



# JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

## A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

New year, new month, new dawn. We all love fresh new sheets, planners, books (except Kindle purists), and new shoes. I think most of us were ready to rush into 2021 and leave 2020 in the dust.

Sometimes, we jump right into new without proper placement of the “old.”

For this reason, I always ask my staff to name their top 5 accomplishments at the end of the year before we dive headfirst into a new year. This reflection forces us to remember God’s faithfulness, so that we can **feed** on it and be assured of His future provision. If you haven’t done this, I strongly encourage you to try it...it’s not too late to do it today!

We share and celebrate these remembrances as a team and it is fuel for us.

I’m sharing 6 of the hundreds of 2020 victories from Chosen's list, because I couldn’t only pick 5!  
Please see below:

- We maintained our goal of ZERO children going back into the system.
- We gained a **national partnership with Angel Armies Foundation**, founded by Lauren & Chris Tomlin.

- We were **selected as 1 of 6 partners in the Florida Governor's initiative, MyFloridaMyFamily**, to engage the church across the state
- We created 6 new curricula to be used with our clients to meet specific needs.
- We expanded our reach locally, regionally, and nationally through multiple sub-contracting opportunities.
- In the midst of COVID, we innovated by creating two new programs: virtual training offerings and Coffee with Chosen (bite-sized content).

As a supporter, friend, or donor, you helped make these wins possible, and I want to say a special THANK YOU! Together, we are defending the vulnerable who cannot advocate for themselves. Together, we are providing hope and healing, and ultimately — changing the world.

I hope these wins are a spark for YOU to believe in brighter days. If you are a person of faith, use these wins to fuel your own faith. Despite what you see in the news, there is still much goodness, joy, and light in this world to behold.

With deep appreciation,



Jenni Lord | Chosen Care  
Chief Executive Officer

## A Chosen Story: 3 Siblings Find Their Forever Home



Kathy and Brian S. have big hearts, and now they have a big family to match. With their children

grown and out of the house, they made the decision six years ago to open their home to a newborn baby boy.

Then, in 2020—amidst COVID-19, school shut-downs, and economic uncertainty—they opened their home and hearts once again, this time to three siblings. They accepted a foster placement of twin 6-year old girls and their 10-year old brother, with the intent to adopt all three children.

Read this family's story [here](#).

Welcome,  
**Kim Miller!**



We are pleased to announce that Kim Miller has joined Chosen's Team as Florida State Engagement Director. This new addition is an important step in Chosen's growth, and will significantly augment our ability to help bring healing to families across the country.

Kim brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team; her experience in the legal field, within the child welfare system, and within the nonprofit sector will be a considerable asset to this position.

You can read more about Kim [here](#).

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## 12 opportunities to be part of the healing in 2021.

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Committing to automated giving is fast and easy, and will ensure that Chosen can continue to provide services to every hurting family who comes to us.

Monthly commitments of any amount can be made [here](#).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### THE HOT DOG EFFECT

As parents, we can easily find ourselves approaching all of the children in our home using the same parenting techniques, regardless of their unique personalities and histories. Staci terms this idea as the "Hot Dog Effect," which can cause significant challenges in families.

[Here](#) on Coffee with Chosen, Staci discusses why it is important to regularly check your assumptions to meet your children's individual needs and challenges.

# The Hot Dog Effect



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