2015 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

10th ANNIVERSARY
A Decade of Difference
It is my privilege to share the 2015 Annual Report with our community. This past year has been full of exciting progress and incredible accomplishments.

Through our “Decade of Difference” 10th anniversary celebration, along with the generosity and support of our community, we were able to raise funds that will allow us to continue to provide the support and services that help so many children and families.

Under the leadership of our CEO, Dr. Patricia Nellius, the mission of Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) to protect children, strengthen families and change lives has been pursued relentlessly. The methods that she has developed and implemented into practice in Brevard County are now being studied and adopted at a national level.

I would like to give a special thank you to the entire BFP team for their tireless devotion and commitment to protecting Brevard's most vulnerable children. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on the children and families in our community.

Lastly, I would like to thank the many community members who have contributed to the success of our mission. Whether it be through adoption, fostering, raising funds, advocating or volunteering, your support continues to make a significant difference in the lives of so many children and families. Truly, it is the people of Brevard County that make this such a wonder place to live.

Sincerely,
Eric Smith
Brevard Family Partnership Board Chair
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I share this 2015 Annual Report. It was an exciting year at Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) as we celebrated the 10th Anniversary and the impact we have made in the lives of more than 25,000 of Brevard’s vulnerable children and families.

The “Decade of Difference” kicked off with a Birthday Bash celebration with over 200 in attendance and closed with an epic, Decades in Revue Lip Sync Battle, which was a huge success. As a result of the generosity of our supporters and friends, over $50,000 was raised to fund the newly established Brevard Child Welfare Endowment.

Since 2005, BFP and its many community partners have led the way in reducing the incidences of child abuse and neglect in Brevard County.

Some highlights of our success include:

• Implementing a child abuse prevention and family preservation program that has kept over 17,000 Brevard children and their families safe and in their homes and communities
• Provided safe, quality foster homes for thousands of children and teens who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment
• Through adoption services, provided “forever homes” to 821 children who have been permanently removed from their home and reside in foster, relative, or nonrelative care
• Worked to reduce the number of children in the formal child welfare system of care, from a high of over 1,500 children in 2005 to 1,000 in 2016
• Published research on the C.A.R.E.S. program in the Journal of Families and Social Contemporary Social Services in April of 2015.
• Ranked among the highest in the state for placement stability of children.

Selected by the Center for the Study of Social Policy to be one of two pilot sites in the nation to conduct our Trauma Informed Care/Positive Youth Development work

BFP will soon be launching its new five-year strategic planning process and will rely on you, our community members, to establish the priorities for the local System of Care moving forward.

I would like to close by thanking our community partners, dependency care managers, providers, volunteers, and foster and adoptive parents for all they do each and every day to care for our children; and to our stellar Board of Directors and staff for their dedication and commitment to the children and families entrusted to our care.

Thank you for investing in Brevard’s most vulnerable children. Your service, stewardship and sacrifice have made a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of many children and families!

Dr. Patricia Nellius
Brevard Family Partnership CEO

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Dear Friends,

It’s my honor and pleasure to present our 10th Anniversary Report to the Community. I have served on the board since inception, and had the privilege to be the Board Chair during our 10th anniversary celebration. These past 10 years have seen Brevard Family Partnership grow from an idea into the model Community Based Care child welfare agency in the State of Florida.

I’d first like to congratulate our CEO, Dr. Patricia Nellius who began her employment at BFP in 2004. Dr. Nellius is the founding and only CEO that Brevard Family Partnership has known. Her leadership and commitment to children is exemplary and she is recognized as one the most innovative and accomplished community based child welfare agency in the nation.

I’d like to thank our dedicated board of directors, our staff of child and family serving professionals, and our community partners and service providers who make it their goal, each day to keep children safe from abuse and neglect, and keep families healthy and safely together. We have made great strides in this area and continue to develop innovative best practices to improve the care of our most vulnerable citizens.

I would especially like to thank the Brevard community, our friends and neighbors who have fostered hundreds of children this year and adopted over 750 children during our first 10 years. While our goal is to eliminate child abuse and neglect, we are comforted to know that when a child does need a safe place to heal and grow, he or she can find it here.

Brevard is a great place to live. Together we’re making it better for everyone!}

Stockton Whitten
2015 Board Chair
As the lead agency for child welfare, Brevard Family Partnership manages the local system of care and works in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families, several community-based organizations, the faith community, nonprofit agencies and professional businesses to provide the programs and services that benefit the children and families in our care. As every child is unique, so are the services provided to give them and their family the best possible chance to reunite and remain intact and safe in their homes and community.

We would like to say thank you to each of you for your dedication and continued commitment in serving our most vulnerable citizens. Because of you, Brevard’s children are safer and more are free from abuse and neglect!

Our Community Supports Our Children

We would like to thank our many community members who have made contributions that have benefited our children and families.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

- Achieve Success
- Alliant Counseling Services, Inc.
- Artemis, IT
- Aspire Health Partners, Inc.
- Behavior Services of Brevard
- Big Bear Behavioral Health Inc.
- BOAT
- Brevard Behavioral Consultants
- Brevard C.A.R.E.S.
- Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
- Brevard County Foster Parent Association
- Brevard County School Board
- Brevard County Sheriff’s Office
- Brevard Family Services Board of Directors
- Caribbean Community Connection of Orlando, Inc.
- Central FL Treatment Center
- CHANGES
- Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard
- Children’s Home Society
- Circles of Care
- Circuit Court 11th Judicial Circuit
- Coastal Behavioral Therapy
- Community Treatment Center, Inc.
- Crosswinds Youth Services
- Devereux Florida
- Edward Knight
- Friends of Children
- Family Advocates of FL
- Family Counseling Center
- FIT - Family Learning Program
- FL Psychological Specialist
- Florida Counseling Centers
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County, FL
- Guardian Ad Litem Program
- Hidden Potentials, Inc.
- IMPower
- Kinder Konsulting & Parents Too
- Links of Hope
- Love Inc.
- North Brevard Coalition of Human Services
- Office of State Attorney
- Office of the Public Defender
- Pathways Life Coaching
- Riverside Counseling Services
- Royal Preschool
- Space Coast Foster and Adoptive Families Alliance
- State of Florida, Department of Children and Families
- STEPS, Inc.
- Teach and Learn Corp.
- The Haven for Children
- The Scott Center for Autism Treatment
- The Women’s Center
- Together in Partnership
- United Way of Brevard
- Western Judicial Services
- Yellow Umbrellas
- YOLO Mentoring, LLC

17,000 CHILDREN KEPT OUT OF THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM

THANKS.
In 10 years, Brevard Family Partnership and its nationally recognized child and family Wraparound organization Brevard C.A.R.E.S., has helped to reduce the number of children in the formal child welfare system of care, from a high of over 1,500 children in 2005, to less than 1,000 today. And by reaching families in crisis, and getting them critical services before stressors can lead to issues of child well-being and safety, Brevard Family Partnership has kept over 17,000 children and their families from ever entering the dependency system. For those children permanently removed from their parents’ care due to abuse or neglect, adoption partner IMPOWER helps find adoptive families. To date, over 821 children have found permanency in “forever homes.”

Highlighting 2015 as the year to celebrate making “A Decade of Difference” for children and families, Brevard Family Partnership invited business and community leaders, children’s champions, donors and benefactors to join in and help celebrate their many accomplishments and milestones to raise awareness of what a community must continue to do to help keep children safe. Throughout 2015, Brevard Family Partnership hosted several signature events to celebrate 10 years of serving Brevard’s children and families.
JANUARY 2015

In early February 2015, at Heritage Isle Clubhouse in Viera, over 200 friends of Brevard Family Partnership came together to kick off this milestone and celebrate “A Decade of Difference”.

The night was hosted by Brevard Family Partnership staff and board members, and led by Master of Ceremonies Sheriff Wayne Ivey, who welcomed guests and dignitaries, including a representative from Congressman Posey’s office, Andy Zeigler from the Brevard County School Board, and other business leaders and elected officials. Sheriff Ivey highlighted the many accomplishments Brevard Family Partnership had achieved over the past 10 years and former foster youth, along with foster and adoptive parents, shared their stories of success and inspiration. Guests made donations to support the Brevard Family Partnership Endowment through the Community Foundation for Brevard. By the end of the night, over $10,000 was raised through the generous donations of attendees and sponsors. Those funds will help to support child abuse prevention and family preservation programs and services for years to come.

APRIL 2015 / CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – CAPTF

To help promote April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force of Brevard County (CAPTF), hosted several events and activities to spread a community-wide message that everyone can help prevent child abuse and neglect. The celebratory month kicked off at Squid Lips Overwater Grill and included fun activities for children, family entertainment and a boat regatta. The evening concluded with a reading by Brevard County Commissioner, Trudie Infantini, of a proclamation by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Brevard.

Various other activities took place throughout the month, including an awards breakfast at Suntree Country Club that recognized and honored local individuals, businesses, and organizations that made significant contributions in the support of child abuse prevention efforts. CAPTF members also visited several neighborhoods throughout Brevard and distributed positive parenting information to families and planted pinwheels on the grounds of many local businesses; pinwheels are the official icon of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
In both April and September, more than 250 Brevard community members came together for Brevard Youth Thrive trainings. The trainings brought together professionals who work within the foster care system, to hear firsthand the stories of those who have gone on to be successful in life after aging out of foster care, as well as discussion on enhancing healthy development and well-being for Brevard’s Youth.

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) designed the Youth Thrive Framework, using protective and promotive factors that focus on ways that youth can be supported to advance healthy development and well-being and reduce the impact of negative life experiences. In partnership with CSSP, Brevard Family Partnership is one of two Youth Thrive pilot sites, along with the state of New Jersey. Members of Brevard County Schools, Department of Juvenile Justice Probation, Guardian Ad Litem, Early Learning Coalition, Brevard Family Partnership, Brevard C.A.R.E.S, Paxen Community Connections, Crosswinds, Devereux, Impower, Brevard Behavioral Consultants, and local foster parents attended the three-day training to gain knowledge of adolescent development, cognitive and social/emotional competence, along with how to promote youth resilience.

At the April training, renowned speaker and author, Frank Eckles, BA, CYC-P, LCCA, presented the Youth Thrive curriculum. At the September training, Jean Carpenter Williams, the Director of training Development, National Resource Center for Youth Services, The University of Oklahoma Outreach, presented her curriculum. Also at the September training, Leonard D. Burton, Senior Fellow with CSSP, joined the Youth Thrive session.

One of the many goals of the training was to disseminate useful information to parents, caregivers, and community members so that they better understand how they – in their respective roles – can prioritize healthy development for young people to grow into successful, productive and caring members of society.

COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR BREVARD’S YOUTH

YOUTH THRIVE TRAINING

BFP VISITS TALLAHASSEE DURING CHILDREN’S WEEK

Twelve Brevard Family Partnership supporters and residents of Brevard County visited Tallahassee and met with state legislators and advocated for a strong, community-based system of care for abused and neglected children. The trip was conducted in conjunction with Children’s Week, an annual recognition of important children’s issues in Florida that calls to attention to children’s health, safety, and development.

These advocates, which included a foster and adoptive family, a former foster youth who is now a Brevard C.A.R.E.S. Youth Liaison, a board member, and staff from Brevard Family Partnership, Brevard County’s lead agency for child welfare, and Brevard C.A.R.E.S., its child abuse prevention and family preservation organization, attended the three-day long event meeting with key members of both the House and Senate, as well as with members of the Governor’s staff for policy and legislative affairs. Their message is that Brevard and Florida’s system of care for abused, neglected and abandoned children must be adequately funded in order to provide the necessary programs and services that keep children safe and families together.

Brevard Family Partnership hopes that changes in legislation will enable Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to keep families with youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system safe while serving them in the least restrictive setting as possible.

While in Tallahassee, the team met with Representatives Ritch Workman, John Tobia, Tom Goodson, Speaker Pro Tempore Matt Hudson, and Aides to Speaker Cristofulli and Senate President Gardiner. The team also met with the Governor’s Budget staff,
In May 2015, Brevard Family Partnership honored and celebrated foster and adoptive families, case management and social service professionals, community volunteers, donors, and partners at the annual Appreciation Night at the Space Coast Stadium. The all-star grand slam celebration kicked off National Foster Parent Appreciation Month with tailgating, food, ice cream, 50/50 raffle, and activities for the whole family. Children and families enjoyed the baseball game, as Brevard Family Partnership expressed our sincere gratitude for the way our foster and adoptive families have opened their hearts and welcomed children into their home, giving them a safe and nurturing environment in which to thrive.

Twice a year, in both May and November, Brevard Family Partnership hosts a Celebration of Adoption Event, in the courtroom of Dependency Court Judge, Kelly J. McKibben, at the Brevard County Courthouse in Viera.

During the official, yet festive ceremonial proceedings, each family appeared before Judge McKibben and Brevard Family Partnership’s attorney, and presented the final permanency documents to the court, completing the adoption process. Chick-Fil-A provides the food, refreshments, dessert, and entertainment and Judge McKibben also provides the families with a personalized gift.

With the two adoption events, Brevard Family Partnership and its partner Impower, have united 821 children with “forever families” since 2006, giving these children, whose parents could no longer care for them, the safety and stability of a permanent and lasting family connection.
JUNE 2015
Brevard Foster Families Needed

On any given day, there are more than 400,000 children in foster care in the United States, with over 8,000 children in foster care in the State of Florida, and over 270 of those children are in Brevard County. They are removed from their homes through no fault of their own, but because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned.

In 2015, Brevard Family Partnership focused on recruiting more quality foster parents to provide safe, nurturing homes for children and teens. Placement in the right home for the first time often predicts the success of foster children in foster care, and Brevard Family Partnership focused on finding and providing a good match between a child and a family and securing a loving home as a top priority.

OCTOBER 2015
Epic Lip Sync Battle Huge Success

In October, Brevard Family Partnership hosted its inaugural Decades in Revue event in Melbourne. The epic lip sync event and fundraiser highlighted local “stars” that performed and lip synced to their favorite musical acts from decades past.

Malak Hammad of PNC Bank and Greg Pallone of News 13 hosted the festivities of the evening and the celebrity judges Mayor Kathy Meehan, Mayor Henry Parrish, Sheriff Wayne Ivey, and County Manager Stockton Whitten, provided entertainment as they judged each performance.

The top three performers, Marilyn Scott, performed Proud Mary, by Tina Turner; Bob Moletteire, performed You’re the One That I Want, from Grease; and Gabriel Rothblatt, performed C’est la Vie, by Chuck Berry. More than 260 people attended the one-of-a-kind event and enjoyed specialty cocktails, dinner, and dancing all while raising more than $45,000 for Brevard’s most vulnerable children in foster care and child abuse prevention and diversion programs.

NOVEMBER 2015
10th Annual Walk/Run for Love

This past November, on National Adoption Day, Brevard Family partnership hosted its 10th annual Walk and Run for Love. Runners and walkers joined Brevard Family Partnership and our community partners to celebrate adoption and recognize and thank the families that provide a safe and caring place for children.

The annual 5k and family-friendly event raises awareness about the many children in Brevard County’s foster care system available for public adoption and support programs that assist with the special needs that many foster children have as they transition to a new home and family.

Held at the Church at Viera, participants received breakfast following the race and an exclusive 10th Anniversary dry-fit shirt. New this year, the 10k distance was added in recognition of 10 years of serving children and families in Brevard. With more than 300 participants, the event was the most successful to date.
DECEMBER 2015
Giving Tuesday

On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, Brevard Family Partnership participated in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. #GivingTuesday has inspired giving around the world, resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours, and activities that bring about real change in communities. We were honored to participate this year.

DECEMBER 2015
Holiday Gift Drive

Each year, Brevard Family Partnership joins our local partners to ensure every child in our care has a gift to open on Christmas Day. It is only with the community’s support that we are able to provide gifts for these children and help make their holiday season merry and bright.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The phenomenal success of the Decade of Difference 10th anniversary celebration is a reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm that our community volunteers display on a continual basis. We would like to thank each and every volunteer for their contribution of time to our organization. Because of your support, we were able to fund the Brevard Family Partnership Endowment, which will support child abuse prevention and family preservation programs and services for years to come.

BFP would also like to give a special thank you to our Decade of Difference event chair, Enie Windle. We greatly appreciate her contribution of time, energy, and enthusiastic support. Her participation and innovative leadership steered our anniversary events to become a resounding success!

Additionally, we had the fortune of having volunteers from AARP work with BFP this past year. Their volunteer service made a significant difference to our organization. Thank you for your dedication; we are grateful for your support.

Without committed volunteers, we would not be able to provide the support and services that help so many children and families in our community. Thank you for your dedication to Brevard’s most vulnerable children.
PROGRAM SERVICES
Adoptions                                     $3,444,957
Case Management                           7,643,352
Purchased Services                           2,678,857
Foster Recruitment/Support             15,417
Independent Living                              611,382
Out of Home Care                            5,967,828
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES                                $20,361,793

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL
Indirect Expenses
Administrative Overhead                       923,014
Advertising                                            66,949
Community & Special Events         62,947
IT Expenses                                           409,701
Leased Equipment & Maintenance         25,907
Employee Training & Activities         30,789
Depreciation                                             54,418
File Management                                 20,584
In-Kind & Donations                                 57,598
Bank & Management Fees                     21,679
Dues & Subscriptions                      31,678
Insurance                                           143,705
Occupancy & Related Expenses        671,404
Office Costs, Supplies & Postage        42,736
Professional Fees & Licenses               322,164
Personnel Expenses                            1,002,492
Telecommunications                                   27,071
Travel                                             77,458
TOTAL MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL                  $3,992,103
TOTAL EXPENSES                                 $24,353,896

PROGRAM EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

- Adoptions: 14.1% $3,444,957
- Case Management: 31.3% $7,643,352
- Purchased Services: 11% $2,678,857
- Admin. Overhead: 3.8% $923,014
- Foster Recruitment/Support: 10% $15,417
- Independent Living: 2.5% $611,382
- Out of Home Care: 24.5% $5,967,828
- Management & General: 12.7% $1,002,492

AGREES WITH FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES: $20,361,793

RAISED FOR BREVARD CHILD WELFARE ENDOWMENT
$50,000
821 CHILDREN ADOPTED TO FOREVER HOMES
59 COMMUNITY PARTNERS
317 DONORS
17,000 BREVARD CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
KEPT SAFE & TOGETHER
300 PARTICIPANTS in the annual Walk & Run for Love
OUR DECADE OF DIFFERENCE
270 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
1,500 TO 1,000 REDUCED NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FORMAL SYSTEM OF FOSTER CARE
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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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C H I L D R E N I N F O S T E R C A R E
FOR 10 YEARS, BREVARD FAMILY PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY, PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

We also help families in crisis, stabilizing and supporting them before stressors can reach the threshold of neglect or abuse. To date, we’ve kept over 13,000 children and their families safe, healthy, and together.

Help us continue to keep Brevard’s children safe! Your support will ensure that we can continue to provide compassionate care and the very best programs and services to every child who needs our help!

DONATE TODAY! VISIT BREVARDFP.ORG OR CALL (321) 752-4650.