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Defending America's  
Abused and Neglected Kids

# Children’s Rights is on a mission.

We are determined to build upon our past success, and protect even more abused and neglected kids when child welfare systems fail to do so. Meaningful reform takes time — but with 640,000 children living in foster care every year, we are acting with urgency to ensure vital, life-altering changes occur.

Over the past year, Children’s Rights made sure children in **Connecticut** moved out of institutions and into family homes, kids in **metropolitan Atlanta** regularly visited with their caseworkers and young people in **Michigan** were adopted into loving families more quickly.

We continued to fight on behalf of children in **Rhode Island**, too many of whom live in group homes and shelters; in **Massachusetts**, where kids are being maltreated in state care at a high rate; and in **Texas**, where thousands of children languish in care as their hopes for permanent families dwindle.

We also sought justice for an 11-year-old **South Carolina** boy who was sexually assaulted by another boy in a poorly-supervised group home, then denied the mental health services he desperately needed to heal. Our fierce advocacy led to a settlement, and in the wake of our lawsuit the group home, which had a history of child-on-child abuse, closed its doors.

The case exposed a child welfare system operating with a shocking lack of safety and oversight. It revealed a dangerous policy — at one point the state did not even require staff to be awake in some group homes — and highlighted a severe shortage of foster family homes, a factor that pushes too many South Carolina children into unsafe group homes and institutions.

Over nearly two decades, our team has shown time and again that we are experts in foster care reform. In years to come, we will continue to confront pressing child welfare issues and target areas where our law and policy skills, and our ability to push concerns to the forefront, can best leverage widespread change.

Children’s Rights knows thousands of kids are depending on us to ensure they are safe and have the care they need. We are resolved to remain the vigilant, smart, passionate advocates they deserve and the leading national voice for foster care reform.



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Sandy Santana  
Interim Executive Director



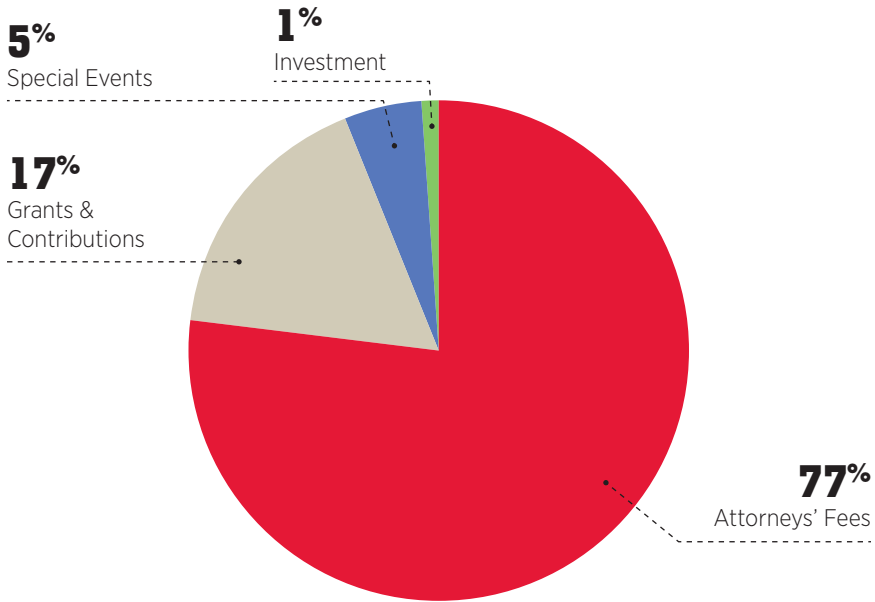
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Alan C. Myers  
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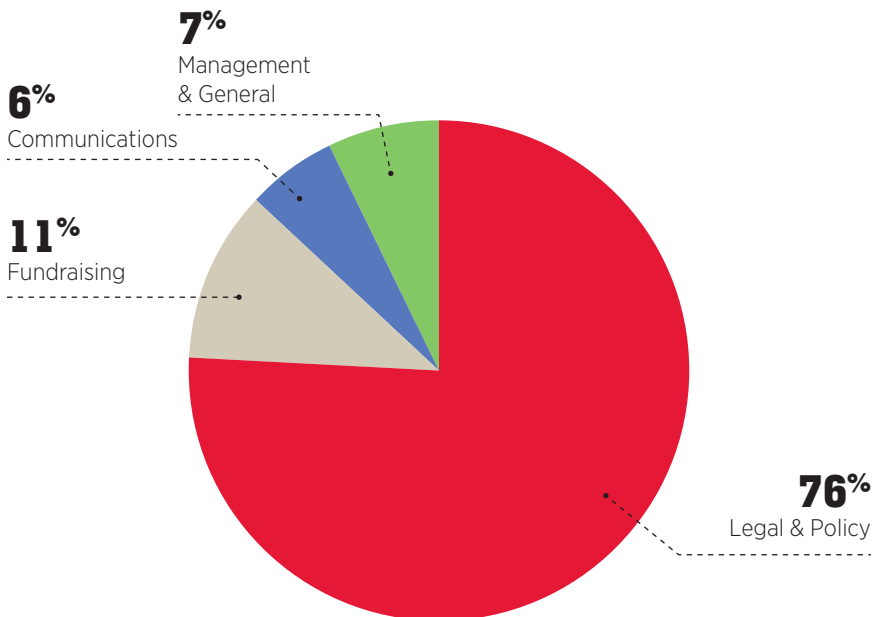
## INCOME

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## EXPENSES

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# 2013 FINANCES

## Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2013

<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Attorneys' Fees	7,071,795		7,071,795
Contributions	1,360,967	220,000	1,580,967
Special Events	487,928		487,928
Investment Income	71,990		71,990
In-Kind Donations	5,000		5,000
Program Income	14,000		14,000
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	179,975	(179,975)	—
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>	<b>9,191,655</b>	<b>40,025</b>	<b>9,231,680</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Legal	4,561,430		4,561,430
Policy	200,579		200,579
Communications	370,440		370,440
Management and General	451,344		451,344
Fundraising	681,497		681,497
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,265,290</b>		<b>6,265,290</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>2,926,365</b>	<b>40,025</b>	<b>2,966,390</b>
<b>Net Assets – Beginning of Year</b>	<b>5,693,990</b>	<b>329,975</b>	<b>6,023,965</b>
<b>Net Assets – End of Year</b>	<b>8,620,355</b>	<b>370,000</b>	<b>8,990,355</b>

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