



*Serving as the National Voice of Foster, Kinship and Adoptive Parents*

# Annual Report

2015

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## Introduction

It is a pleasure to present the Annual Report for the National Foster Parent Association. This report is being distributed at our annual membership meeting on June 25, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada. It will also be posted on the NFPA website.

The past year has been a time of change and growth for NFPA. The two most significant changes were the reorganization of our Board of Directors via Bylaw revisions and the hiring of an executive director and an Administrative Coordinator.

Our Board restructuring was the result of over a year of discussion and planning. The changes were voted on at a November, 2014, membership meeting and took place on January 1, 2015. The reorganization has resulted in a reduction in the number of Board members and a new process for selecting Board members and officers. We are still in the learning phase of our restructuring, but we believe the new structure will help our Board be more focused on strategic direction for the organization and less involved in daily operations.

Our new executive director also started on January 1. We were pleased that our former president, Irene Clements, agreed to serve in this position. In many ways, Irene had been operating as executive director the past few years as we worked to rebuild the association. She now has the title and a small part-time salary to support her in the work. Irene is a strong and experienced advocate for kids and families and a respected leader. Although this is a new position, we are already seeing the benefits of having an executive director. Irene works from her home to save office costs for NFPA.

NFPA added a part-time Administrative Coordinator position in August 2015. At that time we ended our contract with PATH, which has been providing our administrative support. PATH has been an incredible partner to NFPA and we could not have rebuilt the organization without their assistance. We are appreciative to the PATH board and leadership for their steady and professional support and to the PATH staff who have provided the admin support to keep us going. Sharon Holman is our new Administrative Coordinator. She works from her home to save office costs for NFPA.

The coming years offer many opportunities for our association and the foster, adoptive, and kinship families we support. We hope you will continue to be a part of our movement to support those people who support kids and families.

## Background on NFPA

The National Foster Parent Association (NFPA) was founded in 1972 and is incorporated as a private non-profit organization (501c3). Anyone supporting the work of the association is welcome to be a member. This includes foster parents, adoptive parents, kinship caregivers, social workers, and advocates. The organization is led by a board of directors which is representative of the members. Most activities of NFPA are organized and led by volunteers, and supported by our two part-time staff.

NFPA maintains a relationship with independent state foster and adoptive parent associations, through its Council of State Affiliates. At present, 31 state associations are affiliates. NFPA also maintains relationships with several national organizations through cooperative working agreements, partnerships and collaborations.

## Education

One of the most important activities for NFPA is the annual educational convention. The 2015 convention, “All Aboard – NFPA 2015 National Convention”, was jointly sponsored by NFPA and FACES of Virginia and was held in Norfolk, Virginia. The convention brought together 417 resource parents and staff from across the country, to share information and innovations, and to support one another.

In addition to the annual education convention, NFPA supports an array of education endeavors. We are proud to have a long standing relationship with the Foster Parent College, which provides outstanding web-based training. Our members are provided with regular writings from Dr. John DeGarmo. Dr. DeGarmo also hosts a weekly web based radio program on foster care and adoption. The program has gained followers from across America and in other countries. In addition, Scott Marcus has led webinars for the association, and the AFF initiative sponsors regular webinars for child advocacy leaders. We were also pleased to partner with Cenpatico with its excellent web training programs. Cenpatico has made its training available to foster parents across the country.

### Locations for NFPA Annual Education Conferences

<b>2016 – Las Vegas, NV</b>		
2015 – Norfolk, VA	2000 - Minneapolis, MN	1985 – Fort Worth, TX
2014 – Orlando, FL	1999 – Albuquerque, NM	1984 – Denver, CO
2013 – Long Beach, CA	1998 – Orlando, FL	1983 – Norfolk, VA
2012 – Oak Brook, IL	1997 – Lexington, KY	1982 – Bismarck, ND
2011 – Mobile, AL	1996- Los Angeles, CA	1981 – Detroit, MI
2010 – Baltimore, MD	1995 – Chicago, IL	1980 – Kansas City, MO
2009 – Reno, NV	1994 – Grand Rapids, MI	1979 – Boston, MA
2008 – Atlanta, GA	1993 – Salt Lake City, UT	1978 – Houston, TX
2007 – Washington, DC	1992 – Atlanta, GA	1977 – New York, NY
2006 - San Antonio, TX	1991 - Minneapolis, MN	1976 – Honolulu, HI
2005 – Garden Grove, CA	1990 – Phoenix, AZ	1975 – Atlanta, GA
2004 – Orlando, FL	1989 – Parsippany, NJ	1974 – Spokane, WA
2003- Des Moines, IA	1988 – St. Charles, IL	1973 – Philadelphia, PA
2002 – Las Vegas, NV	1987 – Anaheim, CA	1972 – Denver, CO
2001 – Cincinnati, OH	1986 – Wilmington, DE	1971 – Chicago, IL

***The 2017 Convention will be held in Houston, TX!  
Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel, June 21-24, 2017***

## **Public Policy Development and Advocacy**

NFPA has strengthened its advocacy efforts over the past year. Having an executive director has provided a focus for public policy requests and has allowed us to increase our presence in Washington. It has also improved our ability to partner with other organizations such as the Child Welfare League of America, and the Foster Family-based Treatment Association. We are members of the Washington-based Foster Care Coalition and we maintain contact with the Congressional Foster Care Caucus. NFPA serves as one of the three organizations that plan and implement National Foster Care Month activities and develop website information for promoting National Foster Care Month.

NFPA also maintains a list of positions on broad public issues. These positions are found on the website. The Public Policy Committee is now in the process of reviewing and updating the position statements.

## **Walk Me Home to the Place I Belong**

Walk me Home is a unique program of NFPA that helps to both raise money for local and state foster care associations and child placing agencies and helps to build community support for children in foster care and the foster families who support them. These events are great for recruitment efforts. Contact our staff if you, your foster parent association or your agency is interested in organizing an event.

## **Advocates for Families First (AFF)**

NFPA has joined in partnership with Generations United (GU) and the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) to advocate for support for all families that provide alternative care for children. This includes foster, adopt, and kinship families. Working together, the three groups have prepared a five year national policy agenda to support resource families, and are providing support to local and state groups that advocate for family-based care. NFPA currently has Jean Fiorito working with the project on a part-time contractual basis as she serves as the NFPA AFF Coordinator. In addition, our executive director, Irene Clements works with several aspects of AFF. The AFF website is [advocatesforfamiliesfirst.org](http://advocatesforfamiliesfirst.org).

Advocates for Families First is supported by grants from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, The Dave Thomas Foundation, and the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative.

## **National Foster Care Month**

NFPA takes an active role in promoting National Foster Care Month. During the month of May groups across the country highlight the work of foster families. The month includes a proclamation from President Obama, as well as hundreds of proclamations from governors and mayors. The Federal Children's Bureau provides the National Foster Care Month web site, which is loaded with information about foster care. The website is located at [www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth). NFPA takes an active role in planning the website and promoting local and national activities. NFPA also provides blue wrist bands in support of the month.

# Financial Summary

## National Foster Parent Association Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2015

	Total	
	As of Dec 31, 2015	As of Dec 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
1075 WFB-Checking Acct	83,202.49	97,321.15
1076 WFB-#6731-Youth ScholarshipFund	3,645.50	3,059.50
1077 WFB-#6749-StoneScholarshipFund	8,050.00	8,975.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>94,897.99</b>	<b>109,355.65</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
1110 Accounts Receivable	456.27	365.06
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>456.27</b>	<b>365.06</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>		
2121 Prepaid Expenditures	6,798.90	-
<b>Total Other current assets</b>	<b>6,798.90</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>102,153.16</b>	<b>109,720.71</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
1645 Computer	881.74	-
1745 Accumulate Depreciation	(88.00)	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>793.74</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 102,946.90</b>	<b>\$ 109,720.71</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
2010 Accounts Payable	-	4,518.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,518.00</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
2147 Walk Me Home Events	434.01	-
2310 Deferred contract revenue	-	66,030.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>434.01</b>	<b>66,030.00</b>
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<b>Equity</b>		
3010 Unrestrict (retained earnings)	39,172.71	29,491.16
Net Revenue	63,340.18	9,681.55
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>102,512.89</b>	<b>39,172.71</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 102,946.90</b>	<b>\$ 109,720.71</b>

## Board Members

The following are the NFPA Board members at the time of the annual meeting. The Board meets in person twice per year and meets by phone 6-8 additional times per year.

President: Pat Llewellyn - Montana  
Vice President: Vacant – to be filled at June 21 Board meeting  
Acting Secretary: Lana Freeman - Oklahoma  
Treasurer: Aubrey Manual, – California  
State Affiliates Jim Hatch - Maine

Board Members: Jason Burdge – California  
Antoinette Cottman - New York  
Lana Freeman - Oklahoma  
Peggy Kirby – Louisiana  
Myra Magee – Louisiana  
Doris Marshall – Massachutes  
Bonnie McNulty – Colorado  
Eileen Mayers Pasztor – California  
Karen Poteet- Oklahoma  
Stephanie Powell – Texas

## NFPA Partners

AdoptUS Kids	ATTACH
BMK Press (Fostering Families Today)	Child Welfare League of America
Centene/Cenpatico	Combined Federal Campaign
Foster Family-based Treatment Association	Generations United
International Foster Care Organization (IFCO)	National Foster Care Coalition
NACAC	National Grange
Northwest Media (Foster Parent College)	Scott Marcus Training
TRI	Wendy's Wonderful Kids
University of Phoenix	National Child Traumatic Stress Network

## Program Partners

- **Centene Corporation** is a major sponsor of NFPA activities including the conference.
- **Cedar Works** sponsored outdoor playscapes for foster families
- **York & Zacharia LLC** of Palm Beach, FL. donated the time to prepare the Federal Tax Guide for Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Caregivers
- **Annie E. Casey Foundation, Dave Thomas Foundation, and Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative** provide funding for the Advocates for Families First
- **Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association** provided accounting support in 2014
- **PATH Inc.** Provided administrative support and served as the association's office from January through July, 2015.

## Major Accomplishments of 2015

- Responded to thousands of email and phone requests for information or assistance
- Launched The Informer was in September, 2015. It is an excellent national source of news and information concerning foster care. <http://news.nfpaonline.org>
- Launched The NFPA Scoop, NFPA's online blog in September, 2015. <http://blog.nfpaonline.org>
- New laptop for Administrative Coordinator and new IP-based phone and fax system for staff use.
- Began recording all NFPA Board Conference calls to assist Secretary
- Published Federal Tax Benefits – Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Caregivers – 2015 tax year
- Developed new policies for sound fiscal management and numerous forms to assist with risk management
- First year to sell Foster Care Month blue wristbands through our online ecommerce form.
- NFPA members met with and testified for Congressional Foster Care Caucus
- Walk Me Home events held in 14 locations across America
- Fostering Families Today magazine regularly highlights NFPA
- Assistance and information provided to five states through AFF
- Continued referral relationship with FosterParentCollege.com
- Continued advertising relationship with MultiView
- NFPA displays at numerous National conferences
- Awards presented for different areas of accomplishment
- Thirty one state foster parent associations affiliated with NFPA
- Five academic scholarships awarded to kids living with foster families
- Two Helen Stone scholarships to foster/kinship parents to attend the 2015 convention
- Organization maintained an active social media presence
- Received \$4,832 in donations through the web site
- First Year to reach out to our constituents on Giving Tuesday requesting donations
- Changed office location from PATH to the home of the Executive Director and the Administrative Coordinator
- Outstanding national conference held in Norfolk, VA.
- Participation in national groups
  - National Foster Care Coalition
  - National Foster Care Month Planning Group
  - CWLA Practice Excellence Commissions
- Playscape Grants coordinated with CedarWorks.
- An informative and up-to-date website was maintained. The website provides important information to resource parents, students, researchers, and members of the general public.

**New Address Effective August 1, 2015!**

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