



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Some of my neighbors decorated for Christmas even before Halloween — like wreaths and outdoor lights -- the whole nine yards. I thought they must have been taking cues from Hobby Lobby on getting a head start. But the reality is that I think we have all been longing for the magic and joy that Christmas brings in the midst of such a taxing year. Because we all desire beauty. We all long for something greater than ourselves — that is how we were created. And the greater story of Jesus' miraculous birth ushers in hope of salvation that surpasses the pain and suffering we experience on this earth.

Hope is powerful. We have all needed it, and we have all experienced it. And we've all faced seemingly "hopeless" circumstances. It is a terrible place to be. The majority of families who come to us are experiencing the pangs of hopelessness. Pain stemming from trauma and loss is wreaking havoc in behaviors and causing relational breakdown, often to the point of desperation.

I want you to remember from our Chosen family to yours...your support over this past year has truly given **HOPE** in the midst of hurt. Not a little. But to **231 families. 1,135 individuals**. Imagine 1,135 packages of hope being unwrapped. What a visual! This is not something that sits on a shelf or gathers rust. Hope is **living** and has literally brought transformational healing in each of these lives.

Presents sometimes look like bicycles and dollhouses at Christmas time, and those can certainly be magical. But healing is for a lifetime.

Thank you for giving the immeasurable gifts of hope & healing to hurting children and families. I pray you experience the beauty and joy of this Christmas season and remember that it is truly more blessed to give than receive.



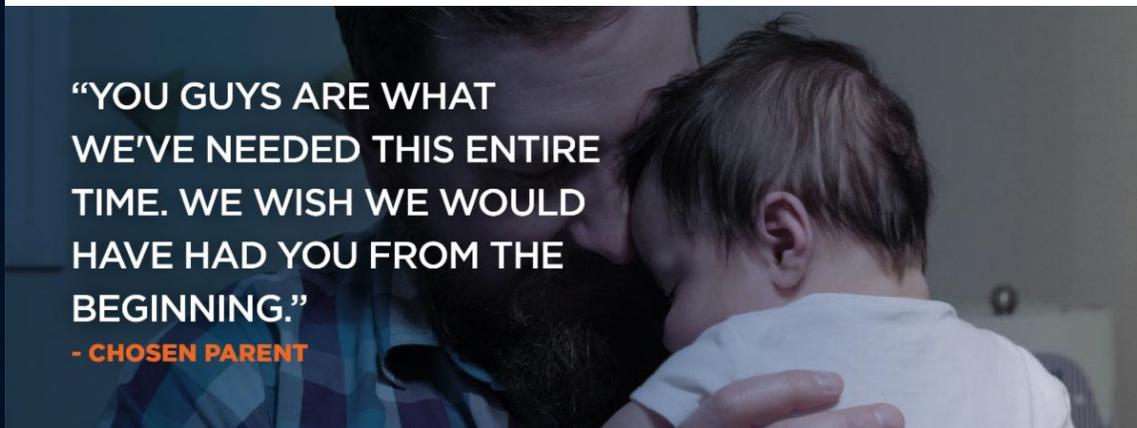
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Chief Executive Officer



**Change A Family
Change A Destiny
Change The World**
HELP US HEAL FAMILIES

GIVE TODAY

Last month, we launched our End of Year Campaign. You change the world by healing families throughout our community. Every dollar you give between now and the end of the year will support our vision of every child thriving in a family.



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- CHOSEN PARENT

When Wesley and Rachel opened their home to foster a child, their hearts were full of love. However, they did not fully realize the needs of their foster son, G. A few short months into welcoming G to their family, trauma-related behavioral issues began to manifest. As Wesley put it, "sometimes it felt hopeless."

They turned to Chosen for tools and resources to help G gain control over his behaviors, and to learn to connect with him. Throughout their 7-month placement, healing began to take place. Today, Wesley and Rachel continue to open their home to foster children.

You help change the world by healing families just like this throughout our community. Together, we can heal the hurt!

Watch this family's story [here](#).

GIVE  NOW

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT

Coffee With Chosen

For children who have experienced trauma, the holidays can be a very hard time. **Here** on Coffee with Chosen, Erika gives us a few thoughts on what to expect this holiday season.



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Chosen is honored to announce our partnership with *My Florida My Family* to provide trauma-informed counseling in the State of Florida in conjunction with the Governor's office. This partnership will allow us to continue expanding our reach, and meeting families *where they are* via telehealth to heal hurting children. We are proud to be a part of this initiative.

Read more about this partnership [here!](#)

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