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At a time when one in five kids in the United States of America lives in poverty, deep cuts to vital government programs — across nutrition, health, drug treatment and anti-poverty programs — threaten the very survival of our children.

And with the opioid epidemic sweeping our nation, even more children are ending up in foster care, with stark increases disrupting a decade-long downward trend.

The U.S. government’s immigrant family separation policy is just the most recent example of the assault on the rights of children in America.

This year, Children’s Rights took a lead role in supporting the ACLU in a federal law suit seeking to reunite a mother and her seven-year-old daughter who fled violence in their home country. Ms. L presented herself at the border and said she was seeking asylum. But officials forcibly separated her and her daughter and detained them in facilities 2,000 miles apart.

Our brief argues that the administration’s child separation policy is inhumane, unconstitutional, and violates national and international child welfare laws. Ms. L and her daughter are now back together — but a national class action law suit continues to permanently end this cruel practice.

It is against this disturbing backdrop that Children’s Rights works to hold the government accountable for keeping kids safe and healthy. Every day, children are harmed by the very systems that are supposed to be caring for them. Kids are frequently separated from their parents without due process, or shuttled from one foster home to another. They are institutionalized in unsafe settings, denied basic health care benefits and incarcerated under inhumane and illegal conditions.

In response, with your support, Children’s Rights uses strategic advocacy and legal action to stop the neglect and abuse of children:

• **Child Separation and Detention:** We are working with a coalition of state attorneys general who have taken legal action challenging the inhumane practice of child separation.

• **Psychotropic Drugs / Solitary Confinement:** In Iowa we have brought an important human rights case representing boys in juvenile detention who are being given powerful psychotropic drugs, held in solitary confinement and put in restraints that make it almost impossible to move.

• **LGBTQ Rights:** We are launching a six-state effort advocating for laws and policies to protect the rights of LGBTQ youth, based on recommendations in a groundbreaking report that we published with Lambda Legal and the Center for the Study of Social Policy.

• **Improving Child Welfare Systems:** Our landmark Tennessee case has resulted in the wholesale overhaul of that state’s child welfare system, which is now seen as a model for the nation. And we continue to fight to make life better for 20,000 children in Arizona’s child welfare system as well as drive needed reforms in five other states.

We must do all we can to protect children and families in these perilous times. They are depending on us — and you. Thank you for believing in us and supporting our work.

Sincerely,

Megan Shattuck
Chair, Board of Directors

Sandy Santana
Executive Director
2017 FINANCES

SOURCE OF FUNDS

- 37% Special Events
- 34% Grants & Contributions
- 27% Attorney Fees
- 1% Investment
- 0% All Other Income

USE OF FUNDS

- 65% Legal & Policy
- 15% Fundraising
- 12% Management & General
- 8% Communications

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## 2017 FINANCES

### Statement of Activities  Year ended December 31, 2017

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| Change in Net Assets        | (2,614,148)  | 121,010               | (2,493,138) |
| Net Assets – Beginning of Year | 4,334,481    | 46,427                | 4,380,908  |
| Net Assets – End of Year    | 1,720,333    | 167,437               | 1,887,770  |
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