Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2016 at Voices for Virginia’s Children, we are struck by the exciting new connections we made, and opportunities they gave us to broaden our impact. To name a few:

- We welcomed two new staff members last summer, both of whom hit the ground running:
  - Allison Gilbreath, our policy analyst for foster and juvenile justice. Allison has traveled the state educating former foster youth, judges, and attorneys about the Fostering Futures program and Medicaid to 26, two policies we continue to champion.
  - Beth Nolan, our KIDS COUNT Director. Beth revamped the KIDS COUNT Data Center with a number of new indicators and developed new regional infographics on children’s economic well-being.

- We were joined by enthusiastic and hard-working new members of our Board of Directors, each of whom has already made meaningful contributions:
  - Joyce Shields and Laurie Flynn of Alexandria, and
  - Peter Schneir, Annie Kasper, and Jennifer Gentry of the Richmond area.

- We hosted a unique and memorable event at Wolf Trap in December called “Voices Uplifted,” highlighting the talents of opera singer Ryan Speedo Green and author Daniel Bergner, allowing us to introduce more community leaders and region of Virginia to our mission and impact.

- We connected with the many dedicated professionals on the ground throughout the Commonwealth who are working to raise awareness about the impact of trauma on children and to create resilient communities through local and regional trauma-informed community networks.

We have carried that momentum into 2017 with significant achievements for children in the recent General Assembly session, which you can read about elsewhere in this report. Our reputation for bringing data and research to policy discussions in a non-partisan manner is what helps Voices realize success for children year after year.

Because of Virginia’s pending elections, 2017 is an especially important time for child advocates. We will be electing a new governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general, as well as all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Voices must continue to expand our reach, and share valuable information about the well-being of kids throughout every locality and region of Virginia, if children’s issues are to become prominent in the minds of voters and candidates alike.

As part of our non-partisan electoral advocacy, we are releasing The Future of Virginia Starts Today: An Election Guide this summer. It provides up-to-the-minute data and infographics about what’s working for children in Virginia and what’s not, as well as questions you can ask candidates about their positions.

The board and staff of Voices for Virginia’s Children are incredibly grateful for all our supporters, who make our work possible. It is important to us that we remain totally privately funded so that we are never competing for governmental funds with programs that serve children directly. You—the foundations, corporations, and individuals who support us—are the champions that make that independence possible.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jamie Dyke Clancey
Chair, Board of Directors
Margaret Nimmo Holland
Executive Director

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GREETINGS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

WINS FOR KIDS IN THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Voices for Virginia’s Children, the Commonwealth’s only multi-issue child advocacy organization, works with policymakers on both sides of the aisle to advocate for laws and funding that improve the lives of Virginia’s children. We partner with organizations throughout Virginia and mobilize advocates to speak up for children and their well-being.

This year the Commonwealth faced a $1.5 billion shortfall heading into the General Assembly session, so our first priority was to protect investments in children’s services, many of which were gained in 2016. We are proud to report that our efforts and those of our partners were successful; no cuts to children’s services were made in the 2017 session.

We also helped advance key policies in a number of areas:

- **$** To improve the economic security of families with children, Voices helped stop a bill to reduce the amount of time a family can receive TANF, a type of cash assistance for very low-income families. A bill to change the lifetime limit from 60 months to 24 months did not move from committee because we and others highlighted that the change would have no fiscal benefit to the state and that Virginia’s policies are already very restrictive.

- **We continued to champion the needs of Virginia’s youth aging out of foster care by ensuring they are enrolled in health insurance. A bill to auto-enroll foster youth into “Medicaid to 26” was passed, which will help ensure that youth do not lose their health insurance when they turn 19.**

- **We worked with parents and partners to continue to improve safety in child care. A bill passed that applies fingerprint background checks to license-exempt, regulated child care providers.**

- **Often, the first step in moving policy forward is educating lawmakers about an issue. Voices was deeply involved in two important and related educational efforts this session:**
  - **Introducing policymakers to regional trauma-informed community networks and recognizing their efforts to use brain research to work more effectively with children and families who have experienced trauma.**
  - **Sparking the conversation around dismantling the school to prison pipeline by reducing school suspension and expulsions.**

Although the bills did not pass this year, we helped lay the groundwork for future policy changes.
2016 FINANCIAL SCHEDULES

**INCOME**
- Foundations: $373,500
- Corporations: $59,500
- Organizations: $166,950
- Individual: $86,849
- Other: $118,042

Total Income: $774,841

**EXPENSES**
- KIDS COUNT: $133,393
- Early Childhood: $132,342
- Health and Mental Health: $147,555
- Foster care and Adoption: $99,136
- Family Economic Success: $13,033

Total Program and Advocacy: $525,459

- Capacity and Growth: $30,186
- Lobbying: $14,870
- Management and Development: $177,126

Total Expenses: $747,641

DONOR RECOGNITION 2016

**$100,000+**
- The Annie E. Casey Foundation
  - Partnership for America's Children

**$25,000 – $99,999**
- Community Catalyst, Inc.
  - Community Foundation of the National Capital Region
  - Consumer Health Foundation
  - Dominion Foundation
  - Dominion Resources Services, Inc.
  - Jackson Foundation
  - The Meyer Foundation
  - The Robins Foundation

**$5,000 – $24,999**
- AT&T
  - Bon Secours Health System
  - Batten Family Fund
  - Better Family Fund in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
  - First Focus
  - Foehr Family Fund of The Community Foundation serving Richmond and Central Virginia
  - Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Kightley III
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  - Koval Family Fund
  - The Community Foundation serving Richmond and Central Virginia
  - Ms. Brigitte Lavey
  - Ms. Amanda Macauley
  - Vandana and Sobin Malone
  - Ms. Maria McManus
  - Reva and Ronald M. Guggenheim Foundation
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**$1,000 – $4,999**
- Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson
  - Ms. Joyce Shields
  - Washington Gas

**$500 – $999**
- ART 180
  - ChildSavers
  - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christenson
  - Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edmunds Jr.
  - The Honorable Audrey Franks
  - The Honorable and Mrs. William Hazel
  - The Honorable and Mrs. William Hazen
  - Mr. and Mrs. Al Moss

**$250 – $499**
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Hare

CHAMPIONS’ CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT

Voices for Virginia’s Children introduced its first ever major gifts society in 2014. With eight inaugural members, The Champions Circle provides an opportunity for child advocates to help build a reliable base of support for our current and future work.

To join The Champions Circle, members make a three-year financial commitment of $1,000 or more per year. This commitment provides Voices with the stability and flexibility to respond to the emerging needs of the Commonwealth’s children. It ensures that Voices remains the leading independent, non-partisan advocate for children at the state capital. As you know, Voices operates entirely through private funding, enabling us to put the interests of Virginia’s children first.

**THE CHAMPIONS’ CIRCLE MEMBERS**
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arenstein
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- Dr. Joyce O. Beckett and Mr. John Purnell Jr.
- Sandra and J.E. Bowen
- Ms. Laurie Flynn
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- Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Hare
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- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Booche
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Opera sensation and Virginia native Ryan Speedo Green lent his voice and inspirational story.
Our mission is to champion public policies that improve the lives of Virginia’s children.

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