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CHILDREN'S  **NETWORK**
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, LLC

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A MESSAGE

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



Last year brought Children's Network of Southwest Florida's greatest challenge yet in the form of Hurricane Ian. The wrath of the storm and its long-lingering impact on the community tested our system of care as never before, and I am proud to say we rose to that challenge. Our staff and network of providers, foster and adoptive parents, the judiciary, and everyone involved in local child welfare showed incredible resilience and dedication amid the chaos of this disaster – and often in the face of great personal hardships. We truly have a team that will go to any lengths to serve the children and families of Circuit 20.

I wish to take this opportunity to once again thank again our fellow child welfare agencies across the state, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Save the Children, our state and local leaders, our faith-based partners, and all who stepped forward to help CNSWFL and our community during this trying time. The worst of nature brought out the best in us, and we will never stop serving our children and families.

Sincerely,

Nadereh Salim

CEO – Children's Network of Southwest Florida, LLC



Serving as Board Chair for Children's Network of Southwest Florida has been profoundly fulfilling. Our community is home to many excellent nonprofits, but CNSWFL is uniquely positioned to make a difference for Southwest Florida's most vulnerable children and youth. Our network draws on the immense talents of our diverse staff, accomplished providers, enthusiastic Board of Directors, caring foster and adoptive parents, and more. The positive results of this dedicated and collaborative approach can be seen in the statistics on the pages that follow.

Not even a major natural disaster could stop the good work of CNSWFL, and I invite you to partner with us. Whether by volunteering, donating, advocating, or opening your home as a foster or adoptive parent, everyone can assist CNSWFL's life-changing mission.

Sincerely,

Gregory Masonick

Board Chair – Children's Network of Southwest Florida, LLC

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BY THE NUMBERS

The statistics that follow show Children's Network of Southwest Florida's impact in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties (Circuit 20). Several illustrate the impact of our prevention efforts. Our innovative Intensive Family Services Team (IFST) provides support and services to strengthen at-risk families. We strive to stop abuse and neglect before it starts, keeping families safe, happy, whole – and out of the formal foster care system.



3,410 **TOTAL YOUTH**
Served In FY '22-'23



1,551 **CHILDREN**
Referred to IFST
to be Kept Safe at Home



216 **ADOPTIONS**
Exceeding
Our FY Goal



70% **OF CHILDREN**
Remain With Their Biological Family



92% **OF YOUTH**
EXITED THE SYSTEM
to a Permanent Family
— 40% Reunification, 28% Adoption, 24% Guardianship



237 **FOSTER HOMES**
Ready To Change
A Life For Good

CNSWFL's proven leadership and community-focused approach are evident throughout our system of care. By effectively managing foster care, adoption, kinship care, parent mentoring, and other vital services, our compassionate team changes lives every day. While these statistics demonstrate the scope of our success, its true measure may be found in the brighter futures achieved for the children and families of Southwest Florida.



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