

A year of

SUPERHERO TRANSFORMATIONS

made possible by you



Unlock the Doors of Possibility

DEAR LINCOLN CHANGE LEADER,

At Lincoln, there is nothing more important than our work every day, empowering children and families in our communities to unlock the doors of possibility and rewrite the story of growing up in poverty and trauma. The truth is the difference between experiencing Bay Area affluence and high academic achievement rates, and school overcrowding, neighborhood violence, and family instability can be just a few city blocks.

Over the past year, thanks to your support, we strengthened our pipeline to successful adulthood and self-sufficiency through growing programs in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. On one end, we raised the bar for our early childhood programs so kids are ready for school and ready to learn; on the other, we invested more than ever to ensure Lincoln youth are prepared for high school graduation, life, and work success. Along the way, we gave families the support they need to be stronger and stay together, and for their children to thrive, succeed, and grow.

We couldn't do this critical work without you. Many believe as you do: that Lincoln is the best investment to make in our community. We invite you again as a Lincoln Change Leader to join our movement propelling generations of children, youth, and families to beat the odds, build strong futures, and expand what's possible.

Warmly,



Christine Stoner-Mertz
President and CEO

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Spread the word.

Why Our Work Is So Vital

- ▶ 1 in 7 Bay Area children are born into poverty.
- ▶ 1 in 3 Contra Costa County children are chronically absent from school.
- ▶ 50% of students in Oakland are in need of mental health services due to exposure to the stresses of neighborhood violence...more than double the national rate.
- ▶ 88% of youth involved in the juvenile justice system will drop out of school.
- ▶ Nearly 39,000 grandparents in the Bay Area—mostly single grandmothers—are directly responsible for raising their grandchildren.

School Recess

BECAUSE OF YOU

She never imagined they'd bounce from place to place.

Theresa had finally escaped the domestic violence of home, taking her sons Michael and Brian with her. But she didn't earn enough at her part-time job to put food on the table and a roof over their heads. Every single day she struggled to get the boys to school. She didn't have the fallback of a supportive family. She had nothing at all.

Then she found herself in truancy court.

Lincoln was asked to provide support and guidance to get Theresa and her family back on track.

They've since left Lincoln and the court case was dismissed. Theresa is back in school herself and earning her GED. Best of all, Michael and Brian are back in school learning, performing at grade level, and thriving.

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Introduce your friends to our program tours.

Amazing Duos

KEPT TOGETHER BY YOU

Alexa wasn't well. One of her medications cost \$500 a month.

Her grandma, Rita, had retired early from her job to care for her, and desperately needed financial assistance.

Because of your commitment to Lincoln, we were able to provide kinship services and advocate on her behalf. We worked alongside Rita as she completed her applications for Medi-Cal and other benefits.

Now Rita has in place the financial and medical supports she needs and continues to participate in our Kinship support groups. Today, Rita and Alexa are healthy, stable, and most importantly, together.

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Invite your friends to our spring ROOT event.



Healthy Transformations

ACHIEVED THANKS TO YOU

Seventeen. Diagnosed with ADHD and obsessive-compulsive symptoms, Milton's mom frequently needed to call the police when she couldn't manage his destructive behaviors at home.

Often when he went off his medications, his behavior would worsen and he would physically lash out at his siblings. Milton's behavior was deeply impacting the entire family and moving towards them breaking apart. They had to stay together.

With your support, we worked intensively with the family at home to build skills for better communications and to help Milton address his behaviors and control his anger.

Today, Milton has developed strong independent living skills, is on track for graduation, and recently received his first college scholarship offer. This new beginning, we owe to you.

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Enlist new supporters.

Amazing Innovations

Ensuring Sustainability

The 2014-2015 Fiscal Year saw a successful 15% increase in operating revenues to \$19,819,377. Our private fundraising needs will continue to be substantial so that we may fulfill our mission to keep our promise to families to walk alongside them, keep them together, and get their children to graduation. Our hope is to see all Lincoln kids thrive and be self-sufficient. This is the ultimate measure of Lincoln's success, now and for decades to come.

Revenue	Audited July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	Audited July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
Program Revenues	\$15,812,643	\$17,686,550
Interest and Other Income	\$524,666	\$1,228,408
Private support	\$839,335	\$749,498
Special Event	\$62,488	\$154,921
Total Revenue	\$17,239,132	\$19,819,377

Expenses	Audited July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	Audited July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
Program Services	\$14,286,566	\$15,988,940
Support Services	\$3,281,735	\$3,451,728
Total Expenses	\$17,568,301	\$19,440,668

BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT

Our giving circle, Change Leaders for Lincoln, recognizes donors who, through gifts of \$100 or more, make a significant impact on strengthening families and changing lives.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these listings, reflecting contributions received from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

We deeply regret any errors or omissions in this publication. Please phone 510-273-4700, x4324 with any corrections.

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ALL THANKS TO YOU

It used to be that you'd find him sitting quiet and alone at school. But now it's different. Today, he sings cheers and chants that started building his confidence last summer at Lincoln Camp.

Today, you'll find him with a book in his hand telling you about a new word he just learned. Today, he thrives because of your support.

From Harambee Circles to life-changing therapies, your investment in us has made all the difference to kids and families in our communities. Here's a quick glance at the deep impact you helped us achieve over the last year.

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

99% of kinship families remained stable and together

GETTING KIDS TO SCHOOL & LEARNING

96% of youth in our school engagement programs improved attendance

BUILDING RESILIENCY & LIFE SUCCESS

90% of probation youth transitioning back to their families sustained no new offenses or violations



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Help raise funds.

WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE Make a gift through our website's secure online server.

COMPANY MATCH Give a gift through your workplace and matching gift program.

HONORARY TRIBUTE Make a gift in honor of a special occasion or in remembrance.

LEGACY GIVING Contribute to our endowment fund to perpetuate your gift.

STOCK Donate stocks or bond conveniently.

AUTO MONTHLY Contribute monthly via credit card or automatic withdrawal.

VOLUNTEER Give your time as another way to show support.



About Lincoln

Founded in 1883 as the first racially integrated orphanage in Northern California, our mission remains timeless: Lincoln **disrupts the cycle of poverty and trauma, empowering children and families to build strong futures.** Today, Lincoln impacts more than 4,000 children and their families in the most underserved communities of the greater San Francisco Bay Area through a continuum of academic achievement, family strengthening, and well-being programs. An innovative approach, providing comprehensive school, community, and family-focused programs, combined with a unique team-based delivery and sound fiscal management, has established Lincoln as a leading regional provider of children and family services. With Lincoln, kids attend school, learn to read, and stay with their families where they do best. For more information and stories, visit LincolnFamilies.org.

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