

# 2017

## Annual Report



## The Foundlings Foundation

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## Our Mission and Values

### Mission

Our mission is to provide education and creative learning platforms for orphanages in the Philippines to support youth for long term outcomes of meaningful lives, sustainable development and economic self-sufficiency.

### Values

**Accountability:** We take responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results, and being accountable to supporters, partners and families.

**Collaboration:** We respect and value each other, thrive on our diversity, and work with partners to leverage our global strength in making a difference for youth and families.

**Creativity:** We are open to new ideas, embrace change, and take disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for and with youth and families.

**Education:** We seek to expand educational opportunity in ways that are life-changing for children and transforming for their communities. Likewise, we seek to learn and improve constantly in our organization.

**Leadership:** We strive to develop and become the leaders necessary to realize educational excellence and equity. We establish bold visions and invest others in working towards them.

**Strategic:** We work in purposeful, strategic, and resourceful ways to achieve our goals and outcomes.



### Colorado Secretary of State

The Foundlings is ranked as a nonprofit in good standing with the State of Colorado.

## A Letter from our Co-Founders

Dear Friends,

Fall 2017 launched The Foundlings' inaugural year as a nonprofit foundation. The aim of The Foundlings is to help orphaned children who may never be adopted take control and design a life for themselves they may have never thought possible.

**Did you know that there are 1.8 million children in the country, more than 1% of its entire population, are “abandoned or neglected,” according to the United Nations' Children's Rights & Emergency Relief Organization? Some are victims of extreme poverty; others of natural disasters and armed conflicts in the country's riven south.** We are two adopted Filipinos from the same Orphanage, currently now residing in Denver, Colorado. This cause is very close to both of our hearts and we are now positioned to bring much needed attention to this area of the Philippines.

The Foundlings applied for our 501(c)3 tax-exempt status in October 2017 and have been working hard to build the “foundation” of our nonprofit. From board development, strategic planning and reaching out to develop relationships in the nonprofit community, our team ensured our nonprofit launched on solid ground. We chose not to fundraise this year as we developed our fundraising strategies and how to best utilize future funding for our programs. We want to ensure our future donors we are committed to strategy, transparency and integrity in our programs and development. As our programs develop we will trace long term outcomes of our goals for meaningful education, sustainable development and economic self-sufficiency.

The Foundlings was pleased to be a highlighted nonprofit for Colorado Nonprofit Awareness Month in November 2017. We were featured in a campaign both before a live audience and broadcast on public cable tv, highlighting our work via Denver Open Media and Nonprofit Navigation's charity spotlight.

We invite you to join us in 2018 to make an impact. The Foundlings has opportunities to make a difference in the areas of special event planning, marketing, fundraising, mentorship, and internships. We look forward to partnering together for positive change. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Brandi Shigley & Sammy Taggett

Co-Founders



## Become Involved

Your support makes what we do possible. On behalf our board members, children and families served in our communities, The Foundlings thanks you for your compassion as well as your generosity.

### Volunteer

What's your specialty? We welcome you to join our team! We have opportunities to make a difference in the areas of special event planning, marketing, fundraising, mentorship, and internships.



### Partnerships

Our partners and sponsors make what we do possible. Whether you are interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, or collaborating as a partner on one of our projects or fundraising events, we look forward to working together with you.

Yes I am interested in:

- Volunteering
- Serving on the Board of Directors
- Sponsoring or Hosting an Event
- Donating services, gifts in kind, or a financial contribution

Please visit our website [www.TheFoundlings.org](http://www.TheFoundlings.org) to learn more.

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