



### **More children, more homes**

In 2009, Amara found homes for 65 vulnerable children in our community and we served more than 400 families.

We are pleased and proud of the growth this represents over our 2008 results:

- 27% more children in placed in homes
- 47% more siblings placed in homes together
- 94% more children of color placed in homes

### **Increased community support**

- The generous gifts from our community make it possible for Amara to serve more children and families every year.
- In 2009, Amara donors contributed 7% more philanthropic support than in 2008.



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**Building strong families since 1921**

## **Amara in 2009:**

### **More permanent homes for more children**

For nearly 90 years, Amara has worked to find loving families for children who need them. Throughout the decades, the services we provide to children and parents—be they birth, foster or adoptive parents—have changed. But we have never wavered from the singular mission of establishing nurturing, stable families for vulnerable children.

Thanks to our generous community, the devoted parents we serve, and a dedicated, highly experienced staff, Amara continues to thrive and grow.

We are proud and gratified to serve an increasing number of children and families in the Puget Sound region. And we are honored to be supported by a community who shares our vision of “A Home for Every Child.”

### **Jamie’s Amazing Year**

For the first few months of his life, Jamie endured severe neglect while living with his birth mother who struggles with mental illness. As a result, he was a tiny infant who was easily agitated and overwhelmed by most human interaction. He didn’t like to be touched; he was difficult to soothe; even eating could be stressful for him.

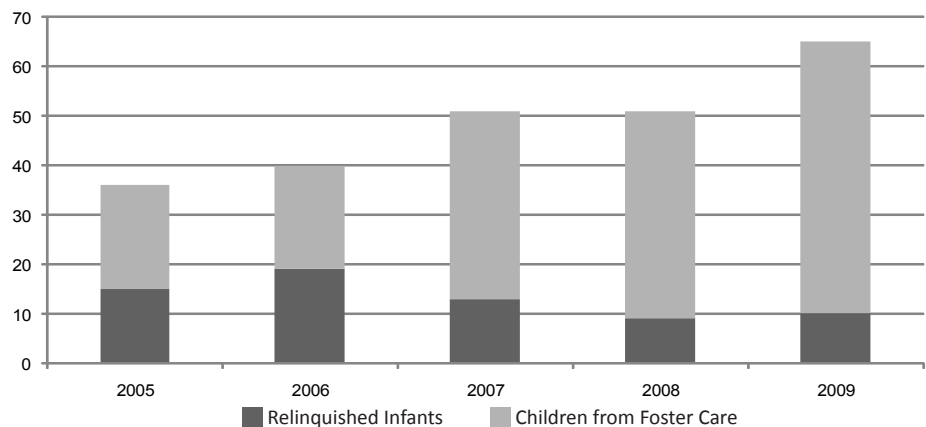


Jamie came to live with his foster-adopt family on New Year’s Day 2009. After a year of constant love, attention and stability, he has blossomed. He’s a happy, healthy toddler who cuddles, giggles and interacts joyfully with his family and friends. He’s developing at a typical pace for his age.

By Christmas 2009, his adoption was finalized. He entered the new year with devoted adoptive parents and a new big sister—his forever family.

Jamie dotes on his big sister and his parents have already started working with Amara to bring home another brother or sister for him to adore. 2009 was an extraordinary year for Jamie and his new family—and 2010 promises to be even better.

**Children Placed in Permanent Homes**



### **Thank You!**

Our sincere thanks to the many individuals, foundations and corporations who supported Amara in 2009. Together we are creating stable, loving homes for vulnerable children.