



**2017**  
**Donor  
Impact  
Report**

## Our Mission

Founded in 1869 by the Sisters of Charity, The New York Foundling has evolved from a home for abandoned babies to an organization serving 30,000 children, families, and individuals each year. We are one of New York City's oldest and largest nonprofits, providing innovative and groundbreaking programs and services that keep children safe, families together, and individuals living their best lives possible. Our work is evidence-based and focuses on meeting the ever-changing needs of the populations we proudly serve.

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## Dear Friends,

Success means something different to everyone. The same is true for all of the 30,000 children, families, and individuals The Foundling serves annually through our diverse range of more than 30 programs.

We believe all of our families' stories, and those yet to come, should have a common theme: that no matter who you are or what your circumstances, you have the right to reach your full potential.

Our organization's goal is to empower our community, and in this year's Donor Impact Report, we are pleased to showcase what success truly looks like for people working with our impactful programs. Every one of the stories featured has been made possible by the generous support of people like you.

You will see that your compassion and generosity means that more children can sleep soundly knowing they're in safe homes with supportive foster parents, and that those same children can one day follow their dreams of earning a college degree—regardless of the

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barriers put in their paths. Donors like you ensure individuals with developmental disabilities are seen for their strengths and abilities, and are given every chance to thrive. You provide opportunities for people in our community to better their lives and the lives of their families for generations to come.

We hope you'll enjoy meeting our impressive young people and families in the following pages. Thank you for believing in our mission, and for investing in The Foundling this year and beyond, to make these and other achievements possible.

Sincerely,



**Bill Baccaglino**  
President & CEO



List as of July 2018





# Learning to Trust

**Malika was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at an early age.**

Oftentimes, she struggled to communicate and became so frustrated she acted out against her family and friends. “Her body language changed,” her mom Irene says. “Malika went from being my loving child to totally someone else.” It was time to turn to an outside resource, though it wasn’t an easy step to take. “When I made the call, I was in distress,” she says. As soon as Irene and Malika began working with The New York Foundling Developmental Disabilities Division in 2015, everything clicked and big changes happened.

Then-12-year-old Malika began her journey with the **Community Habilitation Support Program**, designed to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to build skills necessary for

future independence. Through this innovative, personalized program, trained specialists make weekly home visits and work with families to ensure the individuals served, many of them children, have the tools they need to be successful. This includes working with families to strengthen their ability to support their loved one.

Not only did Malika’s therapist, Dina, begin working with her to overcome her communication challenges, but over the past three years, they’ve worked to overcome other barriers from safely crossing the street to interacting with cashiers — all critical abilities that will help Malika flourish.

The entire family and The Foundling’s experts continue to play an active role in reinforcing and encouraging Malika, who has grown tremendously. Malika, now 14, is an avid illustrator, athlete, active Girl Scout, and proud big sister.

# 100

Through this home-based program, specialists partner with nearly 100 families per year and work with individuals of all ages and a range of abilities. The Community Habilitation staff ensures each person is able to reach his or her full potential and use all of their abilities to lead an independent life.

# Sense of Belonging



**When Gabbie entered foster care at 16, she felt like there was no one to turn to. As far as she knew, there were no other students in her classes balancing the final years of high school with displacement and visits with social workers.**

affords youth in foster care the opportunity to attend college and live in the dorms at no cost. Youth have built-in, year-round academic and emotional supports through Success Coaches, who live on campus and are available to Dorm Project participants 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Gabbie started classes at Queens College as one of the first participants in the Dorm Project and is thriving. She has a GPA of 3.78, and last year, Gabbie took a leap outside of her comfort zone to study abroad in Greece — an opportunity she may have never had otherwise. Today, the 21-year-old looks forward to graduation and a career in early childhood education.

That feeling of isolation didn’t leave when entering her freshman year at an out-of-state university. “There was no support, not only for someone in care, but also as a person of color. I was the outsider all the time,” she recalls. After her first semester, Gabbie returned to New York. Fortunately, her lifelong goal of earning a college education was made possible thanks to The New York Foundling’s **Dorm Project**. Launched in 2016 in partnership with the Administration for Children’s Services and City University of New York, the Dorm Project



# 3%

Teens in foster care have lower grades and graduation rates than their peers, and nationally, just 3% end up earning a college degree. The Foundling’s Dorm Project changes those outcomes. In 2017, the program expanded to welcome 94 students, and will grow to a total of 4 campuses and 125 students this fall.





# Making Headlines

Our loving foster families, shining students, and thriving individuals inspire us each day — and the public has taken notice, too. Stories about our families' journeys and successes have been featured on **Fox 5**, **ABC News**, and **The Huffington Post** to name a few.

## Fostering a Bond



# 900

Over the past century, The Foundling has grown into one of the largest foster care providers in New York City. Across the city, there are nearly 9,000 children and teens in foster care, roughly 900 of whom are in care with The Foundling's foster families at any given time.

**Less than two weeks after opening their home to fostering, Kristi and Kevin received the call that would forever change their lives.**

A baby girl had been abandoned at the hospital and needed a home. Kristi remembers how they rushed out to purchase diapers and newborn clothes to prepare for baby Emily\*, who would arrive at their doorstep two days later.

Much to their surprise, The Foundling came back to them only weeks later with another urgent request, this time about Emily's older sister, who had similarly been left at the hospital after birth and was living with a different foster family. In an effort to keep the siblings together, the couple welcomed in 1-year-old Lucy\*—doubling the size of their family within a matter of months.

The siblings had a visible bond instantly, and it has been special to see their affection for one another grow in the past year. Emily and Lucy have already brought a lifetime of joy to the family's home. In January, the girls celebrated their shared January birthdays surrounded by their loving family and friends. Recently, Kristi and Kevin were recognized by New York City's Administration for Children's Services for their dedication to making a difference in the lives of children in need.

Becoming parents was always something the couple wanted, and for Kristi and Kevin, becoming foster parents and knowing they've provided two toddlers with a healthy, hopeful start to life has been a gratifying journey to parenthood.

\*Names have been changed.

“The New York Foundling has done more **adoptions** in the city every year than any other child welfare agency.”

Bill Baccaglioni, during an interview about fostering to adopt.



Terry adopted his son Miles through The Foundling in 2015



Haven Academy students with Principal Jessica Nauiokas

**Haven Academy** kicked off its 10th year by expanding into a middle school. We celebrated the day with students, teachers, Foundling trustees and elected officials. An in-depth look at the school's model, curriculum and history was published across many news outlets, including The Wall Street Journal and The New York Post.

Hurricanes devastated **Puerto Rico** in 2017, displacing families and destroying schools. The Foundling's Head Start centers on the island, which reach 1,500 infants, toddlers, and their families, suffered considerable damage. In November, NBC News interviewed staff and parents from our center in Vega Alta about the importance of resuming services. Other major news outlets, including USA TODAY, also reported on our efforts to provide stability, safety, and support across the island.

Nearly 1,000 handmade Valentine's cards were sent with love from New York City to Puerto Rico



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150 YEARS OF HISTORY

# Thousands of Stories

## What's Yours?

Since 1869, The New York Foundling has been a beacon of hope for New Yorkers in need. We have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of children, families, and individuals across New York's five boroughs, its surrounding counties, and Puerto Rico through our work in child welfare, education, behavioral health, juvenile justice, and developmental disabilities.

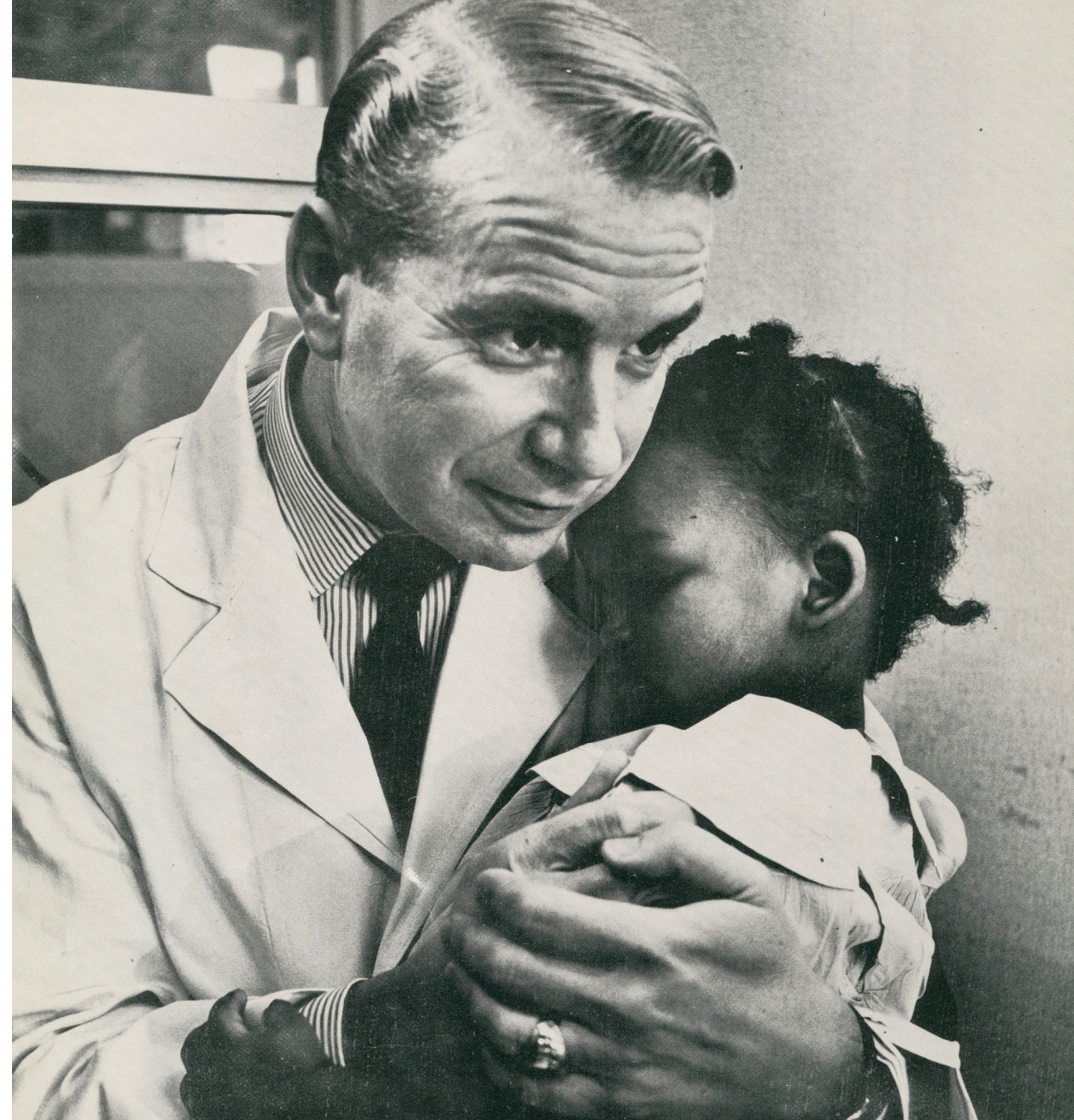
**We wouldn't have such a rich history to celebrate without you.**

As we approach our 150th anniversary in October 2019, we're planning many ways to recognize the large role our community has played in building this legacy — everyone including supporters, donors, clients, past adoptees, nursing program alumni, and former staff.

We're looking to reconnect with the people of our past and present to honor The Foundling's 150 years serving the community. If you're interested in participating in our anniversary celebrations or sharing your story of how The Foundling has impacted you, please email us at [communications@nyfoundling.org](mailto:communications@nyfoundling.org) or call us at 212-660-1366.

## Opposite:

Dr. Vincent J. Fontana, co-founder of our Fontana Center for Child Protection, was a leading researcher in the movement to stop child abuse and neglect.



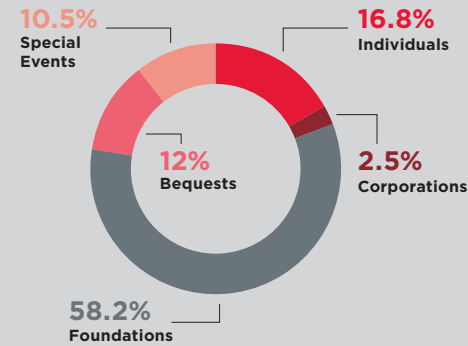




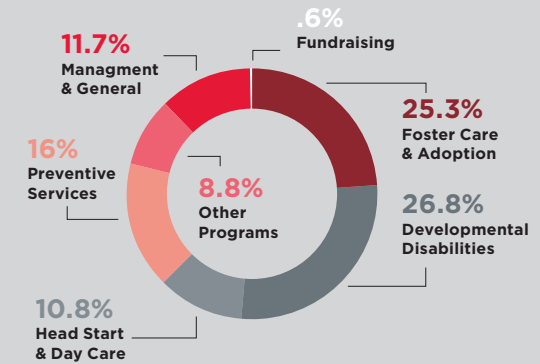
## Financials

Every day, our social workers, tutors, therapists, direct support professionals, nurses, and researchers are uplifting children and individuals from New York City to Puerto Rico. Each gift you give directly supports our variety of programs that empower and improve the lives of others.

### Donations from Private Sources



### Program Expenses



2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year Expenses: \$139,255,661

**Above:**  
Dorm Project students Maliah and Desire are able to meet with Moses, their College Success Coach, any day of the week and throughout the year to stay on track at the College of Staten Island.

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**Above:**  
Angel lives his best  
life with wrap-around  
services provided by  
The Foundling.

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