

YOUR BRIDGE BUILDER REPORT

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BRINGING YOU CLOSER TO THE LIVES YOU HELP CHANGE

From a Group Home to A Family... **BECAUSE OF YOU**

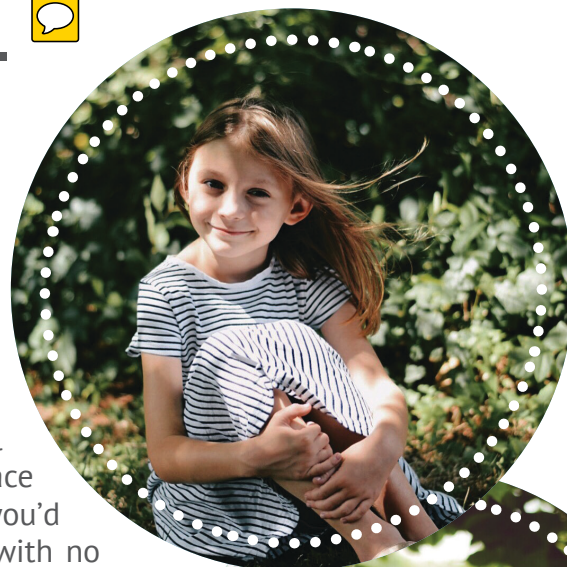
*Your support enables Child Bridge to find
forever families for specific children in state care.*

*Did you know there are hundreds of Montana children in the foster
care system who need permanent families?*

Because of you, we are able to work on behalf of some very special
specific children...like a beautiful 11 year old girl. Bounced from place
to place, group home to foster home and back... so many times you'd
lose count. No relatives to care for her, lingering in foster care with no
prospects for a forever family.

Thanks to you, Child Bridge was able to introduce this sweet girl's needs to
the family who was meant to be hers! No more sporting events, school plays
or graduations with no one in the crowd to cheer her name. No more
dinnertimes around a table with a group home shift worker and a dozen other
kids, instead of siblings and a mom and dad.

**CHILDREN NEED A FAMILY TO THRIVE AND
YOU'VE MADE A BRIGHT FUTURE POSSIBLE!**



YOUR GIFT OF SUPPORT IS BEING USED WISELY >>>>>>

WE COULDN'T HELP THEM WITHOUT YOU

Three Siblings Removed From Their Home in the Middle of a Winter Night

What if you hadn't provided the Child Bridge family to care for them?

On a cold February night, around 2 a.m., police were called to a Montana home. **There was a domestic violence incident.** Sadly, police were familiar with the address. So was Child and Family Services. This time, for their safety, the three young children living there were removed.

The 3 a.m. call was made to a **Child Bridge foster family, who said, "bring all of them right over."** The family quickly got a few things ready... some warm milk, a snack and made the beds fresh and ready.

Minutes later, the doorbell rings and 3 children, ages, 2, 4 and 5 are at the door. Trembling with tear stained faces, the small children are in dirty clothes that are no match for the winter night.

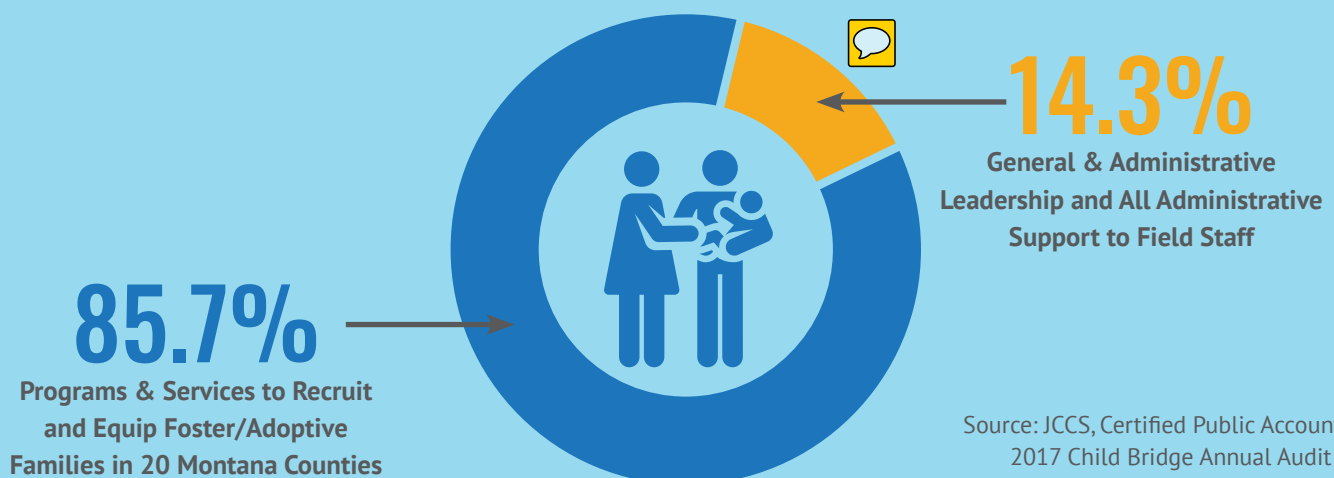
Grimy faces and hands were washed, the children were clothed in fresh jammies, a warm snack provided and this family held the children all that night through their tears.

*This story is unfolding...the journey may be long.
But what if you hadn't provided and equipped this Child
Bridge family to be available in their time of need?*



**A FAMILY
FOR EVERY
CHILD**

YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK



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THERE ARE CHILDREN IN NEED OF PERMANENT CARE, WHO AREN'T YET IN A FAMILY.
YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FIND THE FAMILY THAT IS MEANT TO BE THEIRS.

FINDING A WAY HOME

*"They are easier to ignore before you know their **names**.
They are easier to ignore before you see their **faces**.
But once you do, everything changes."* – David Platt



MEET JOEY

Fifteen-year-old Joey has a great sense of humor! This witty Freshman likes joking around with others, is a Lego master and loves participating in Special Olympics sports. Joey enjoys going to school. This young man needs a forever home where he can feel secure and know he is loved.



MEET ELIZABETH

Miss Elizabeth is 10 years old. An extremely bright little girl, Elizabeth enjoys learning and going to school. She loves playing with friends and has always been involved at church. A family who can walk alongside Elizabeth as she heals from the many challenges she has faced will be key to helping her reach her full potential.



MEET TOBIN

Tobin is a true techie at heart. Movie trailers, video games, electronics – you name it, this 14-year-old is all about it! If you were to ask Tobin what he most wants, he'd tell you he just wants to be normal kid with a family of his own... and if they had animals that would be even better!

YOU ARE HELPING THEM FIND A WAY HOME.

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS MORE THAN YOU KNOW

Take it from me...

As a former foster child, and child welfare professional, I want to tell you what a difference you are making!

When I was 8, my two younger brothers, my sister and I spent much of our time living in a city park in Montana... by ourselves. My dad was long gone and my mom was off trying to satisfy an intense addiction to drugs and alcohol.

When not left alone at the park, ***we were locked in the back of a pick-up truck.*** You can probably picture it...just an old camper shell with nothing inside. No water, no toilet... nothing. The windows were too small to get out and it was rigged so when the tailgate was up on the truck, you couldn't open the door. We spent many summer afternoons and nights baking in that truck.



When the level of our abuse and neglect was discovered, we went in to foster care. Twenty-five years ago, I desperately needed a healthy, well-equipped foster family...and eventually, I would need to be adopted. I'll be sharing more of my story with you in the coming months...but please know this simple fact... ***children who've experienced abuse and neglect need a family to heal.***

Today, your generous support is doing just that! You are finding families for kids in their time of need... and the need is urgent!

TO BE CONTINUED...



KALEIGH WICHMAN, M.A.

A former foster child, now the Child Bridge Director of Community Outreach and Family Support, Kayleigh shares from firsthand experience about the importance of your support.

Right now, children like Kayleigh are waiting for a family.

YES! I will help find families to care for children like Kayleigh!

Thanks to a generous donor, every gift received between April 10th and April 30th will be matched 100% up to \$50,000!

Will you help us turn \$50,000 into \$100,000?!

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MULTIPLIES!**

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