



The Mockingbird Society
Building a world-class foster care system



The Mockingbird Society 2013 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

With your support, The Mockingbird Society flourished in 2013.



Executive Director Jim Theofelis (left) and Board President Jana Heyd (right) with Mockingbird Youth representatives.

Among the year's highlights, we were successful in adding a third population to benefit from Extended Foster Care—youth with barriers to employment. Now young people who need assistance while developing workforce skills will be allowed to receive foster care services until age 21.

We also launched a new pilot program called the Homeless Youth Initiative. Modeled after our successful program serving foster youth, the Homeless Youth Initiative inspired and engaged more than

70 young people impacted by homelessness across King County in its first year.

Each of our programs continue to thrive and expand. Additionally, our Board of Directors approved a new three-year strategic plan set to start in 2014. This plan strengthens our resolve to be our community's leading advocacy agency committed to permanently and fundamentally improving the systems of care that serve our foster and homeless youth.

Thank you for standing by our side.

With tremendous gratitude,

Jim Theofelis
Executive Director and Founder

Jana Heyd
Board President

Statistics of Impact for 2013

451

Mockingbird Youth Network Participants
across six statewide chapters

70

participants in the Homeless Youth
Initiative

200

youth served by the Mockingbird Family
Model

131

youth attended Youth Advocacy Day

98%

of youth say they are becoming stronger
advocates for themselves

257

youth participated in Leadership
Trainings

2013 Advocacy Achievements



Extended Foster Care

SB 5405 enacted into law

All youth participating in programs or activities that reduce barriers to employment have the option to remain in foster care until age 21, giving them the safe housing and services they need to successfully transition to adulthood.



Sibling Visits

SB 5389 enacted into law

Visits between siblings in foster care can no longer be restricted as a form of punishment or behavior control.



72-Hour Notification for Homeless Youth Shelters

SB 5147 enacted into law

Shelters have up to 72-hours before they must notify the parent/guardian of a runaway youth, allowing youth to stay safe and sheltered while shelter staff work to resolve the situation.

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2013 Financial Summary

Revenue by Funding Source*

Private Grants, including releases of prior year restricted income	\$844,279
Contributions, including releases of prior year restricted income	\$588,475
Special Events, net of expense	\$239,771
Program/Services Revenue	\$164,630
Interest	\$1,871
In-Kind Income	\$4,580
Total Income	\$1,843,606

Expenses by Program

Public Policy & Communications	\$183,844
Mockingbird Family Model	\$145,236
Mockingbird Youth Network	\$894,225
Homeless Youth Initiative	\$92,168
Management and General	\$205,815
Fundraising	\$235,036
Total Expense	\$1,756,324

Change in Net Assets **\$87,282**

Assets

Cash and Equivalents	\$1,244,034
Pledges and Program Services Receivables, Net	\$1,384,958
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	\$19,459
Property and Equipment, Net	\$11,246
Total Assets	\$2,659,697

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$90,600
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$779,597
Temporary Restricted Net Assets	\$1,789,500
Total Net Assets	\$2,569,097

Total Net Assets and Liabilities **\$2,659,697**

*The statement above matches The Mockingbird Society's audited financial statements using the accrual method of accounting to show unrestricted revenue and expenses.

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Our mission is to advocate for systems reform based on the personal experiences of children, youth and families impacted by the foster care system.

Our vision is to build a world-class foster care system that ensures the care, support and resources necessary for children, youth and families to thrive.

Broadening the Horizon... Introducing Our Homeless Youth Initiative

Since its founding, The Mockingbird Society has worked with young people who are, or have experienced, homelessness. There is a clear link between aging out of foster care and facing unstable housing situations. This year, Mockingbird created the Homeless Youth Initiative, a one-year pilot program funded by the Raikes Foundation to increase homeless youth engagement in King County.

In 2013, Mockingbird's Youth Programs engaged 451 youth and held 40 trainings across the state, where 257 youth learned advocacy, leadership and public speaking skills. Youth developed solutions for reforming the child welfare system and improving homeless youth services, connected with other foster and homeless youth, and discovered a sense of normalcy through peer connections and teamwork.



Mockingbird Youth participate in leadership trainings throughout the state.



Our Voice. Our Future.

Growth of Mockingbird Family Model Reaches More Youth in Need

Our advocacy efforts around the Mockingbird Family Model bore fruit in 2013. Thanks to leadership from Representative Ross Hunter, the state of Washington agreed to launch five new MFM Constellations in Region 2, which includes the area of King County north to the Canadian border.

The Mockingbird Society was selected to provide training and technical assistance to support the launch of these Constellations, which will ultimately serve upwards of 50 families and 80 children and youth. We look forward to working with Children's Administration to see these Constellations become amazing networks of support for foster caregivers and the youth and children they serve.



A Special Thanks.

YOU make our advocacy, youth programs and family programs possible! We are extremely grateful to the thousands of forward-thinking individuals, innovative foundations, and generous corporate partners that provided financial support in 2013.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

You are *always* welcome to stop by and visit The Mockingbird Society's offices for a tour and personal update. Please call 206.323.5437 to schedule a visit or learn more about our programs.

Show your support and learn about our progress by joining us for our 8th Annual Benefit Luncheon on September 23, 2014. Register online at www.mockingbirdsociety.com.