

From its beginning, PWI has been focused on building transformative relationships that help children and their families to develop an authentic sense of self, sustain healthy relationships, recognize and participate in safe communities and ultimately to live their lives with intention.

In partnership with the Department of Human Services and our generous donors, PWI is able to provide long term mentorship, education, employment and mental health support for youth ages 7-21 to help minimize the traumatic effects of the Foster Care system on their lives. PWI also provides family-based services that safely address conflict, increase stability and improve family relationships for the youth we serve. All our programs utilize a trauma-informed, collaborative and culturally responsive approach.



What your support has made possible....

NEW: Year-Round Celebrations Campaign

- 2021 > Youth Birthday Parties = 30 completed, 180 scheduled
Family Case Closure Celebrations = 8 completed, 50 scheduled
- 2020 > Launched

End-Of-Year Celebrations Campaign

- 2019 > Holiday Celebrations for 200 kids and 40 families
- 2018 > Holiday Celebrations for 150 kids and 20 families
- 2017 > Holiday Celebrations for 60 kids and 15 families
- 2016 > Holiday Celebrations for 40 kids and 10 families
- 2015 > Launched

While a significant portion of our funding comes from government contracts, PWI would not be able to fulfill our mission without the generous support of the individual donors who invest in our work each year with charitable gifts.



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Gratitude From PWI's Executive Director

"At PWI we believe that relationships and community are essential to help our families and our young people develop a sense of confidence and belonging. We are profoundly grateful that each of you are a part of our community. Your giving has allowed us to celebrate our youth and our families in ways that otherwise wouldn't be possible. They feel unique and that they are deserving of this type of special recognition. Thank you, for helping us to make these important experiences possible." – Ashley



Stories From Our Mentors About Recent Celebrations

Story 1

"I had just started working with my youth a few weeks before her birthday. She expressed really wanting a weighted blanket. I was so happy to know we have the resources and support from donors to fill this request. She told me... 'I love my new weighted blanket, It has helped me sleep and helped me with my anxiety. Every time I use it I feel like I am getting a big hug.'"

– YES Youth Mentor



Story 2

"When I first met Celeste she had a list of goals she wanted to share with me. I learned that one of her goals was to finish her high school GED requirements and begin earning college credits at PCC. She had already enrolled in two online classes but was having difficulty completing her school work because she did not have a computer at home. As Celeste's mentor, I felt so grateful when PWI was able to provide Celeste with a Chromebook through our donations from the Celebration Campaign. Celeste was thrilled by this gift and it allowed her to successfully finish her courses. I feel honored to have been able to help Celeste to take this next step toward achieving her educational goals."

– Eva, YES Youth Mentor



Story 3

"I worked with a family for over a year and this was one of my most challenging/rewarding cases I have ever worked with. This week was our last week and with help from donors like you, we were able to celebrate, eat, open gifts and enjoy our last day together. I appreciate the donors who made this day more special and put a big smile on a little person's face. That smile reflected how I and the whole family felt that day."

– Asha, Family Service Program Manager



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