

*One Church One Child of Florida, Inc.
Since 1988*

"Linking Partnerships for Children in Florida"

Annual Report to the Legislature

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Message from the President and Executive Director

Increasing permanency for children in Florida's foster care system is what One Church One Child has been doing for more than two decades. Over the past year, One Church One Child has continued to address the crisis of minority children waiting in foster care for adoption and the practice of supporting waiting children. One Church One Child's focus is on the effective grassroots approach of partnering with churches to recruit families and individuals interested in adopting, fostering, or mentoring children in foster care.

One Church One Child has a lot to be proud of. We continue to help increase the number of families coming forward and leverage communities in efforts to ensure permanency for children. One Church One Child has signed up additional churches to partner in local communities throughout Florida.

One Church One Child also has stepped up efforts to further engage the faith community and encourage partners to add prevention, intervention and promotion of adoption and support for families to their programs.

Recognizing the resourcefulness of the churches, One Church One Child continued a series of Education Forums in all six Department of Children and Families regions. The accomplished goal was to educate church leaders on the plight of children waiting in foster care and to engage churches across the state in the promotion of adoption. One Church One Child accomplished this goal by creating display stands and flyers with pictures of children to be placed in the church; encouraging families and individuals to consider adoption, foster care, and mentoring; and referring interested families to One Church One Child.

These accomplishments are possible thanks to continued support from churches, individuals, communities, business, foundations and governmental partners. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our work.

Sincerely,

Rev. Beverly Hills Lane
President

Dr. Arie Sailor
Executive Director/CEO

"Increasing permanency for Florida's children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and support for families."

Vision

One Church One Child of Florida's vision is to be the premier leader in supporting permanency for minority children through prevention of maltreatment, intervention, adoption promotion and support for families.

Mission

Our mission is to partner with churches and the greater community to increase permanency for minority children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and family support services.

Values

- *A holistic/faith approach*
- *Respect for the varied dimensions of individuals and families*
- *Recognition of the importance of relationships*
- *Empowerment of those we serve*
- *Partnerships and collaborations in communities*
- *Provision of high-quality, sufficient, consistent, integrated, timely and transparent services*

2014-15 Achievements

One Church One Child's (OCOC) legislation and its corporate mission cite the adoption of minority children as its primary goal. To that end, Board Members and staff predominantly reach out to communities through pastors and churches to recruit families to adopt children from foster care. The basic principle of the organization is to "find at least one family per church to adopt at least one child from foster care."

Plans for the year included:

- **Resources** – Resources would be organized by determining regional adoption goals based on the number of children on the Explore Adoption website.
- **Referrals** – Families would be referred to Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agencies or other child-placing agencies in Florida for adoptive parent training prior to completion of an adoption home study.
- **Recruitment** - OCOC would recruit churches within regions by presenting OCOC's case for support, explaining procedures and support tools, answering questions, and confirming participation with churches signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- **Publicity** – OCOC would help publicize the need for adoptive parents, using flyers, inserts and media kickoffs. Photos of available children with brief information on the children and related information would be shared with local media and with participating churches. OCOC would sponsor major adoption recruitment kickoff events, educating and engaging churches and other community leaders in addressing the crisis of waiting minority children.
- **Results** – OCOC would track and monitor all referrals of families with reports to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, in addition to completing a year-end report.

In planning, preparing and implementing the goals for the year, the board members donated countless hours of time and effort, participating in board meetings, subcommittees, workgroups, and small session meetings.

Historically, One Church One Child was first implemented in the State of Illinois when the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Greg Coler, and Deputy Secretary Gordon Johnson sought out Father George Clements to help them in addressing the disproportionate number of minority children lingering in foster care. In 1988, Greg Coler became Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families and implemented the successful minority adoption recruitment program in Florida. In 1990, the Florida Legislature passed the One Church One Child of Florida Corporation Act (section 409.1755, *Florida Statutes*). This Act mandated OCOC to operationalize as a non-profit corporation with a Board

of Directors appointed by the Governor. The program currently has a 23-member Board of Directors to carry out the intent of the law. Board members serve a minimum three-year term. The current Board was appointed/reappointed August 1, 2013 by Governor Rick Scott, filling 13 of the 23 slots. Each member must serve a term of at least three years. The next board appointments/reappointments are scheduled for July 2015.

Summary of the Organization

One Church One Child operates out of a statewide headquarters located in Tallahassee and has satellite offices in Jacksonville (Northeast Region), Tampa (SunCoast Region) and West Palm Beach (Southeast Region).

The headquarters office includes a full-time Executive Director, Deputy Director, Community Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and volunteers. The Executive Director and Community Coordinator were hired in January 2003; the Deputy Director was hired in October 2007; and the Administrative Assistant was hired in September 2013. The satellite offices in Jacksonville and Tampa include a Recruitment Coordinator at each site. The Jacksonville staff member was hired in October 2013, and the Tampa staff member was hired in September 2010. The West Palm Beach office is staffed by a part-time Volunteer Adoption Recruiter.

OCOC works in partnership with churches, local businesses, agencies and such entities as Daniel Memorial, Chapters of Buffalo Soldiers in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Tampa, the Governor's Office on Adoption and Child Protection, local Heart Galleries, Florida A&M University and Florida State University Social Work Programs, the Florida Coalition for Children, Family Support Services of Northeast Florida, Eckerd Community Alternatives, Partnership for Strong Families, OurKids Miami-Dade and Monroe, Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Families First Network, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Children's Home Society and other Community-Based Care Agencies. OCOF continues its partnership with the Department of Children and Families.

OCOC of Florida also works with the national chapter of One Church One Child and the Child Welfare League of America Faith Advisory Committee (CWLA FAC). In partnership with these entities, OCOF has worked on initiatives to help increase the involvement of the faith community in child welfare services.

State Board Members, advisory committee members and staff, in conjunction with members of the community, have been involved in efforts to recruit adoptive and foster families. Volunteers also have worked with the state board members to support local recruitment efforts, and those volunteer hours are captured on OCOF time tracking logs. Statewide statistics show that this year 2,833 volunteer hours were logged by advisory committee

members, university interns and other volunteers, and 1,270 volunteer hours were logged by state board members, for a total year-to-date of 4,103 volunteer hours. The total volunteer hours were valued at \$53,339. Volunteer hours were calculated from the number of hours State Board Members and local Advisory Committee Members donated to One Church One Child through recruitment activities. The total dollar value was calculated by multiplying the total number of volunteer hours by the allowed \$13.00 an hour.

As indicated above, One Church One Child has experienced changes and transitions from a program of the Department of Children and Families to a licensed child placing agency, to a nonprofit adoption recruitment organization. In fulfillment of this role, One Church One Child has implemented an innovative campaign to increase adoption resources and involve more churches in partnering to recruit families interested in adopting, fostering and/or mentoring. This report also highlights the agency's overall accomplishments for state fiscal year 2014-2015.

Community Awareness and Involvement Activities

The One Church One Child State Board of Directors and Local Advisory Committees continue to engage churches and communities in activities to heighten awareness and increase recruitment of potential adoptive and foster families. Activities conducted during this reporting period included:

- Meeting with local churches and pastors to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Conducting presentations with congregations and community audiences to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Advertising in various media markets including: radio stations, television stations through their community calendars, and newspapers.
- Distributing approximately 5,000 brochures, posters, flyers, and partnership information packets.
- Managing One Church One Child information booths at various community activities, such as Local Community Awareness Day, community festivals, Christmas Market, Unity in the Community Day, Martin Luther King holiday celebrations, Emancipation Day Celebration, church conventions and conferences, vacation bible school, Family Day, homecoming activities, annual fairs and Market Day.

- Participating as One Church One Child board members, local advisory committee members and staff in approximately 274 community events/sponsored activities this fiscal year.
- Participating in National Foster Care Month in May and National Adoption Month in November with local recruitment events.
- Creating and broadcasting public service announcements to encourage individuals, communities, pastors, churches, and congregations to explore adoption of a foster child.
- Participating in observation of "One Church One Child Sunday" on November 9, 2014.
- Distributing resource packets to more than 600 church congregations throughout the state of Florida, focusing attention on children waiting for adoption. These packets provided sample announcements to be read during services or published in bulletins in lobbies, libraries and vestibules.
- Coordinating the distribution of bicycles and Christmas gifts for children in foster care, in partnership with the Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Tampa Chapters of Buffalo Soldiers.
- Coordinating community awareness events, such as the 5th Annual Perfect Match Tennis Tournament for Adoption and Foster Care, and Annual Church Recruitment events.

*****Major Accomplishments:***

Recruited and referred 123 families interested in adopting children from foster care.

Exceeded adoption recruitment goal of 110, realizing a 112% increase in the number of families identified to recruit.

Data Source: One Church One Child Family Tracking Spreadsheet Fiscal Year 2014-2015

**One Church One Child of Florida
Tracking Log Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

MONTH	Partner Churches	Family Referrals	Support Activities	Board Hours	Community Support	LAC
July-14	16	6	2	97		175.50
August-14	10	9	2	96.5		136
September-14	13	9	2	140.25		156.50
October-14	10	16	1	127.75		139
November-14	7	14	2	119.50		179.50
December-14	5	10	6	78.75		171
January-15	9	7	1	93.75	105	230.50
February-15	13	11	2	95	105	153.50
March-15	10	16	1	67.25	113	106
April-15	8	10	1	102.75	114	134.50
May-15	6	7	2	90.25	205	214.50
June-15	5	8	4	161.5	126	268
TOTAL	112	123	26	1,270.25	768	2,064.5

Development of Beneficial Program Activities

This fiscal year, the One Church One Child board not only recruited churches to become partners in recruitment of adoptive and foster families, but to consider serving as resource centers for families in local communities.

*****Major Accomplishments:***

The adoption events generated 112 additional resource churches, making a total of more than 514 resource churches and growing (See page 9 for listing of new resource churches recruited in FY 2014-2015).

Summary of the Provision of Training and Technical Assistance

One Church One Child conducted its board of directors' annual meeting on November 25, 2014. The meeting provided an opportunity for board members, administrators and staff to develop and review plans for next fiscal year as well as strategize about how to better serve children who are waiting for permanent homes.

In addition, over the last fiscal year, OCOC coordinated at least one partnership training event for churches, community-based care organizations, and community members in each of the six Department of Children and Families regions.

****Major Accomplishments:**

OCOC has built and linked partnerships with CBCs and churches in each of the six DCF regions. The partnerships result in meeting strategic plan goals for OCOC by increasing the number of families interested in adopting and the number of churches interested in becoming resource churches.

Summary of Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities have included the Tennis Tournament for Adoption and Foster Care (\$8,253), community kick-off events (\$2,284), donors (\$7,245), and in-kind contributions (\$18,500). For fiscal year 2014-2015, funds received and in-kind contributions, excluding state contract monies, totaled \$36,282.

****Major Accomplishments:**

In-kind and cash contributions of bicycles, computers, gifts, and other supports provided for children in foster care valued over \$36,282.

This report is submitted pursuant to section 409.1755(3)(b)5, *Florida Statutes*, which directs the One Church One Child of Florida, Inc. Corporation in conjunction with the Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services) to submit an annual report to the Legislature by September 1 each year.

New Partner Churches Added FY 2014-2015

Central Region Churches

Mt. Zion AME Church, Oakland
St. James AME Church, Inverness
New Mt. Olive AME Church, Avon Park
New Bethel AME Church, Winter Haven
New Mt. Zion A.M.E Church, Winter Haven
Hurst Chapel AME Church, Winter Haven
New Bethel AME Church, Lakeland
St. John A.M.E. Church, Bowling Green
Allen Temple AME Church, Lake Wales
Greater Zion AME Church, Sebring
Greater Mt. Olive AME Church, Merritt Island
Greater St. Joseph AME Church, Sparr
New Bethel AME Church, Orlando
St. Paul AME Church, Leesburg
Mt. Zion AME Church, Orlando
Mt. Zion P.B. Church Bushnell
St. John P.B. Church, Lakeland
Mt. Sinai P.B. Church, Lakeland

Northeast Region Churches

Upper Room Ministries COGIC, Gainesville
St. Luke AME Church, Inc., Alachua
St. Mary AME Church, Osteen
Union AME Church, Lake City
New Hope Pentecostal, Orange Park
New Mt. Moriah AME, Jacksonville
New Mt. Zion AME Church, Lake City
Love Fellowship Outreach Ministries for Jesus Christ Inc., Middleburg
Allen Chapel AME Church, New Smyrna Beach
Archer COGIC, Archer
Faith Temple COGIC, Daytona Beach
New Beginnings New Mercies Kingdom Fellowship, Jacksonville
United House in Prayer Church, Jacksonville
The Empowerment Center International, Inc The River Global, Jacksonville
The Tabernacle International Deliverance Ministry, Jacksonville
Faith Temple COGIC, Daytona Beach
Faithful Fellowship Empowerment Center, Jacksonville
Greater Truth for Living Ministries, Jacksonville
Kingdom of God Outreach Ministries, Jacksonville
Elevation Church, Jacksonville

Data Source: Monthly Activity Report for Contract #LJ931

God's Glory from Heaven Outreach Ministry, Orange Park
Grace and Truth Community Development Corporation, Jacksonville
Grace and Truth Global Church, Jacksonville
Greater Bethany Baptist Church, Jacksonville
Love Temple of Living God, Jacksonville
New Kingdom Harvest Church International, Jacksonville
North Jacksonville Family Worship Center, Jacksonville
Under Watchful Care Ministries, Jacksonville
Zeal of Obedience Ministries, Jacksonville
Divine Healing and Deliverance Ministries, Jacksonville
Ebenezer AME Church, Live Oak
Greater Bethany Baptist Church, Jacksonville
New Life Evangelist Church, Jacksonville
Real Faith Ministries, Jacksonville

Northwest Region Church Partners

Bethel AME Church, Pensacola
The Church on the Way by Faith, Quincy
St. Phillip AME Church, Tallahassee
St. Phillip AME Church, Monticello
Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Capps, Tallahassee
Antioch AME Church, Marianna
New Bethel AME Church, Quincy
Concord AME Church, Tallahassee
Greater Tanner Chapel AME Church, Quincy
Greenwood Chapel AME Church, Greenwood
Henshaw Chapel AME Church, Cottondale
Kingdom Life Fellowship Evangelistic Ministries, Tallahassee
New Bethel AME Church, Port St. Joe
Snowhill AME Church, Malone
Springfield Church, Monticello
St. Mary AME Church, Marianna
St. Peter AME Church, Midway
Centenary AME Church, Tallahassee
St. James AME Church, Lynn Haven
St. Luke AME Church, Vernon
Macedonia P.B. Church, Tallahassee
Pilgrim Rest, Tallahassee
St. Luke P.B. Church, Midway
It's Not About Us But Jesus Ministry, Tallahassee
High Antioch AME Church, Madison
Mt. Olive AME Church, Tallahassee
New St. John AME Church, Tallahassee

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Shiloh AME Church, Tallahassee
St. James AME Church, Marianna
Bethel AME Church Tallahassee
New Hope Church of Christ Witten in Heaven, Crawfordville
St. James M. B. Church, Tallahassee
Whosoever Will Church of Christ Written in Heaven, Midway

Southeast Region Church Partners

Bethel AME Church, Pompano Beach
Mt. Zion AME Church, Oakland Park
St. Paul AME Church, Fort Pierce

Southern Region Church Partners

Allen Chapel AME Church, Miami
Metropolitan AME Church, Miami

SunCoast Region Church Partners

New Bethel AME Church, Clewiston
Grace Progressive M. B. Church, Bradenton
St. Mary M.B. Church, Bradenton
St. Luke AME Church, Inc., Tampa
Antioch AME Church, Westville
Bethel AME Church, Sarasota
Ministry Under the Sky, Bradenton
Mt. Calvary Seventh Day Adventist Church, Tampa
Mt. Olive AME Church, Plant City
Greater Hurst Chapel AME Church, Sarasota
Payne Chapel AME Church, Sarasota
St. Andrews AME Church, Palmetto
St. Mark AME Church, St. Petersburg
Allen Chapel AME Church, Tampa
Mt. Olive AME Church, Tampa
Mt. Olive AME Church, Trilby
29th Street AME Church, Tampa
Mt. Zion AME Church, Dade City
Mt. Olive M.B. Church, Palmetto
The Awakening Church of Tampa Bay
Newport Richey Community Church and Ministries, New Port Richey
Shiloh P.B. Church, Sarasota

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NOTICE OF FILING

Reporting Agency:	Department of Children and Families
Recipient Agency:	GOVERNOR, SENATE PRESIDENT, HOUSE SPEAKER, MINORITY LEADERS
Subject:	One Church One Child of Florida, Summary on the Status of the Corporation – Annual Report to the Legislature, Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Report Due Date:	09/01/15
Statutory Requirement:	s. 409.1755(3)(b)5, F.S.
Abstract:	<p>One Church, One Child of Florida aggressively advocates on behalf of children in the state's foster care systems that are in need of permanent homes. Recruitment, training and study of prospective adoptive families characterize this advocacy effort.</p> <p>The legislation for this program is presented in one statute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• s. 409.1755(3)(b)5, F.S. This Legislation provides for the establishment of the One Church, One Child Corporation Act. This action placed the program into state law and mandated its operation as a non-profit corporation with a Board of Directors appointed by the Governor. <p>To carry out the intent and provisions of s. 409.1755(3)(b)5, F.S., the program currently has a 20 member Board of Directors, which includes at least two to four members from each of the Department of Children and Families Judicial Circuits. Board members serve a minimum 3-year term. Governor Crist appointed the current Board in August 2009.</p> <p>Since 2003, One Church, One Child Corporation of Florida has operated statewide as a 501(c)3 non-profit, licensed child-placing agency, in response to legislative mandate to privatize child welfare services.</p> <p>This evaluation is comprised of four sections: an evaluation of community awareness and involvement activities, development of beneficial program activities, provision of training and technical assistance activities and fund raising activities.</p> <p>The report provides information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of families recruited and referred for Parent Preparation Classes. (120)• The number of church presentations made by OCOC Staff and OCOC Board Members. (457) <p>Copies of this report may be obtained by contacting:</p> <p>Dept. of Children and Families Office of Child Welfare ATTN: Mr. Charles Powell 1317 Winewood Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0700</p>