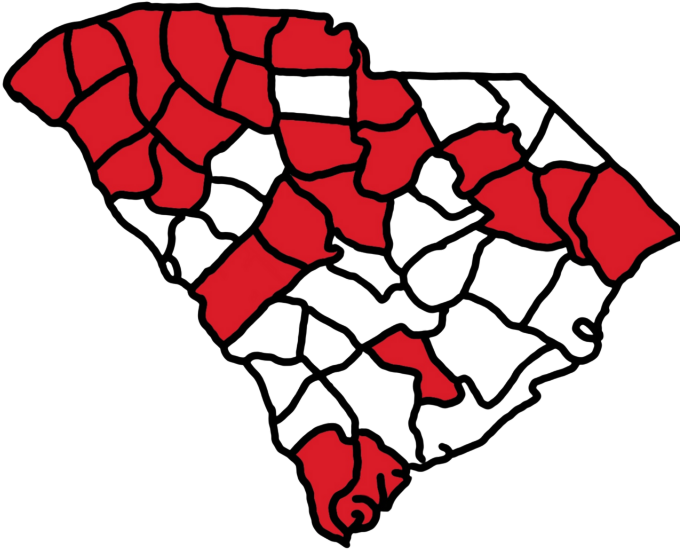
God we know this is not a perfect system, so our prayer is that you raise up more Christian foster families that will pour the love of Christ into these children. We are grateful for this place. We are grateful for this piece of property. A place where kids know they are loved and appreciated, and know that God loves them. Continue to use this place, these ladies, and volunteers to love hurting kids.”

Tyler Kirby, Senior Pastor, View Church

The Bigger Picture



There are 3,497 children in foster care in South Carolina. Sharing Jesus with 422 of them from 25 counties (pictured below) sadly, only represents 12% of the children in South Carolina who need clothing, resources, and most importantly, to know the love of Jesus.



The state needs 912 more foster homes to meet the needs of these children.*

What is the biggest need in SC?
More Godly foster families!

Goals for 2024



Increase Foster Family Events

Children build relationships through play, which includes activities with their foster families. PS I Love You can serve families well by providing on-site events and giveaways, with activities designed for children to encourage family time and bonding. In addition to our annual events, we look forward to hosting Summer Sensory Days at PS I Love You.

Increase Foster Parent Support Opportunities

Our Mom's Night Out events have been very popular for several years. Now with the new building, we look forward to hosting more formal and informal events to engage parents with relationships that encourage, mentor, and train them. We ultimately hope to share Christ with foster parents, whether they are just starting their fostering journey or have been fostering for years.

Engage Churches with Partnership Opportunities

It's not a secret that the system is broken. The light we have in Christ is the hope we bring into that darkness. What if churches truly rallied around the call in James 1:27 to care for the orphans and widows? God's people would hear His call and be emboldened to act. There would be NO children spending the night at DSS. There would be NO foster families struggling in isolation. There would be NO needs that go unmet.





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