

all healthy
all safe
all accepted



2024 Annual Report to Congregations

ALL WITH— your partnership

Strengthening Families

Families are thriving through our short-term, evidence-based therapy programs with **97%** of both youth and parents reporting stronger family bonds and improved home life.

Empowering Youth

Our Arise Youth Centers are changing lives. Every single runaway and homeless youth (**100%**) we've worked with has either returned to school or enrolled in a GED program. Even more heartening, **92%** have either returned to their families or found safe, stable housing.

Supporting Students

Students receiving in-school counseling are showing remarkable resilience. Despite facing difficult circumstances and significant personal challenges:

- 93%** are maintaining their academic performance
- 87%** have avoided behavioral incidents
- 96%** are consistently attending school

together we can create stronger, more empowered families

As I reflect on the year gone by, I find a deep sense of gratitude for the strong partnerships and traditions that continue to propel our mission forward. This year has been marked by opportunities for growth and resilience.

Your partnership provides the stability that enables us to face challenges with flexibility and foresight, allowing us to respond effectively to changes in community needs, funding, staffing, and service delivery.



Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen
President/CEO

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthening Families: Soon to be expanded, this pilot program transformed 16 families through a curriculum designed to enhance communication between parents and children.

Expansion of Kinship Services: With 10,000 children in our state being raised by kin without a parent present, our new Kinship Navigator provides essential support to kinship care providers to avoid disruptions for youth in their care.

Post-Adoption Services: We provide enhanced services to support and walk alongside adoptive families and ensure adoptions are successful after the initial adoption process.

Your financial, in-kind, and prayerful support continues to be vital in reaching our vision that all people in South Dakota will be healthy, safe, and accepted.

Resettlement & Immigration: While the full impact of the incoming federal administration is unknown, we are committed to adapting and will continue to serve our new American and immigrant communities with compassion. We expect refugee arrivals to remain steady until Jan. 2025. As a Global Refugee partner, we remain committed to fulfilling our obligation to support new Americans for up to five years after their arrival. Your support is needed now, more than ever.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support that made the successes of 2024 possible and empowers us to prepare for a successful 2025.