



**CALIFORNIA STATE
FOSTER PARENT
ASSOCIATION
ENDOWMENT FUND**



“To Touch a Life Forever”

The information in this publication is not intended as legal advice. If you have any questions regarding planned gifts, please contact Brian Gilder, 1-800-338-1892 , 8383 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 240, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

California State Foster Parent Association
Founded in 1972 as a non-profit organization (IRS Classification 501(c)(3)), the CSFPA is a state-wide focus group providing training, support and networking opportunities for local foster parent and relative care giver associations. The CSFPA is a strong advocate for children and families with a goal of ensuring a safe, stable, and permanent home for all children, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities.

CSFPA's Mission

There are over 91,000 children in "out-of-home" placements, primarily foster homes, in California at any point in time during the year. This represents approximately 20% of the nation's total foster care population. In addition, there are an even greater number of children being cared for by relatives (versus biological parents), mostly by grandparents. The CSFPA has a primary mission of bringing together all foster parent associations (including relative care providers) to promote the general welfare of children that need protective care everywhere; at home, in the communities where they live, in institutions, and in the public, private, and religious schools. This mission involves many challenges, including informing the general public of, and advocating for, a better understanding of the many issues and impacts of removing children from their birth parents and placing them in foster and relative care provider homes.

California's Child Welfare Services (CWS) has recently proposed several significant changes in the welfare system in an effort to provide every child in California with a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities. The CSFPA is committed to playing a significant role in transforming the child welfare system so as to achieve more efficient and effective outcomes for these children and their families who are most at risk of abuse and neglect. To do this we must encourage the education and training of personnel who work with these families, to develop partnerships and establish accountability for results, and encourage the development of resource families that can provide greater stability for children within our communities. We must work together to ensure that children and families at risk receive the emotional and financial support they need at the time they are needed in order to make these families stronger.

Several counties have developed and implemented successful programs that have improved coordination among child supporting agencies, provided "wrap-around" services for needy families and emancipating youths, and more recently the "Family-to-Family" program and services. We need to expand and

promote these successful programs throughout the State. And the CSFPA is committed to doing just that.

CSFPA Endowment Fund

Contributions to the CSFPA Endowment Fund will enable the State Association to continue advocating for children in out-of-home placements being cared for by foster parents and relative care givers. This state-wide association has established an endowment fund with a goal of raising \$2 million that, once attained, will provide an annual income to ensure the continued operation of the CSFPA and the continued support and training of foster parents and relative care providers.

Contributions to the CSFPA Endowment Fund will enable the State Association to continue to offer several benefits and services to the foster care community.

Advocacy for Children: Continue advocating for children's issues and improvement in services to needy and at risk children and their families.

Newsletter: A quarterly newsletter is sent to all members and selected agency personnel covering issues of special interest to the foster care community.

Scholarships: The CSFPA offers annual scholarships to deserving foster children to encourage them to continue their education and learn a life supporting skill upon emancipation from the welfare system.

Annual Training Conference: An outstanding 3-4 day conference each October brings together care givers and agency personnel where they can learn about issues of common interest and share information and support.

Allegations and Grievances: The State Association offers information and guidance to care providers on how to respond to allegations and/or grievances filed against their person or homes.

Networking Forum: Monthly association meetings at the local level and quarterly meetings of the State Association provide a support network and a wealth of information that assists caregivers in meeting the daily challenges involved in raising someone else's children.

Contributions

Contributions may take many forms; some of the more popular of which are listed below:

Cash: Donations of cash are usually fully deductible for donors who itemize deductions.

***Securities and Mutual Fund Shares:** Donations of appreciated securities and mutual fund shares may be deducted at fair market value on the date of transfer to the CSFPA Endowment Fund. This can often be done at a significant tax savings to donors.

***Planned Gifts:** Charitable gifts annuities and charitable remainder trusts are examples of some planned giving vehicles. By giving such gifts, donors contribute to the CSFPA Endowment Fund and in most cases, increase their annual income, enjoy significant income tax deductions, and avoid taxes on capital gains.

* For more information and guidance on these and other forms of gift giving, please call Brian Gilder , ISN Advisors at 310-804-3767.

Receipt for Donation to Non-Profit Tax Exempt Organization

Received from _____ at _____

a donation valued at \$ _____. Donations to the CSFPA Endowment Fund are tax deductible in that the CSFPA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and assigned IRS Group Exemption Number 4061 and Federal Employee Identification Number or FEIN 95-3014147. The CSFPA is also recognized as tax exempt by the California State Franchise Tax Board, which has assigned tax-exempt organization # 666829CS7FP. The tax-exempt status may be verified by calling the IRS at 877-829-5500 and giving the agent the Group exemption and FEIN numbers.

Date: _____

Leroy Storey, Endowment Fund Chairperson