Dear friends,

I was leaving the office the other day for a meeting, around the time when our neighborhood school lets out. As I walked toward my car, a child came up to me and asked for help tying his shoe. He chatted away about his day—what they had for lunch and playing outside at recess—as I double-knotted his small, dusty laces. As he walked away, I wondered that he came up to me, a total stranger, for help.

FamilyWise is known in our neighborhood as a family-friendly place. We invite neighborhood children to stop by with our cheerful Little Free Library. Families see other families coming in and out of the building. Our First Step toddlers wave to the big kids walking to school as they enjoy their own walk, tucked into six-person strollers. We are a safe place.

FamilyWise and our families served have achieved great outcomes together in the past year. 2,100 families have been strengthened and 2,460 children kept safe through the support and education of over 2,200 parents.

These are great achievements; however, we must not be complacent. While we are a safe place, many children in our community are not safe. Child welfare is both highly visible in our state (with the media attention brought to challenges in the system) and it is still an invisible issue.

We assume that everyone knows the importance of and the need for protecting children; we don’t have to convince people: raise awareness, advocate for policy changes, raise money to support these efforts. Sadly, that assumption is simply wrong. We fervently need to remind others that family violence is an unrelenting concern. Systems are improving but are not fixed. Families still face barriers to stability. Parents still need resources for keeping their families safe.

To respond to these needs, FamilyWise is engaging its staff, board and many community partners in a robust strategic planning process. We have engaged new partnerships to better meet our participants’ needs. In collaboration with high school students, we are creating interactive electronic learning tools targeted towards our teen parents. FamilyWise has committed to a hiring strategy to diversify its staff. 48% of our staff are now from communities of color and 16% speak languages in addition to English. The leadership team of FamilyWise is participating in community forums working to improve our communities’ response to families in crisis.

We’d love to share more about these efforts with you. Please like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or call us for a tour at 612.877.7827.

Ann Gaasch  Willie Harbert
Executive Director  Board President

FamilyWise Mission

Promote social change by strengthening families and the community through programs that encourage self-determination, self-sufficiency, and healthy family lifestyles. Our vision is for individuals and families living in balance in our community.

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash</td>
<td>$968,077</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other current assets</td>
<td>$776,911</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noncurrent assets</td>
<td>$746,073</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,491,061</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current liabilities</td>
<td>$135,513</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long-term liabilities</td>
<td>$56,713</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets</td>
<td>$2,298,835</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total liabilities/net assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,491,061</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Statements of Activities

Summary of Support and Revenue

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$765,236</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Way</td>
<td>$227,084</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Government contracts</td>
<td>$1,422,624</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program service fees</td>
<td>$394,343</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special events</td>
<td>$11,683</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Earned and other</td>
<td>$4,852</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total support/revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,825,822</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Summary of Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange</td>
<td>$618,751</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Step Early Childhood Education Center</td>
<td>$321,656</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>High Fidelity Wraparound</td>
<td>$315,090</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adult Parent Education</td>
<td>$661,115</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bright Beginnings Young Parenting Services</td>
<td>$119,337</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent Assessments</td>
<td>$119,337</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total program expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,092,113</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Management/General</td>
<td>$371,819</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$197,468</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total annual expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,661,400</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change in net assets</td>
<td><strong>$164,422</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Complete financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016, audited by Carpenter Everet & Associates, Ltd. are available for inspection.
### Our Programs

#### Parent Support Services
Parent education is a part of everything we do. Giving parents the tools to be effective parents significantly improves children’s chances for a better future. We provide comprehensive parent education and support services for at-risk families including intensive case management, parent education, parent-child interaction coaching, life skills training, early childhood education and counseling.

- **552** families received services in 2016, impacting the lives of **848** children.
- In 2016, **96%** of parents demonstrated positive parenting techniques and **99%** of children reached age appropriate development.

#### Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchanges
In cases of family separation or family violence where the well-being of the child is in question, on-site and community/home-based supervised parenting is provided between non-custodial parents and their children in a safe, caring, and sensitive environment.

- **1,285** families utilized these services in 2016, improving the safety of **1,565** children.
- In 2016, **99%** of visits occurred without incidence of violence or unsafe circumstances.

#### Bright Beginnings
Young parenting services and mentoring is for parents between the ages of 14 and 22. The program gives participants life skills training, parent and health education, parent-child interaction coaching, and a full year of support by a community mentor.

- **73** families and their **72** children were impacted by these services in 2016.
- In 2016, **100%** of young parents continued their education.

#### High Fidelity Wraparound
An intensive care planning and management process helping youth ages 6-21 who are at high risk of institutional placement to stay in their homes, schools and community. Our facilitator works with the youth and their families to build a team of supports to create a structured, individualized plan to manage their lives.

- **154** youth and their families utilized these services in 2016.
- **80%** of youth enrolled had no new criminal charges while in the program.

#### First Step Early Childhood Education Center
Our fully licensed and accredited child development program serves children ages six weeks to five years of age. Children participate in activities that stimulate their physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and language development with a focus on early childhood readiness for school.

- **First Step served 48** children in 2016.
- In 2016, **93%** of children served demonstrated age appropriate child development.

#### Parent Assessments
Assessments, required by county social workers to determine the next step in a treatment plan, provide information on parenting competence and the quality of parent-child relationships from the perspective of both the parent and the evaluator.

- **51** assessments were completed in 2016.

### Where we Serve

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hennepin Co.</td>
<td>65%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ramsey Co.</td>
<td>17%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anoka Co.</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other or homeless</td>
<td>5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dakota Co.</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Who we Serve

- **African American** 35%
- **Caucasian/White** 29%
- **Multiracial** 9%
- **American Indian** 7.5%
- **Hispanic/Chicano/Latino** 7%
- **Race Unknown** 5%
- **Asian/SE Asian Pacific Islander** 4%
- **African** 3%
- **Other** 0.5%
Thank you to the 200+ generous individuals and groups who contributed a total of 16,433 hours. The excellent work of graduate and post-graduate clinical interns at FamilyWise is equal to about $222,618 per year in additional in-kind staff resources.

We acknowledge the following who volunteered their time from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Abby Addis
Marissa Ahmed
Cecelia Altenhofen
Lynn Altmann
Maria Ambrozich
Jordan Ammons
Kim Anderson
Lisa Andrew-Burkhart
Rebecca, Omar, Max, Leo, Spencer, Calvin
Ansari
Nate & Jenna Ashford
Amelia Baerenwald
Satya Bajurji
Ken Baker
Eric Barnitt
Gretchen Beebe
Jeanne Befid
Jasmine Benda
Sam (Kathi) Bennett
Catherine Bergler
Linda Berhow
David Bies
Terese Blinde
Natalie Bodin
Nag Bommarreddy
Zuzana Boyer
Amber Brookman
Anthony Brown
Caitlyn Brush
Nicole Brys
Lori Burnette
David Butler
Jason Byers
Tammie Cahak
Jason Callanan
Ellie Cargill
Nicci Carpentier
Marissa Cerone
Ashlyn Chaiika
Xeng Cheng
Yooin Cho
Kayla Christensen
Briania Christian
Laura Ciavdia
Alex Cole
Courtney Corson
Joel Costa
Ashley Coyle
Deb Cuane
Claire Cunningham
Todd & Drew Dale
Jessica Dehncke
Marzo Demoya
Lindsey Deserly
Bernard Dickson
Christina (Stina) Didier
Ron Dorshak
Michael Duda
Samuel Dulan
Robert (Bob) Eddy
Jennifer Edwards
Patty Egan
Lindsey Erdmann
Joan Fallin
Yu Fang
Tressa Ferenkam
Toni Forslund
Joanne Franer
Rob Gardner
Josie Gilbertson
Amber Gillett
Sarah Gorajski
Patrick Graven
Jessica Grundmann
Willie Harbert
Rosa Haro
Fardosa Hassan
Hamdi Hassan
Hassan Hassan
Megan Hayek
Katie Heitzig
Tim Herzog
Kristen Hines
Caitlin Hinschberger
Meara Hove
Nick Hughes
Pamela Hulleman
John Hurd
Erin Hurley
Alan Hutson
Katie Ilten
Justin Jacobson
Hyoenjin (Chris) Jeong
Kelley Johnson
Marlys Johnson
Patricia Johnson
Zoe Johnson
Carol Ann Jones
Tim Joyce
Jonathan Kessel
Bandi Kirankumar
Madeline Kirchoff
Sarah Klammer
Cyndi Kluser
Tammy Knight
Kal Kondepati
Lisa Kotasek
Charlie Kuhaerski
Rijesh Kumar
Sally Kundert
Riva Kupritz
Dyan LaFontaine
Jeanette LaFontaine
Zach Lanz
Sanya Lawless
Eva Lee
PaHoua Lee
Alexis Lehrer
Stacey Lillebo
Jess Lind-Lamoureux
Emily Lindvig
Sunika (Sunny) Loth
Mark Lotz
Jason Louer
Mingue Luo
Shanee Mady
Annamarie Manutang
Michele Maruska
Edita Masfield
Steve Mays
Kristal McCallom
Chad McCormick
Ameer McDonald
James McGuire
Judith McMillan
Jenna Melton
Aidan Mesic
Ali Miller
Rachel Miller Jacobsen
Georgia Miller-Kamara
Hayat Mohamed
Haley Mohr
Angela Mueller
Laura Nguyagwa
Katie O’Dowd
Aaron Orwick
Nadine Pakal
Doug Parker
Maisy Phvoraroxay
Jillian Pollock
Matthew Puhigehil
Arun Ramasubramanian
Chantel Randle
Mark Reiman
Nicki, Emma, William
Reinbold
Nathan Richter
Rodrigo Rocha
Melana Rosin
Shannon Schaff
Trish Schiefelbein
Lucy Schmitz
Al Schuck
David Schuh
Davae & Helene Schultz
Steve Schwartz
Sarah Scott
Carolyn Sem
Chris, Pam, Chelsea
Sheidon
Rodger Sheldon
Megan Sheppard
Carolyn Sierski
Anna Simmons
Gurdip Singh
Nadiga Singh
Michael Singleton
Sheila Snosrud
Brooke Soller
Jordan Soucek
Larissa Speerstra
Pat St. Dennis
Polly Steohany
Talea Stickland
Lyne Stockstad
Kayla Stone
Wes Straat
Jeff Strommen
Leisha Suggs
Katy Sunde
Sanjay Suryaworsah
Martha Temple
Beau Thao
Brooke and Brian
Thomson
Anthony Torrez
Maggie Turner
Heather Valento
Terri Van Keulen
Maggie Van Remortel
Mark Vander Vogte
Brent Vanderlaan
Anna Vang
Eben Walker
Kirstin Werner
Tracey West
Breanna Wichmann
Dave Wichmann
Toni Williams
Shelly Winfield
Jeff Winter
Mike Wittine
Ben Wright
Gaoxie Yang
Jeff Young
Wossen Zewdie
Scott Zinken

Corporate Groups
3M
Church of the Open Door
Daugherty
US Bank

We apologize for any inadvertent error or omission from our list of volunteers. Please call 612.877.7844 to report a correction.

Community Partner of the Year
U.S. Bank

U.S. Bank has long been a supporter of FamilyWise. They have volunteered at events for several years, and this year, they stayed with us even as we transitioned to a new event. They sent a group of volunteers to the Summer Family Fundraiser at Park Tavern, who helped with set-up, the outdoor games and the silent auction. They have also held two drives for us—a hat and mitten drive and a book drive. They invited us to be one of about five nonprofits to be featured at a volunteer fair, and we recruited individual volunteers. Mary Watson shared her story at our Fall Fundraiser last year, and she became a mentor.

Volunteers of the Year
Abby Addis & Toni Forsland

Abby has been a very impactful mentor to Guadalupe and her 3 children. Guadalupe is a young married mom with a 3 year old daughter and 1 year old twin boys. Through Abby’s support, Guadalupe obtained her driver’s license and acquired numerous resources and parenting skills.

Toni is also a strong and supportive mentor! Through Toni’s support, Sabrina has made excellent progress on healthy and age-appropriate parenting practices with her 1 year old daughter. Toni has also helped out with groceries and supplies as Sabrina navigates through life as a young mother, student and employee.

George Kressin Intern Award
Claire Cunningham

Claire is completing her dual Masters in Social Work and Public Health (UMN ’18). She is dedicated and passionate about working with families. Completing her FamilyWise internship in May 2016, she continues on staff as a Family Specialist. Claire says it best in her winning essay: “FamilyWise has taught me to believe in the power of people, despite barriers and despite inequity. That simple belief continues on staff as a Family Specialist. Claire Cunningham

Abby Addis, Toni Forsland

Abby & Toni have been with FamilyWise for several years, and are currently serving as Volunteers of the Year. Abby & Toni have been a strong support to FamilyWise through various events and opportunities. They have been an invaluable part of the FamilyWise team, and their dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of families is truly inspiring.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Abby & Toni for their unwavering support and for being a shining example of what it means to be a true partner in service.

We celebrate Abby & Toni’s contributions and look forward to many more years of their dedicated service to FamilyWise and the families we serve.
Thank you to our donors for their generosity. We acknowledge the following monetary or in-kind gifts were received from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

**Foundation & Grants**
- **Donors**
  - Anonymous
  - Best Buy Charitable Trust - c/o Public Affairs Support Services
  - Carlson Family Foundation
  - Carolyn Foundation
  - Ecolab - Ecolab Foundation
  - Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation
  - Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
  - Littler Mendelsohn Foundation, Inc.
  - Luther I. Replogle Foundation
  - Milacor - Corporate Ventures
  - Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO)
  - Mutual of America Foundation
  - Otto Bremer Trust
  - Patrick and Aimee Butler Family Foundation
  - Prospect Park United Methodist Church
  - The Hugh J. Anderson Foundation
  - The Hugh J. Anderson Foundation - The Next Generation Fund
  - Wayzata Community Church - Monastery Grant Committee
  - Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation
  - Youngsquirt

**Individual Donors**
- **Anonymous**
  - Abby Addis
  - Lynn & Robert Altmann
  - Kim & Nathan Anderson
  - Cristina Anfang
  - Abby Bailey
  - Nancy Brenna
  - David & Judith Burns
  - Mike & Jan Cahlil
  - Jim & Rachel Cunningham
  - Stephen Devereux
  - Flannery Dolan
  - Brad Dominick
  - Vivian Dreher
  - Patty Egan
  - Jan & Michael Emerson
  - Bill & Karen Erickson
  - Larry Fox
  - Ann Gaasch
  - Thomas Gebhardt
  - Nancy Gilson
  - Emily & Vince Glasgow
  - George & Lee Gorajski
  - Matt Gorajski
  - Sarah Gorajski
  - Edeltraud Green
  - Willie & Lauren Harrer
  - Louis Hennessy
  - Margaret Hersch
  - Cathy Heying
  - Jane & William Holloway
  - Michael Hoag & Melanie Clark
  - Marita & Terry Hopman
  - William & Julie Howard
  - Katie & Peter Ilten
  - Carol Ann Jones
  - Sue Jorgensen
  - Pat Kargel
  - Lydia Khim
  - Nicole & Jason Killey
  - Lisa & Mark Kotasek
  - Thomas & Mary Kresen
  - Lindsay Kubina
  - Jeanette LaFontaine
  - Ellis Lamb
  - Zachary Lanz
  - Tessa Lasswell
  - Melanie Launard
  - Monica Lemay
  - Joseph D. & Kristy M. Lenartz
  - Wayne & Clint McDonald
  - Katherine McGill
  - Julie & Tim McTighe
  - Aidan & Rachel Mesil
  - Shawn & Robert Moeller
  - Tracy Murphy
  - Arlene & Gerald Nystuen
  - Lynn Nystuen & Mike Lamb
  - Cindy & Sam Orbovich
  - Joshua Otto
  - Linda Quam
  - Kristin Rasmussen
  - Marianne Reilly-Spong
  - Nick Reindorp
  - Jane Renhart
  - Patrick Rohden
  - Roslyn Roloff
  - Stacy Rowe
  - Wendy Ruble
  - Shannon Schaaf
  - Susan Schaffhausen
  - Paul Schmid
  - Helene & David Schultz
  - Caryn & Lynn Schurrer
  - John & Michelle Seidel
  - Dave & Michele Silverstein
  - Michelle Singleton
  - Michaela Smith
  - Elizabeth Starling
  - Tracy Strantz
  - Sukanya Subbar
  - Brooke & Brian Thomsen
  - Anna VonRueden
  - Pam Vulcan
  - Michael & Janet Wagner
  - Annette Ward
  - Mary Watson
  - Marilyn Yahr
  - Scott Zinken

**Corporate & Group Donors**
- Amazon - AmazonSmile
- Artibby
- Blue Plate Restaurant Company
- Brave New Workshop
- Brookview Golf
- Brown Lake Bowl
- Bundles of Love
- Casey's General Store
- Cities 97 - Clear Channel Broadcasting, Inc.
- Daugherty - Minneapolis/St. Paul Office
- Deep Fried Goodness
- Discover Strength
- Downtown Car Wash
- Dubraski & Associates
- Flannery Construction
- Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
- Grethen House
- Hampton Inn & Suites
- Haskell's
- The Wine People
- Hotel Ivy
- Ichiban Japanese Steak House
- Jabez & Company
- Jacob's Well - Jacob's Well
- A Wonderful Gift Market
- Ladle Lakes Hotel
- Lil' Papp's
- Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Mall of America
- Manhans
- Minnesota Timberwolves
- Mother Earth Gardens
- Mystic Lake Casino - Hotel
- Park Square Theatre
- Paddleford Riverboats
- Park Tavern
- Pump It Up
- PWC
- Red Stag Supperclub
- Renee's Royal Valet Restaurant
- Aloma
- Sebastian Joe's ShadowBrooke Golf Course
- Slumberland
- Spire Bank Credit Union
- Stepping Stone Theatre
- Suryd's Liquor
- Cheese Shop
- Surly Brewing Co.
- Sweet Pea's Public House
- Target
- The Toro Company
- Treatye Yard Goods UHL Companies
- UnitedHealthGroup
- Vertical Endeavors
- Victory Links Golf Course
- WIne and Canvas

**Adopt-a-Family Donors**
- Tom Adams
- Dave, Kelly, Lexie, AJ Albers
- Allina Health
- Gina Anderson
- Janessa Anderson
- Nicole Anderson
- Sarah Anderson
- Shari Anderson
- Tommy Anderson
- Sukanya Annappooine
- Steve & Katie Aronson
- Nate Ashford
- Amelia Baerenwald
- Abby Barber
- Don Barre
- Catherine Beck
- Maren Beckman
- Gretchen Beebe
- Sherri Beer
- Mary & Jordan Berlin
- Kathy Bertautaume
- Wojtek Bez Portek & Elizabeth Slagle
- Shannon Bittner
- Katie Blake
- Terence Blanck
- Blue Stem Brands
- Carol Bouw
- Lisa & Eric Butte
- Jessica & Traci Capesius
- Hannah & John Carney
- CenturyLink
- Britta Cervenka
- Ji Choo
- John & Judy Christopherson
- Lorna Cloydfer
- Chad & Cindy Cox
- Rick Crabtree
- Patrick Crane
- Bill Dale
- Kay & Sean Dang
- Tien Dang
- Daugherty
- Jessica Dehncke
- Lindsey Deserly
- Erin DesLauriers
- Bernard Dickson
- Jesse Dougherty
- Tonya Donovan
- Annette Doughty, Jim Detmar
- Rosemary Dreier
- Ebenzer Tower
- Patricia Edington
- Jennifer Edwards
- Patti Egan & Chris Smith
- Margaret Elkins
- Evolve Systems
- Kyte Feiner
- Linda Gerr
- Barbara Gorski
- Pat Green
- Lindsay Graves
- Mary Grimstad-BenAri
- Cindy Gross
- Guardian ad Litem Program
- Ramsey County
- Ali Hanson
- John Hanson
- Sarah Herron
- Mike, Betsy, Brinley Harder
- Amy Harrison
- The Harrington Company
- Jessica Hazleton
- Justine Head
- HealthPartners
- Tim Healy
- Sarah Hoffman
- Hope Holler
- Christine Hong
- Family
- Melody Ikonomovski
- Katy Jayne
- Karin Jannek
- Amy Jo Johnson
- Aimee, Travis, Owen
- Johnson
- Patricia Johnson
- Wendy & Wade
- Johnson
- The Kees and Sparks Families
- (Kelly, Ryan, Tom, Abby, Emily and Jessica)
- Michael Kipnis
- Mary Kirkby
- Ksharna Kuttar
- Martha Klovstad & Daryl Gohl
- David Kochar
- Lisa & Mark Kotasek
- Eric Kramlinger
- Christine Kroll
- Matt Kruse
- Megan Kutzuos
- Jeanette LaFontaine
- Daisy Dabdak
- Kathy Larkin
- Sheila Larson
- Annette Lee
- Joanie Lennick
- Cifton Lloyd
- Levi Strauss & Co.
- Lockridge Grindal
- Nauen P.L.P.
- Kim Luong
- Lisa & Ken Luong
- Tom Luong
- Rachel Luong
- Kasa, Ed, Emma, Ava
- MacKiet
- Laura Malwitz & Eric Harr
- Nicole Maner
- Sunitha Marasakati
- John Marquart
- Jennifer Kane
- Luke Mayer
- Steve Mays
- Jean & Chris McArthur
- Nicole McDonald
- Doug McLeod
- Mary & Megan McMamar
- Jessica McNamara
- Sue Moe
- Elizabeth Merkle
- Nidhi Methi
- Metropolitan
- Aircraft Services
- Environment Department
- MOMP Club of NHRC
- Kimberly Monaghan
- Denise Morelock
- Patty Moon
- Skip Morrison
- Austin, Kale, Grady, Rhys
- Lucy Nelson Cahn
- Stephanie Nero
- Carrie Niemann
- Catherine Nistler
- Jamie Norell
- Emily Harrington
- North High School
- (North St. Paul)
- Christopher Oace
- Anna & Tor Oksnevad
- Randall Olson
- Optum
- Opus College
- Undergraduate
- Program
- Carrie & Sam Orbovich
- Kelly Page
- Al Ponds
- PwC
- Meg Reichel
- Nota, Tony, Casey, Olivia Reif
- Maryanne Reilly-Spong
- Nick Reinhold
- juice
- The Bineart Family
- Nicole Rosandsch
- Dora Royzman
- Sarah Rudolf and
- Family
- Salon Innovations
- Pete, Jada, Lenny, Pippin Sanders
- Schreiber, Voss, Hubbell Families
- Michael Schwarz
- Jeff Sears
- John & Michelle Seidel
- Jessica & Chris Thueringer
- Nikki Thirn
- U of M - Office of Medical Education
- University Kindergarten
- UnitedHealthCare Pharmacy
- Management
- U.S. Bank
- Sara Usgado
- Shalini Vairaprasan
- Janine Viktora
- Cheryl Waldhauser
- Ruth Ward
- Mary & Todd Watson
- Marianne Watters
- Wells Fargo - Retirement
- Doree Wendling
- Jenna, Reid Wertsch and Family
- Terry Whelk
- Rachel Woodford
- Jill & Scott Woolridge
- Karen Zerenberg

We apologize for any inadvertent error or omission from our list of donors. Please call 612.877.7844 to report a correction.
Life-long Learner

Lionel’s senior year of high school was scarcely the victory lap he had anticipated. He broke his leg the week school started, ending his high school football career. He had an unplanned baby girl with his girlfriend (now, ex-girlfriend) last year. She and her mom barely let him visit. His own mom, overworked and overwhelmed, didn’t support his interest in fighting to see the baby.

Lionel’s own Dad barely saw him. Lionel wanted more for his daughter.

Thanks to Google, Lionel found and joined Bright Beginnings, FamilyWise’s teen parenting support and education program.

Starting Bright Beginnings was rough. There weren’t many guys and Lionel was the only parent who couldn’t bring his daughter to class; he had limited visitation rights. Lionel kept showing up though and, after a few months, felt confident enough to petition the court for expanded visitation. The court cited Lionel’s involvement in Bright Beginnings as the key factor in convincing them to grant his petition. Our staff vividly remembers those first times Lionel came in with his two year old. She would grasp firmly onto his crutch, to move it for him, solemnly explaining she needed to help Dad walk. Lionel would smile and talk while trying desperately not to topple over.

Lionel graduated from Bright Beginnings and promptly enrolled in the aftercare program to stay on top of the ever-changing parenting needs of his daughter, now age 4. Lionel describes himself as a life-long learner—of parenting skills.

Lifetime Mission Award

In 2000, Carol Ann answered a newspaper ad and began volunteering as a Supervised Visitation Monitor at our Lakeville site. Little did she know that just a week after completing her training, her own family would both need and benefit from this service at a different agency. After serving as a dependable Monitor, with a passion for increasing the visibility of supervised visitation, Carol Ann wanted to do more. Volunteering in the office to build capacity for staff to serve clients, she eventually joined the board in 2006, spearheading many fundraising activities. In 2012, Carol Ann resigned from the board to focus on her volunteer work at our Lakeville site. However, she still visits the main office for special projects.

In 2016, Carol Ann was presented our Lifetime Mission Achievement Award by Arlene Nystuen, founder of FamilyWise and inaugural winner of the award.

2016 Board of Directors

**Board Officers**

- Willie Harbert, President
  - Business Unit Manager, Eaton Corporation
- Sarah Gorajski, Vice President
  - Employment Attorney, Littler Mendelson P.C.
- Kim Anderson, Treasurer
  - Director, Risk Assurance, PwC
- Aidan Mesic, Secretary
  - Dedicated Client Services Officer, Wells Fargo Treasury Management Client Services

**Directors**

- Amee McDonald, Co-Founder/CEO, jabber logic
- Katherine Ilten, Attorney, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
- Lynn Altmann, Vice President of Talent Management, Medica
- Michelle Singleton, Manufacturing Financial Analyst, Post Consumer Brands
- Patty Egan, Portfolio Director, Prime Therapeutics
- Scott Zinken, Special Education Teacher, Anoka-Hennepin Schools
- Shannon Schaaf, Director of Philanthropy, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota