It is my pleasure to use this report to recognize those people who have supported Children Awaiting Parents during the fiscal year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. The finances, programs, services and events described are reflective of that time period. We are pleased to have served, both online and in print, more than 792 children across the country. Of those served, more than 247 of the longest waiting children now have “forever families.”

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Government Grant
In-Kind Services
Special Events, Net of Direct Expenses
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Endowment: Imputed Income
Special Withdrawal
Total Support and Revenue

Operating Expenses
Program Services
Management and General
Fundraising
Total Expenses

Net Operating Accounts
Balance Sheet:
Endowment Fund*
Cash and Other Investments
Other Assets, Less Liabilities
Total Assets
Total Liabilities

Total Net Assets
* Including assets treated as endowment

Florencia is a teenager with a zest for life! She loves getting her nails done, going shopping and make-up. If she was told she could, Florence would dye her hair pink! A vibrant and cheerful youth, she needs a forever family who will embrace her fun-loving attitude and encourage her creative side. Currently in 10th grade special education classes, her academic and emotional needs are addressed. Florence hopes for a forever family who will love her unconditionally and show patience as she transitions into her new environment. She greatly cherishes people and her relationships and needs a consistent love that will guide her into adulthood.
Within three months, the Dinsels had finalized Andrea’s adoption.

**Dinsel Family**

(Klarissa, Lee, Lorry & Andrea Dinsel)

**What Love Can do**

For Lorry Dinsel, adopting through the Pennsylvania state system was an easy decision. Though not experienced with the foster care system, this fundraising professional quickly focused on special needs adoption.

Lory and Lee Dinsel started their adoption adventure through the Pennsylvania Adoption Partners (CAP) website and found then-four-year-old Andrea. “She tugged at my heart,” said Dinsel. “I knew that little face,” said Dinsel. And Andrea is his hero and he, Lee, also an adoptee, was instantly smitten with Andrea. They took three days on the return trip to Pennsylvania to make the transition from the warm Florida heat to the northeast cold easier on Andrea. “We leaned a lot about each other on that trip,” said Dinsel.

Andrea, “Pokey,” has adapted well into her new family. Lee, also an adoptee, was instantly smitten with Andrea. He scooped her up and has never let go. Andrea is his hero and he, Lee. She is now seven years old and has gone beyond what every doctor told her she would do. She has succeeded in walking, crawling, and maturing and developing her motor skills. She is a happy and healthy little girl.

**Klarissa & Andrea Dinsel**

pre-adoption by phone to Florida. Lory and her two daughters packed their car and left Pennsylvania for a “girl’s road trip” to pick up Andrea. Lorry started daughter Klarissa longed for a younger sister. Lorry started the relationship and partnership with CAP. “The staff followed-up with me in e-mail and by phone calls, I feel like I know the whole staff by name,” states Dinsel.

As an adoptive parent to special needs children, Lory’s advice to parents would be to read through the child’s case and medical files and don’t be intimidated by what they find. Dinsel stresses, “You need to be the advocate for your child...their hero.” She has also learned that by giving your children a loving, child-focused home they have the time to bond and quality time, kids can achieve anything.

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1. CAP’s **website**, www.ChildrenAwaitingParents.org, is a dynamic resource that provides photos, narratives and videos of waiting children, as well as pre- and post-adoption information for prospective foster and adoptive parents. CAP offers personal adoption information to families at every stage of the process.

2. CAP provides **media outreach** in regional and national publications throughout the United States. Children are featured in newspapers, magazines and parent group newsletters. We seek exposure in special interest (such as developmental disabilities, gay/lesbian etc.) publications that reach families who are potential adoptive resources for our children.

3. **The Heart Gallery** is a national movement that showcases exceptional portraits of children currently in foster care and available for adoption. CAP holds Heart Gallery exhibits during November (National Adoption Month) at the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York. The display also travels to numerous Western New York venues throughout the year.

4. **Faith in Children** is a special adoption recruitment campaign initiated by Children Awaiting Parents to reach out to the community through faith-based organizations to identify and recruit permanent families for America’s waiting children.

5. For more than 30 years, the **Friday’s Child** television feature has been spotlighting area waiting children on Rochester’s 13WHAM News.

6. Since 2007, CAP has received grants from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to implement a **Wendy’s Wonderful Kids** effort. The Foundation has awarded grants to local adoption organizations throughout the U.S. Wendy’s Wonderkids recruiters execute aggressive, child-focused recruitment efforts targeted exclusively at placing children in foster care with adoptive families.

7. CAP is a founding member of The Adoption Exchange Association and Voice for Adoption. Both are coalitions of organizations and child welfare advocates that address the urgent needs of waiting children nationwide.

8. The **HandsOn Hearts** mentoring program is a new initiative. CAP and Successful Pathways (a Rochester, NY, nonprofit organization) are collaborating to provide mentors for children in the foster care system and other at-risk youth.

9. **Post Adoption Services** consist of the Council of Adoptive Parents, a foundation program of CAP. The Council of Adoptive Parents is a dynamic group of foster and adoptive parents who provide each other with encouragement and support through all stages of the adoption process.

10. CAP provides **training services**, developed by professionals with extensive experience related to foster care and adoption. These courses are open to public and private agencies.

**Vision**

A loving adoptive family is found for every child waiting in foster care.

**Mission**

Find loving adoptive families for children waiting in foster care. Advocate nationally for adoption by bringing attention to the children, by promoting interest among people who could become permanent adoptive families, and by encouraging adoption friendly policies.