

A photograph of a woman with long blonde hair and a young child with short brown hair, both wearing patterned sweaters, decorating a Christmas tree. The woman is holding a branch of the tree, and the child is reaching up to touch it. The tree is decorated with lights and ornaments. The background is slightly blurred, showing a cozy living room setting.

# DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hi friend,

You may be running around crazy trying to tie up your last minute Christmas gifts (like me! ☺ ) And that can make us all feel a little nutty. In fact, we can totally lose perspective on what is most important.

Remember, Charlie Brown and his pathetic Christmas tree? He took some criticism which made him cry out, “Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?”

And good ol’ loyal Linus delivered... you can watch [here](#) for this sweet 2 minute reminder. You may need it. I needed it. And I will be sharing this with my 4 kids!

Linus told us about the **GOOD NEWS of great JOY** — that Christmas is all about a Savior, Christ the Lord, being born to deliver us.

I needed this reset. Sadly, it is so easy to get caught up in “things” that have nothing to do with this good news.

As you wind down your year, I do hope you are truly winding down. But I know that 2/3 of the population waits til the final days of the year to make their charitable gifts, so I'm asking you to remember our noble mission as you make your last minute giving decisions. ☐ We'd love to be on your list.

This year, we have seen a **53%** increase in # of families we served. The growth is heartbreaking. The intensity of mental and behavioral health needs we are seeing is unprecedented. Self-harm and parental stress #s continue to spike.

And yet, we have continued to see healing and permanency in 2021.

All gifts are being doubled due to a generous donor. We rely on the support of our communities to do this life-changing, impactful work. Your generosity truly matters.

May you be blessed this Christmas!



Jenni Lord | Chosen Care  
Chief Executive Officer

## Holidays Resources



### What to Expect During the Holidays

For children who have experienced trauma, the holidays can be a hard time. Watch Erika gives us a few thoughts on what to expect this Holiday Season.

[Watch Here >>](#)

## Structure During The Holidays

Our children from hard places need structure. Today, Raegan shares practical tips to create structure in your home this holiday season.

[Watch Here >>](#)



## Helping Young People In Foster Care Through The Holidays

Try these 12 ideas to support your foster children during the holidays.

[Full Blog Here >>](#)

# Your Gift Will Be Doubled!

Last chance to give your tax deductible gift!

**Through a generous \$50k match your gift will be doubled!**

**GIVE  
NOW**



We had no understanding  
of the trauma our daughter  
was going through.

Now their family is on a path of restoration.  
Be a part of the healing.



Give now and help  
families heal from trauma.

#BetterTogether



Listen **Jenni Lord**  
discuss the current  
state of child welfare



Welcome, Quella Jackson!



Quella is passionate about seeing children and their families have healthy relationships by discovering how to grow together through understanding one another. Her role as a Care Manager allows her to see her passion come to fruition. She is the Author of a Children's Book, *The Traveling Pen, My New Home*.

Learn more about Quella [here](#).

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## Welcome, Dr. Ogugua Anene-Maidoh!



Dr. Ogugua Anene-Maidoh, (Dr. OG) has joined our Advisory Board as Medical Director. She received her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin and continued on a path to become the attending psychiatrist at a Child Crisis Stabilization unit.

Read more about Dr. Ogugua Anene-Maidoh [here](#).

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