BRINGING HOPE TO CHILDREN
A Letter from Jon Kruljac
CEO, THE KEMPE FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to report the progress Kempe has made across a myriad of fronts in our mission to prevent childhood trauma and to improve the well-being of vulnerable children and families. While the challenges many children face continue to mount, particularly pertaining to their mental and emotional health, we remain dedicated to providing positive experiences for children and youth through Kempe’s programs and services. These programs are steeped in research, high quality training, education, mentoring, and in clinical settings.

On the clinical front, in May 2023 we launched the Kids In Care Settings (KICS) clinic for children ages 0-18. The KICS clinic is in partnership with Children’s Hospital of Colorado, Arapahoe County Department of Human Services and Colorado Hospital Substance Exposed Newborn Quality Improvement Collaborative (ChOsEN QIC). The clinic focuses on timely access to primary care, mental and behavioral health, and dental health services, which has proven to be critical in the long-term outcomes for children in care.

Moving further upstream in our prevention endeavors, this past year we implemented our Trauma Responsive Implementation & Practice (TRIP) program in two schools in Northern Colorado. The TRIP in schools program was initially piloted in a school in 2019 and showed not only a reduction in student behavioral disruptions in the classroom but also led to significant improvement in teacher and administrative sense of support and well-being. These positive experiences resulted in a strengthened sense of community for the student body, their families, and the school staff and faculty. The TRIP in schools program is being adapted in three additional elementary schools in Weld County, which has been made possible in part by the generous support of our corporate partner, Chevron. This further expansion of TRIP will reach nearly 2,000 students from kindergarten to the fifth grade and more than 250 teachers and staff. Plans are already underway to expand to three additional elementary schools in the district for the 2024/25 academic year.

In the following pages you can learn more of other programs, initiatives, and advocacy efforts which are expanding Kempe’s reach to serve more children and families.

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We remain deeply indebted to the generosity of our donors, partners, volunteers, board, corporate sponsors, and legislative champions for your continued collaboration and compassion in meeting the needs of children throughout our state and regionally. Your support is critical as we strive to reach more children and families. With your help we can create environments that enable children to feel safe, healthy, and nurtured.

With deep appreciation,

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

During my time on the Kempe Foundation’s Board, it’s been the Stories of Hope that have kept me deeply committed to our mission. These aren’t just stories; they are lived experiences that show how the Kempe Center’s work genuinely changes lives for the better. The transformation I’ve witnessed in children and families due to our programs, advocacy, and research have been both humbling and inspiring.

This past year, Fiscal 2023, was no exception. The Stories of Hope Dinner in April was a truly inspiring evening for us all. I was moved by the courage of those who shared their experiences and by the dedicated Kempe Center professionals who highlighted their tireless work to combat child abuse and neglect. And, of course, by supporters like you who generously contribute time and resources.

Here’s where I want to invite you to take an even more impactful step. Your continued support of the Kempe Foundation does more than just help us maintain our current efforts; it creates a ripple effect that can touch lives for many years to come. As we look toward the future—a future full of opportunities and challenges—I’d like to ask you to consider making a legacy gift in your estate plan. Joining the Kempe Society in this way lets you become part of a long-term solution, one that will make a world of difference for generations yet to come.

It’s been nothing short of an honor to serve as your Board Chair. I am exhilarated at the thought of continuing this remarkable journey with you, and I look forward to celebrating our shared successes at upcoming Kempe events.

With Gratitude and Anticipation,
Dan Seff
Fostering Healthy Futures (FHF) — an evidence-based intervention developed by Professor Heather Taussig and colleagues — is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The positive youth development program uses mentoring and skills development to empower youth with child welfare involvement to create their own healthy futures. After running randomized controlled trials of FHF spanning decades, the FHF team is focused on implementing the intervention more broadly, helping even more youth and families to thrive. FHF has served more than 1,000 children and youth, and the program has trained more than 400 social work, psychology and public health graduate students who have interned as mentors or assisted with research. In a recently funded bill to prevent youth homelessness in Colorado, FHF was included as an example of the type of program to support for expansion, based on its strong evidence. FHF is now partnering with various agencies across the state to broaden the reach and help more children and families. FHF recently expanded their offerings with a new program called Fostering Adolescent Skills through Mentoring (FASM). FASM is designed to enhance the impact of current mentoring programs by teaching program staff to train mentors to engage in goal setting and skill-building activities during their individual mentoring visits with youth. FHF’s programs are now reaching more youth in 4 states and 7 Colorado counties. FHF anticipates reaching over 200 young people this year with its contextually-sensitive and growth-promoting programming.
CARE Network

Kempe’s CARE Network of medical providers (physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and forensic nurse examiners) include experts in the area of pediatrics and emergency medicine. Our behavioral health providers are trained in evidence-based trauma treatment modalities, child development, trauma, complex trauma and family systems.

At the conclusion of our third year of implementation, we currently have one or more trained providers in 39% (25) of Colorado’s 64 counties with 66 trained Network providers across the state.

When returning providers are surveyed about how participation in the CARE Network has improved their communities:

- 95% indicated improved access to medical exams.
- 89% noted improved access to behavioral health assessments.
- 86% identified improved coordination with other child and family servicing agencies.

CARE Network providers performed holistic evaluations—consistently identifying issues and translating those into coordinated referrals for children and families.

At the conclusion of our third year of implementation, we currently have one or more trained providers in:

- 25 OF COLORADO’S 64 COUNTIES
- WITH
- 66 TRAINED NETWORK PROVIDERS ACROSS THE STATE.

Kids in Care Settings

Kempe’s Kids in Care Settings (KICS) Clinic started in May 2023 in partnership with Children’s Hospital Colorado. The KICS Clinic is for children and teens in out-of-home placement. Data shows these children often don’t receive care on a timely basis and their needs may be complex in nature. Our care model is trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and focuses on both biological families as well as foster and kinship families. The Clinic works with community partners and is committed to health equity. The Clinic’s highly awaited services include integrated mental and behavioral health, physical health, dental care, care coordination, community health navigation, social work, and behavioral health navigation. Preliminary results are proving this clinic will significantly help this vulnerable population.
A primary focus of The Kempe Foundation’s public policy and advocacy efforts goes toward maintaining and expanding funding for child abuse and neglect prevention programs that we know work for children and families. We testified in support of several bills, including a bill focused on the prevention of youth homelessness for kids in foster care that highlighted two Kempe programs, Fostering Healthy Futures and Multi-Systemic Therapy, which show evidence in reducing homelessness as well as promoting other meaningful benefits addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of children in care settings. This included expansion of state funding for prevention programs targeted at youth homelessness. We also supported legislation aimed at removing barriers for kinship placements, continuing to advocate for better mental health care for youth, and protecting the rights of Colorado’s tribe members in child welfare interactions.

### Financials FY2023

#### EXPENSES
- Child Abuse & Neglect Programs: $1,079,744
- Advocacy: $173,722
- Pavilion Services: $354,195
- Management and General: $210,501
- Development: $359,307

**TOTAL** $2,177,469

#### REVENUE
- Individuals: $259,965
- Corporations: $140,393
- Foundations: $265,686
- Government: $197,286
- Special Events, Net: $345,426
- Earned Income: $302,781
- In-kind: $1,904

**TOTAL** $1,513,441

### Kempe Supported bills passed in the Colorado state legislature

#### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- HB23-1003 | School Mental Health Assessment
- HB23-1269 | Extended Stay And Boarding Patients

#### CHILD WELFARE
- HB 23-1024 | Relative And Kin Placement Of A Child
- HB23-1043 | Emergency And Continued Placement With Relative Or Kin
- HB23-1142 | Information Of Person Reporting Child Abuse
- SB23-082 | Colorado Fostering Success Voucher Program

#### OTHER/SYSTEM CHANGE
- HB23-1108 | Victim And Survivor Training For Judicial Personnel
- SB23-002 | Medicaid Reimbursement For Community Health Services
The 4th Annual Kempe Topgolf Challenge took place on August 30 welcoming a variety of returning sponsors and golfers, along with many new supporters. This was the perfect corporate engagement event and an excellent way to hang out with friends all in support of the Kempe Foundation's mission. With the combination of sponsorships, golfers and auction, the event surpassed our revenue goal of $62,000.

The Uniting Communities Kempe Policy Makers Breakfast on September 14 offered the opportunity to hear from Colorado General Assembly members, along with renowned advocates for the safety and wellbeing of children. Representative Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez (HD4) and Representative Rod Pelton (HD65) participated in an interactive discussion on their reasons for supporting legislation that impacts child abuse prevention, while Jill Korbin, PhD and Dick Krugman, MD discussed how community and neighborhood conditions impact rates of child abuse and neglect.

This fundraising event, the largest event of the year for the Foundation, highlighted stories of hope told through professionals, families and those with lived experience. This interactive fundraising event included dinner, auction, awards, and entertainment and raised over $440,000 for Kempe programs.

The Kempe Foundation, Kempe Center Professionals, United Energy Trading staff, Principal Jennifer Forbes and second-grade students at Meadow Ridge Elementary School all participated in a memorable toy drive.
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