No child should have to wake up in the morning wondering if they can still call the same place "home" at the end of the day.

No child should have to go to bed at night wondering if they will ever have someone to ask them how their day was, hug them when they're sad, and tell them that "yes, you belong."
Message from our President and CEO

At Sierra Forever Families, we believe that EVERY child needs and deserves the love, safety, and unconditional commitment of a family. Thanks to friends like you, we are turning that belief into a reality. Over the past year, your generosity and kindness enabled us to change the lives of over 760 children through a variety of innovative permanency-focused programs and services.

As we celebrate our successes, let’s also prepare for one of the largest changes to the child welfare service in over 25 years – the California Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). The plan through CCR is to reduce group-home care, which means that we need to be even more diligent in recruiting, training, and supporting families to meet the needs of our children. The changes inherent in CCR may pose some of our greatest challenges and potential opportunities. Now, more than ever, we continue to rely on supporters like you. Your investment in Sierra Forever Families is an investment in our children. Your belief in their bright futures will make it a reality.

Financial Highlights - Revenue and Expenses

Revenue: $6,440,145
- Contributions and Events: 10.14%
- Government/ Contracts: 83.76%
- Program Fees: 0.1%
- Miscellaneous: 6.05%

Expenses: $6,090,881
- Administration: 9.06%
- Program: 86.73%
- Fund Development: 4.23%

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SIERRA FOREVER FAMILIES

Board of Directors 2016-2017
- Jim Eldridge, President
- Robert “Bob” Earl, President Elect/Treasurer
- Pay Brady
- Kameka Brown
- Margaret “Maggie” Bryan
- Katy Carlsen, M.D.
- Dee Hartzog
- Amber Holwell
- Monica Miller
- Jim McGrann
- Jack Paddon
- Debra Panattoni
- Terry Risse

Children We Serve

- Age:
  - 0-5: 26%
  - 6-12: 29%
  - 13-17: 4%
  - 18-21: 4%

- Race:
  - American Indian/Native Alaskan: 24%
  - Asian: 20%
  - Black or African American: 16%
  - Hispanic or Latino: 16%
  - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 4%
  - Not Known/No Preference: 4%
  - White/European: 41%
Permanency Placement Unit
Our Permanency Placement Unit recruits, trains, and supports families who want to transform the lives of children in foster care by proving love, safety and unconditional commitment.

Destination Family
No child is “unadoptable.” Our program goal is to achieve legal permanency for youth in foster care who have one or more barriers to adoption, including those who may be medically fragile, ethnically diverse, teenagers or part of a sibling set that should not be separated.

Therapeutic Support Services
Trained therapists provide individual, family and group therapy, including comprehensive mental health services, with the goal of nurturing and strengthening families.

Wonder Mentoring Program
The Wonder Mentoring Program ensures no child has to go through foster care alone by matching children one-on-one with caring, consistent adults for a year-long journey in the arts, music, sports and nature.

*100’s more children served under our Post Adoption Services Program
We transform the lives of children living in foster care by building and nurturing permanent families

Wonder Mentoring Program

A teenager who entered Wonder at the age of 7 and spent 11 years in the program with her mentor says, “you got me through the tough times and I felt loved enough to believe in myself and stay in school”. This year she is graduating from high school and with the help of her mentor, is applying to college.

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