

# Gratitude Report

# 2018



**Adoption Rhode Island**  
Children First. and Always.

*Thank you for making possible...*

**Life changing connections that bring children and families together.**



“...All of you at Adoption Rhode Island made me a home that I love and will not leave. And people I trust who give me lots of love...”

- Jasmine, age 10

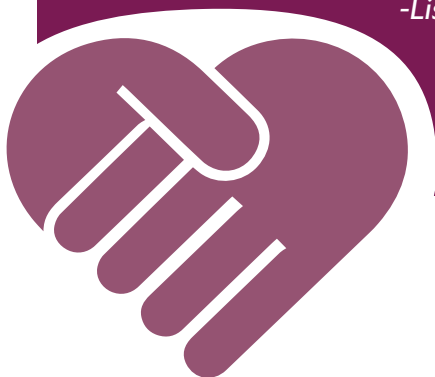


“Through tears and smiles, heartache and love, the word adoption defines us as much as the word family does. And you know, adoption is not a bad word. It is not a dirty little secret. Adoption is something to shout from the rooftops and be proud of! Our family is adoption. We would not exist without it. And we definitely would not exist without Adoption Rhode Island.

But you know what? Our family is not all that special. Adoption Rhode Island helps to create families like ours every day. They are the heroes of my family, and the heroes of hundreds of other families like mine all over this state.”

-Lisa Rabideau, Adoptive Mom

Dear Adoption Rhode Island,  
I just want to thank you  
for all the hard times I  
have been through. You guys are  
a big part of my life this is  
because when I was taken away from  
my birth family you brought me  
to my true mom Lisa Rabideau.  
She made me the person I am today.  
She gave me love, respect, confidence,  
also all of you at Adoption Rhode  
Island made me a home, a home that  
I love and I will not leave,  
and people I trust who  
give me lots of love.



**Did you know?** As a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the well-being of children, ARI partners with RI DCYF to be the adoption and permanency resource for children in foster care.



**The reasons why families this year took the first step on their adoption journey are as varied as the families themselves—and the path they took to open their hearts.**

What is it that moved families to learn more about adopting—recognizing the room in their heart, and home, to grow as a family?

It may have been Patrice Wood's compassionate introduction to a

teen on Tuesday's Child. Perhaps it was seeing the beautiful portraits of children in ARI's Heart Gallery, or a friend sharing their own experience. It might have been hearing of a child or teen already in their lives in need of a permanent, loving connection, or attending an event supporting ARI's mission.

**Whatever the reason, finding families and changing the life of a child would not be possible without the help of so many friends like you.**

**Thank you to the caring community that came together in the past year** to help families find their way to ARI and the child – or children – to become a part of their lives.

A community that included our partners at NBC10, Cardi's Furniture and Mattresses, and Wendy's. Every business that hosted ARI's Heart Gallery—and the photographers who lovingly donated their talents to create the portraits. Each of the businesses, individuals and groups, and provider partners who hosted and supported events and helped us to raise awareness. And, you.

*“ARI truly is a beacon of hope for all who enter through the agency's doors. If it were not for them providing our family with the support we so needed throughout our adoption journey and beyond, who knows where we would be today. This agency is truly a blessing in all of our lives and they are a part of our family!” -An adoptive Mom*



**186**

**Did you know?**  
ARI's Adoption & Permanency team served 186 youth in fiscal year 2018.

*Thank you for making possible . . .*  
**A circle of love and support wrapped  
around every child, teen and family.**



Kids come into foster care because bad things have happened to them.  
**Not because they are bad kids.**

Using evidence based practices and the best tools available, ARI's clinicians and support team focus on the unique needs of each individual child or teen who comes to us. Ensuring that their future will be very different from their past.

**When a child wonders, “will I ever be safe?” you are the source of their hope.**

“ If we only look for behavior, pathology and problems, then that is all we will see. Children deserve childhoods. Hurt children need safety, security, healing and hope.”

*We need to focus more on relationships, healing and connectedness than beds, slots, and behaviors. The system set up to help abused, abandoned and traumatized children should not be putting them on a path to homelessness.*

*Let's work together to be sure every child is headed on the path to their best possible future.” - Darlene Allen, ARI CEO and Executive Director*



**Did you know?** On June 30, 2018 we were working with 151 children and teens to bring them together with a family, each supported by our ARI team. At the end of June, close to ½ of the children (75) were matched with a family and on the path to permanency.

*The stories of your impact are real. Photos have been substituted to protect privacy.*

**The most vulnerable children receive what they need, when they need it, where they need it, and for as long as they need it because you make ARI's Child and Family Support programs possible.**

***When a family in crisis recognizes that help is needed, it is the most critical time. We have to be there to answer the call—before the unthinkable happens.***



When a grandmother caring for her grandchildren while her daughter struggled to overcome opioid addiction realized it was going to be permanent, she needed help. She knew that parenting this time around would be different because of what the children had experienced. And, how would they navigate the new relationship with her daughter after the adoption?

***You were the reason that ARI was there to help when she could easily have given up.***



When a mental health crisis led to a teen's hospitalization just before his adoption was finalized, his family needed help to navigate what would come next. Could their family give him what he needed to heal? How would they best come together as a family and keep him from going back into care?

***You were the reason ARI could help move his adoption forward with a family prepared to love and support him—no matter what.***



A family considering the adoption of three siblings who had spent most of their childhood apart worried about what to expect. Could they manage the challenges to come? Without having both ARI's Support Team and Permanency Team wrapping services—and understanding—around them, they would not have made the loving decision to keep the three children together.

***You were the reason that these children are no longer living apart.***

---

**Funding for ARI's Child and Family Support Services:**

ARI's VOCA Program in our Child and Family Support Services is funded with Federal Funds through the Victims of Crime Act.

Preserving Families is a program funded through a contract with the RI Department of Children and Families.

Hasbro Children's Fund is a major funding partner for ARI's Child and Family Support Services.

And, a number of foundation and corporate grant funders, and generous individual donors provide critical funding to meet the needs of all children and families who need support on their adoption journey—for as long as they need us.

**200**

**Did you know?** In the past year you helped close to 200 children to receive specialized therapy and support from ARI's highly qualified clinical team so that they could heal from trauma, find hope, build resilience and thrive.



*Thank you for making possible . . .*  
**life changing re-connections  
and the repair of broken bonds.**

## **You were there as we found ways to bring—and keep—separated siblings together for new beginnings and hopeful futures.**

### **Is there someone out there that looks like me?**

Too many children who come into foster care have asked that question.

Among the most heartbreaking of the unimaginable losses that are a part of a child's life in foster care is being separated from siblings.

You were there as we found ways to bring—and keep—separated siblings together for new beginnings and hopeful futures.

We helped to uncover connections between siblings that had been lost, hosted reunions to bring them together, and created ways they could stay connected.

We advocated for siblings to be adopted together and provided specialized support to make it happen.

We helped all of the caregivers in the lives of children or teens living separately to find ways to continue to stay connected.

We hosted special events and a unique Forever Siblings Camp to bring separated siblings together for unforgettable experiences that should be part of every childhood.

**“** *I wanted you to know that we exchanged phone numbers at the event last night with 'J' and 'J' so we can be sure to keep the kids together!”*

*- An adoptive Mom after her children attended a sibling game night.*

**Did you know?** The Wendy's Wonderful Kids Model, a national program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, is one way ARI uses proven pro-active, child-focused strategies to help children with the most significant barriers to permanency—children who are older, are part of a sibling group or have special needs—to find their forever families.



For most of the eight sets of siblings at ARI’s second **Forever Siblings Summer Camp** it was the only time last year they slept under the same roof.

Dozens of volunteers—including child welfare and medical professionals from partner providers—staffed the overnight camp along with Camp Aldersgate counselors and a number of ARI’s permanency and support staff. It was only through donations from individuals and corporate friends, volunteer support, and the generosity of Camp Aldersgate that the campers were able to attend and have such an unforgettable experience that created treasured memories.

This unique camp touched the hearts of everyone involved. It was intense, exhausting, heartbreaking—and for all involved—a life-changing experience.

Not only is everyone ready to jump in again next summer—a committee has formed to plan for special activities throughout the year to bring the siblings together with each other, and the volunteers whose hearts they so deeply touched.

“ Thank you so much for giving my little girl a place to go and spend time with her bio brother. This camp let them spend time together and just be kids. All in a safe and loving environment with people that they know and trust. Peanut went from elbows at check-in to giving hugs good-bye. I can’t thank you enough for who you are and what you do. With love and gratitude.” - From an adoptive parent



*Watching children enjoying the typical camp activities you might expect, it would be hard to know that what was happening was anything but typical for these children and teens. Caring volunteers and ARI staff were there to comfort, reassure and guide—day and night.*



**Did you know?** Camp Sponsorship donations sent 22 children to Forever Siblings Camp and gave 50 more children and teens in foster care an unforgettable summer at Camp Aldersgate, ECC Camp or Camp Canonicus—or granted wishes to attend specialty camps where they found a place they could be themselves.

*Thank you for...*

## Countless acts of kindness giving children hope and the chance to just be a kid.

A child learns that someone does care whenever we deliver a birthday cake, help a teen to select a prom dress, bring a group to meet their sports heroes, grant a wish, bring siblings together, send a child to camp or deliver holiday gifts.

We could not do these things without you and the countless partners in our community – our heroes – who make the most memorable childhood experiences a reality.

### 700 SUITCASES – ‘THE PRICE OF ADMISSION’ TO THE DUFFLE BAG BASH...

...made their way to children and teens in foster care after a fun-filled, family event hosted by the Office of the Child Advocate, Lise Iwon and ARI. Dozens of volunteers helped to bring the community together to make a difference for kids. A special thanks to our friends NI-RO-PE who made sure all of the bags were delivered to RI DCYF offices.



Lauren Dyer, RI DCYF Probation and Parole Officer sees the impact of the day first-hand, “I have placed more children and teens in alternative care than I dare to count. I’ve seen so many carry their possessions in black garbage bags.

When I’ve given a teen a duffle bag I see their eyes light up and it moves me every time. They are very grateful—sometimes telling me they can’t believe someone cares. Some bags have been used to move from one placement to another, some from home to placement, and some for athletic equipment for youth on a school sports team.”

Lauren’s husband Jim has volunteered at the Duffle Bag Bash since the beginning and notes, “It is such a fantastic event to be a part of, and an outstanding group of volunteers and organizers. It’s great to be able to contribute to such a wonderful cause – providing dignity to the children that have to relocate once or numerous times. For them to have a way to carry their belongings is such a blessing.”



**Did you know?** You helped to connect hundreds of children, teens, and their caregivers to groups and activities to support their adoption journey.



In the past year, children and teens too often defined by what it means to be in foster care, or adopted, found hope in experiences where they could leave labels behind and create life-long memories.

IT SEEMED THAT WHENEVER CHILDREN AND TEENS WERE HAVING THE MOST MEMORABLE AND JOY-FILLED EXPERIENCES LAST YEAR—HASBRO, INC WAS THERE.

*The kindness of amazing friends . . .*



*...granting wishes that mean the world to a child.*




*...offering healing and hope.*



*...making magical Holiday memories.*



 "Thank you to all of you and the Hasbro team for a wonderful evening! Our little man had a blast and really enjoyed his gift! We are truly thankful for everything that you have done to complete our family." — a Facebook post from a grateful adoptive Dad



**Did you know?** More than 80 children and their foster or adoptive families found hope and healing in monthly Express Yourself Workshops throughout the year. 20 more teens from residential group homes participated in new Creative Arts programming.

# Thank you

for changing the answer to ‘*what comes next?*’ for teens in Rhode Island leaving foster care.

Nine young people stood proudly to enthusiastic applause from the group gathered on a June night last spring to honor what the teens had achieved—graduation from high school. In just the first year of a new partnership with RI DCYF, every teen in ARI’s Teen Focus program who should have graduated last spring achieved this milestone.

Most overcame significant barriers to get there—too many schools, too many moves—some had given up. Beating the odds that only 50% of youth in foster care reach this critical milestone even though for several of the teens, the possibility of graduating was not something they considered to be a possibility.

**BECAUSE YOU CARE, THE MILESTONE NIGHT DID NOT MARK THE END OF ARI’S COMMITMENT TO THEIR FUTURE SUCCESS.**



When he ended his first day of classes at CCRI earlier this fall, his ARI team was there to meet him and check in, ensuring that someone asked the question, “how did it go?” They listened as he expressed doubts that he could make it. He wondered if he should take a break, maybe starting classes was too much too soon.

Just as you might reassure your own teen, they helped him know that it was OK and to be expected that he would be overwhelmed on his first day. Taking a look at his schedule they helped him to adjust it to balance his work commitments. Because an early morning class was going to be a challenge, he made a simple change rather than quit.



**Did you know?** Close to 60 adults—foster and adoptive parents and other caregivers—had a place to come together to learn, to support each other, and to know they were not alone in support groups led by ARI’s Child and Family Support Team and by our Adoption and Permanency Coordinators.

## The path to college and independence disrupted—but not derailed.

The need for treatment for a mental health issue could have derailed her dreams. But, this 18-year-old young woman who had spent years in care now had people in her life to help.

Her ARI team made sure she had a voice in planning for what would come next. A first step—finding a stable living situation and helping her to find and set up her first apartment. And at the same time, supporting her and her former foster family in

continuing an important relationship in her life. For this determined and hard working young woman, working was a priority and she secured a full-time job.

While college was something she knew she wanted—it seemed impossible to be able to manage.

Encouraging her not to give up on this dream, her ARI Permanency Specialist arranged for a visit to CCRI's campus where they explored together how to move towards her educational goals. He helped her to create make a schedule to accommodate her job and assured her we would be there to help navigate her future.



Teens in foster care preparing for what comes next participated in workshops, groups and events supported by partners in the community. They connected with each other and with adults who care about them. While at the same time discovering their strengths and talents, learning to overcome the barriers to the future they deserve, finding support in building healthy life-long relationships, and building their readiness to live independently—with a network of peers and adults to be a positive part of their lives.

# 70%

**Did you know?** Made possible by funding from RI DCYF, Teen Focus is a program of ARI's Youth Transitions Services and serves youth aging out of foster care. 70% of these youth that we served in the first 2 years of the program were engaged in some type of education including high school or GED preparation, college or college exploration. 62% who had earned a high school diploma or GED had some involvement in higher education—a rate far exceeding the national average.

*Thank you for opening your heart to fill tomorrows with hope.*

We gratefully recognize the following individuals, organizations, businesses, and foundations for gifts or pledges **received between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.**

The following cumulative giving levels may include corporate, foundation, or matching gifts, gifts made in support of ARI's Golf Tournament, Gala or other fundraising events, and United Way, SECA, CFC or other pledged gifts.

## **ARI'S LEADERSHIP DONOR GIVING RECOGNIZING ANNUAL GIVING OF \$1000 OR MORE.**

### **\$100,000+**

The Dave Thomas Foundation

### **\$50,000 to \$99,999**

Hasbro Children's Fund  
Wendy's International

### **\$10,000 to \$49,999**

Anonymous  
Bank Rhode Island  
Curtin Family Fund at RI  
Foundation  
Employees of Hasbro, for  
Waiting Children Wish Fund  
Pawtucket Credit Union  
June Rockwell Levy Foundation  
at RI Foundation

### **\$5,000 to \$9,999**

Anonymous  
Arpin Group  
Consortium for Children  
Todd Costa  
Abel Danello  
Flood Ford  
Harbor One Bank  
Lise Iwon  
MetLife Auto & Home  
Nordson Corporation  
Foundation  
Omni Combined W.E., LLC,  
William DiStefano  
Providence Journal Charitable  
Legacy Fund at RI Foundation  
Providence Journal Holiday  
Fund at RI Foundation  
Rhode Island Foundation  
Verrecchia Family Foundation

### **\$2,500 to \$4,999**

Anonymous  
Andrade Faxon Charities for  
Children  
Andrea Bertonazzi  
The John Clarke Trust  
The Honorable Frank &  
Mrs. Joyce Caprio  
CVS Health Foundation  
Hank & Cheryl DeWolf  
East Greenwich Cowesett New  
Neighbors Club  
Episcopal Charities Fund of  
Rhode Island  
FAAT CATS  
Judith Malin  
Charrel Maxwell  
Judith McSoley Fund for  
Children in memory of  
Judith McSoley  
Mews Tavern  
Neighborhood Health Plan of RI  
Ocean State Charities Trust  
Ocean State Job Lot Charitable  
Foundation  
Partridge, Snow & Hahn  
Carol A. Peterson  
Anne F. Sage & Jesse D. Sgro  
Donald & Jane Stanford  
Neil Steinberg & Genie Shao

### **\$1,000 to \$2,499**

Anonymous  
Darlene Allen & Carmel Merrick  
Lindsay Bertonazzi  
Donna Caldwell  
& Jim McDonald  
Lisa Carcieri & Marianne Monte  
Chace, Ruttenberg and  
Freedman

Wayne & Jeanie Charness  
Clifton & Amanda Choiniere  
Citrin Cooperman  
Customers Bank  
George & Daphne Demopoulos  
Excell Construction Corp  
Jack & Jennifer Foster  
Rhys Gardiner  
Kristen Gower  
Employees of Horizon  
Beverage Company of RI  
Shelley Katsh  
Learfield Communications  
Lepizzera and Laprocina  
Linda Loiselle & John C. Lee  
Marasco and Nesselbush  
Matthew & Paula Marcello  
Jack & Heather Mayo  
Ross & Christina Mckenrick  
Jane Miniutti & Scott Keigwin  
PT & Julie Navarro  
NBC 10  
Ocean Mist  
Steve & Sheryl Parente  
Providence Rotary Charities  
Foundation  
Fund of the Providence Shelter  
for Colored Children  
David & Kerry Rowe  
Rui Construction  
Al Sabella  
Santander  
Sheehan's Office Interiors  
Thomas & Chelsea Soule  
Twin River  
Melisa Verrecchia  
Victory Packaging  
Ward Fisher & Co.  
Roger Wilkie  
Jim & Marlene Williams

### **GIFTS TO \$999**

Anonymous  
Steven & Donna Abrams  
Katharine Accola  
Richard & Nancy Adams  
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C  
Ann Adriance  
Heather Ainslie  
Michael & Lisa Airhart  
Thomas & Shirley Albamonti  
Stephen & Mary Lou Alfred  
Alfred & Anne Alix  
Allergy & Asthma Associates, Inc.  
William Almond  
Arthur Aloisio  
Alternatives for Youth Foundation  
Michael & Susan Amalfitano  
American Tele-Connect Services  
Amica Companies Foundation  
Ruth Anderson  
& Robert Shumaker  
Lynn Anderson  
Orlando & Linda Andreoni  
Ralph & Dianne Apici  
Arden Engineering Constructors  
Kristy Armstrong  
Evangelina Auclair  
Joseph Augustine  
Aurora Civic Association  
Bethany Bamrick  
Leo Banti  
Maria Baron  
Dan & Carolyn Barry  
Constance Beck  
Jessica Beers  
Katherine Begin  
William & Sarah Bell  
Susan Bellaire & John Massey  
Bill & Donna Benell  
Raymond & Nancy Benoit  
Ron & Patricia Benoit  
David & Michele Bergantino  
Linda Berman  
Craig Berry  
Michael & Alyson Bingham  
Roger Birn & Janet Prip

Roger & Kathleen Biron  
 Amelia Bissett & Paul Zaydon  
 Melvyn & Patricia Blake  
 John Blenkiron  
 Tracy Boothman  
 Ann Boulet  
 Barbara Bowry  
 Mary Bray  
 Joan Briggs  
 James Brown  
 Johnny & Michaela Brown  
 Paula Brule  
 Gary & Mary Bucco  
 David & Sue Bundy  
 Ann M. Buonaccorsi  
 John Burnap  
 Christopher Butler & Robert Rose  
 Ashley Butler  
 David Campbell  
 Paul & Marybeth Campellone  
 Anthony & Lauralyn Cannistra  
 Joseph Capobianco  
 Beth & Dan Capron  
 Jamie Carabetta  
 Cardinal Marketing  
 Bob & Sirje Carl  
 Keith & Angela Carlson  
 Frank & Patricia Caruso  
 Adelaide Carvalho  
 Frank Casarella  
 Tracy Cassara  
 Kate Cassin  
 Merry Caswell  
 Mark Centracchio & Cyndi Stanton  
 Judith Chace  
 Sheryl Chaffey  
 John & Denise Champney  
 Murray & Claudine Charron  
 Maureen Chianese  
 Christine Christy  
 John & Kim Churas  
 Lisa Churchville & Alex Carlin  
 William & Karen Ciotti  
 Citizens Bank  
 City of Pawtucket  
 Employees  
 The Honorable  
 Edward & Mrs.  
 Audrey Clifton  
 Coastal Plumbing  
 Dr. Linda Coffin  
 & Dr. Paul Mathias  
 Tim & Colleen Coggins  
 Richard & Lenore Cohen  
 Kevin & Monica Colman  
 Community Church  
 of God  
 William Conley  
 James Conlon  
 Meghan Connelly  
 William F. Connors  
 Construction Equipment Rentals  
 Janice Contillo  
 Chris & Kerri Conway-Tunncliffe  
 Ann Coombs  
 J. Russell & Celeste Corcoran  
 Corvette Club of Rhode Island  
 Kate Costa  
 Kristin Costello-Farrell  
 & Timothy Farrell  
 Edyth Cousin  
 Gerard & Teresa Couture  
 Coventry Credit Union  
 Amy Crane  
 Maria Cranshaw  
 Kimberly Cullinane Burns  
 The David Louis Cunha  
 Foundation  
 James & Frances D'Agostino  
 Gina, D'Agostino and Tod Dionne  
 Joan D'Amico & Janice Tapley  
 Robert & Diane Davison  
 Janice Defrances  
 Michael & Susan DeRita  
 Chuck & Jayne Devol  
 Dexter Donation Trust  
 Frank & Cathy DiBiase  
 David Diepholz & Carla Priebe  
 Frances DiFiore  
 Kathy DiFormato  
 William & Lisa Dimitri  
 Joseph DiOrio  
 Michael & Arleen Dmytryshyn  
 Dennis & Barbara Dobbyn  
 Teresa Dore  
 Rob Dube  
 Howard & Terri Dulude  
 Susan Durand  
 Peter Durfee  
 Denys & Zia Eftekhar  
 Judith Ventura Enright  
 John & Rebecca Eriksen  
 Drs. Susan & Christopher Erstling  
 John & Peggy Fay  
 Cristina Feder  
 Gilbert & Sheila Ferreira  
 Suzanne Ferris  
 Financial Rentals, Inc.  
 First Rate Inc.  
 Tom & Linda Foley  
 Robert & Sandra Fontaine  
 Cyndy Fontaine  
 Vincent & Anne Fortier  
 Linda Fortin  
 Rev. Melody Foti  
 Lynne Fraser  
 Freedom National Bank  
 Ann Gabriele-Perilli  
 Gino Gasbarro  
 Ron & Helene Gaskin  
 Lisa Gebler  
 Steven & Diana Gendreau  
 George & Shirley Gennari  
 Mark & Joyce Gervasio  
 Peter & Audrey Gesmondi  
 Antonio Giarrusso  
 William & Maryellen Giatas  
 Susan Giblin  
 Roger & Bridget Gieseke  
 Gilstein, Kinder & Levin  
 Phil Gloudemans  
 Bruce E. & Kimberly W. Goff  
 Senator Gayle Goldin & Jeff Levy  
 Jeffrey & Virginia Goldstein  
 Richard & Donna Goldstein  
 Jerry Gormley  
 & Lori McGinity-Gormley  
 Raymond Grandchamp  
 Gerard & Kathryn Grande  
 Cono & Mary Grasso  
 Bradford Gray  
 Stacey Lee & Greene Bodziony  
 Marc & Susan Greenfield  
 Charles Greenwood  
 Jennifer Griffith  
 Jane Gross  
 Edward & Beverly Hadfield  
 Kevin Hagan Law  
 Douglas & Melissa Hall  
 Nancy Hallman  
 Bev & Preston Halperin  
 Hanks Hardwood Floors  
 Robert & Janice Harrall  
 Susan Hartblay  
 Patrick & Kathleen Healey  
 Teresa Helger  
 Wendy Heller  
 Patricia Hessler  
 Sarah Hesson  
 Stephanie Holley  
 Virginia Hopkins & Matthew Cullina  
 Lynne M. Hornung  
 Janice Housey  
 Connie Howes & Kelly Sheridan  
 Brian Hunter  
 Briana Iannelli  
 Christine Mullins Impagliazzo  
 Doris Ionata  
 Michael & Mindy Isaacs  
 Rob & Danielle Jameison  
 Paul & Cindy Jannerelli  
 Richard & Sharon Jenkins  
 Susan Jenkinson  
 Doug Johnson  
 & Kathy Johnson-McCaughey  
 Curt & Carol Johnson  
 Victoria Johnson  
 Magistrate Paul & Mrs. Linda Jones  
 Joseph Tavone Painting  
 Don Jurkowitz  
 Michael Kane & Robin Perez  
 Kane-Barrengos Foundation  
 Saul & Susan Kaplan  
 Julia Karahalis & Edward Neubauer  
 Lisamarie & Karis Henderson  
 Barbara Keefe  
 Barbara Keegan  
 Nancy Hurdis Kelley  
 Christine Kitslis  
 Kiwanas Club of Newport  
 Robert & Eileen Koshgarian  
 Chandree Koslin  
 Tanja Kubas-Meyer  
 Audrey Kupchan & Mr. Frank DeLuca  
 Barry Kusnitz  
 Laborer's International Union of  
 North America (LIUNA)  
 Darlene & John LaChance  
 David LaCroix  
 Rick & Heidi LaFlamme  
 Stephen & Charleen Lagace  
 Michael & Teri Laiter  
 Paul & Lynne Lamarre  
 Brian & Tricia Lamoureux  
 The Honorable James Langevin,  
 U.S Congress  
 Margaret Langhammer  
 Sandra Lanni  
 Joan Larkins  
 Guy & Cathy Larlham  
 Steven & Roberta Lasser  
 Tammi Lawrence  
 Brian & Laura Leclair  
 Amy & Michael Leclair  
 Sandy & Norman LeComte  
 Michael & Paula Leep  
 Michael & MaryEllen Lehman  
 Jared & Amanda Lehne  
 Victor Lepore  
 Joseph & Mary Lero  
 Chris & Michele Levy  
 Luke Lohan  
 The Honorable Charles Lombardi  
 Anthony Lucca  
 David J. Luciano  
 Dr. Daniel & Grace Lukowicz  
 Kristen Lundgren  
 Leo & Joanna Lusignan  
 John & Lori Lyle  
 Linda Lynch  
 Lynch & Pine Attorneys at Law, LLC  
 Jason & Emily Lyon  
 Joanne Maceroni  
 Natalie Madonna  
 Paul Maholick  
 David & Lisa Maine  
 Carol Major  
 Kathleen Malmgren  
 Sara Mandel  
 Jason Mandelli  
 Paul & Stephanie Manzi  
 Kerri Marceau  
 Lee Marcello  
 Patrick Marr  
 James Martel  
 Dr. Edward Martin  
 Karen & William Martin  
 Shirley Martin  
 David & Cheryl Martone  
 Alfred Massotti  
 Joseph & Linda Mastrangelo  
 Phil Matson  
 Matunuck Community Association  
 Michele Mayer & Daniel Deamaral  
 Sarah Mayo  
 Grace Mayo  
 Jack McCullough  
 Kevin & Nancy McDevitt  
 Donna McDevitt  
 Julie & Matt McKee  
 Anne Marie McLaughlin  
 Timothy McLaughlin  
 Anne Christine McMorrow Fund  
 Kim & Debra McNallie  
 Matthew McSoley  
 Paul McSoley  
 Charles Medeiros  
 Jan Paul & Danielle Medina  
 Katrina Medvetsky  
 Craig & Lynne Mello  
 Meghan Menard  
 Sarah Lynn Menard  
 Jeffrey Mendes  
 Raymond Menoche  
 Amy Merlino  
 Stephanie Merrim

Therese Millette  
 Jennifer Minuto  
 Maureen Miranda  
 Rhonda Mitchell  
 Modern Diner  
 Armando & Bettina Monaco  
 John Moore & Jane Dillon  
 Jessica Moore  
 Peter Moran  
 Andrew & Jacqueline Mortarelli  
 Ms. Eufrosina Pacheco  
 Jack & Nancy Mundy  
 Tony Murgida  
 Tony & Janet Muri  
 Timothy & Liz Murphy  
 Ted & Suzanne Murphy  
 New England Drywall Co. Inc  
 Ninedot  
 North Kingston High School  
 Frank & Karen O'Donnell  
 Kerri Anne O'Donnell  
 Memorial Fund  
 Michael & Brenda O'Hara  
 Hugh & Sharon O'Keefe  
 Jim & Arline Oakley  
 Kevin & Lisa O'Neil  
 Rachael Onik  
 Open Doors  
 Judy & Brian Ott  
 John Ottaviani  
 & Dr. Jean Marie Daley  
 Paul Pabis & Patrice Wood  
 Janet Pabon  
 Robert Packard  
 & Bettina Tomasso Packard  
 Joseph & Dorothy Parenteau  
 Mark & Charlene Paskoski  
 Peggy Passarelli  
 The Honorable Angela Paulhus  
 Karen Peck  
 Henrique Pedro  
 Robert & Joan Pelino  
 Filomena Penco  
 Helen Pereira  
 Ian Perlman  
 Bruce Perreault  
 Michelle & Robert Pezza  
 Audra Lee Pezzulli  
 Richard Phelan  
 Maureen Philbin  
 Janelle Photopoulos  
 Sara Picard  
 Jessica Pinette  
 Beth Pinkham  
 Guy Pirulli  
 Caroline Plamondon  
 Plantasia Interiors, Inc.  
 Lynne Potter  
 Paula & Michael Pratt

Evan Preisser  
 Kevin Priest  
 Professional Communications  
 Patricia Provencal  
 Charles & Catherine Pytel  
 Lynne Radiches  
 Debra Ragosta  
 Ralph & Clara Shuster Foundation  
 Adriana Ramos-Torelli  
 & AnthonyAlexander Torelli  
 David & Phyllis Raposa  
 Kimberly Rarick  
 Joseph & Jane Reilly  
 Alice Reilly  
 Bill & Helga Reynolds  
 Leanne Reynolds  
 RHB Signs  
 Rhode Island Sign Contractors  
 RI Coalition for Children & Families  
 RI Housing Employees  
 Mark & Susan Richard  
 Brian & Jennifer Ridgeway  
 Edwin & Phyllis Riegel  
 Donald Peter Riley Jr.  
 Bruce & Sue Rinebolt  
 Amanda Robitaille  
 Roger Williams University,  
 Info Tech Dept.  
 Wanda Rogowski  
 Peter Rosen  
 Mary Sadlier & Steve Rosa  
 David & Doreen Salzman  
 Scott Sanborn  
 Juan Sanchez  
 Donna Santaniello  
 Patricia Saracino  
 Lori A. Sarkisian  
 Margaret Schwab  
 Eugene P. Schwartz Family  
 Foundation  
 Anne Scurria & Barry Press  
 Mark & Nicole Searles  
 Seaview Marketplace  
 Adam & Allison Seed  
 Michael Seggie  
 Al Seguin  
 Roy & Anne Seitsinger  
 The Honorable Bruce  
 & Mrs. Cynthia Selya  
 Lawrence Serre  
 Ruby Shalansky  
 Peter & Kathleen Shank  
 John & Valerie Sheehan  
 Kristen Shields  
 Deborah Siegel & Rick Reamer  
 Santana Siena  
 Donna Silvia  
 Princess Sirleaf Bomba  
 Brett Smiley & Jim DeRentis

Elizabeth Smith  
 Sandra Smith  
 Michael Snyder  
 Gail Solomon  
 Timothy & Linda Somes  
 South County Woodworks  
 Anthony & Marie Souza  
 Jeffrey & Jennifer Sparr  
 Peter & Lee Ann Sperduti  
 Michael & Jane Squittiere  
 Debra Stacey  
 Staff of Congressman  
 James Langevin  
 Kathryn Stanley Podwall  
 & Bugs Bower  
 Starkweather & Shepley Inc.  
 John & Linda Stevens  
 Michael & Danielle Stewart  
 Ana Stowe  
 The Honorable Lia Stuhlsatz  
 Kathleen Sullivan  
 Jack & Mary Anne Sumner  
 The Honorable Judge Paul  
 & Mrs. Mary Suttell  
 Peter Swain  
 Paul & Suzanne Swanson  
 Joseph Sweet  
 Norman & Dianne Sylvester  
 Michael Synder  
 Bill Szafarowicz  
 Beatrice Tang  
 John & Lynne Tashiro  
 Katheryn Tavares  
 Paul & Kristin Tavares  
 Maria & Antonio Tavares  
 George & Jacqueline Taylor  
 Christopher Tichy & Kerri Fitzgerald  
 Susan Tierney  
 Robert & Anne Tilly  
 Lisa Tirocchi  
 Tiverton Rod & Gun Club  
 Robert & Alexandra Todaro  
 Gabe Toro  
 Richard Torres  
 Lenka Trahan  
 Marea Tumber  
 Melissa Twarog  
 Kimberly Tyler  
 Lynne Vaundry  
 Anthony & Laura Vecchiarelli  
 Victory Heating  
 Alan & Helen Vogel  
 Kathleen Waldron  
 William Washington  
 Washington Trust Co.  
 Webster Bank  
 Howard & Elaine Weiss  
 David Welsh  
 Wescott Building & Remodeling

Edward Wes  
 Patrick Westfall  
 Daniel Wheelan  
 Whitmarsh Corporation  
 Donald & Maxine Williams  
 Mary Ellen Williamson  
 John Wlassich  
 Ronald & Nancy Wolanski  
 Women's Fellowship Kingston RI  
 David & Christine Wood  
 John & Tracy Woodard  
 Maureen & Wen-Ching Wu  
 Kim Ziegelmayer  
 Paul Zimmermann

#### GIFTS MADE IN TRIBUTE.

##### *Gifts were made in memory of:*

Rick Barry  
 Frank Benell  
 Peggy Guillet  
 Jose Volpe Hutnak  
 Jan Jones  
 William F. McKenna  
 Judith McSoley  
 Ellen Redding  
 Jerry Silvia

##### *Gifts were made in honor of:*

Darlene Allen  
 Judge Frank Caprio  
 Judy & Paul Hodge  
 Sara & Mark Lee  
 Katrina Medvetsky  
 Jane Stanford  
 Patrice Wood

Every effort has been made to ensure that these are accurate listings. We sincerely apologize if you find that your name has been omitted or listed incorrectly.

Please contact Jennifer Foster, (401) 865-6000, [jfoster@adoptionri.org](mailto:jfoster@adoptionri.org) to let us know of any errors.

We also want to thank all of our in-kind donors whose priceless contributions supported events, brought joy to children and families, and supported our mission.

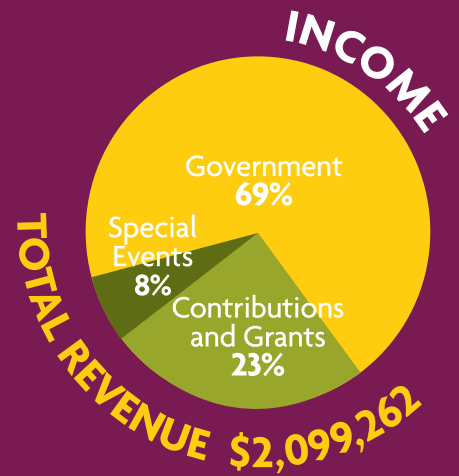
Donations of in-kind marketing and advertising support was especially critical in raising awareness that increased opportunities for the children and families we serve. Among our partners: Card's Furniture and Mattresses, Lamar Advertising, NBC10, Ninedot, Printmakers Inc., Wendy's International, Scott Robinson of Flaherty Robinson, Inc., and Rick Rusack, copywriter.

**WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.**

49% of ARI’s revenue comes from contracts with RI DCYF as our partner in bringing permanency to children and teens who are in foster care and waiting to be adopted.

90% of the funds that come to ARI are used directly to help children and families.

We rely on private support from our community and friends like you to meet more than 1/3 of our budgeted expenses.



**TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT**

Government Funding \$ 1,439,287  
 RI DCYF Contracts  
 VOCA (Victim of Crime Acts) Award

Private Support  
 Contributions \$ 483,801  
 Individual, Foundation and Corporate Donations and Grants, and proceeds from fundraising from our supporters to benefit ARI’s children and families.

ARI Special Events (Net) \$ 176,174

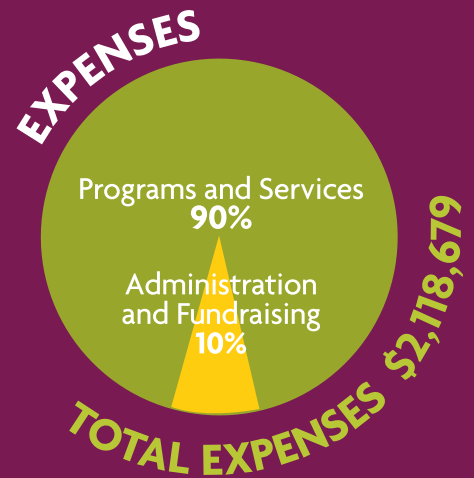
**TOTAL EXPENSES**

Programs and Services \$ 1,909,202  
 Recruitment, Adoption and Permanency; Counseling, Support and Well-Being; Youth Transition Services; Education and Advocacy

Administration and Fundraising \$ 209,477

**Fiscal Year 2018 Totals:**

Total Revenue:	\$2,099,262
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,118,679
Net Assets, End of Year:	\$ 430,040
Change in Assets:	(\$ 19,417)



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Steven Parente, President  
 Linda Lynch, Vice President  
 Donna Caldwell, Secretary  
 Howard Dulude, Treasurer

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Daniel R. Barry  
 Patricia Bennett  
 Mark Bevington  
 The Honorable Frank Caprio  
 Frank Carpano  
 Wayne Charness  
 Todd Costa  
 Frances DiFiore  
 Dolph Johnson  
 Charrel Maxwell  
 Julie Navarro  
 John Ottaviani  
 Bret Williams

Adoption Rhode Island  
 CEO & Executive Director  
 Darlene Allen, MS

(July 2017 to June 2018)

**Did you know?**

With a legacy gift you can ensure that children and families find the love and hope to make lives better for generations to come. It’s as simple as remembering Adoption Rhode Island with a bequest in your will.



*Children First, and Always*

## MISSION

Adoption Rhode Island's Mission is to facilitate, promote, and support the permanent placement of children waiting for adoption and to improve the well-being of foster and adopted children and their families.

We provide pre and post adopt services to children and families, educate and advocate for a child's right to a safe environment, and increase public awareness of the unmet needs of children and families impacted by foster care and adoption.

## TO LEARN MORE about Adoption Rhode Island:

Darlene Allen, CEO & Executive Director  
dallen@adoptionri.org

Emily Lyon, Assistant Director  
elyon@adoptionri.org

### *To learn more about making a gift or helping to share our story:*

Jennifer Foster, Director of Development and Community Relations  
jfoster@adoptionri.org

Donna Rivera, Director of Marketing and Communications  
drivera@adoptionri.org



## Proud to Earn Your Trust & Confidence.

Providence Business News 2018 Business Excellence Award Winner for Overall Excellence at a Social Service Agency.



290 West Exchange Street, Suite 100  
Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: 401.865.6000  
Email: adoptionri@adoptionri.org

  [www.adoptionri.org](http://www.adoptionri.org)