



IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2020 taught me resilience, hope, tenacity, and faith. But most importantly I learned that a global pandemic did not destroy us; it actually made us better. Stay with me. I know this is bold! Let me explain.

The number one core value we have at DFW Angels is community, but I don't think I have ever believed in community as much as I do today. From my vantage point I saw volunteers volunteer in a way they never have before. They showed up, going the extra mile to serve others. I saw overwhelmed foster parents continue to press forward and fight through the challenges and continue to love and nurture the kids in their care. When our referrals began to double, I saw staff members work harder than they ever have, putting in late hours, working on weekends, coming in early, driving all over our city without ever complaining. I saw our amazing friends, family, and community rally and give more financially than they have ever given.

This past year was tough but we are better, stronger, and more equipped because of it.

What would the work this past year have been like without you? I can't even begin to think about it. You supported us and together WE did the work. I am truly grateful for you.

Thank you for caring about children, youth, and families who are experiencing foster care. I am so incredibly proud to share with you what we have been able to accomplish together.

In 2020 we served more children, reached more families, fulfilled nearly every single request that came in, and so much more! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can't wait to do it all over again this year! Please stay safe, healthy, and happy!



Quin White

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MISSION STATEMENT

The DFW Angels mission is to walk alongside children in the foster care system, as well as their caretakers, by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see every child in the foster care system supported by a Love Box group and every youth supported by a Dare to Dream mentor.



“The ‘Love Box Program’ is not about the box, but the love. It’s about love in the highest form – the kind of love that keeps on giving. Not just with tangible things, but more importantly, the kind of giving that the heart holds dear. The listening ears, the precious time, the wise counsel, the encouragement, the caring hearts, and the extra helping hands.”

— Leilani Uy, Foster/Adoptive Mom

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Earlier this year, in response to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place mandates and to protect the health of our community, we chose to move our Love Box and Dare to Dream programs to virtual volunteering and mentoring.

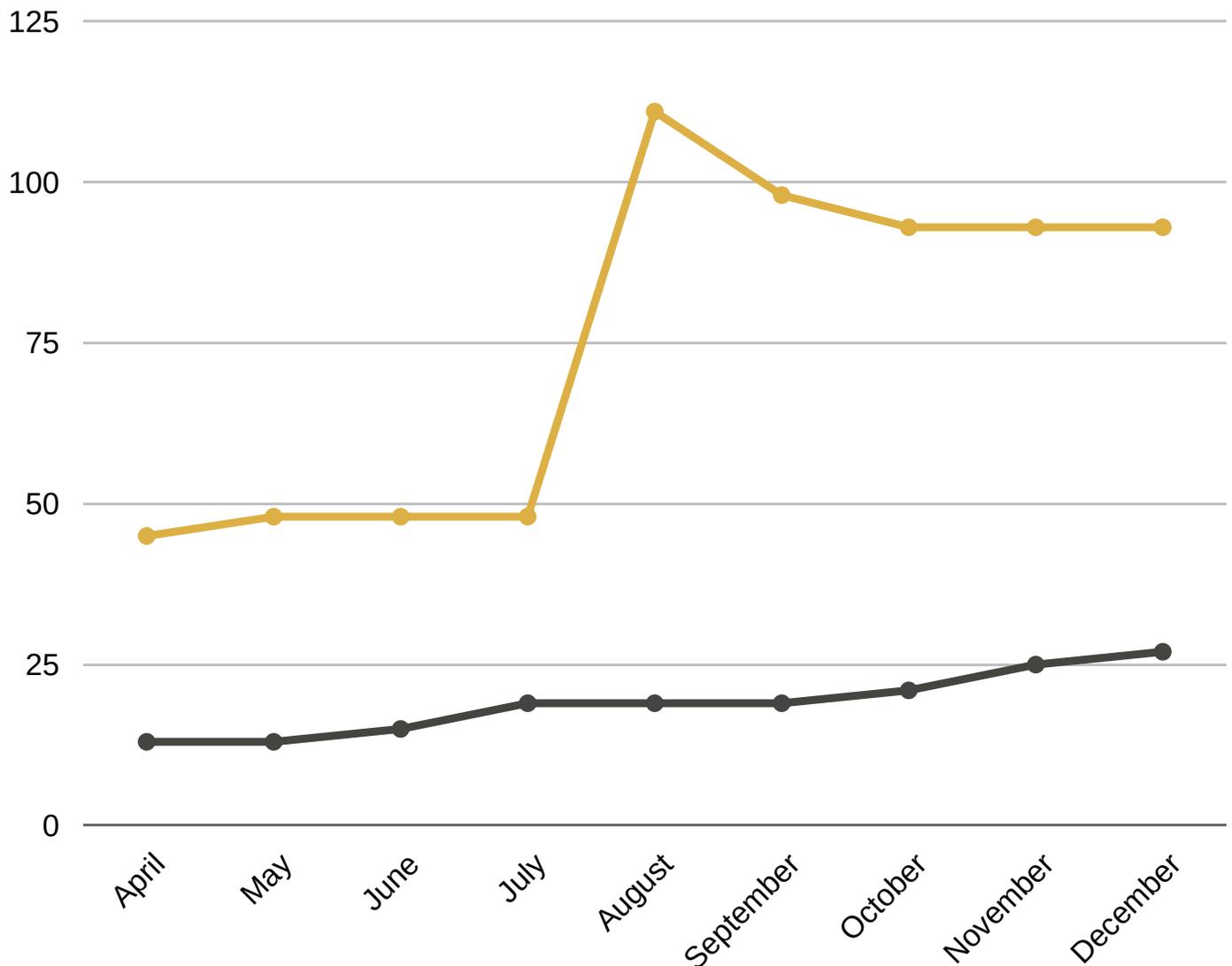
Closely following the guidelines of DFPS and carefully considering safe steps for resuming in-person meet-ups, we decided to allow this option once case workers resumed in-person monthly check-ins with families.

Our families and volunteers are now discussing their COVID precautions with one another and honoring the more restrictive party. Some of our families and volunteers have resumed in-person hangouts, babysitting, and/or socially distanced outdoor meet-ups, while others continue to maintain virtual hangouts and front porch drop-offs. Due to the pandemic, we received an influx of referrals for families with immediate needs (things like groceries, toiletries, cleaning products, personal hygiene items, and more). With many experiencing changes in or loss of income, it has been vital, now more than ever, that we rally around children and families experiencing foster care. Thanks to the support of our donors and grantors, our team has been able to fulfill nearly every single request that has been received.



INCREASE IN NEED

2019 VS. 2020 CHILDREN SERVED THROUGH EMERGENT NEED REQUESTS



Due to COVID-19, we saw a 245% increase in referrals for emergent needs April-December of this year vs. last year. Once a family is referred to us, we work to help with any pressing needs. We also match the family with a Love Box group and match any youth in the home with a mentor through our Dare to Dream program. Our goal is to provide sustainable support and relationships through our programs to help increase placement stability so children and youth can flourish.

STATISTICS & OUTCOMES

50%

of foster homes close within the first year.



Our programs increase the support and stability of fostering caregivers, decreasing the number of children moving from home to home.

33%

of youth who age out of care have been in 3+ placements.



We provide opportunities for our children and youth to develop relationships, have childhood experiences, and succeed in school.

50%

of former foster youth will be employed at age 24.



We provide opportunities for youth in foster care to learn tools and gain skills that will help prepare them for a successful future.

STATISTICS & OUTCOMES

60%

of former foster youth fall below the poverty line despite earning an income.



Our programs provide children and youth with the resources they need to develop a strong foundation that will help them secure a job and earn a living.

3%

of former foster youth will make it to college.



We provide educational tools and mentoring to help children and youth develop productive study and working habits.

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More than 1 in 5 former foster youth will become homeless after age 18.



Our Dare to Dream program provides youth with the resources they need to learn life skills, and secure a job as well as a place to live.



LOVE BOX PROGRAM

Our Love Box program provides wrap-around support for the whole family. Volunteers meet with families on a monthly basis to help provide support, consistency, and normalcy as well as friendship and encouragement to the families they serve.

IMPACT IN 2020

119
children served

26
families served



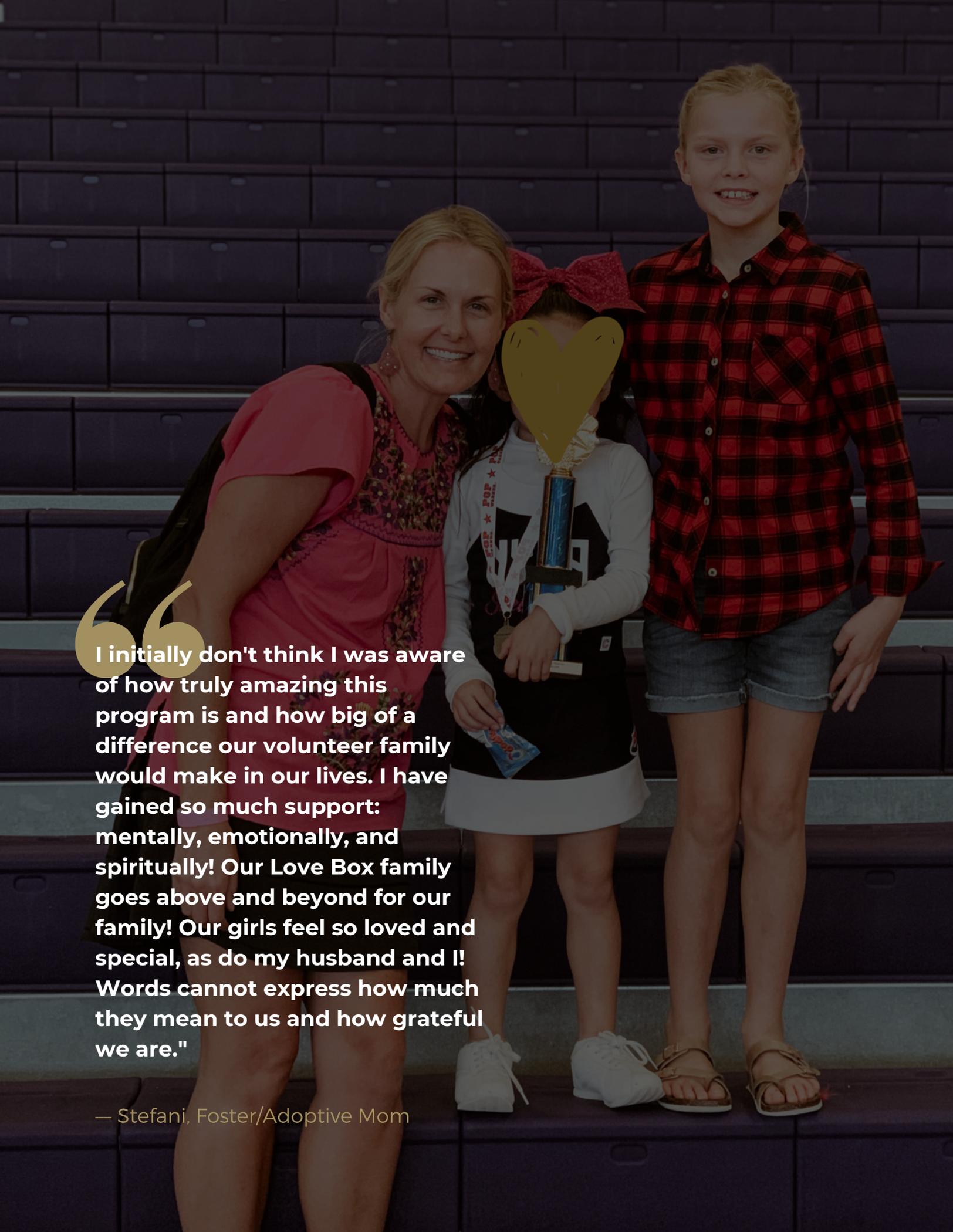
IMPACT IN 2020

2
youth served

DARE TO DREAM PROGRAM

The heart of the Dare to Dream program is to walk alongside youth as they navigate through life's challenges. Mentors meet bi-weekly with youth and help meet both practical and emotional needs as well as provide guidance through developmental milestones. This year, we began piloting this program.

Our hope in 2021 is to grow this program even more!



I initially don't think I was aware of how truly amazing this program is and how big of a difference our volunteer family would make in our lives. I have gained so much support: mentally, emotionally, and spiritually! Our Love Box family goes above and beyond for our family! Our girls feel so loved and special, as do my husband and I! Words cannot express how much they mean to us and how grateful we are."

— Stefani, Foster/Adoptive Mom



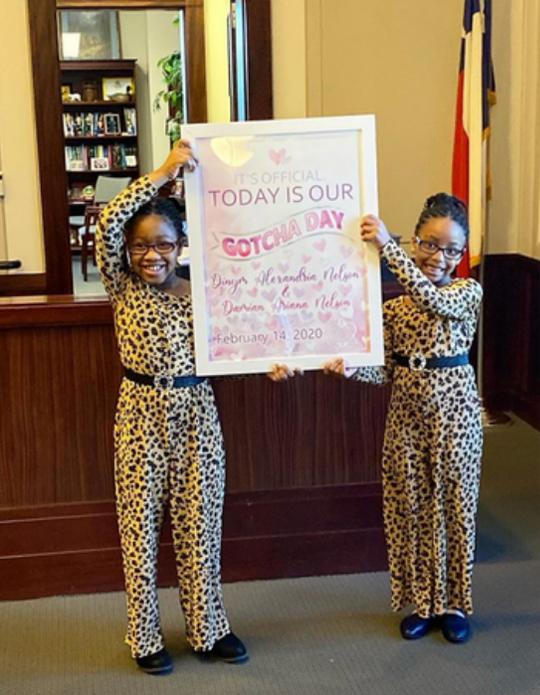
VOLUNTEERS

Without our volunteers, the impact of our programs would simply not be possible. Each volunteer's role is unique and meaningful to the youth and families we serve. We are so thankful for each and every volunteer who commits to walking alongside youth and families with us.

IMPACT IN 2020

71
volunteers

2,579
volunteer hours



IMPACT IN 2020

8
adoptions

FOREVER FAMILIES

This year we witnessed 8 adoptions take place in families served through our programs! It is an honor to walk alongside our families no matter where their journeys may lead, but it is extra special when we are able to watch their forever unfold.



DONOR DINNER

2020 started off with a bang as we hosted our annual Donor Dinner. This is an evening where we share with our top donors about our year, where their money was spent and what our goals are for the next year. Little did we know that a global pandemic was looming around the corner and things would change drastically!

SUMMER FUN BOXES

With the pandemic in full swing, we did our first pivot. Most of our events for our families had been canceled, but we still wanted to serve each child and family in our program in some way. So, we put our resources together and made summer fun boxes filled with slip n' slides, water games, outdoor activities and more!



VIRTUAL SCHOOL GOODIES

When virtual school had us all like 😱, we made sure our families were taken care of with "activity boxes". We dropped off boxes filled with goodies for the kids to hopefully entertain them for a bit or give them a break from online learning.



VOLUNTEER COFFEE

Our first volunteer meet up was over coffee. We had the opportunity to chat about Love Box ideas and answer any questions they had about the program. Mostly, we got to connect with our volunteers who are so vital to our programs and their success. Our hope was to host these meet ups all around DFW, but things were cancelled in March.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to school looked different for everyone this year. Whether our kids were returning in person or staying virtual, we called on our community to help out. We sent every single child in our program and on our waitlist back to school with new clothes, new school supplies or a laptop. It was a huge success!



LAPTOPS

We had so many kids that were sharing laptops with their entire family or using laptops that didn't meet the standards they needed to complete assignments efficiently. DFW Angels was able to provide a laptop to every single child who requested one! It was such a fun day delivering them all to the families and seeing their faces!



D MAGAZINE

DFW Angels had the honor of being nominated as Nonprofit of the Year by D CEO Magazine. This was a huge honor as we were among some major nonprofits here in DFW. And while we did not win, we were so grateful to be recognized for the work we are doing and have done in just 2.5 short years.

GOLF CLASSIC

In September, we were able to host our golf classic, our only fundraiser for the year. We had 144 golfers come out to play golf and show support. It was a great day with beautiful weather, great golf, cannon shots and raffle prizes. You are not going to want to miss our 2021 Golf Classic in September! This is quickly becoming one of most popular events!



HOLIDAY BASKETS

Once again, we were able to make our dream of delivering a holiday basket to each of our families. We filled each basket with memory making items like gingerbread houses, cookie kits, books, games and more. Our elves drove over 14 hours delivering baskets all of over DFW. Total, we served 93 kids! What a great way to close out our year!



HIRED A NEW CASE MANAGER

In March, we hired our 2nd case manager. Nicole has been a rock star and has brought so much knowledge to our team. A foster parent herself, Nicole is a wealth of knowledge and has the most compassionate heart towards our families and kids. We are so glad she's a part of DFW Angels!

ANGEL GIVE-A-THON

In 2020, we all learned to pivot and adjust. So when most of our fundraising events were cancelled, we decided to get creative. Tied into Giving Tuesday, we hosted a 3 day Give-A-Thon. We raised just shy of \$8,000 in those 3 days. Once again, you came through. We were continually blown away by the generosity of everyone this year.



What a Year!!



TWO BROTHERS

“I’ve been fostering for years and these two were the worst case I’ve ever seen.” - Kevin, Foster Dad.

On March 26, Kevin, a foster dad in our Love Box program, told Nicole about two boys that had come via an emergency placement into his home the night before. At 8 and 6 years old these brothers had seen and experienced far more than they should have in their short life. They came with a bag with very few clothes and even one of the boys lacked shoes.

DFW Angels was able to purchase shirts, shoes, pants, and pajamas, arranging a Drive-Up Target order so both boys had clothes. But we didn't stop there. We reached out to some very dear supporters and told them about the situation. These supporters happened to live in the same town as this foster family so we thought they could help out. Originally we thought about a MealTrain to provide meals for the family for a week, but they had bigger plans. They posted about it on social media and within 24 hours their neighborhood had raised \$4,315! We were able to give Kevin and his family over \$2,000 of groceries, meals, grub hub gift cards and visa gift cards. We then split the rest of the money among the rest of our families in the form of local restaurant gift cards.

STORIES OF IMPACT



THE LOVE BOX LIFE

One of our Love Box leaders got a call from her foster mom one night. One of her foster daughters was sick and she needed to take her to the ER. It was 8:00 p.m. on a Friday night and she had no one that could watch her other foster daughter. So she sent a text to her Love Box family asking them if they could watch the baby while she took the other child to get checked out. The Love Box family said "Absolutely, bring her over!".

"Having sweet Baby I come hang with us for a while was so fun. I am so happy we are a part of the Love Box program where we can provide support like this to foster families. Our entire family had so much fun loving on that sweet baby." - Erin, Love Box volunteer



A NEW BED

A foster mom who has been on our waitlist for a few months now due to no volunteers in her area reached out to us needing some help. She got a call that a 7 year old little girl would be joining them in a few days. The little girl had endured a lot of trauma and would need a safe place to come. The foster mom reached out to us because she wanted this little girl to have a new bed when she arrived. A safe place to lay her head at night. DFW Angels reached out to our friends at Mattress Firm and they were able to help us provide a new bed for the little girl. They even took care of delivery to the home.



GIRLY THINGS

Over the summer, we had a teen come into care into one of our current Love Box families. This teen had been rescued from a sex trafficking situation and placed into foster care. The foster mom immediately reached out to DFW Angels asking for help.

Foster mom let us know that this child had nothing to her name when she arrived. She barely spoke any English and she was afraid. Our case managers were on it. They went shopping!

After the delivery of the items we purchased, the foster mom called our case manager to let her know that this sweet teen girl, a girl who came from nothing and who had never owned anything of her own, had just spent several hours in her new room organizing all of her new things.

We are so honored to be able to pour into this child and let her know that she is loved and she is worthy. Because no child should ever have to prove their worth to anyone.

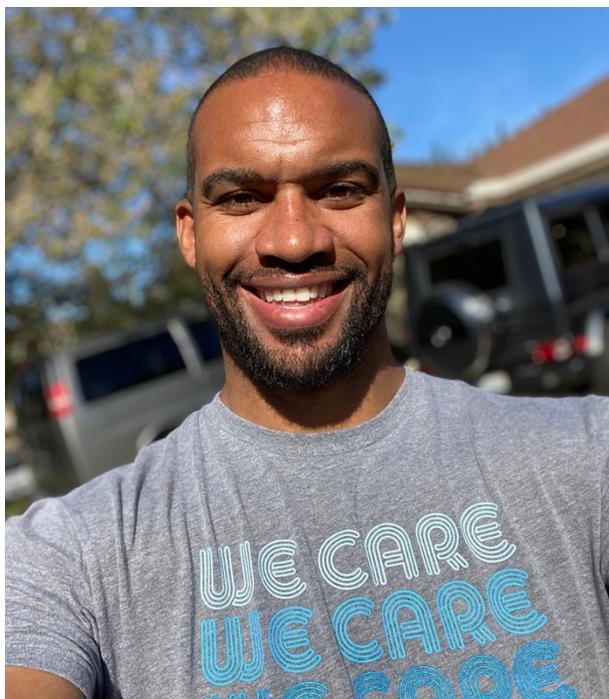
NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

In May we celebrated National Foster Care Month — a month where we acknowledge our commitment to walking alongside children in foster care to help them reach their fullest potential. We celebrate those who make a meaningful difference in their lives.

We care deeply about foster care and are passionate about bringing awareness to the approximately 430,000 children in the foster care system in the United States.

For the second year in a row, we partnered with The Shop Forward to spread awareness and encourage as many people as possible to wear their We Care shirts and share about why they care about foster care. A portion of the proceeds from these shirts was donated back to National Angels.

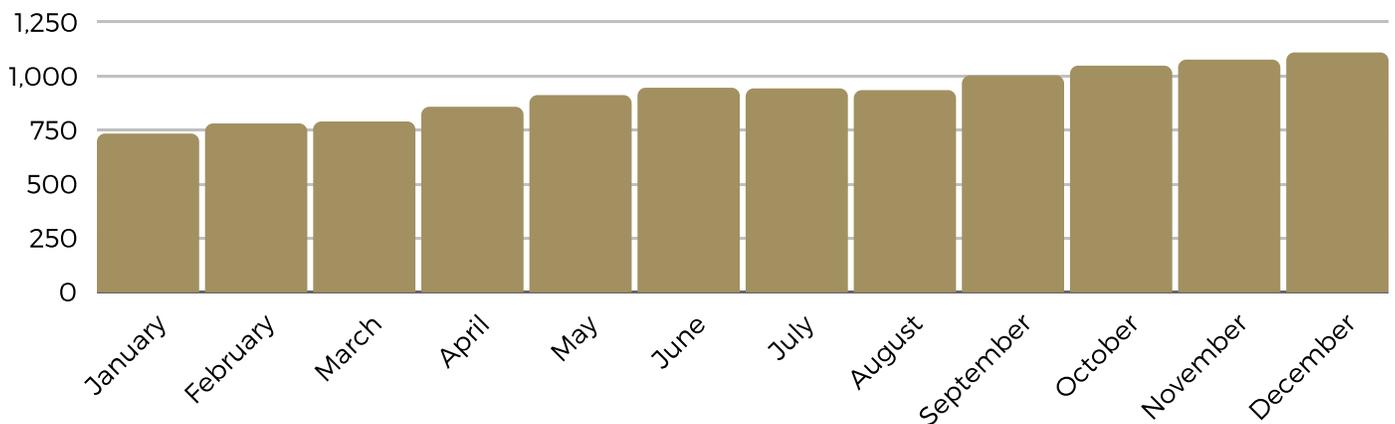
Thanks to the support of our National Advisory Council members Ashley and Mike Lemieux, Angela and CR Braniff, Jasmine Star, Michelle McKinney, Anthony Trucks, and the support of this incredible community, we **DOUBLED** our shirt sales from last year and mobilized thousands to advocate for the foster care community.



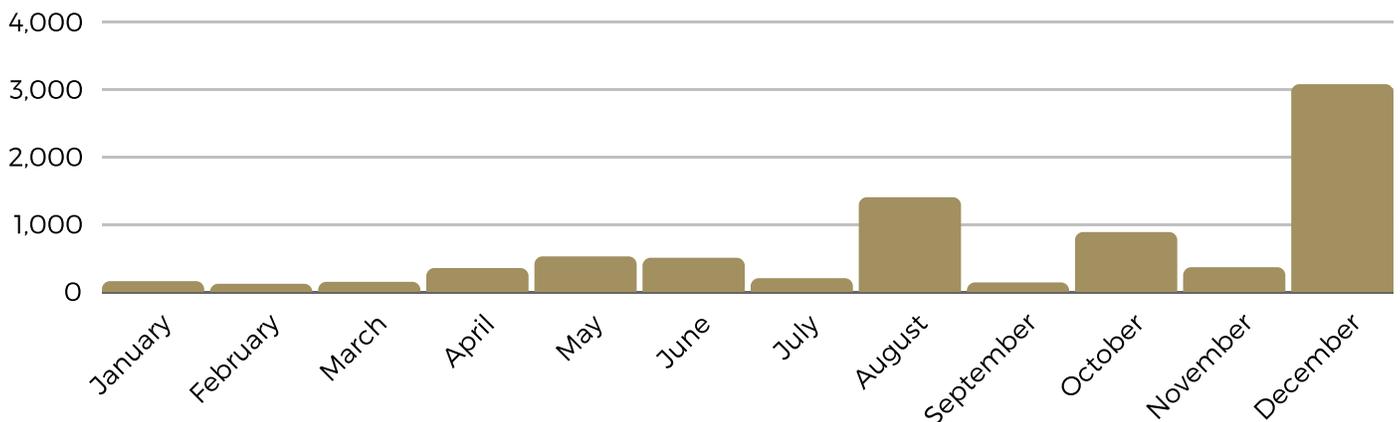
NATIONAL ANGELS IMPACT

What started here in Austin, TX has continued to grow and expand. In 2016, we launched National Angels and opened our first chapter in Amarillo, TX. We now have 22 chapters nationwide and counting. Our vision is to have a chapter in every major metropolitan city in the United States and reach every single child in the foster care system.

CHILDREN SERVED MONTHLY IN 2020

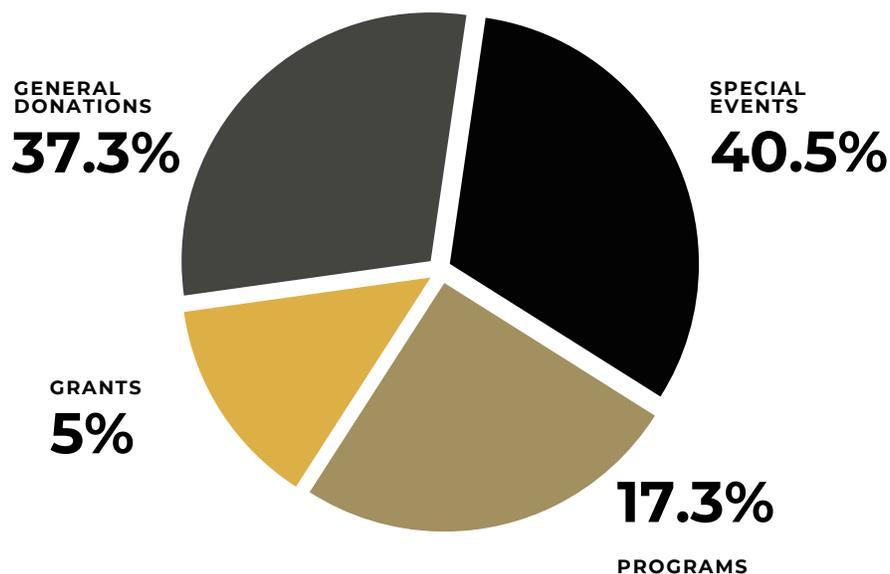


CHILDREN SERVED THROUGH (ONE-TIME BOXES/RESOURCES/EVENTS) IN 2020



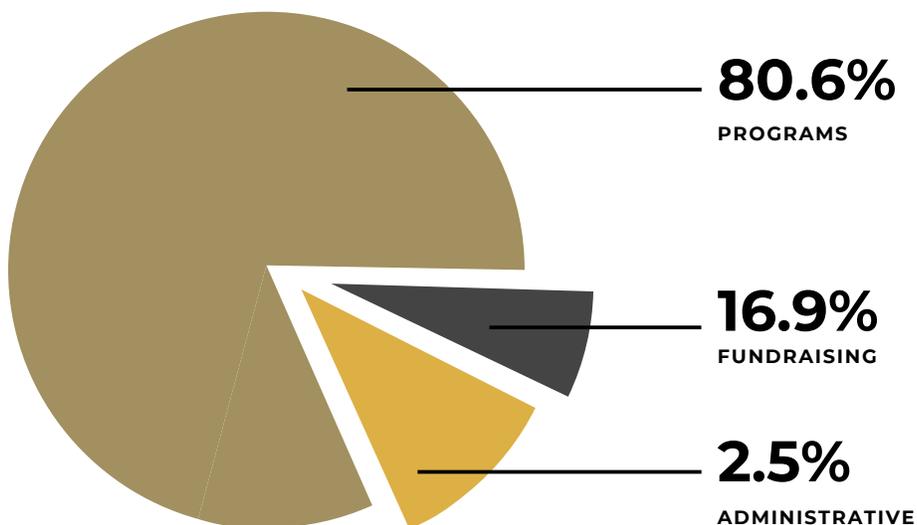
REVENUE TOTAL

2020 REVENUE (JAN-DEC): **\$102,106.27**



EXPENSES TOTAL

2020 EXPENSES (JAN-DEC): **\$56,937.65**



PARTNER WITH *Us*

We cannot do this alone. You can make a difference through donations, monthly sponsorship, corporate partnerships, or as a volunteer in one of our programs.

Donations

We rely heavily on donations from the community. Your support allows us to change the way children experience the foster care system.

Monthly Sponsorship

Your monthly sponsorship is a deeply felt contribution that is essential to sustain the support services provided through our programs.

Corporate Partnership

You can get your company involved through cause marketing, in-kind donations, or by participating in one of our employee engagement events.

Volunteer

Donate your time by volunteering in the Love Box program or Dare to Dream program and have the opportunity to personally make a difference.



GIFT MATCHING

Did you know many companies offer a matching gift program to encourage philanthropy among their employees? Some companies will even match to spouses and retirees. By simply completing a matching gift form (online or paper), you may be able to double, or even triple, the impact of your gift! Check with your Human Resources department to see if your employer will match your contribution.

Thank YOU

for partnering with us as we work to change the way children and families experience the foster care system. We couldn't do this work without you!

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2021 GOALS

REVENUE



\$130,000

total revenue goal to raise in 2021

PROGRAMS



100%

increase in # of kids served in our Love Box and Dare to Dream programs.

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