



# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT





## Kidsave creates change so children grow up in families and connected to caring adults.

Thank you for making 2016 one of Kidsave's greatest years! This year we worked with professionals in the USA, Colombia, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Sierra Leone.

Demand is growing for our programs. Governments and nonprofits are asking Kidsave for help in learning how to help older children find permanent families and connections. Our unique Family Visit Model helps older children who are languishing in orphanages or foster care without meaningful adult guidance, find permanent connections with caring adults *before* they age out of the child welfare system.

Thank you for caring about Kidsave and supporting us. It takes a village to raise a child, and at Kidsave we are ever so proud of the wonderful village of people who work to support the kids we serve.

**Randi Thompson and Terry Baugh,  
CO-FOUNDERS**

Kidsave served **1,567** children in 2016. Since 1999 Kidsave has directly provided **9,867** children with an adoptive family, a guardian or committed relationship. Through training and working with others, we have indirectly provided opportunities for another **450,000** orphaned and abandoned children to find permanent families and adult connections.





# WEEKEND MIRACLES

**In 2016 Kidsave's Los Angeles Weekend Miracles program received an Adoption Excellence Award from the U.S.**

**Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children and Families.**

The award is great recognition in the child welfare community. Kidsave was honored that we were nominated by our partner, the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services. The award recognizes contributions to providing permanency for children in foster care, leadership and innovation in the commitment toward rebuilding the lives of children in foster care, and those who are waiting for adoption.

In addition to transforming the lives of participating Los Angeles county foster youth, LA Weekend Miracles serves as a demonstration model for governments interested in learning how the program works. Kidsave was honored to have the social work and adoption team from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and the winners of the Russian mentoring program competition visit Los Angeles to learn more about the program. Mecklenburg County looks forward to launching Weekend Miracles in the fall of 2017.

## 293

older foster youth have participated in Los Angeles County since 2006. In 2016, 61 youth actively participated.

## 83%

of the foster youth who participated were matched for adoption, guardianship or committed mentoring.





## BRANDI'S STORY

... By the time I was 18, I had lived in over 30 foster homes and temporary group homes. After years of instability, I was introduced to Kidsave and the Weekend Miracles program.

Five years ago, I met Tracie Shepard at a Kidsave event. I was feeling very short around the crowd of people. I am not even 5 feet tall. Tracie could tell that I was upset, and she took off her wedges and let me wear them. Although it was something small, it made me feel so special. I am not legally adopted by Tracie and her family but I am a part of her family. They have always been there for me. Tracie makes me a Christmas stocking every year and invites me to Thanksgiving dinner. She has even made my birthdays so memorable and special. I have never felt so loved and a part of a family so functional, lovable and happy. My life has changed for the better because of them.

A child does not always need to be adopted in my opinion. Every situation is different. I believe that it is the connection that matters; a stable, healthy, and loving permanent connection and that is what Kidsave gave me...I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for Kidsave, the Weekend Miracles program, and the love and support I have received over the years. I now have permanent connections to caring adults, and my life has changed for the better. I am blessed.

*Brandi Moore was removed from her biological mom when she was 9 and spent the rest of her childhood in foster care. She shared her story at a private fundraiser for Kidsave in 2016.*

# SUMMER MIRACLES

Summer Miracles is a program that effectively finds families for a large number of older children. This summer was our 18th year of bringing orphaned children to the U.S. to meet families who will adopt them. A total of 17 children traveled, 15 were matched for adoption, and 13 adoptions were finalized.

Over the years, the international adoption landscape has changed. Although the need for homes for older children is great, these adoptions are not without challenges and can strain families who step forward to provide these loving homes.

In 2016 Kidsave evaluated the program to determine if it should continue. A survey was provided to Summer Miracles hosts and adoptive parents who participated in the program from 1999 - 2016. 30% responded. Additionally, focus group discussions were held in Summer Miracles communities across the country. Results: **97%** of families reported the program benefits outweighed the challenges. The Kidsave Board of Trustees voted to continue the program.

# 1,786

older children have been hosted by families in cities across the U.S. since 1999. In 2016, 17 children traveled.

# 83%

of kids who traveled since 1999 have been matched with adoptive families.



*The Long Family welcomed Camila, their Summer Miracles host child in the Summer of 2016.*



## MILLER'S FAMILY

Mike and Jasmin Rogers fell in love with Miller when they hosted him in 2016. Theirs was a summer jam-packed with fun activities and new experiences: boat rides, an Orioles game, crab-eating, soccer and biking -- they did everything. The Rogers knew in their hearts that Miller was their son and proceeded to adopt him.

# SIERRA LEONE



370

children served since 2010.

65

new children identified and registered to the program in 2016.

Many children languish in orphanages when their biological parents are alive and well. The Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone orphaned many children, but because of a lack of resources to help children, the Ebola orphans were overlooked. Many are now being reunified with extended family through Kidsave's new partnership with the Foundation for Integrated Development Sierra Leone (FID/SL).

In 2016 Kidsave trained FID/SL in our Family Visit Model to ensure they had the expertise to reunify children. In October 2016 FID/SL immediately began focusing their efforts on 65 children who were abandoned in orphanages as a result of the Ebola epidemic. By December 2016, thirteen (13) children had been reunited with extended family, and five children who could not be reunified spent the holidays with host families.



## **BOCKAREE - REUNITED WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER**

When he was 12, Bockarie lost both parents to the Ebola epidemic. He lived in an orphanage for almost two years -- even though his extended family was just a couple of hours away. During his time in the orphanage, no one reached out to help Bockarie. With the launch of the FID/Kidsave program, Bockarie became a priority. Social workers searched for Bockarie's family, found his grandmother, and reunited them. Bockarie moved in with his grandmother and he once again has a permanent home.

# COLOMBIA

*The Kidsave Colombia Foundation is an NGO that was created by Kidsave to better enable sustainability of Kidsave's mission in Colombia. The Foundation operates the Super Amigos program in partnership with The Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar, Colombia's child welfare ministry.*

Adoption of older kids is far less common in Colombia than in the U.S. But in 2016 the trend toward helping older kids increased. The Super Amigos Program, based on Kidsave's Family Visit Model and initially introduced by Kidsave, is an effort to match older kids from Colombian foundations (orphanages) with stable adults who will remain connected to them for a lifetime. These adults can adopt, foster or mentor. But the idea is to help kids grow and make a successful transition out of institutional care into productive adulthood, and ultimately for some, to experience family-based care.

1,087 families in nine Colombian cities registered to attend Super Amigos functions in 2016. They joined in group activities with 660 kids, many of them disabled children. Together they took organized walks, attended cooking classes, and participated in karaoke competitions and sporting events. **Results:** 263 children were matched with a Super Amigo (an individual or a family). Now the children visit with their Super Amigos regularly — spend weekends together — and some even live together.

3,323

Colombian children served.

1,377

professionals trained in  
the Family Visit Model  
and mentoring.

The well-known cooking gourmet academy, Verde Oliva, hosted a pizza afternoon for *Super Amigos* in Bogotá. Families and kids had a lot of fun and the pizza was delicious! Maria and Humberto (see photo) have been *Super Amigos* for two years.



# RUSSIA

Kidsave Russia had a great year. Childhood Keepers, a new Russian NGO focusing on helping children grow up in families and connected to adults, began its first year of independent operations and is working as a partner with Kidsave.

A highlight of 2016 was the development of an online mentoring course and Kidsave's competition for support of Mentoring Projects. Participants created and presented mentoring projects that they hoped to implement in their regions. Winners included: The Sun (St. Petersburg), Big Brothers Big Sisters of Russia (Moscow), and Perm Regional Fund of Children -- Orphans And Children Left Without Parental Care Support "Let's Help Children" (Perm). Winners of the competition received a trip to the U.S. for additional training in mentoring and Kidsave's Family Visit Program. Then they returned to Russia to implement their programs.

**4,095** Russian children served since 1999.

**1,050** professionals trained since 1999.





## KATYA FINDS NASTYA

When you look at Katya's beaming smile, it's hard to imagine that this 16-year-old girl lives in an orphanage. Katya is in the ninth grade and does well at school. And now she feels hopeful about her future!

Kidsave Russia's Corporate Mentoring Program in Moscow engages employees of multinational businesses to spend time with orphaned teens. These interactive meetings build relationships for orphaned teens through joint projects with adults. In the Spring of 2016, a group of Citibank Russia employees visited the children at Katya's orphanage. One of those employees was a young woman named Nastya.

"I was in Katya's group," shared Nastya. "Our project was a Paris cafe. We created a name for our cafe and a menu, and I found myself drawn to Katya's artwork and ideas."

After that meeting Nastya became Katya's tutor, and then she obtained permission to take Katya regularly to her home so they could spend more time together. Mentors like Nastya teach the young people how families function, how to manage a household budget, and how to communicate with adults. It's an opportunity for orphaned teenagers like Katya to build long-term relationships with adults they can count on *before* they are required to leave the orphanage.

# FINANCIALS

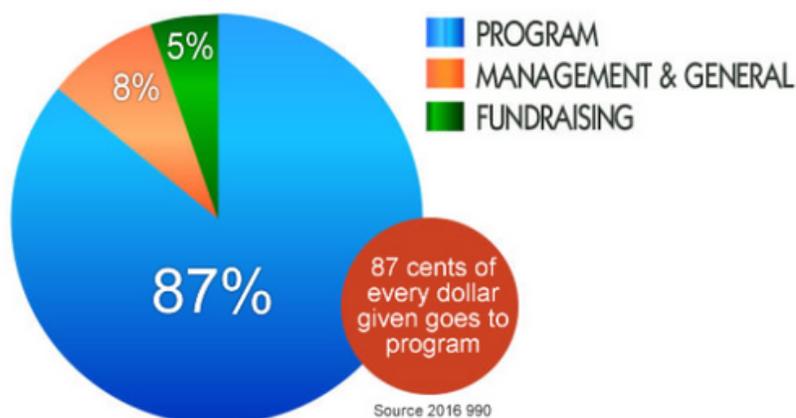
Kidsave International, Inc.  
Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2016  
(with comparative totals for 2015)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents—Note 3	\$ 571,284	\$ 708,000
Investments—Note 4	73,876	
Contributions and grants receivable—Note 6	60,500	15,250
Accounts receivable	1,763	1,386
Prepaid expenses	11,402	1,107
Security deposits	10,853	30,917
	<u>729,678</u>	<u>756,660</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>729,678</b>	<b>756,660</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Contributions and grants receivable	80,000	
Property and equipment, net—Note 7	168	897
	<u>80,168</u>	<u>897</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>80,168</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 809,846</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 757,557</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 70,018	\$ 64,476
Deferred revenue	51,984	12,595
	<u>122,002</u>	<u>77,071</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>122,002</b>	<b>77,071</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	487,255	448,684
Temporarily restricted—Note 10	200,589	231,802
	<u>687,844</u>	<u>680,486</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>687,844</b>	<b>680,486</b>
<b>Total Net Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 809,846</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 757,557</u></b>

Audited financial statements available at [www.kidsave.org/about-kidsave/kidsave-financials/](http://www.kidsave.org/about-kidsave/kidsave-financials/)

**Kidsave International, Inc.**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2016**  
**(with comparative totals for 2015)**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>2016 Total</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>
<b>Support and Revenues</b>				
Contributions and grants	\$ 1,239,772	\$ 648,463	\$ 1,888,235	\$ 1,878,199
Government contracts	206,150		206,150	299,967
In-kind contributions				
—Note 13	127,306		127,306	103,650
Interest and dividends	53		53	479
Loss on Lake Show investment	(23,999)		(23,999)	
Miscellaneous income	1,483		1,483	3,154
Net assets released from restrictions	679,676	(679,676)		
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>2,230,441</b>	<b>(31,213)</b>	<b>2,199,228</b>	<b>2,285,449</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program services	1,895,497		1,895,497	1,944,645
Management and general	170,115		170,115	179,729
Fundraising	126,258		126,258	123,344
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,191,870</b>		<b>2,191,870</b>	<b>2,247,718</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>38,571</b>	<b>(31,213)</b>	<b>7,358</b>	<b>37,731</b>
<b>Net Assets at</b>				
<b>Beginning of Year</b>	<b>448,684</b>	<b>231,802</b>	<b>680,486</b>	<b>642,755</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 487,255</b>	<b>\$ 200,589</b>	<b>\$ 687,844</b>	<b>\$ 680,486</b>



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