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Inspiring Lives.
Securing Futures.*



2006 Annual Report

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*“A man never stands as tall as when he
kneels to help a child.”*

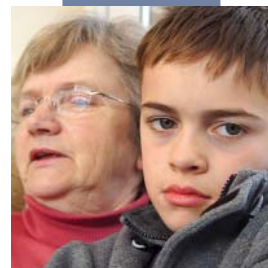
-Knights of Pythagoras



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History

Community leaders in Jacksonville concerned with the well-being of a growing population of homeless and abused children founded Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) in 1902 to find loving homes for these suffering children and offer them hope for brighter tomorrows. These compassionate volunteers launched a legacy of caring, now in its second century.

As Florida's population boomed, CHS expanded services statewide and broadened the scope of programming to address emerging societal and family issues. Through decades of change, two constants held CHS on course to change children's lives for the better: the unwavering commitment of our leadership to protect and nurture children, and the passion of generous supporters who embraced this effort to improve young lives.



Over time, it became apparent that the successful pursuit of our mission most likely would be achieved by the creation of a separate entity to endow assets to continue providing life-changing services for generations to come. Additionally, CHS board members felt a new entity would allow investment management opportunities while instituting protective liability barriers to ensure assets such as bequests and other planned gifts would be available to care for children in years to come.

So, in 1990, CHS embarked on *A Campaign for Tomorrow's Children*, which resulted in the establishment of several named endowments

to create the Children's Home Society of Florida Foundation. Over the next several years, individuals, corporations and foundations, with the help of many matching grants, contributed millions more to solidify the Foundation's financial vitality. Recently, both the Miami Children's Foundation and the Buckner Foundation merged funds with the CHS Foundation, bringing the organization's assets to more than \$12 million to serve our children and families in the future.

With its growing resources, the Foundation offers financial security for CHS to continue sheltering at-risk children while growing crucial preventive services for families, to decrease the staggering number of child victims, to break the horrific cycle of child abuse. While these prevention programs have proven outcomes of reducing child abuse and neglect, increasing positive parent-child interactions and bonding, and helping young mothers learn how to properly and lovingly raise their children, they are often at risk of losing funding. Fortunately, the CHS Foundation helps ensure the continuation and expansion of these vital services.

And it's crucial they continue. One such program, Healthy Families, works with young parents to prevent child abuse and neglect, model positive parenting, and ensure medical and social needs are met. The success rates are phenomenal. After completing the program, 95 percent of the children were free from maltreatment, and 92 percent of mothers did not have another child within two years of their baby's birth, allowing them to fully focus on their child's development, safety and happiness. Additionally, 81 percent of parents in the program improved their education level, received job training or found employment - all key elements to reduce stress that can lead to child abuse and neglect.

These proven prevention programs are paving the pathways to brighter, happier tomorrows, helping to break the tragic cycle of child abuse and neglect for more and more children. With the Foundation's support and your continued help, CHS can reach more families with these critical services, as we all look toward the day when every child is safe, healthy and prepared for life.



President's Message

It's truly an honor to serve as president of the CHS Foundation, and I'm privileged to work with all of you as we take significant strides to better the lives of Florida's children and families. While I've been in this role for more than a year now, I'm still actively learning each day. It's exciting to become familiar with all of CHS' programs and services and see how, together, we are positively impacting thousands of lives each year.



But, unfortunately, there are still too many children who need our services and too many parents who must learn to break the generational cycle of abuse. And they need our help. Traveling throughout the state, I've met countless volunteers, donors and staff members who share similar

goals: to improve the lives of children, and to break this horrific cycle of abuse and neglect for more and more youngsters. Our advocates and professionals are committed to service, and they are making a difference one family, one child, at a time.

My heart breaks when I hear stories of young ones hiding in closets, parents lashing out at their innocent children, and teens roaming the streets, longing for a warm bed and a loving family. But I continue to be encouraged as I witness the heartfelt dedication of CHS staff and supporters who are making a difference - they are rewriting the futures of these children.

If you have the desire to help change lives, I invite you to join us. Please call me and learn how you can be an active part of our mission: *Embracing Children. Inspiring Lives. Securing Futures.*



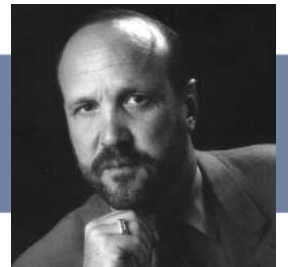
Bob Giese, President
Children's Home Society of Florida Foundation

Chairman's Message

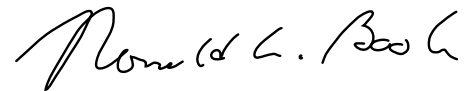
My children have been fortunate enough to be raised in a warm, loving family, where there's always been plenty to eat and, most importantly, an abundance of happy memories that continues to grow. Unfortunately, too many children don't have these years of joy to look back on - their memories are filled with nightmares, violence, rejection and, for some, days of hunger, digging through garbage cans to find scraps to fill their empty stomachs.

Their lives are in our hands. We have the power to change their future, to change their present. The children we serve at CHS are neglected, beaten up and lost, left feeling as though no one cares for them. But I do. And I know you do, too. I care for and feel for every single child in our care, for every child that will be in our care for years to come. With our help, all Florida's children can be given the love, affection, nurturing and guidance they need to become safe, healthy and prepared for life. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for caring, for partnering with us at the CHS Foundation to make a difference in the lives of these children.

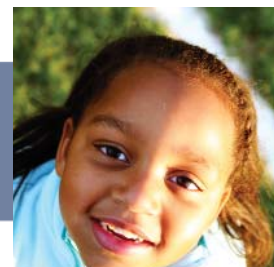
CHS is an organization that has stood tall above the rest to care for abused and neglected children, and I'm honored to be part of it. I'm prepared to make a difference, to help set an example. We need sustained assistance to make a difference in the lives of all these children, and that's why the CHS Foundation is so critical. Together, we are changing lives; together we are helping these children come out of the darkness to see the light - to find hope for their futures.



On behalf of the CHS Foundation Board of Directors,
thank you.



Ronald L. Book, Chairman
Children's Home Society of Florida Foundation



New Beginnings... Happy Endings

The James Family

Detention was all too familiar to 10-year-old Earle. So was anger. And hurt. He was quick to ignore and rarely even acknowledged others.

Mike James knew none of this, but he saw Earle's story on a television special, and he immediately felt a connection.

"I knew right away he was my son," Mike says. "I just knew it." So, even though he was single, he began the path toward adoption by taking parenting classes through CHS. While his social worker knew he'd make a great father, she warned him that Earle didn't particularly like people, especially those he didn't know. But Mike was different.

"As soon as Earle saw me, he basically jumped in my arms, and we played on the playground," Mike says.



Yet even after Mike adopted him through CHS, Earle had difficulty dealing with the hurt, anger and bitterness that had been part of him for so long. But in less than four short years,

his father has helped him undergo a dramatic reformation - so much so, that Earle's teachers barely recognized the same young man who sat in their classes just a few years ago.

His anger is virtually gone - in fact, anger holds the top spot on Earle's "dislikes" list. With the help of his dad, he's learned to talk through problems, to solve them with his intellect and heart, rather than with his fist. And now, Earle says, he's happy just about every day - largely because of his father's influence and guidance.

"My dad's very loving and caring," Earle says. "When we have a problem, we talk about it and take care of it. We have a lot of fun and go on trips in the summer."

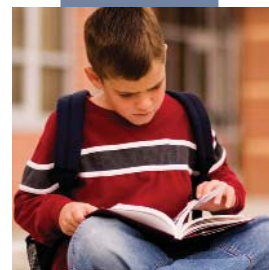
Recently, those father-son trips have turned into father-sons trips.

A while back, 15-year-old Jose began attending an after-school program Earle was actively involved in. Shortly after, the two formed a great friendship as Jose became more and more involved with the family. And on National Adoption Day 2006, Mike adopted Jose, too.

"I'm excited to be in a family that loves me," Jose says. But there was still one thing troubling him. At 15, Jose's biggest concern was that his 18th birthday was only three years away - and then he was on his own.

"I told him, 'this is a real family. You're part of this family for the rest of your life, and I'll be here for you the rest of the way,'" Mike says. Now, Jose has hope. He dreams of going to college and owning his own business. Earle envisions himself in the army. Both are bound to carry their father's love and encouragement, regardless of their paths.

Mike just wants his children to be happy, and he sees them both working through their pasts to be great fathers when they get older. And he provides an excellent example of true parental love, offering a legacy for his sons to continue passing on for generations.

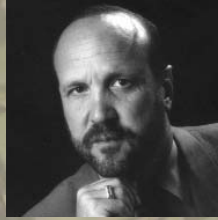


CHS Foundation Assets

December 31, 2006*	\$	13,657,952
December 31, 2005	\$	11,337,157
December 31, 2004	\$	10,477,336

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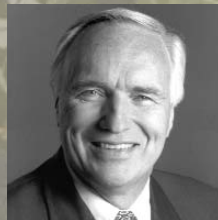
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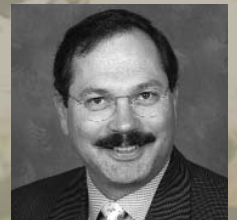
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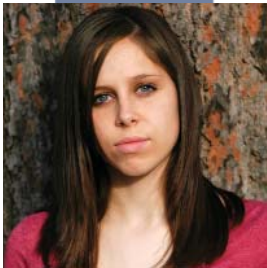


Roger Webb

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The CHS Foundation was established to support the needs of CHS through endowed funds. Gifts of any amount are encouraged and greatly appreciated, and named endowments may be established with a minimum gift of \$10,000. We sincerely thank those who have created the following named endowments through December 31, 2006.

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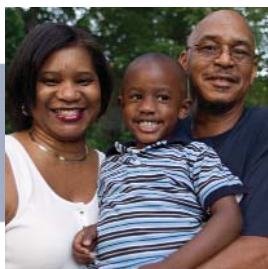
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Since 1902, CHS has brightened futures for more than 30,000 children who found their forever families through adoption. Even more, CHS touches the lives of nearly 160,000 children and families annually, and its remarkable outcomes are the combined result of effective planning and the help of our generous friends who assist us financially. Several of our friends have also committed to continue their financial support years into the future by including a bequest in their wills to the CHS Foundation.

While you may have many personal reasons to periodically review your will, we encourage you to revisit it this year to explore the possibility of leaving a meaningful legacy as you help us achieve our mission of *Embracing Children. Inspiring Lives. Securing Futures.* Making a small change in your will may only require a codicil, easily accomplished by a simple amendment that preserves most of your will's provisions. Your attorney can assist you in this process.

Leave a Legacy through a Charitable Gift Annuity

At the CHS Foundation, we offer a chance for you to create an important legacy, one of total selflessness. Your legacy can change children's lives.

For more than a century, CHS has led the way in providing a caring and nurturing environment for Florida's children and families. This is, and will remain, our focus. Through the years, our friends have faithfully supported our mission as we worked hard to earn our national reputation as a leader in child advocacy.

As we look to the future, we need to ensure our growth continues to match the growth of our state. We're excited to present several opportunities for you to become more involved, and we invite you to join us in our planned giving program. One of our planned gift arrangements, a Charitable Gift Annuity, may offer attractive tax benefits, and it provides you or your chosen beneficiaries with lifetime payments - all while you provide valuable resources to help us care for Florida's children and families.

Leave a Legacy by Honoring Others

Honoring a loved one can be the most rewarding of all personal acts. Through the CHS Foundation, you can honor another while making a tremendous difference in the lives of children who need our help.

As the standard-bearer for improvements in child welfare practices, professional education and staff training, CHS remains at the forefront of the child welfare effort, promoting prevention programs, perfecting intervention programs and making a profound difference in the lives of Florida's children and families.

Please consider us when you have the opportunity to celebrate the life or achievement of a friend or loved one. There is no greater honor you can bestow upon an individual than helping to secure the future of our children.

If you're ready to leave a legacy to change the lives of children and families, please contact Bob Giese, President of the CHS Foundation, at (954) 202-3242 or via e-mail at bob.giese@chsfl.org.

*“Children are the living messages we send
to a time we will not see.”*

-John W. Whitehead



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