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“To enter into a child’s story in this way is to say ‘you are a human being, and you are worth my discomfort.’”

Caylee, adoptive parent



2022 Statewide Impact Report

Stories of Hope

Each of Beacon Hill’s three programs target a different area of child welfare in Alaska. The Heart Gallery of Alaska **raises awareness** about children in foster care who need **adoption** like Jon.

Our two Family Support Centers encourage and help meet the needs of **children in foster care** and their families.

Safe Families for Children **prevents** additional trauma for **families during crisis**. Caring volunteers provide housing, friendship, and resources so the families can stay together while the kids are kept safe.

Thank you for partnering with Beacon Hill in 2022 to **reduce trauma** for children and **strengthen Alaska’s families** toward hope and healing.



Kristen Bierma,
Executive Director

Beacon Hill exists to serve Alaska’s children in foster care and children at risk of going into foster care through the love of Christ.

After 10 years in foster care, Jon (JJ), age 17, was adopted from the Heart Gallery of Alaska. The family recently shared their story of hope.

According to Jon’s adoptive mom, Caylee, “We weren’t looking to build our family through adoption when we found our son. We were unaware of the need for teen adoption from foster care. That’s what the Heart Gallery did, when you see the profiles of these youth in waiting, the need becomes apparent.



At first, I was nervous to be on the Heart Gallery. I didn’t think it would work, but eventually it did. I found a family that really loves me.”

Jon

It will not be easy, however, in providing a healthy place for them to spend those last years of childhood. You drastically increase their chance of becoming a healthy adult and that is worth it. *They are worth it.*”

Our dream is to see all children loved and well cared for in healthy homes.



Your support builds hope, one child at a time.



Safe Families for Children

Parents who utilize Safe Families have the opportunity to step out of social isolation and into support, connection, and hope. In 2022, caring volunteers hosted at-risk children **110** times for a total of **1,179** safe bed nights! Our 24-hour helpline rang **355** times, offering immediate hope to families during crises such as hospitalization or homelessness. To expand services, we created a remote team and hosted a child in an off-road location for the first time.

Total Cost: \$446,858



Family Support Centers

Children in foster care who regularly spend time with their siblings and parents experience less trauma and are more likely to reunify. Our Anchorage and MatSu Family Support Centers offered safe, home-like space for **143** children to gather, play, and heal with their siblings and parents. We also started Foster Well, an initiative to support and strengthen foster families. In addition, we provided training to professionals on Best Practices for Family Contact.

Total Cost: \$302,820



The Heart Gallery of Alaska

There are many children in Alaska who have been in foster care for years and do not have a forever family. Without permanency, their future can feel hopeless. The Heart Gallery uses the power of media to raise awareness about these youth and advocate for their adoption. In 2022, a record **115** families attended an orientation to learn more about the needs of these waiting children and the next steps toward finding permanent, loving homes. To increase awareness, we launched the mobile Heart Gallery to expand to remote Alaskan communities.

Total Cost: \$116,955



Bargain Boutique

Hundreds of community members donated thousands of items to our Bargain Boutique thrift store. Items were re-purposed to sell to fund our mission. In 2022, we created a voucher program so struggling families could shop for free while getting back on their feet. We gave away **185** vouchers to provide tangible resources to families in need.

The Financials

Total Expenses
\$1,006,984

Total Revenue
\$1,214,757

