

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Our mission is to create change so that children grow up in families and connected to caring adults.

Dear Kidsave Supporters,

At the start of a new decade, we reflect on the progress we've made in our fight to help older children who need families, find the loving parents they need, want and deserve. Our work to drive awareness in the U.S. hit an amazing crescendo this year. One million people were able to see our program in action through A&E's docu-series "The Day I Picked My Parents." This series focuses on the lives of older children who struggle to find families because of their age. It shines a light on the numerous challenges and hard-fought triumphs of these kids who've lived in unstable placements, hoping to find parents who will love and care for them and a place to call home.

We hosted screenings in Los Angeles, Houston and Washington, D.C. Our team took to Capitol Hill to spread the word to Senators and Members of Congress about our model and the need to implement it through child welfare agencies across the country. Our model was met with curiosity, questions and excitement. As a result of the series, we've had enormous interest about bringing Weekend Miracles to their areas from people around the country, and government and non-profit organizations in multiple California counties as well as Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington State. Expansion through training partners and affiliates is a major 2020 goal.

We look forward to envisioning a new future through the eyes of our children who need families in 2020. Please join us. We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,







Joni J Moel

Elizabeth Dresing and Joni Noel, Co-Chairs, Board of Trustees

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Kidsave's Family Visit Model for Worldwide Implementation

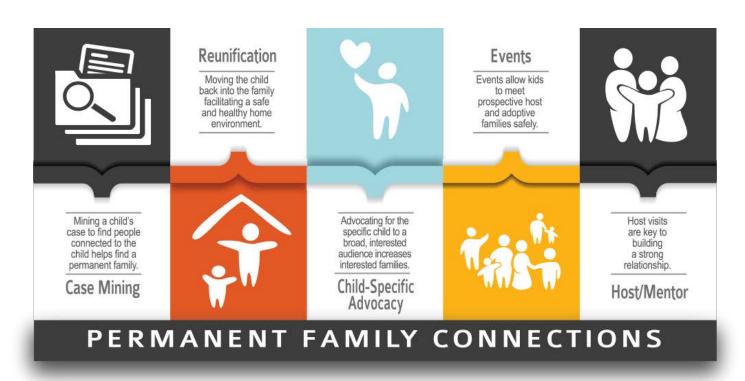
Kidsave's Family Visit Model has been refined over 20 years and is considered best practice among child welfare professionals. It serves the hardest-to-place youth, often between the ages of 9-18. Our international model begins by ensuring that all attempts to reunify the child with the biological family have been made. When reunification fails, relationships in the child's history are reviewed to see if a relative or friend might be the permanent family solution for that child. If that fails, then children are introduced to host families who become that child's partner in finding a permanent connection. Weekend events and child-specific advocacy help expand the reach to find the child a permanent family.

In the U.S. our model starts with child-specific advocacy and continues on through hosting. The main purpose of our programs is to place children in permanent, loving homes, Working to find families for these youth is time-consuming and challenging. Through our programs we want to ensure youth don't have to exit the child welfare system without the safety net of a family or a mentoring relationship. Without the support of caring adults, the odds are against system-involved youth graduating from high school or college, finding a good job, or having the example of a successful family life from which to build their own.

Our model is effective and unique in child welfare because it:

- welcomes people without home studies to meet kids;
- enables people to host children without committing to adopt them;
- introduces children to others who might be open to adoption;
- provides interactive events that give children and adults a safe space to become acquainted; and
- gives kids a voice and a choice in adults with whom they might want to be connected.

Throughout this report, you'll find examples of Kidsave's Family Visit Model impact and its effectiveness to move children into families.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for celebrating another year of miracles with us! In 2019 we honored the vision and achievements of my dear friend and Kidsave Co-Founder, Terry Baugh. With your help, we have had extraordinary years together, creating life-altering moments. The beautiful bonds formed between kids who need families and loving adults were made possible because of your commitment to our work. I extend my sincerest gratitude to our supporters, guardians, families, volunteers, Board and staff who together, transform the lives of children in the U.S. and abroad.

For more than 20 years dedicated partners like you have helped Terry and me sustain and expand our vision. Kidsave has now directly served more than 13,000 children and influenced change through policy work, partnerships, and training that has helped move more than 560,000 children out of institutions and into families.



Kidsave's international hosting program, Summer Miracles, brought 45 Colombian children to the U.S. in July for a 5-week stay with host families who advocated for their adoption. More than 80 percent of those children already have families moving forward to adopt. We continue to advocate for those who still need families. Recruitment for 2020 summer hosting has started, with a goal to help 60 children.

We are also proud of our global impact. We continue to train new partners. Current projects include our work to reunite children orphaned by Ebola in Sierra Leone with extended family. Over the past two years, we served 182 children and 100% of them now live in families. In Ukraine, where over 100,000 children still live in orphanages, we launched a two-year Weekend Miracles Family Visit pilot to demonstrate that children can move into family care. Prior to launch, partners promoted the program extensively; they found significant pent up demand, which led to 3 children being adopted and 45 being placed in families. Forty (40) additional children began participating in the pilot program in late summer. As of 12/31/2019, one child has been adopted, two children are in kinship care, and one has a host family. Our mentoring program there also has grown and expanded, now serving 119 transition-age youth in three cities.

Although "the other half of my brain," Terry, has moved on to retirement, I am grateful for the groundwork she has laid, for her continued passion for our work, and her willingness to provide a listening ear and lend an expert hand when needed. Together, we've strengthened our infrastructure, grown our staff, diversified our Board of Trustees, and moved in the direction of expansion and growth. My dedicated Kidsave team and I will proudly continue this work to reach our goals.

Today and always, I ask that you also envision a world where every child is nurtured from birth, the loss of human potential due to neglect is absent, and all children grow up in stable, loving families.

Thank you again for believing in us and these children.

Sincerely,

Landi Shompson

Randi Thompson, CEO, Co-Founder | Adoptive Mom

13,458 children served, 1999-2019

80% of Summer Miracles children who have ever traveled have been matched for adoption

81% active U.S. foster youth connected through adoption or quardianship or via hosts/mentors

Kidsave Volunteers

At Kidsave we rely on the strength and commitment of our volunteer base. Our small but mighty staff is able to execute our programs with the help and hard work of our incredible volunteers. Our volunteers host children, recruit families, create events, serve on committees, find auction items, build attendance, get the word out, support fundraising, support programs, and help with logistics. From community volunteer teams, to event volunteers, to hosts, we appreciate every person who helps make our programs possible each day!

In 2019 we held our 12th Annual Fall Festival sponsored by Corpus Christi Church. They provided fun activities, a delicious lunch, and a safe venue for kids and adults to get to know each other.

For many of our youth, it was their first-time carving pumpkins! This event would not be possible without our amazing volunteers led by Tracie Sheppard at Corpus Christi Church! Thanks for your commitment to our Los Angeles County foster youth.



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Many people who donate to charity are concerned about the costs it takes to operate a nonprofit – and don't want their donations going to overhead. To address this concern, Kidsave has a special group of donors, The Guardians, who cover Kidsave's operating costs. **These donations allow Kidsave to allocate 100% of donations from the public to our programs**.

You can learn more about becoming a Guardian by contacting Randi Thompson at 1-888-KIDSAVE.





Jenniffer met Deborah and Adam through Kidsave in 2015. Together the family decided to make their adoption official in November 2019

Weekend Miracles USA

Kidsave recruits adults who are interested in hosting, and introduces them to foster youth during structured and safe weekend events. The program gives youth a voice and the choice, a true say in their futures. They choose to engage through hosting only with adults who they get to know and like over time. At the end of each event, children evaluate the prospective hosts and indicate who they would like to get to know better. Having any choice is something new to most kids in foster care. Host families also appreciate the program because they can volunteer to host without the lengthy review process that comes with traditional fostering. It also provides a great entryway for families interested in domestic adoption.

Kidsave's goal through Weekend Miracles is to help more older foster children find a permanent connection to a caring adult. To do this we have trained or launched other organizations to implement our model. Here's where you can find kids in foster care benefitting from Kidsave's Family Visit Model in the USA.

- Colorado: CHOICE is a program of The Adoption Exchange, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Human Services.
- Los Angeles: Kidsave's flagship Weekend Miracles program is a partnership between Kidsave and the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services.
- North Carolina: Facilitated by the Congregation for Kids Network (CFK), North Carolina Weekend Miracles is a collaboration of the For Charlotte Mission Network and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.
- Texas: Kidsave Texas staff was trained in 2019 to actively run Weekend Miracles and start helping older kids in foster care in Harris County (Houston) find families and build connections.
- Washington, DC: The DC Family and Youth Initiative (DCFYI) supports children in foster care in the District of Columbia, providing them with family and extended family connections.

Weekend Miracles Featured on A&E!

"The Day I Picked My Parents" aired in September and provided a wonderful opportunity for people who've never seen a program like ours to witness it in action, and experience its lifechanging effects on the children and families we serve. Viewed over a million times, we received many emails of support and inquiries from child welfare agencies across the country that hope to adapt our program for their jurisdictions. Our goal is to slowly but surely roll out our program with the help of partner NGOs and child welfare agencies.

Watch full episodes of The Day I Picked My Parents by visiting Kidsave.org/the-day.

500 children served through Kidsave Weekend Miracles 2005-2019 (not including affiliate programs)

88 children served in 2019

81% of active participants found a permanent connection through adoption, legal guardianship, family reunification, or a lasting connection with a host since 2005.

The Day I Picked My Parents

Meet the Cast!



Episode 1 - Ty 's Story

Ty, 17 at the time of filming, spent much of his teenage years in a group home. Soon to reach adulthood and facing a life with no parental back up, Ty was desperate to find a forever family. As one of the oldest kids in the program, his chances of getting an adoptive match were slim. Watch more of his story in The Day I Picked My Parents.

Episode 1 – Jeremiah 's Story

Jeremiah, age 9 at the the time of filming, and his sister were both in foster care but were difficult to place together. A heart-breaking decision was made to give Jeremiah the chance to find a match for himself – without his sister. We follow Jeremiah as he meets and matches with this potential parents and helps decide his future.

Episode 2 – Joshua 's Story

Joshua, 11 at the time of filming, was taken into care when he was just 3 years old. Moving from foster home to foster home, he was hoping for an adoptive family, but his adoptive matches kept failing. When he meets single divorcee, Susan, it's love at first sight. Watch how their relationship progresses in The Day I Picked My Parents, episode 2.

Episode 3 - Clarissa's Story.

Clarissa, age 14 during filming, comes from a long line of foster kids and is determined to break the cycle. Clarissa makes the difficult decision to seek adoption without her sister and gives this unique project a try-but it's not long before her plans go awry. Watch how her story unfolds in episode 3 of the series.

The Day I Picked My Parents









Episode 4 -Julie's Story

Julie, 16 at the time of filming, was in foster care for four years before joining Kidsave's Weekend Miracles program. Julie meets a married couple at an event and they instantly click—so when Julie's circumstances suddenly change, she calls on the couple for help. See Julie and her new parents on the cover of this report and watch her story in episode 4 of the series.

Episode 4 - Angelicia's Story

Angelicia, 16 during filming, has been in foster care since her mom was put in jail ten years ago. Having been responsible for herself for over a decade, she struggles with the idea that she needs a grown-up to take care of her. However, when Angelicia meets a volunteer through Weekend Miracles, an unlikely match begins to blossom. Is it the answer she's looking for? Watch her story in episode 4 and read our update on Kidsave.org/the-day.

Episode 5 – Sincere's Story

Sincere, 17 at the time of filming, was quickly approaching his 18th birthday. He had been in care for 11 years without an offer of adoption and time wasn't on his side. A shy and gentle kid, he struggled to connect with grown-ups. Sincere met a family just before his 18th birthday, and had to make a difficult decision that would greatly impact his future. Learn more in episode 5.

Episode 5 – Ariel's Story

Ariel, age 14 during filming, had been in care for most of her life. A volunteer at a dog shelter, Ariel compares herself to the dogs she cares for, saying it's the puppies who always get homes while the old dogs are stuck in the shelter. Follow her journey in episode 5.

Summer Miracles

Kidsave Summer Miracles is a Family Visit Program for children who need families from countries outside of the U.S. The program provides the opportunity for older children living in government care in orphanages or foster homes to meet an adoptive family in the United States. This program is often a last resort for these older children to be adopted.

Summer Miracles is a volunteer-powered program. Guided by Kidsave staff, volunteer coordinators in communities across the U.S. engage other volunteers to operate summer hosting programs in their areas.

In 2019 Kidsave gave 45 children from Colombia a summer vacation to the United States to live with host families. The children, ages 9 to 15, stayed in communities across the country. After a whirlwind of activities, new experiences and getting to know their hosts and visiting families, the children went back to Colombia. At the end of the summer, 82% of children who traveled had been matched for adoption and families were proceeding with their adoption processes.

In 2019 Kidsave worked with the following communities powered by amazing volunteer coordinators:

- Chicago, IL Maru Braemer
- DC Metro (DC, VA, MD) Amanda Mason
- Southern California Jo Moyer
- New York Tri State (NY, NJ, CT) Cathee Gelman and Mary Massaro

Kidsave also supported host families outside of these communities who were interested in adoption.

From Colombia to the Big Apple

Twins Alex and Hazel had lived in foster care in Colombia since they were seven years old. Their social workers recommended the girls for Kidsave's Summer Miracles program, and in July 2019, they boarded a plane to New York City. They would spend five weeks with Dennis, Jacqueline and their toddler in Queens, NY. When they landed, the pilot welcomed them over the loudspeakers, a special favor to their host family. Jacqueline and Dennis are both air traffic controllers who always knew that they wanted to adopt. Summer Miracles was the perfect opportunity to meet and get to know the girls they had only seen in pictures.

The summer was full of memories they would never forget. They went to Central Park, Coney Island, attended Kidsave events, went sailing and swimming. The hardest part was knowing the girls would have to return to Colombia at the end of the program, said Dennis.

After the girls returned to Colombia, it was just a few months before they found out they were going to be adopted! The girls screamed with joyous disbelief as Jacqueline and Dennis spoke to them over Skype saying "We're coming to Colombia tomorrow! We love you so much. We are so happy. This is one of the happiest days of our lives!"



The twins are now living a new life with an adoptive family who adores them and plans to give them the best future possible. The family is adjusting to life as a family of five and getting through each challenge, through the many peaks and valley together, said Dennis. Their lives have all changed for the better in less than a year!

1,973 total children traveled from 1999-2019

45 children traveled in 2019 and

82% were matched with families who planned to move forward with adoption at the end of the program.

Meet Summer Miracles Alum and Kidsave Staff, Ekaterina Widell



I was born in the city of Tver, Russia. At a young age, my life was dark. My parents struggled to care for four girls, in part because my father was an abusive alcoholic. There wasn't enough food to go around. I remember eating raw flour just to fill my stomach. At the age of four, I was hospitalized due to malnutrition and at that point, the state placed my three sisters and me in orphanages. In the process, my older sister, Svetlana, and I were separated from our baby sisters. We never got the chance to say goodbye to our birth parents.

Life in the orphanage was harsh, depressing, and lonely. There was food and a place to sleep, but no love. I wasn't allowed to see my older sister even though I knew she was close by. I had a hard time sleeping in a large room with long rows of beds. I remember times when the caregivers made me stand next to my bed for hours while everyone slept, as punishment for staying awake past curfew. I remember crying till my eyes were swollen, but I was never comforted.

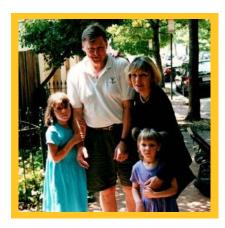
My life changed when Kidsave chose my sister and me for the Kidsave Summer Miracles program! In 2001 we traveled across the world and met our host parents, Pamela and Carl Widell, whom I later would call mom and pop. That summer, for the first time, I felt truly protected, loved, and nurtured. During the Kidsave program Svetlana and I went to a camp where we met other kids who were brought over from Russia. Kidsave hosted many weekend events like going to the zoo, having picnics in the park, and swimming. These events allowed us to get to know Pam and Carl in very comfortable and fun environments. That summer I remember Pam teaching me how to swim; we met our first best friends who were our age and also a part of the Kidsave program. Innocently, we kept our parents on

the edge of their seats as we were always very curious and liked to pull small pranks on them. Most importantly, we learned what it meant to be part of a loving family.

Over time the four of us grew very close and I began to forget about our life in Russia. At the end of the summer visit, we returned to Russia not knowing when, or even if, would ever see Pam and Carl again. Thankfully, they called us at the orphanage, and that gave us hope. But the wait was long. Eleven months later, we found out we were getting adopted! We made our final journey to the United States, and not long after our adoption, with my parent's help, we found and were reunited with our younger sisters.

It's hard to imagine what my life would have been like if I hadn't been adopted. At the time, most kids who aged out of orphanages got involved with crime, drugs, or prostitution. I'm grateful to have escaped that life. Instead, because of Kidsave, I grew up in a stable and loving home where I was never neglected or abused. I was provided with many wonderful opportunities that made me who I am today. My parents taught me to dream big and with their motivating support, my sister and I had the opportunity to attend and graduate college and find stable jobs we are passionate about. Most importantly, we found where we belong in this world. I will forever be grateful to my parents for giving us a second chance at happiness and family.

My life came full circle when I landed my job at Kidsave. I hope to give back and help the kids still out there, in the same position I once was --growing up without parents in government care -- waiting and hoping for a forever family. I believe the greatest blessing is having the support of a loving family. I know I will forever cherish mine.



Sombo and her grandmother in Pujehun

Sierra Leone

While Sierra Leone continued its recovery from the Ebola crisis and the long civil war, Kidsave continued our work in partnership with the Foundation for Integrated Development (FID) to get more children into caring families. Since we began this work in 2010, 668 children have been placed in families in Sierra Leone, including 29 children placed in 2019.

Twelve (12) of those children were reunited with biological extended families in five communities in the Bo District. Poor roads, rivers and communication were big challenges for the social workers, who held community stakeholder and sensitization meetings in Tailu, Bondor, Jakama, Kebbie town and Kandeh Town to introduce the Kidsave program and children to others. FID also trained 17 caregivers in home management and the care of children placed in families. Kidsave established procedures in each of these communities to monitor the children and ensure they are well cared for.

Caregivers learned how to be sure children are safe in their new community and healthy in their new homes; what constitutes a caring and loving home; how to ensure the children go to and stay in school; and how to make sure they have a good reputation in the home and community. Program Manager Ibrahim Kawa noted, "The sustainability of a family is dependent on the entire household getting along and being happy, regardless of age or gender."

Participants learned about community assets they can mobilize for the sustenance of the home, and how to identify needs. By helping with a child's integration, each child placed in a new family has a caring connection as they grow up and for the rest of their lives.

Kidsave also increased follow-up work. In 2019 social workers returned to many of the villages where children had been placed in order to be sure the children were going to school, eating three meals a day, were healthy, happy and living in stable, supportive homes. They learned that 17 of the children were not in school for the simple reason they had no uniforms. Kidsave sent money for uniforms and books, and all 17 are now in school. Kidsave also facilitated a donation of 50 solar-powered lamps donated by a young American Boy Scout supporter of this work. Social workers distributed them to grateful families as they checked in on placements.



685

total children served since 2010

46

children served in 2019

Ukraine

The Government of Ukraine has embarked on a reform effort to deinstitutionalize approximately 100,000 children. This is a new concept in Ukraine. As part of the reform effort, Kidsave implemented a pilot program in the southern regions of Kherson and Mykolaiv. Along with local partners, Kidsave developed systems whereby social workers, citizens, and faith-based communities collaborate to move children into host and, ultimately, permanent families.

More than **110** volunteers and **70** potential hosts were recruited by a local organization, Sunrise of Dreams. Presentations were held in local churches and communities to recruit new families, find relatives and locate people who might know the children in the pilot group.

Before the pilot program launched, our Ukraine partners promoted it extensively; they found significant pent up demand, which led to 3 children being adopted and 45 being placed in families. Forty (40) additional children began participating when the pilot program launched in late summer. As of December 31, 2019, one child has been adopted, two children are in kinship care, and one has a host family via the pilot program.



Kidsave also operates the Employment Pathways to Success Program, which supports individual and corporate mentoring. This program helps Ukrainian orphans and at-risk youth develop workforce readiness, improve economic self-sufficiency, and find internships and job opportunities. As of December 31, 2019, 79 youth have been served through this program.



119

total youth served through corporate mentoring and Family Visit Model in Ukraine in 2019.

40

youth served through Family Visit Model Pilot in 2019.

79

youth served through Corporate Mentoring in 2019.

Statement of Financial Position 2019

For a complete view of the audit, see Financials on our website.

Kidsave International, Inc. Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2019 (with comparative totals for 2018)

	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		2019 Total		2018 Total	
Assets								
Current Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents								
-Note 2	\$	499,148	\$	261,064	\$	760,212	\$	675,916
Investments—Note 5		51,665				51,665		60,197
Contributions and grants								
receivable, net – Note 6		58,300		144,784		203,084		283,545
Accounts receivable		315				315		259
Prepaid expenses		26,176				26,176		13,104
Security deposits		4,842				4,842		6,842
Total Current Assets		640,446		405,848		1,046,294		1,039,863
Non-Current Assets								
Contributions and grants								
receivable—Note 6				110,560		110,560		117,919
Total Non-Current Assets				110,560		110,560		117,919
Total Assets	\$	640,446	\$	516,408	\$	1,156,854	\$	1,157,782
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Current Liabilities								
Accounts payable and								
accrued expenses	\$	93,375	\$		\$	93,375	\$	106,468
Total Liabilities		93,375				93,375		106,468
Net Assets								
Without donor restrictions		547,071				547,071		459,311
With donor restrictions—Note 9		,				,		,
Purpose-restricted				261,064		261,064		264,314
Time-restricted				255,344		255,344		327,689
Total Net Assets		547,071		516,408		1,063,479		1,051,314
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u> </u>	640,446	<u>s</u>	516,408	\$	1,156,854	\$	1,157,782
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Kidsave International, Inc. Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2019 (with comparative totals for 2018)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2019 Total	2018 Total	
Operating Activities					
Support and Revenues Contributions and grants Government contracts	\$ 1,014,845 25,750	\$ 984,994	\$ 1,999,839 25,750	\$ 2,337,415	
In-kind contributions —Note 12 Miscellaneous income Net assets released from	239,012 1,314		239,012 1,314	116,974 1,789	
restrictions	1,060,589	(1,060,589)			
Total Support and Revenues	2,341,510	(75,595)	2,265,915	2,456,178	
Expenses Program services Supporting services	1,891,606		1,891,606	2,009,981	
Management and general Fundraising	202,285 163,702		202,285 163,702	188,825 176,933	
Total Expenses	2,257,593		2,257,593	2,375,739	
Change in Net Assets from Operations	83,917	(75,595)	8,322	80,439	
Nonoperating Activities Income on Lake Show					
investment – Note 5	3,843		3,843	4,900	
Total Nonoperating Activities	3,843		3,843	4,900	
Change in Net Assets	87,760.000	(75,595)	12,165	85,339	
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	459,311	592,003	1,051,314	965,975	
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 547,071	\$ 516,408	\$ 1,063,479	\$ 1,051,314	



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