



# Changing the Culture of Foster Care

## IMPACT REPORT 2023

June 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024



# A JOURNEY OF CARE WITH OCJ KIDS

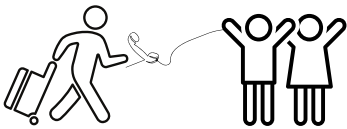


## Emergency Removal Resources

In partnership with Department of Child Safety (DCS), OCJ Kids fills a gap in the underfunded system. Working with DCS, OCJ Kids provides resources to kids upon removal from their home.

## Group Home Support

When a child is not reunited with family or placed in a foster home, they live in congregate care with other kids. OCJ Kids partners with 160 group homes to provide programs and support for foster kids to have opportunities like their friends.



## Aged-Out and At-Risk Youth

OCJ Kids doesn't stop when a kid turns 18 years old and ages out of care.

OCJ Kids provides resources - like a transition suitcase and cellphone - and offers mentorship to help guide these young adults through life.

## MISSION

*The mission of OCJ Kids is written in our name:*  
to provide opportunity, create community,  
and fight for justice for foster and at-risk kids.

## VISION

Connect and create purposeful futures for  
foster and at-risk kids.

# A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

As I reflect over the last fiscal year, I stand in amazement at the impact we have made in the world of foster care. The lives we've touched and the partners we've gained stand as a testament to the hearts and passions of our amazing staff and community partners.

One word, **transition**, continues to stand out as I look back over the year and forward to the future with great expectations. We have experienced so much transition this year, with the addition of new programs and resources, traveling to new states to build partnerships, and welcoming new staff members.

With each transition comes its own unique trials and obstacles, which forces us to adjust and create new strategies to overcome every obstacle. But as we conquered each new challenge, we gained new insight, courage, and faith to face the next transition.

These transitions are challenges "our" foster youth face every day. We have gained a new perspective on their incredible journey and feel better equipped to take them by the hand and say, "let's walk this journey together".

We are excited about what the next year holds in store for OCJ Kids and the lives of these youth. Together, we are going to continue changing the culture of foster care and creating a brighter future foster for children and youth all across America.

**Gary and Tammie Webb**  
Founder & Co-Founder, OCJ Kids



## OCJ KIDS TEAM

*From the 3rd Annual As Good As Gold Gala*



# A LOOK AT OCJ KIDS OVER THE YEARS

Tracking the number of foster kids that OCJ Kids serves is nearly *impossible*. **Why?** Children in care often move through multiple placements during their lives, making it challenging to determine if they have been impacted by OCJ Kids before.

A partnership with Western Destinations launched Cowboy Camp to provide a memorable summer experience, **impacting 250 youth annually**.



2007 – POI:  
**430**

2011 – POI:  
**946**

2009 – POI:  
**310**

2013 – POI:  
**1,654**

In 2005, OCJ Kids began providing resources to Arizona foster children.

Points of Impact (POI): **140**



# THROUGH NUMBERS: POINTS OF IMPACT

OCJ Kids measures impact through Points of Impact (POI), the number of times OCJ Kids connects with foster and at-risk children through resources, events, mentorship, & more! This approach ensures the creation of meaningful relationships & lifelong connections.



In partnership with doctoral students from Northern Arizona University's Occupational Therapy Department, the initiative addresses trauma-informed care for foster children and has **produced nine resource magazines**.

2015 - POI:  
**2,897**

2019 - POI:  
**7,639**

2023 - POI:  
**18,249**

2017 - POI:  
**5,673**

2021 - POI:  
**21,146**



The Restoring Dignity Room opens! This safe haven provides a space for young girls to learn about their bodies and be measured for bras. To date, the Restoring Dignity Room has **impacted 128 foster and at-risk teen girls and youth**.



# POINTS OF IMPACT

## RESOURCES

**11,295**

Cell Phones	<b>116</b>
Clothing / Shoes	<b>1,379</b>
Cuddle Bags	<b>564</b>
Diapers / Wipes (pkg)	<b>339</b>
Go-Kits	<b>1,620</b>
Interact Project Kits	<b>1,219</b>
Misc Supplies	<b>3,384</b>
Misc Baby Items	<b>135</b>
New Baby Kit	<b>32</b>
Transition Suitcases	<b>174</b>
Welcome Kits	<b>2,333</b>



# MIESHA'S STORY

At just 15, Miesha entered foster care and aged-out by 17, attending five different schools along the way.

Now 20 years old, she's determined to finish her high school education while working as a caregiver.

Miesha attended OCJ Kids' Adulting Summit, a career fair designed to teach job and life skills. There, she gained insight on financial literacy for the first time.



***"I didn't understand saving money. I've been living paycheck-to-paycheck. The class helped me learn about budgeting, banking, and credit. Now, I'm excited to see my savings grow."***



She also explored opportunities for education and career advancement.

***"I reconnected with GradSolutions to restart my high school courses, and learned that I can use my caregiver qualifications to work at Honor Health. It pays better and will help me grow in my career."***

## PROGRAMS

**2,882**

Adulting Summit	<b>54</b>
Apprentice 2 Permanency	<b>52</b>
Bearizona Adventure	<b>71</b>
Day-at-the-Park	<b>183</b>
One Bright Star Christmas	<b>1,800</b>
Summer Enrichment Program	<b>123</b>
Tools 4 Success Back-to-School	<b>599</b>



## GROUP HOME VISITS

**4,072**

Arch Angel Michael American Coptic	<b>120</b>
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church	<b>216</b>
Generation Church	<b>648</b>
Good News Assemblies of God Church	<b>62</b>
Individual House Mentors	<b>700</b>
Johnson and Associates P.L.L.C	<b>120</b>
Life Pointe	<b>6</b>
Mountain View Presbyterian	<b>36</b>
New Life Bible Fellowship	<b>210</b>
Northern Arizona University	<b>1,738</b>
Sonrise Assemblies of God Church	<b>216</b>

*Through the constant changes the kids face, being a group home volunteer allows you to give them the love, attention, and encouragement that they need.*

*If you have time to give, it's a worthwhile place to be.*

*Being with the kids has made me more aware of the need to invest time and energy in these kids.*

**-Martha S., Group Home Mentor & Donor**



*"I feel most privileged when the girls begin to trust me. It's such an honor. I am undone every time they choose to share a little bit of themselves. It is sacred work and I am grateful to be a part of OCJ Kids."*

**-Kim P., Group Home Mentor**



# VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers are a vital force behind the success of OCJ Kids!

In the 2023 fiscal year, **2,978 volunteer hours** were dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the lives of Arizona's foster children.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A heartfelt gratitude to our Community Partners for your kindness and support.

You help us reach more foster children across Arizona year-round, providing the services and resources they need.



**Thank You!** While we couldn't list all our partners here, we are deeply grateful for each of you.

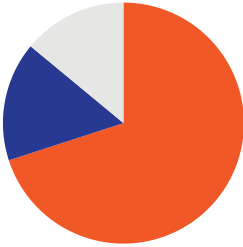
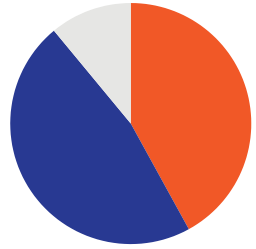
# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STANDING

2023 Financials from June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Every dollar helps advance the mission of OCJ Kids and creates an impact on Arizona's foster and at-risk kids!

## Income

Public Support	<b>42%</b>	\$668,838
Grants	<b>47%</b>	\$753,312
Non-Cash Donations	<b>11%</b>	\$184,995



## Expenses

Programs & Projects	<b>70%</b>	\$1,005,290
General & Administration	<b>16%</b>	\$ 227,172
Fundraising	<b>14%</b>	\$ 208,590

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Jason Brown**  
**Mark Johnson**  
**Mark "MJ" Johnson**  
**Malia Wycoff**  
**Jerry Owen**

## OFFICERS

**Gary Webb**, Founder  
**Tamara Webb**, Co-Founder  
**Shevaun Sullivan**

## HONORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kris Anest  
Dr. John Atkinson  
Harry Calivas

# OCJ KIDS

CONNECTING THEIR FUTURES

[www.ocjkids.org](http://www.ocjkids.org)

21630 N. 9th Ave, Suite 103  
Phoenix, AZ 85027


602-439-2171  [info@ocjkids.org](mailto:info@ocjkids.org)

 [facebook.com/ocjkidsaz](https://facebook.com/ocjkidsaz)

 [instagram.com/ocjkids](https://instagram.com/ocjkids)

**OCJ Kids is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization & Arizona Qualified Foster Care Charitable Organization.**

*All gifts made to OCJ Kids are tax-deductible.*

Federal Tax-ID #86-1040833  QFCO #10018

*We are eligible to receive stocks, bequests, and legacy gifts.  
Please contact OCJ Kids for more information.*

Gold  
Transparency  
2024

Candid.

Donate Here



Charity  
Navigator



+ THREE-STAR +