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of this annual report highlight these efforts. We are committed to being ever-vigilant as good stewards of our resources, we will not
are committed to work on your behalf to assist those in need. The pages
There are no easy solutions, but as a Lutheran social-service agency, we
those we are called to serve.

Family Services of Illinois engages with youth,

stakeholders to improve the well-being of
adults, families, communities and other
communities throughout our state.

In recent years, the trustees have challenged themselves to lead by example when it comes to opportunities for
command to love our neighbors through our support of the agency’s innovative and important work with children
supporters are more than mere volunteers and donors. You are the vehicle by which the mission of the agency
a Favorite topic at Board of trustees meetings is “engagement.”

In Kind Contributions from food depositories     368,836

Legacies and bequests     234,548

Contributions, net   $     569,786

Fees and grants from government agencies    28,887,737

Other revenue    2,238,154

Program service fees    82,726

Thrift shop income    412,842

Release of net assets arising from satisfaction of restrictions     232,360

Decrease in unrestricted net assets    243,950

Increase in temporarily and permanently restricted net assets    73,786

Decrease in net assets    170,164

LCFS Financial Statement
Consolidated statement of activities for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015

Unrestricted Revenue
Contribution revenue $ 569,786
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Other Changes In Net Assets
Reduction of minimum pension liability $     49,296
Swing losses 172,543
Decrease in temporarily and permanently restricted net assets 243,950
Increase in temporarily and permanently restricted net assets 73,786

Net Assets
Beginning of year 4,408,878
END OF YEAR 5,406,226

* Supporting Services are 12.6% of total expenses.

This financial statement was abstracted from the Organization’s June 30, 2015 consolidated financial statements, which were audited by RSM US LLP.

Because the information does not include all the disclosures required by accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America, it does not present the organization’s consolidated financial statements as defined by those standards.

Copies of an unabridged consolidated financial statements are available in written form from the President of the Board of Trustees. A copy is also available online at www.lcfs.org/about-us/financials-publications.

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- Helped children achieve permanence with creative outcomes, through family reunification
- Distributed food and clothing to 475 families per week
- Strengthened 374 families through home-based services
- Supported, sharing and learning… There’s an LCFS event for you. To delve deeper into the numbers that help define the work we accomplish, visit www.lcfs.org/accomplishments

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LCFS always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
—1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

LUCIESEHA WONG (PITCING BELL) KNEW WHAT IT WANTED TO BECOME - A parent and first reviewed Hope for the Future case. Lucieisha was a single mom of two boys, a 13-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter. She was taking care of her family in the best way she knew how, and hoping to support them extend family reunification. One year, her oldest son got into trouble at school and was kicked out of school. Lucieisha knew that she had to help him get back on track. She turned to the local non-profit organization for help. Lucieisha was known for her determination to be a parent and support her children. She was always looking for ways to improve her parenting skills and to provide a stable environment for her children. LCFS helped her to navigate through the system and to develop better parenting skills.

Today, Lucieisha still works hard to help other families. She said, “I give God thanks because of my (boys’) foster parent,” said Lucieisha. “I give thanks for my family and friends who have been there for me.”

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