

2020'S SILVER LINING

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICES, INC.



a Christian Alternative 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

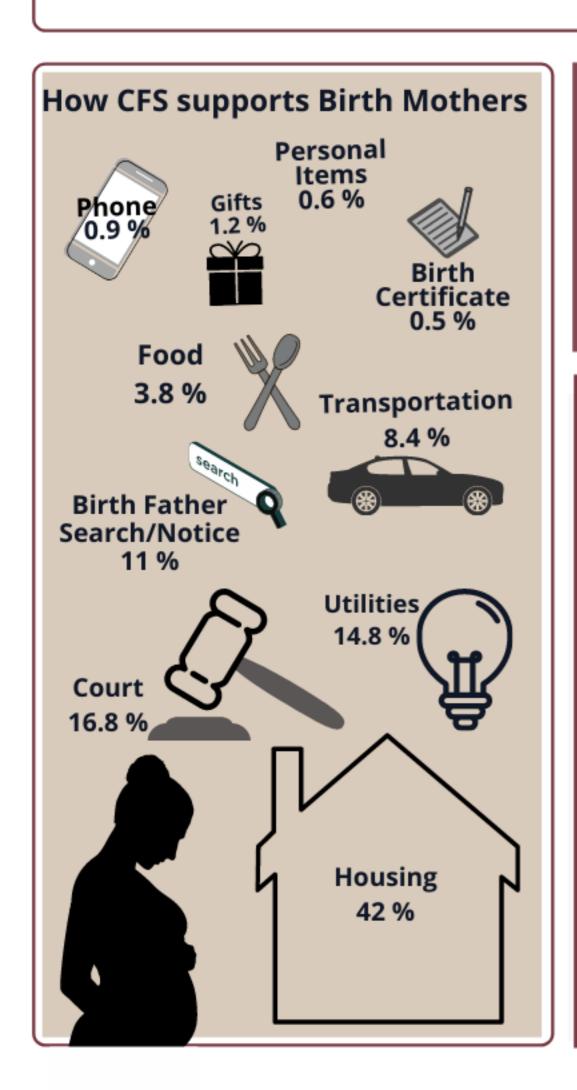
We were in awe at the number of faithful donors who, in spite of all their own uncertainty, chose to be a blessing to moms. Once again, we were blessed to see how the Lord had truly equipped / blessed so many such as **YOU**, so that the needs of this ministry were always met on time. \mathcal{G}_{erry}



What we know about the women who placed their child with an adoptive family*

- her average age was 25 years
- -50% had other children
- -33.3% had part time employment
- -33.3% were students
- 33.3% are unknown

*women choosing Safe Haven are not included in data



Of the 141 Birth Mother inquiries in 2020:

17 made adoption plans with CFS

chose Safe Haven as their adoption plan

15 expectant women received substantial financial assistance

Adoptive Families

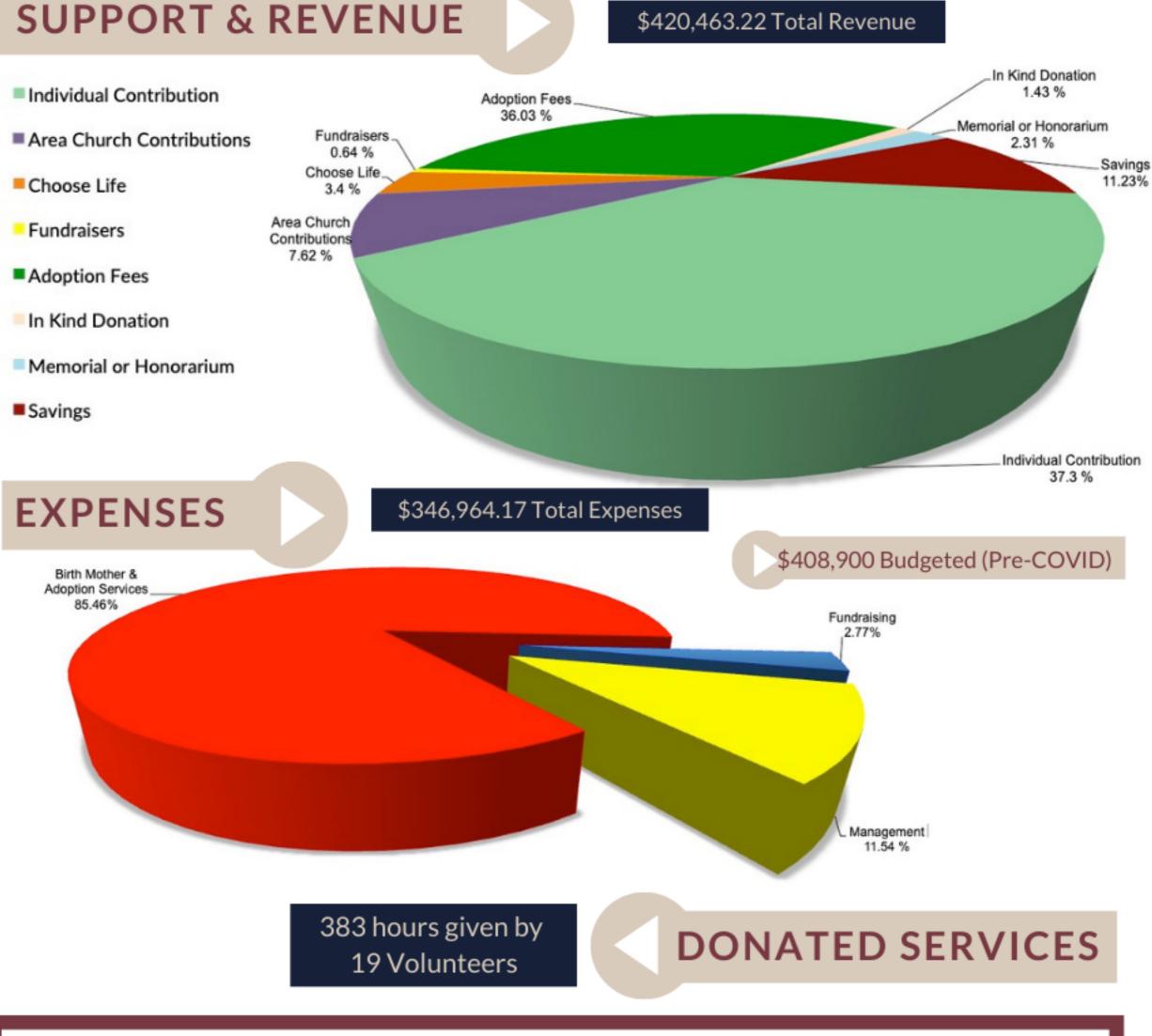
- 90 Adoption inquiries were received by CFS in 2020
- 20 Applications to Adopt were offered
- 11 Couples made application to Adopt
- 2 couples proceeded to the Adoptive Family waiting list
- 7 couples continued application process into 2021

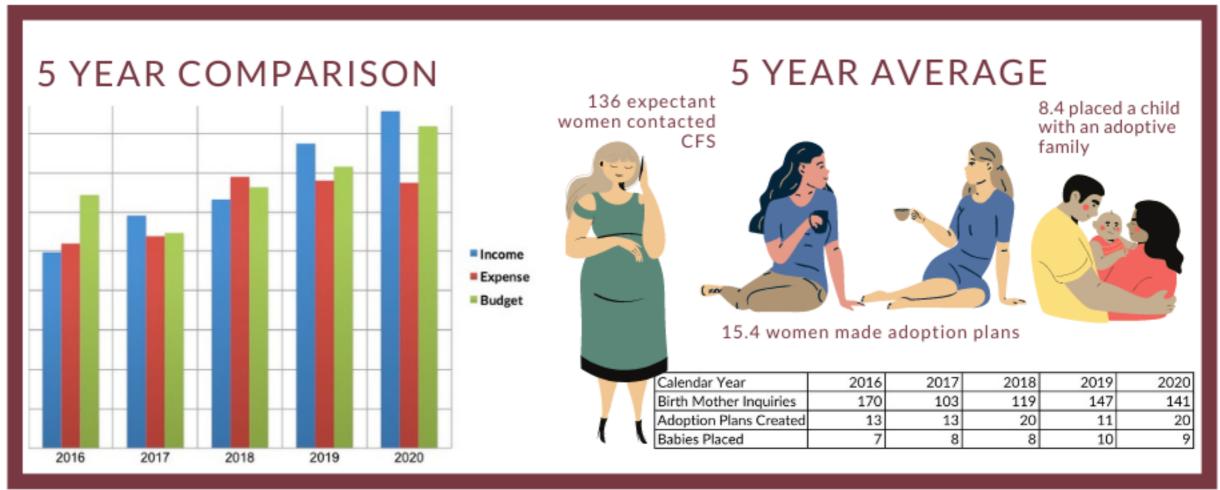
9 Christian couples received an infant placement from CFS

Of the CFS Families receiving a placement in 2020, the average wait for a child was 8.5 months









In 2020, CFS Caseworkers counseled **141** pregnant women **20** of these women made adoption plans with a CFS Counselor

"Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings you into the land that He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and carved cisterns which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied..."

Deuteronomy 6:10-11

When our youngest team member, Jasmine Pierce, was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, she penned the article *More than a Ministry*, which we shared in the first **CFS Family Times** (Newsletter) of 2020. She reminded us all how CFS continues to strive to help as many women as possible, and with hopeful and past adoptive families. Little did we know how our world would change in a few short weeks following the release of that Newsletter!

During the first weeks of the pandemic, it was difficult to find housing for clients. In April, we shared with you a need for emergency housing assistance. **YOU** responded generously and provided! In addition, there was anxiety over abortion clinics remaining open while medical facilities were closed due to the virus. There was real concern that some women would choose abortion during uncertain times. We worked harder to reach these women.

In addition, with two major fundraisers cancelled, there was concern over meeting the budget. Generous donors, like **YOU**, kept the ministry afloat. The Paycheck Protection Program assisted with payroll for two months.

Also, our God, in His wisdom, had planned ahead. The CFS board set aside funds in an investment. One of the companies in this fund was in high demand, which led to the CFS investment growing. As one board member remarked "it's as if this fund grew to cover the lost parking fundraiser." Just as we see in the Deuteronomy passage (above), CFS has been able to work through a rough time for a non-profit, and we know WHO provided!

We recognize that God provided for CFS, through **YOU**. Thank you for providing Caseworkers to be available to clients who were already in a tough situation, and who needed non-judgmental advice given in His Love.





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