

State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services

Annual Report for Illinois Licensed Adoption Agencies

Date: October 27, 2023

Name of Agency: St. Mary's Services DBA Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's Services

Corporate Address*: 510 N Plum Grove Road
Palatine, IL 60067

Illinois DCFS
License/Provider ID number: 040234-16 Telephone: 847-870-8181

License Effective date: February 17, 2023 to February 27, 2027

The reporting period and answers to all questions for this report relate to the agency's most recent fiscal year. Specify the dates of your agency's fiscal year and reporting period for this report: 7/1/2023 - Current

***If the agency operates satellite or branch offices, please attach a separate sheet listing complete addresses of all other offices.**

This report is to be completed by agencies providing adoption services and shall be filed with the Department of Children and Family Services and with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. In addition, each licensed agency that maintains a website shall provide this report on its website. The report shall be filed annually, no later than the 45th day following an adoption agency's license anniversary date. Failure to provide the annual report or disclose certain information required in the report may result in the suspension of an agency's license for a period of 90 days. Subsequent violations may result in a revocation of the license. [Rule 401.530]

This report applies only to the provision of adoption services and includes agencies providing foster care conversion services.

Question number 1 (A – M) pertains only to domestic and international agency-assisted adoption services, and home study services-only programs. Question number 1 (A-M) does not pertain to foster care conversion adoptions. Agencies that provide adoption services only through foster care conversions must answer questions 2 – 12, but need not answer question number 1.

Please respond to the following questions with a yes or no answer on the left and provide additional detail as requested:

NA 1. **Non-identifying** information for the past year concerning adoption is attached:

Domestic Agency-Assisted Adoptions

- A. The number of adoptive families who have submitted an agency application but who are not yet licensed: NA
- B. The number of adoptive families who are licensed and awaiting domestic placement as of the agency's fiscal year end: NA
- C. The number of biological parents who the agency provided services to during the reporting period for domestic adoption: 20
- D. The number of children placed in adoptive homes during the year:
Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 7
Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0

E. The number of adoptions initiated during the year:
Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 12
Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0

F. The number of adoptions finalized during the year:
Adoptive parents/families who are Illinois Residents: 7
Adoptive parents/families who are non-Illinois Residents: 0

G. The number of adoptive placement disruptions: 0

H. The number of domestic adoption dissolutions this year: 0

International Adoptions (either by direct placements/referrals, or through home-study-services-only)

Check the boxes that apply to the intercountry adoption services the agency provides:

- Child referral/matching placement services;
- Adoption home study/post placement services (utilized by families who are working with another agency for their referral/match);
- None.

The number of adoptive families who have submitted an agency application but who are not yet approved or licensed: _____

The number of adoptive families who are licensed or approved and awaiting international placement: _____

The number of international adoptive placements made during the year: _____

List the countries with which you have accredited international adoption programs:

The number of international adoptions finalized this year in the U.S., specifying the countries of origin: _____

The number of finalizations in other countries, specifying the countries of origin:

The number of international adoptive placement disruptions: _____

No 2. Has the agency:

- lost the right to provide adoption services in any state or country,
- had its license suspended for cause, or
- was the agency the subject of other sanctions by any court, governmental agency, or governmental regulatory body relating to the provision of adoption services?

If the answer to any portion of this question is yes, attach a full and complete statement of explanation.

- No 3. During the past year, were any actions related to licensure initiated against the agency by a licensing or accrediting body?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 4. During the past year, has the agency been a named party in any civil court actions in relation to the provision of foster care or adoption services?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 5. Is the agency currently the subject of a pending investigation by federal or state authorities?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 6. Were there any criminal charges, child abuse charges, malpractice complaints, or lawsuits related to the provision of adoption services against the agency or any of its employees, officers, or directors during the past year?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation and the basis or disposition of the actions.
- No 7. Was the agency found liable for any civil or administrative violation or found guilty of or pled guilty to any criminal or administrative violation that relates to the provision of adoption services under federal, state or foreign law?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 8. Was any employee, officer or director of the agency found guilty of any crime or determined to have violated a civil law or administrative rule relating to the provision of adoption services under federal, state or foreign law?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- No 9. Was any civil or administrative proceeding relating to adoption services instituted by the agency during the year (excluding uncontested adoption proceedings and proceedings filed pursuant to Section 12a of the Adoption Act)?
If the answer is yes, attach a complete statement of explanation.
- Yes 10. The agency's website address is: <https://www.hopefulbeginning.org/>
- Yes 11. An audited financial statement for the prior fiscal year, including a general description of fees, wages, salaries and other compensation described in Rule 401.565(a), certified by an independent public accountant, is attached.
- Yes 12. This Annual Report with attachments and audited financial statement, certified by an independent public accountant, has been posted on the website listed in item 9.
- Yes 13. Effective August 15, 2005, Annual Reports are available upon request.

Information contained in this report is subject to the applicable confidentiality requirements of the Child Care Act and the Adoption Act.

I certify that the above statements are true and accurate, based on information available to me at this time.

Natalie Rodriguez

Printed or typed name of Executive Director

Signature of Executive Director

Date

Mailing Instructions on the back

This report is to be mailed to the child welfare agency's A&I licensing Unit and the Illinois Attorney General's Office:

Illinois Attorney General
Charitable Trust Bureau
100 W. Randolph Street, 11th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601
312-814-2595 or 312-814-3000

DCFS Agency and Intuitional Licensing Units:

Cook County

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1911 S. Indiana Ave. – 9th Fl.
Chicago, IL 60616

Northern Region

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1619 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60435

Central / Southern Region

A&I Licensing Unit
A&I Licensing Supervisor
1124 N. Walnut
Springfield, IL 62702

Financial Statements

ST. MARY'S SERVICES dba Hopeful Beginnings of St. Mary's Services

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022)

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 115,752	\$ 314,239
Investment Securities	3,818,119	3,476,353
Accounts Receivable	48,368	7,412
Property Tax Refund Receivable	47,267	44,832
Prepaid Expenses	8,722	9,811
Total Current Assets	<u>4,038,228</u>	<u>3,852,647</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Property and Equipment, net	330,568	344,548
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	6,466,956	5,953,530
Investment Securities, Restricted for Endowments	581,840	581,840
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>7,379,364</u>	<u>6,879,918</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 11,417,592</u>	<u>\$ 10,732,565</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 30,666	\$ 41,994
Current Liabilities	30,666	41,994
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	4,190,490	4,007,561
Designated	147,640	147,640
Total Unrestricted	4,338,130	4,155,201
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	7,048,796	6,535,370
Total Net Assets	<u>11,386,926</u>	<u>10,690,571</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 11,417,592</u>	<u>\$ 10,732,565</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
			2023	2022
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Contributions of Financial Assets	\$ 194,183	\$ -	\$ 194,183	\$ 164,153
Contributions of Nonfinancial Assets	111,615	-	111,615	88,930
Grants	47,417	-	47,417	45,734
Adoptive Program Fees	159,048	-	159,048	92,183
Educational Initiative Fees	48,995	-	48,995	48,995
Change in Value of Perpetual Trusts	-	513,426	513,426	1,974,988
Investment Income from Perpetual Trusts	192,441	-	192,441	1,361,438
Investment Return, net	441,766	-	441,766	(609,039)
Other (Losses) - Disposals of Assets	(17,230)	-	(17,230)	-
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	1,178,235	513,426	1,691,661	3,167,382
EXPENSES				
Maternity Program	388,271	-	388,271	333,075
Adoptive Program	199,262	-	199,262	131,671
Educational Initiative	83,787	-	83,787	61,649
Management and General	130,081	-	130,081	186,159
Fundraising	193,905	-	193,905	176,945
Total Expenses	995,306	-	995,306	889,499
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	182,929	513,426	696,355	2,277,883
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	4,155,201	6,535,370	10,690,571	8,412,688
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 4,338,130	\$ 7,048,796	\$ 11,386,926	\$ 10,690,571

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022)

	Program Services				Supporting Services			Total	
	Maternity Program	Adoption Initiative	Education Program	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Total	2023	2022
	Salaries	\$ 181,431	\$ 89,140	\$ 48,719	\$ 319,290	\$ 71,204	\$ 36,969	\$ 108,173	\$ 427,463
Social Worker	19,313	-	-	19,313	-	-	-	19,313	21,787
Employee Benefits	24,167	10,567	9,096	43,830	13,580	3,863	17,443	61,273	60,866
Payroll Taxes	17,785	8,722	4,919	31,426	6,504	3,687	10,191	41,617	30,532
Total personnel	242,696	108,429	62,734	413,859	91,288	44,519	135,807	549,666	503,708
Advertising and Marketing	77,888	62,558	7,829	148,275	9,703	10,421	20,124	168,399	142,846
Temporary Help	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	76,975	76,975	79,975	68,740
Fund Raising Expenses-Events	-	-	-	-	-	45,121	45,121	45,121	31,672
Occupancy	8,797	4,501	2,250	15,548	3,386	2,250	5,636	21,184	21,450
Computer	5,882	3,001	1,501	10,384	2,016	1,501	3,517	13,901	19,076
Depreciation and Amortization	7,937	4,061	2,031	14,029	2,382	2,031	4,413	18,442	19,030
Insurance	6,277	3,211	1,606	11,094	1,898	1,605	3,503	14,597	14,679
Telephone	8,398	2,395	1,100	11,893	966	785	1,751	13,644	13,149
Accounting and Auditing	797	408	204	1,409	13,416	204	13,620	15,029	12,964
Office Equipment Rental	4,439	2,271	1,136	7,846	1,342	1,136	2,478	10,324	10,160
Education	1,679	98	591	2,368	397	48	445	2,813	6,131
Supplies	2,170	1,365	358	3,893	1,977	363	2,340	6,233	4,668
Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions	1,680	1,048	95	2,823	275	95	370	3,193	3,494
Travel / Mileage Payments	4,030	1,762	1,760	7,552	81	7	88	7,640	3,377
Nonmedical Maternity Services	8,764	2,405	30	11,199	-	-	-	11,199	3,221
Legal	145	614	-	759	-	-	-	759	2,720
Service Charges	204	109	52	365	62	5,956	6,018	6,383	2,349
Payroll Processing Services	1,189	608	304	2,101	359	304	663	2,764	2,105
Miscellaneous Expenses	117	117	44	278	48	(1)	47	325	2,031
Postage and Delivery	762	301	151	1,214	188	585	773	1,987	1,423
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	297	-	297	297	281
Outreach	1,420	-	11	1,431	-	-	-	1,431	225
Total expenses	\$ 388,271	\$ 199,262	\$ 83,787	\$ 671,320	\$ 130,081	\$ 193,905	\$ 323,986	\$ 995,306	\$ 889,499

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022)

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 696,355	\$ 2,277,883
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Cash Used in Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	18,442	19,030
Change in Value of Perpetual Trusts Held by Others	(513,426)	(1,974,988)
Investment Loss (Gain), net	(441,766)	593,754
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(43,392)	26,589
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid and Other Assets	1,089	2,872
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accruals	(11,326)	3,771
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(294,024)	948,911
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(28,892)	(1,130)
Proceeds from Sale of Property and Equipment	24,429	-
Proceeds from Sale and Maturities of Investments	100,000	955,285
Purchase of Investments	-	(1,690,000)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	95,537	(735,845)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	-	-
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(198,487)	213,066
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	314,239	101,173
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 115,752	\$ 314,239
Income Taxes Paid during the Year	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Paid during the Year	\$ -	\$ -

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