

# Annual Report 2010



## Foster Care to Success

AMERICA'S COLLEGE FUND  
FOR FOSTER YOUTH



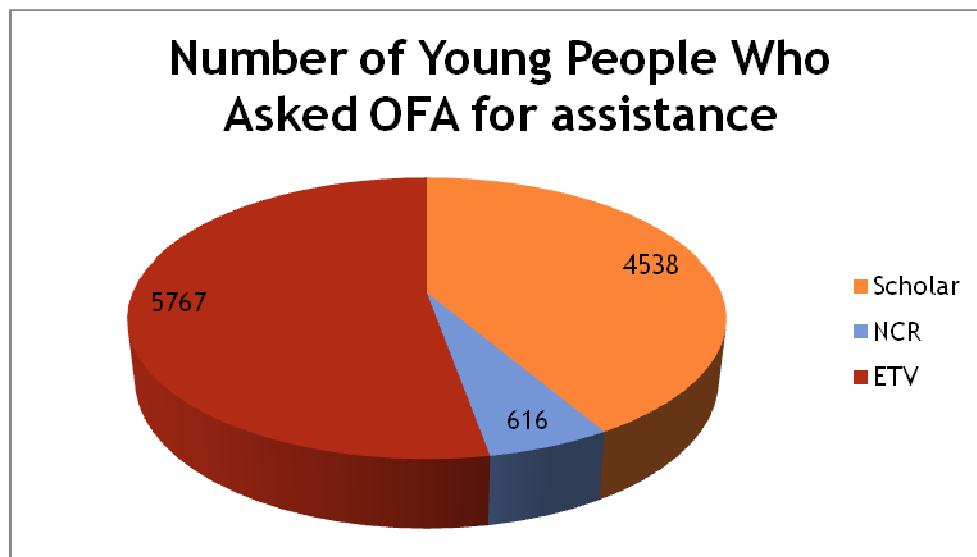


## OUR MISSION

Foster Care to Success (formerly Orphan Foundation of America) is dedicated to helping former foster youth find pathways to success through higher education. Since 1981, we have been a national leader in developing programs and scholarships to enable students not only to attend college or trade school but also to persist and graduate. We award private and government-funded scholarships. FC2S' comprehensive programs include mentoring and coaching, internships, care packages for students and career readiness programs.

## OUR REACH

FC2S is the only national nonprofit organization dedicated entirely to helping former foster youth obtain higher education and specialized training. Annually more than 10,000 young people 18-26 apply for one of our many programs; FC2S staff and volunteers try to advise, coach and guide each young person who turns to us for help. In 2010, we were only able to enroll 3629 youth in our programs.





## WHO WE SERVED IN 2010

FC2S work with youth who do not have the support and care of their parents because of death, abandonment, abuse or neglect. Foster children are placed by court order into the care of someone other than their parents.

In most states, youth “age out” of the state system at 18 and are no longer eligible for foster care. Once these young people emancipate, they have no one - no family, no guardians - to help them establish independent lives. As a consequence, they are less likely to attend college or obtain full-time jobs than are other young adults.

The statistics present a grim picture:

- More than a third of foster youth, ages 17 to 20, do not finish high school or earn a GED.
- About one in five becomes homeless at some point after aging out.
- Nearly half of the young women in foster care become pregnant before age 19.
- About one in four former foster youth is incarcerated within two years of aging out.

## OUR ADVOCACY

About 25,000 young people nationwide age out of foster care each year. We advocate at the national and state levels for policies and services that help them transition into adulthood. Studies show most young people are dependant on some parental support until 26. FC2S speaks out and up about the need to provide young people affordable housing, health care and guidance and coaching on everyday life skills and decision making. Much of our success is thanks to the our partnership with the business and civic community.

## Our Programs

**Sponsored Scholarships:** Since 1991, FC2S has awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships funded by donations from individuals, foundations and corporations. Students in the Sponsored Scholarship Program are eligible for services for up to six years or until they graduate with a bachelor’s degree or vocational certificate, whichever comes first.

**Education Training Vouchers (ETV):** FC2S administers a state grant program in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina and Ohio to. ETV grants help pay for tuition, books and related expenses. Students may receive ETV grants until age 23.



**NC Reach:** In 2010, 327 foster youth and adoptees in public community colleges and universities in North Carolina students received over \$1 million from a state-funded grant education assistance program. FC2S administers the program and provides participants with family-like support and retention and graduation support.

**ASP Coaching:** FC2S trains adult volunteers as coaches to correspond with students on line and provide advice, support and encouragement to stay in school and excel.

**Internships:** FC2S' competitive **InternAmerica** program places young people in internships in corporate offices, non-governmental agencies and congressional offices on Capitol Hill each summer. Interns receive stipends and housing allowances and they participate in professional development seminars. Additionally, FC2S prepares more than 2,000 young people nationwide to apply for and excel in internships in their local communities so that they can become competitive members of the work force.

**21st Century Workplace Success:** FC2S provides young people with career assessment, counseling, coaching and connections to local resources to help them enter the work force. FC2S' comprehensive programs stress the development of the core skills and positive behaviors that today's employees need to be successful.

**Care Packages:** Three times a year, FC2S sends thousands of care packages filled with necessities and small gifts to students at colleges, universities and training programs. More than 7,500 care packages are sent annually thanks to the generosity of FedEx and our corporate donor partners.

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## Our Efficiency

More than 91 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to support FC2S programs and youth.

Over 65% of students in our scholarship program graduate from college within five years—a rate that is almost three times the average for other independent students.



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*FC2S partners with several states to provide a comprehensive post-secondary grant and support program*

*Alabama Department of Human Resources*

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*Colorado Department of Human Resources*

*Indiana Department of Child Services*

*Maryland Department of Child Services*

*Missouri Department of Social Services*

*New York State Office of Children and Family Services*

*North Carolina Division of Social Services*

*Ohio Department of Job and Family Services*



## Audited Financial Statement

*The following are an audited statement of activities and changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2010*

### Income

ETV Funding	11,767,410
Investments	36,198
Contributions	2,551,500

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**Total Income 14,355,108**

### Expenses

Payroll	1,380,302
Program Expenses	106,497
Occupancy	145,706
Professional Fees	227,185
Office Expenses	142,597
Banking Fees	24,993
Insurance	11,425
IT Services and Support	160,576
Scholarships and Grants	11,828,128

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**Total Expenses 14,027,409**

**Net Income 327,699**

### Net Assets

<i>Year End 2009</i>	<i>5,338,766</i>
<i>Year End 2010</i>	<i>5,761,119</i>

*Changes in Net Assets* *422,353*

## Our Generous Donors:

### **\$1 Million and Above:**

Casey Family Programs

### **\$100,000 to \$1 Million:**

Glory Foundation

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

### **\$10,000 to \$100,000:**

Cascade Foundation

Ed Fund Charities

Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund

Lockheed Martin

Marcia Saracheck

The Staley Trust

United Way Of West Central Connecticut

### **\$5,000 to \$10,000:**

America's Charities

Baird Foundation, Inc.

Barbara Grimes

Jeffrey Humphrey

Jack and Jill Of America, Loudoun Co VA Chapter

James Bell Associates

Kastory Family Foundation

James King

Laborers' International Union Of N.A.

Laborers Mid-Atlantic

Network For Good

The Scoob Trust Foundation

The Frederick and Margaret Weyerhaeuser Foundation

The WRG Foundation

WTR Fund

### **\$1,000 to \$5,000:**

We had over 40 donors in this category

### **\$100 to \$1,000:**

We had over 200 donors in this category

### **Up to \$100:**

We had over 2,000 donors in this category



**When children are removed from their families and cannot return, they become 'our' children. Each and every child has promise and potential that our nation cannot afford to squander. With the right guidance, care and support they will grow up to be teachers, plumbers, doctors, social workers, entrepreneurs and colleagues. They will be our neighbors, friends and family.**

**Helping America's foster youth is a wise investment and it is the right thing to do.**