

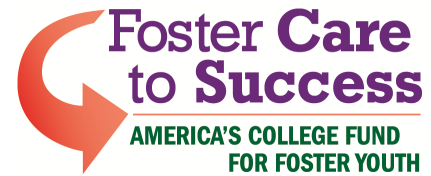
Annual Report 2011



Foster Care to Success

AMERICA'S COLLEGE FUND
FOR FOSTER YOUTH





OUR MISSION

Foster Care to Success (FC2S) 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. Our comprehensive programs include mentoring and coaching, internships, care packages for our 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 2011, we funded 3605 students in all of our programs.

WHO WE SERVED IN 2011

FC2S defines an orphan as any child who does not have the support and care of his parents because of death, abandonment, abuse or neglect. Foster children are “orphans” by virtue of being 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 dependent 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 \$12 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): In 2011, FC2S administered a state grant program in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina and Ohio. ETV grants help pay for tuition, books and related expenses. Students may receive ETV grants until age 23.

NC Reach: In 2011, 293 foster youth and adoptees in public community colleges and universities in North Carolina students received nearly \$1.6 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.

OUR EFFICIENCY

More than 91 cents from 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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In 2011 FC2S partners with several states to provide a comprehensive post-secondary grant and support program

Alabama Department of Human Resources

Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Children, Youth and Families

Arkansas Department of Human Resources

Colorado Department of Human Resources

Indiana Department of Child Services

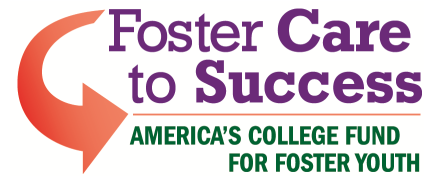
Maryland Department of Human Resources

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, 2011

Income

ETV Funding	12,753,515	
Investments	44,222	
In-Kind Contributions	2,236,121	
Contributions	2,329,851	
Miscellaneous Income	10,107	
	Total Income	\$17,373,816

Expenses

Payroll	1,231,539	
Program Expenses	61,990	
Occupancy	112,567	
Professional Fees	128,483	
Office Expenses	86,931	
Banking Fees	18,471	
Insurance	8,284	
Travel	45,472	
Education and Training	13,491	
IT Services and Support	157,923	
In-Kind Expense	2,236,121	
Scholarships and Grants	13,046,731	
	Total Expenses	\$17,148,003

Net Income **\$225,813**

Net Assets

Year End 2010	\$7,822,711
Year End 2011	\$7,613,425

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

Alliant Credit Union

Anonymous

Cascade Foundation

The Compound Foundation, Inc.

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James Bell Associates

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The Frederick and Margaret Weyerhaeuser Foundation

\$5,000 to \$10,000

America's Charities

Miho Awazu

Baird Foundation, Inc.

Foster Youth Independence

Barbara Grimes

Kastory Family Foundation

S. Kelly

The WRG Foundation

Michael and Jennifer Wargo

\$1,000 to \$5,000

We had over 50 donors in this category

\$100 to \$1,000

We had over 200 donors in this category

Up to \$100

We had over 3,000 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 orphans and foster youth is a wise investment and it is the right thing to do.