



A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Yesterday, I heard the story of a boy in foster care that broke my heart. *Again.* Sam ended up at a long term ranch facility as a teen because of his disruptive behaviors. He had been in 22 foster homes and had 3 failed adoptions.

Though he had many behavioral challenges, Sam did well at the ranch. But he was never given the help to overcome his extraordinary losses. After leaving, drugs became his way of self-medicating mental illness that stemmed from his childhood trauma. He recently ended up dying on the streets in his 20s.

I know this is a very hard story to read. I have thought about Sam many times since. My prayer is that his death is not in vain. I am comforted that he told a staffer at the ranch that God was the only way he made it through each day. I trust he is in a better place free from pain.

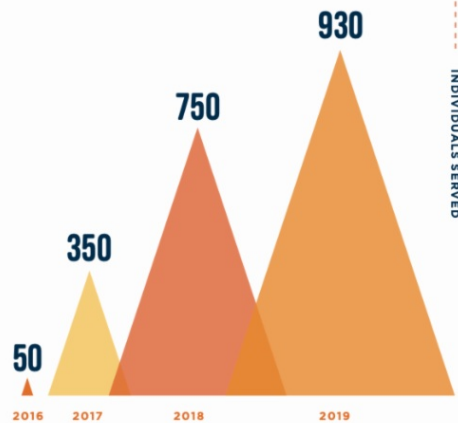
I have been told many, many times that Chosen's model for children and families should be the gold standard of care. We should provide every child and family the level of nurturing and tools that equips parents to be the agent of healing. But who will pay for that?

Our staff gets into the messiest stories I've ever heard, day after day. We are here to heal the hurt and restore families. Check out our outcomes below to see what an incredible impact we are having. Will you join us?

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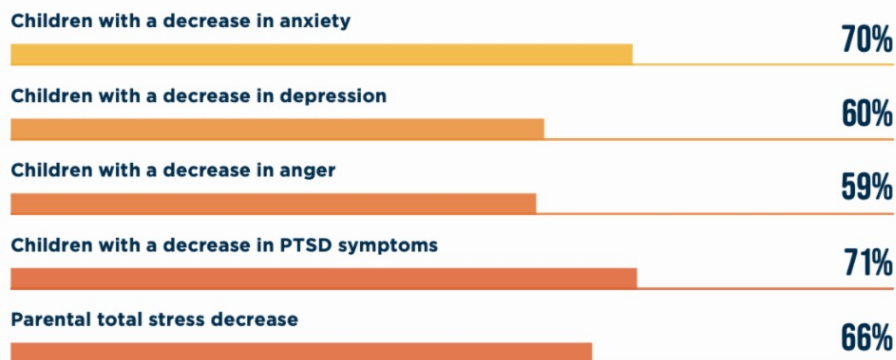
THE CHOSEN EFFECT

Over the past three years we have developed some of the most effective and exciting tools for fighting the effects of trauma in children. In 2016 we launched a pilot program for 50 individuals and grew quickly as we discovered the demand for our services is high, but resources for families are limited. We continue to do whatever it takes to help every family that comes to us and are proud to introduce the Chosen Effect, our phrase that showcases the changes we've made for our clients.



2019 Client Outcomes

WITH SIX MONTHS OR MORE OF SERVICE:



ZERO
adoption dissolutions

ZERO
foster placement disruptions

ZERO
kinship placement disruptions

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Chosen's services are not funded by the government today. If you care about intervening to make a difference in the life of a hurting child, will you please give? You can make a one time gift, support our Havana Nights gala or become a monthly Chosen Champion. **We can change the trajectory of lives like Sam with your help.**

Best,

Jenni Lord

March 2020

We ask that you pray everyday for protection over every family connected to Chosen.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pray for marriages to be strengthened and united.	2 Pray for our new work with biological parents who have been reunited with their children.	3 Pray for healing from shame and guilt.	4 Pray for parents in crisis who want to give up.	5 Pray for school systems to collaborate with parents on behalf of their children.	6 Pray for therapists who are passionate about learning trauma-informed therapies.	7 Pray that case workers would learn about our services and refer parents to us before the point of crisis.
8 Pray for dads to engage in connecting activities with their children.	9 Pray for parents who have reached out to Chosen but have not made the decision to engage in services yet.	10 Pray for insurance coverage for therapy.	11 Pray for Christian parents to live out their faith as they parent children from hard places.	12 Pray for parents with insecure attachment styles to heal from their past.	13 Pray that parents give themselves permission to rest when needed instead of giving up.	14 Pray for parents to see their children through the lens of compassion.
15 Pray for patient endurance for families who are working hard to connect with their children.	16 Pray for parents to rebuke the desire to be isolated and ask for support from their families and friends.	17 Pray for families who are not stable financially and for job opportunities to open up.	18 Pray for more respite providers.	19 Pray for all biological parents who are working to get their children back.	20 Pray for people to be led to take a dinner to a hurting foster or adoptive family.	21 Pray for grandparents raising grandchildren.
22 Pray for our families who are struggling financially.	23 Pray for siblings to bond and those relationships to strengthen.	24 Pray for parents to experience joy in caring for children from hard places.	25 Pray for therapists to have insight and creativity.	26 Pray for experienced therapists to have openings for new clients.	27 Pray for children who are experimenting with drugs and alcohol to find reason and courage to stop.	28 Pray for loving, strong and kind mentors for children who struggle.
29 Pray for parents to be filled with humility and hearts of mercy to be able to serve and love their children.	30 Pray for parents to not have a spirit of fear.	31 Pray that children would see with new eyes who they are in Christ.				

Notes

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MARCH PRAYER CALENDAR

We truly believe that prayer is powerful! By praying for a Chosen family, child, or staff member you will be providing care and encouragement to no one is alone.

Please join us in prayer for the month of March!



FOURTH ANNUAL CHOSEN GALA

HAVANA Nights

DINNER. DANCING. AUCTION. FUN.

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 8, 2020



VALERO ENERGY HEADQUARTERS
ONE VALERO WAY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



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"When your child is talking, do you stop what you are doing and look while you are listening?"

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