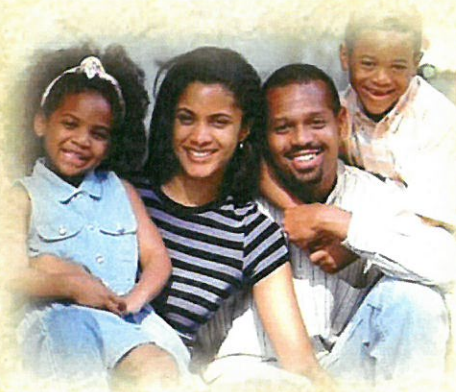


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*Since 1988*

*"Linking Partnerships for Children in Florida"*

## Annual Report to the Legislature

2016-2017



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## *Message from the President and Executive Director*

*Fiscal Year 2016-2017 marked 29 years of service by One Church One Child of Florida in helping to increase permanency for children in the state's child welfare system. Although One Church One Child is an inclusive agency, major focus is placed on recruiting families interested in adopting, fostering and mentoring minority and older children. This focus is driven by the state's need and efforts to address the disparity and over representation of minority children in the foster care system.*

*One Church One Child is a model program which utilizes the effective grassroots approach of reaching out to the faith community, seeking active partnerships with churches and other religious entities to raise awareness and educate communities on the plight of children in foster care and the need to recruit families and individuals interested in adopting, fostering, or mentoring children in foster care.*

*Once again, One Church One Child is proud to report on its activities and successes in helping to increase the number of families coming forward to adopt, foster and/or mentor children. Also included in this report is an overview of efforts to recruit and sign up churches as resource partners to help support local efforts in communities across the state.*

*One Church One Child is led by volunteer Board Members along with dedicated Staff and local volunteers who serve alongside the Board on Local Advisory Committees. They are part of the overall outreach efforts in communities.*

*In this report special attention and appreciation is extended to the many churches, individuals, communities, businesses, foundations and governmental partners who have joined in partnership and commitment to help make a difference for Florida's children who are in foster care and local families.*

*Sincerely,*

**Rev. Beverly Hills Lane**  
**President**

**Dr. Arie Sailor**  
**Executive Director/CEO**

***"Increasing permanency for Florida's children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and support for families."***

# *Vision*

*One Church One Child of Florida's vision is to be the premier leader in supporting permanency for minority children through prevention of maltreatment, intervention, adoption promotion and support for families.*

# *Mission*

*Our mission is to partner with churches and the greater community to increase permanency for minority children through prevention, intervention, adoption promotion, and family support services.*

# *Values*

- *A holistic/faith approach*
- *Respect for the varied dimensions of individuals and families*
- *Recognition of the importance of relationships*
- *Empowerment of those we serve*
- *Partnerships and collaborations in communities*
- *Provision of high-quality, sufficient, consistent, integrated, timely and transparent services*

## 2016-17 Achievements

One Church One Child's (OCOC) corporate mission is the adoption of minority children as its primary goal. To that end, Board Members and staff predominantly reach out to communities through pastors and churches to recruit families to adopt, foster or mentor children from Florida's foster care system. The basic principle of the organization is to "find at least one family per church to adopt, foster or mentor at least one child from foster care."

### *Plans for the year included:*

- **Resources** – Resources would be organized by determining regional adoption goals based on the number of children on the Explore Adoption website.
- **Referrals** – Families would be referred to Community-Based Care (CBC) Lead Agencies or other child-placing agencies in Florida for adoptive parent training prior to completion of an adoption home study.
- **Recruitment** - OCOC would recruit churches within regions by presenting OCOC's case for support, explaining procedures and support tools, answering questions, and confirming participation by churches signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- **Publicity** – OCOC would help publicize the need for adoptive parents, using flyers, inserts and media kickoffs. Photos of available children with brief information on the children and related information would be shared with local media and with participating churches. OCOC would sponsor major adoption recruitment kickoff events, educating and engaging churches and other community leaders in addressing the issue of minority children in the foster care system waiting for a permanent home.
- **Results** – OCOC would track and monitor all referrals of families with reports to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the CBC Lead Agencies, in addition to completing a year-end report.

In planning, preparing and implementing the goals for the year, the board members donated countless hours of time and effort, participating in board meetings, subcommittees, workgroups, and small session meetings.

Historically, OCOC was first implemented in the State of Illinois when the then Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Greg Coler, and Deputy Secretary Gordon Johnson sought out Father George Clements to help them in addressing the disproportionate number of minority children lingering in foster care. In 1988, Greg Coler became Secretary of the the former Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (now known as the Florida Department of Children and Families) and implemented the successful minority adoption recruitment program in Florida. In 1990, the One Church One Child of Florida Corporation Act became law (section 409.1755, *Florida Statutes (FS)*). This Act mandated OCOC to operationalize as a non-profit corporation with a Board of Directors appointed by the

Governor. The program currently has a 23-member Board of Directors to carry out the intent of the law. Board members serve a minimum three-year term. The current Board was appointed/reappointed July 8, 2015 by Governor Rick Scott, filling 15 of the 23 slots.

### *Summary of the Organization*

OCOC operates out of a statewide headquarters office located in Tallahassee and has satellite offices in Jacksonville (Northeast Region), Riverview (SunCoast Region) and West Palm Beach (Southeast Region).

The headquarters office includes a full-time Executive Director, Deputy Director, Community Coordinator, Administrative Assistant and volunteers. The Executive Director and Community Coordinator were hired in January 2003; the Deputy Director was hired in October 2007; and the Administrative Assistant was hired in September 2013. The satellite offices in Jacksonville and Riverview include a Recruitment Coordinator at each site. The Jacksonville staff member was hired in October 2013, and the Riverview staff member was hired in September 2010. The West Palm Beach office is staffed by a part-time Volunteer Adoption Recruiter.

OCOC works in partnership with churches, local businesses, agencies and such entities as Daniel Memorial, Inc., Chapters of Buffalo Soldiers in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Tampa, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, local Heart Galleries, Florida A&M University and Florida State University Social Work Programs, the Florida Coalition for Children, Family Support Services of Northeast Florida, ChildNet, Devereux, Eckerd Community Alternatives, Partnership for Strong Families, OurKids Miami-Dade and Monroe, Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Families First Network, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Children's Home Society, Boys Town North Florida, Big Bend Community Based Care and other community-based care agencies. OCOC continues its partnership with the Department of Children and Families.

OCOC of Florida also works with the national chapter of One Church One Child and the Child Welfare League of America Faith Advisory Committee (CWLA FAC). In partnership with these entities, OCOC has worked on initiatives to help increase the involvement of the faith community in child welfare services.

State Board Members, advisory committee members and staff, in conjunction with members of the community, have been involved in efforts to recruit adoptive and foster families and mentors. Volunteers also have worked with the state board members to support local recruitment efforts, and those volunteer hours are captured on OCOC time tracking logs. Statewide statistics show that this year 2,970 volunteer hours were logged by advisory committee members, university interns and other volunteers, while 2,109 volunteer hours

were logged by state board members, for a total year-to-date of 5,079 volunteer hours. The total volunteer hours were valued at \$66,027. Volunteer hours were calculated from the number of hours State Board Members and local Advisory Committee Members donated to OCOC through recruitment activities. The total dollar value was calculated by multiplying the total number of volunteer hours by the allowed \$13.00 an hour.

As indicated above, OCOC has experienced changes and transitions from a program of the Department of Children and Families, to a licensed child placing agency, and currently a nonprofit adoption recruitment organization. In fulfillment of this role, OCOC has implemented an innovative campaign to increase adoption resources and involve more churches in partnering to recruit families interested in adopting, fostering and/or mentoring. This report also highlights the agency's overall accomplishments for state fiscal year 2016-2017.

### ***Community Awareness and Involvement Activities***

The OCOC State Board of Directors and Local Advisory Committees continue to engage churches and communities in activities to heighten awareness and increase recruitment of potential adoptive and foster families and mentors. Activities conducted during this reporting period included:

- Meeting with local churches and pastors to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Conducting presentations with congregations and community audiences to invite them to partner with OCOC by highlighting the needs of children in foster care.
- Advertising in various media markets to include: radio stations, television stations through their community calendars, newspapers, Facebook and Twitter.
- Distributing approximately 16,000 brochures, posters, flyers, and partnership information packets.
- Managing OCOC information booths at various community activities, such as Local Community Awareness Day, community festivals, Christmas Market, Unity in the Community Day, Martin Luther King holiday celebrations, Emancipation Day Celebration, church conventions and conferences, vacation bible school, Family Day, homecoming activities, annual fairs and Market Day.
- Participating as OCOC board members, local advisory committee members and staff in approximately 309 community events/sponsored activities this fiscal year.



- Participating in National Foster Care Month in May and National Adoption Month in November with local recruitment events.
- Creating and broadcasting public service announcements to encourage individuals, communities, pastors, churches, and congregations to explore adoption of a foster child.
- Participating in observation of “One Church One Child Sunday” on November 13, 2016.
- Distributing resource packets to more than 600 church congregations, throughout the state of Florida, focusing attention on children waiting for adoption. These packets provided sample announcements to be read during services or published in bulletins in lobbies, libraries and vestibules.
- Coordinating the distribution of Christmas gifts for children in foster care, in partnership with local churches and the Tallahassee, Jacksonville, and Tampa Chapters of Buffalo Soldiers.
- Coordinating community awareness events, such as the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Perfect Match Tennis Tournament for Adoption and Foster Care and annual church recruitment events.

***\*\*Major Accomplishments:***

**Met the established goal of recruitment and referral of 60 families interested in adopting/fostering children from foster care.**

**Met the established goal of recruitment and referral of 96 families for mentoring and permanent connections of children from foster care.**

**Data Source: One Church One Child Family Tracking Spreadsheet Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

**One Church One Child of Florida  
Tracking Log Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

MONTH	Partner Churches	A/F Family Referrals	Mentor Family Referrals	Support Activities	Board Hours	Community Support	LAC	Community Events
July-16	7	5	8	2	99	--	132.5	27
August -16	7	5	8	1	97	31	83	20
September-16	7	5	8	1	376	52.5	334	30
October-16	7	5	8	1	129.5	50.5	107	28
November-16	6	5	8	2	269	11	597	35
December-16	7	5	8	4	134	--	219	22
January-17	7	5	8	1	317	10.5	261.5	30
February-17	7	5	8	1	182	31.5	251	26
March-17	6	5	8	1	59	45.5	48.5	15
April-17	7	5	9	4	199.5	29.5	263.5	24
May-17	7	5	8	2	108	51	118.5	23
June-17	11	5	8	1	139	81.5	159.5	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2575</b>	<b>309</b>

***Development of Beneficial Program Activities***

Recruitment and work efforts with churches by OCOC included expanded focus on active partnerships in local communities to generate interest in serving as resources and supports to group homes.

***\*\*Major Accomplishments:***

**The adoption events generated 86 additional resource churches, making a total of more than 690 resource churches (See page 9 for listing of new resource churches).**

Data Source: Monthly Activity Report for Contract #LJ931

***Summary of the Provision of Training and Technical Assistance***

January 19-20, 2017, the OCOC Board Meeting and Training provided an opportunity for board members, administrators and staff to review and assess current protocols, procedures and processes for recruitment including the State Board Protocols, Local Advisory Committee Handbook and State Board Workplans for the regions to refine and enhance their business process.

September 26-27, 2016, the Board Meeting and Training in Orlando included a session with Community Based Care of Central Florida to discuss how our agencies can collaborate to raise awareness and engage the faith community to be a support resource for children in foster care.

In addition, over the last fiscal year, OCOC coordinated at least one partnership training event for churches, community-based care organizations and community members in each of the six Department of Children and Families regions.

**\*\*Major Accomplishments:**

**OCOC has built and linked partnerships with CBCs and churches in each of the six DCF regions. These partnerships have resulted in OCOC meeting their strategic plan goals of increasing the number of families interested in adopting, fostering, and/or mentoring as well as increasing the number of churches interested in becoming resource churches.**

***Summary of Fundraising Activities***

Fundraising activities have included the Tennis Tournament for Adoption and Foster Care (\$1740), Community Gala (\$11,480), donors (\$6,586), and in-kind contributions (\$2,855). For fiscal year 2016-2017, funds received and in-kind contributions, excluding state contract monies, totaled \$22,661.

**\*\*Major Accomplishments:**

**In-kind and cash contributions of gifts, and other supports provided for children in foster care valued over \$22,661.**

This report is submitted pursuant to section 409.1755(3)(b)5., *F.S.*, which directs the One Church One Child of Florida, Inc. Corporation in conjunction with the Department of Children and Families (formerly the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services) to submit an annual report to the Legislature by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **APPENDICIES**

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- Appendix C**      **List of One Church One Child Staff**

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Listing of New Partner Churches Recruited in FY 2016-2017** **Northwest Region**

1. Greater True Vine Baptist Church- Pensacola
2. New Direction Christian Center, Quincy
3. True Word of God Ministries- Graceville
4. Flipper Chapel AME Church- Tallahassee
5. Mt. Zion AME Church- Havana
6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth M.B. Church- Quincy
7. Arnett Chapel AME Church- Quincy
8. Greater Friendship M.B. Church- Panama
9. Mt. Zion AME Church- Crestview
10. New Hope Baptist Church- Pensacola
11. New Zion M.B. Church-Chattahoochee
12. Allen Chapel AME Church- New Smyrna Beach
13. Evelenor M.B. Church-Crestview
14. New Judson M.B. Church- Panama City
15. Macedonia M.B. Church- Tallahassee
16. Saint Luke M.B. Church- Panama City
17. The Praise Gang Ministries- Tallahassee
18. Neal's Temple Holiness Church- Havana
19. New Testament P.B. Church- Tallahassee
20. Philadelphia P.B. Church- Tallahassee
21. Power House Miracle Center, Inc.- Tallahassee
22. St. Peter AME Church in Quincy- Quincy
23. Walking by Faith Ministries, Inc.- Tallahassee
24. Mt. Bethlehem P.B. Church- Tallahassee
25. Calvary The Cornerstone M.B. Church- Tallahassee
26. Greater Peace M.B. Church of Walton Beach- Ft. Walton Beach
27. Higher Dimension Church Tallahassee
28. Liberty Baptist Church-Panama City
29. New Hope M.B. Church-Lynn Haven
30. Saint Mary M.B. Church-Blountstown
31. Gospel Temple FWBC- Panama City
32. Macedonia M. B. – Crestview
33. St. Mark M. B. – Laura Hills
34. Holy Community Church – Quincy
35. Mt. Moriah Church of God in Unity – Tallahassee
36. New Hope Baptist Church – Chipley
37. Tabernacle of Praise Deliverance, Inc. – Quincy
38. St. John M. B. Church - Tallahassee

### **Northeast Region**

1. Bible Grace Ministry – Fleming Island
2. Spiritual Moving Bodies for Christ – Jacksonville
3. True Vine Fellowship – Green Cover Springs
4. Sarah Called Abraham Lord Ministries - Jacksonville
5. Vessels of Living Water Ministry – Jacksonville
6. Macedonia M.B. Church – Argyle
7. Frontline Global Outreach Ministries – Jacksonville
8. Kingdom Ministries Church of god – Fernandina Beach
9. Living Word COGIC, Inc. – Jacksonville
10. Mt. Zion AME Church – Hastings
11. God’s House of Worship, Jacksonville
12. Light of Day Outreach Ministry – Orange Park
13. Varick Memorial AME Zion Church – Jacksonville
14. Mt. Zion AME Zion Church – Putnam Hall
15. New Creation Fellowship - Gainesville

### **Central Region**

1. Allen Chapel AME Church, Lake Wales
2. Mt. Olive M. B. Church – Lakeland
3. St. Luke M. B. Church – Dundee
4. New Mt. Zion AME Church in Lake Hamilton – Lake Hamilton
5. Greater Faith AME Church – Orlando
6. St. Paul AME Church – Lake Alfred
7. St. James AME Church -Auburndale

### **SunCoast Region**

1. Centro Dr. Restaurant Mi Munto Celestial, Inc, Riverview
2. The Father’s Heart Outreach Ministry – Tampa
3. The Word Church - Bradenton
4. Under the Blood Ministries, Inc. - Bradenton
5. Restoration and Deliverance Center of Jesus Christ – Bradenton
6. The Edge Community Church – Tampa
7. Allen Temple AME Church – Tampa
8. Genuine Hope Ministries, Inc. – Palmetto
9. St. John Cathedral Church – Tampa
10. Covenant and Grace, The Well II – Tampa
11. Faith Temple P. b. Church – Plant city
12. Mt. Moriah Ministries – Plant City
13. Mt. Olive Baptist Church – Plant City
14. New Life Christian Fellowship - Bradenton
15. Grace Mary M. B. Church – Tampa

16. Melody of Praise – Bradenton
17. Servant Heart Ministry – Thonotosassa
18. Mt. Saini AME Zion Church – Tampa
19. New Dawn Restoration Center – Tampa
20. Family of God United Methodist Church - Palmetto

#### **Southeast Region**

1. St. Luke Baptist Church – Ft. Lauderdale
2. Shaw Temple AME Zion – Ft. Lauderdale

#### **Southern Region**

1. Christian Fellowship M. B. Church – Miami
2. First St. John M. B. Church – Naranjo
3. Second Canaan Baptist Church
4. Wactor Temple AME Zion – Miami

**Data Source: Monthly Activity Report for Contract #LJ958**

APPENDIX B



*One Church One Child of Florida, Inc.  
Board of Directors*

<b>Rev. Beverly H. Lane, President</b> Bethel A.M.E. Church Tampa SunCoast Region	<b>Reverend Emmett Wiseman, Treasurer</b> Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Plant City SunCoast Region
<b>Rev. William Randall</b> St. Simon Baptist Church Fleming Island Northeast Region	<b>Rev. Dr. Marian Tucker</b> 999 Old Dixie Highway Vero Beach Southeast Region
<b>Minister Paulette Napper</b> Haines City Central Region	<b>Dr. Sharon Patterson</b> Sanford Central Region
<b>Rev. Delwynn Williams</b> St. John M. B. Church Panama City Northwest Region	<b>Rev. Clifton Riley</b> Bethel A.M.E. Church Pensacola Northwest Region
<b>Dr. Kimberly Thomas</b> Daughters of Destiny Tallahassee Northwest Region	<b>Mr. Admiral Henderson</b> Florida Department of Children and Families Tallahassee (at large)
<b>Rev. Lee M. Sapp</b> Shepherd's Heart A.M.E. Church Loxahatchee Southeast Region	<b>Rev. Luke Harrigan</b> Grace Haitian Baptist Church Pembroke Pines Southeast Region
<b>Minister Alger Studstill</b> Florida Department of Children and Families Orlando Central Region	<b>Rev. Karl Anderson</b> Upper Room Ministries Gainesville Northeast Region
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## APPENDIX C



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