



# CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT

*Fostering a better way for Connecticut's children*

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Dear Friend:

No! This is not a request for a donation.

Instead, I want to tell you – an investor – what a big difference your gift makes in the lives of abused and neglected children.

I want to start in a somewhat curious way by reflecting on two movies this year: *Blind Side* and *Precious*. It's so hard to imagine and mentally processing the life of an abused and neglected child. But these movies tell stories that we see so often here at Children In Placement.

Both movies tell highly personal stories about abused and neglected children. The harsh realities shock and anger people. The efforts for good inspire people.

We see shock, anger, and inspiration every day here at Children In Placement. We see young men like Michael and young women like Precious. We see them when they enter a system feeling confused and hopeless. And we see them later when – because of your gifts – they have the chance to flourish.

Your investment helps change the lives of these children. Your commitment inspires our volunteers, staff and our board – and the children themselves. We've decided not to use your investment to pay for an additional edition of a fancy full color newsletter. While pretty and impressive, and helpful in drawing attention to our cause, such an expense is not a priority at this time.

We are functioning on as lean a budget as possible. You know the government is cutting financial support to programs and services all over the country. That happened to us, too. So Children In Placement had to lay off staff – and our remaining staff work reduced hours.

The good news is your financial investment has helped to keep us going. Your belief in Children In Placement and your gifts help pay the cost of changing children's lives.

With your gifts, Children In Placement provides –

- Hope for Jovhan who came to us with no hope for his future. This spring Jovhan will complete his first year at Southern Connecticut State University where he is majoring in communications.

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CASA  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

- Hope for Lily, whom many of you met at our annual meeting, who will graduate from Yale University this spring and will be going on to law school in the fall.
- Hope for the future of the hundreds of other children we are working with who need a chance to succeed.

As an independent advocate for children, we know we lose popularity by ruffling feathers. However, we just hope we remain popular with you.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

*P.S. Please give us your feedback - about this newsletter approach and what we're doing in general. Send an email to [cipnh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cipnh@sbcglobal.net) or use the enclosed envelope.*