Thank you to our Champions for Children who are...

Making Kentucky the best place in America to be a kid!

$100,000+
Annie E. Casey Foundation
DentaQuest Foundation
Kosair Charities®

$20,000-$99,999
Berea College
Casey Family Programs
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Frank and Paula Harshaw
Linn Station 001, LLC
Metro United Way
Passport Health Plan
UnitedHealthcare

$1,000-$4,999
Ronald and Marie Abrams
Anonymous
Jason and DeAnna Brangers
Children, Inc.
Fred and Linda Cowan
Elizabeth Deknatel
Phyllis DeMark
Dr. John and Cherie Dimar
Divinity Catering
Bert and Jane Emke
Joseph and Marjorie Grieshop
Gary and Gail Hanke
Harshaw Trane
Hal and Sheila Heiner
John and Ginny Heyburn
Human Impact Partners
Vishva and Preeti Kalra
The Kidz Club
Dr. Leon and Carol Beth Mooneyhan
Garrith Nortof
Nancy Peterson
Don and Rande Swann
Jeanne Woodberry
Youth Empowered Solutions

$5,000-$19,999
Delta Dental of Kentucky
First Focus
Bill Stewart
**Financials**  Fiscal Year 2017-2018

**Revenue**
- Contributions: $76,726
- Fee for service: $8,000
- Foundation and organizational grants: $2,899,684
- Fundraising (net of related expenses): $33,215
- In-kind revenue: $55,731
- Program revenue: $82,202
- Other revenue: ($4,122)

**Total Revenue:** $3,151,436

**Increase in net assets:**
- $825,017

**Expenses**
- Program service expenses
- General and administrative expenses
- Fundraising expenses

**Total Expenses:** $2,326,419

**Final Net Assets:** $2,344,423
Megaphone for Kids

We use traditional and social media to raise awareness of pressing children’s issues among diverse audiences across the state and nationally.

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**Media reach of over 4.5 million during the 2018 legislative session**

- **over 1 million** social media impressions
- **400** quotes in the media
- **18,519** interactions with us on Facebook and Twitter
- **over 3,500** views of our online bill tracker which helps advocates stay up-to-date during the legislative session
Kentucky Youth Advocates championed the following legislative wins that will benefit children and their families:

- **HB 1** will keep Kentucky kids safe by improving how the commonwealth responds to child abuse and ensures that every kid has a family.
- **HB 527** will support the educational stability of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.
- **SB 133** will improve the outcomes of pregnant inmates and their babies by allowing access to substance use treatment.
- **SB 137** will allow judges to consider testimony from a trustworthy adult when a child has disclosed abuse to them.

These legislative wins had a 97% track record of “Yea” votes in Frankfort.

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I count on my leaders in Frankfort to help ease the problems that affect Kentucky kids negatively. Let it be economic, social, and educational aspects, we count on our leaders to ease the problems and to sprout hope and peace to kids in Kentucky.

—Bryan, Pulaski County

Bryan is a high school junior and a member of Berea Partners for Education GEAR UP Promising Appalachian Leaders in Service, a partnership which prepares youth to advocate with elected officials in Frankfort.
The passing of House Bill 1 is an amazing victory for the children of Kentucky. It’s so important that HB 1 makes family preservation and kinship care support a priority, so that kids don’t lose their sense of identity and culture by being thrown into the system.

—Cynthia, Jefferson County
Cynthia is a college junior and former foster youth. She was a key advocate for HB 1, serving on the First Lady’s Youth Leadership Council and sharing her story and ideas with the House Working Group on Adoption.

Transforming child welfare in Kentucky

Every Kentucky child deserves a family and a safe place to call home. House Bill 1 fundamentally reforms Kentucky’s adoption and foster care system and sets forth a comprehensive plan to strengthen how the commonwealth supports children impacted by abuse or neglect and their families. HB 1 was truly a bipartisan effort, led by House Working Group on Adoption Co-Chairs, Representatives David Meade and Joni Jenkins. Kentucky Youth Advocates, along with other partners in the the Kosair Charities Face It Movement to end child abuse, is proud to stand alongside elected officials, youth who have experienced abuse or neglect, and advocates from across the state who championed the bill.

Our top priority in the House of Representatives in 2018 was improving the lives of Kentucky’s most vulnerable children, and we had an invaluable partner in that effort in Kentucky Youth Advocates. I was pleased to work with them in crafting the transformative adoption and foster care changes contained in House Bill 1, which will pay dividends for children and families for years to come.

—Representative David Meade
Co-Sponsor of HB 1 and Co-Chair, House Working Group on Adoption

Many voices and efforts across the commonwealth contributed to the success of HB 1. At every step along the way, Kentucky Youth Advocates always made sure that legislators could hear what’s best for kids loud and clear, including hearing from youth who had been in foster care. From poignant stories to deep data dives, Kentucky Youth Advocates gave legislators the information they needed to pass impactful legislation.

—Representative Joni Jenkins
Co-Sponsor of HB 1 and Co-Chair, House Working Group on Adoption
What gets measured (and published) gets changed

Each year, Kentucky Youth Advocates releases the *KIDS COUNT County Data Book*. This book provides data on 17 measures of child well-being for each Kentucky county. Every legislator received a 2018 KIDS COUNT Legislative Calendar, which counts down the days of the session and features data about child well-being.

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- The *KIDS COUNT Data Dashboard* tells advocates where we’ve been, where we are now, and how to achieve future improvement by providing the most recent child well-being data alongside data from approximately five years.

Because it is seen and used by everyone from groups of youth in Eastern Kentucky to Cabinet secretaries in Frankfort, KIDS COUNT data continues to be a catalyst for change and is creating brighter futures for Kentucky kids.

Case Advocacy

Through our case advocacy program, we help families in crisis situations. We serve as their guide when they don’t know where else to turn.

Areas of Concern

- **Kinship Care**: 798
- **Child Welfare**: 93
- **Education**: 15
- **Youth Justice**: 10
- **Other**: 1

This year we served **917** kids and families across the state.
Kentucky Youth Advocates is the independent voice for Kentucky kids. We advocate for policies that give children the best possible opportunities for a brighter future and are making Kentucky the best place in America to be young.

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