



## 2005 Annual Report

Dear St. Mary's Services Friends and Families,

In 2005, St. Mary's Services Board of Directors designed and approved a strategic plan with impressive short and long-term objectives. We have begun to implement a number of the objectives outlined and are hopeful of reaching a number of goals set. At the core of our strategic plan remains the commitment to providing excellent, quality services to all of our clients. We are striving to expand and enhance our primary services to better serve families. It is through ongoing planning and resource development, we are working to ensure our valuable programs remain available to others in the future. By maintaining our high ethical adoption standards and observing best adoption practices, we are confident St. Mary's Services will remain one of the longest tenured and highly respected adoption agencies in Illinois.

Paramount in maintaining our role as a key adoption leader is the degree of excellence provided through our direct services. Our agency is committed to providing all members of the adoption triad with knowledgeable, quality services. We strive to regularly evaluate and improve the types of services offered as well as their quality. Birthparents are provided with a range of information and counseling services designed to assist them in making the best possible choice for their child as well as themselves.

We remain involved in trying to better acquaint the community and other agencies with St. Mary's Services. Our agency is highly involved in working with other agencies, community organizations and within the field of adoption and child welfare. We continue to promote awareness of St. Mary's Services through a combination of providing education, outreach and networking.

The last couple years have been challenging ones for St. Mary's Services. We continue to provide all birthparent services free of charge, regardless of the birthparent's final decision to parent or make an adoption plan. St. Mary's Services provides all birthparents with comprehensive support services to ensure they are able to make the best possible choice they can. Services routinely provided include ongoing counseling, assistance or referrals with housing, food, clothing, medical care, living expenses and support groups.

St. Mary's Services attempts to keep down expenses while providing the high quality services that we are known for. We look to our staff, families and friends to allow us to continue to do in the future through their efforts and generosity. For over 100 years, we have worked steadily toward promoting the option of adoption and in assisting families throughout all stages of the adoption process. Please know your support, whether in the form of a financial donation or through the gift of your time, is critical in helping us continue on in our work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan R. Cianci, Executive Director

Mark Morgan, President, Board of Trustees

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St. Mary's Services Statistics

Domestic placements – 9

Clients served – 238

Major Projects Completed and Upcoming for 2005-2006

- St. Mary's Services created a variety of new outreach materials and informational brochures for our clients. Outreach materials have been distributed to a large number of contacts throughout Illinois.
- Monthly orientation meetings for prospective adoptive families are being held. Social workers from Domestic and International adoption programs address how St. Mary's Services programs are structured and present overview of services.
- Outreach efforts have included many phone calls, meetings and training presentations. An outreach push in the South suburbs in recent months has also been made.
- Updated strategic plan and acceptance. This board/staff collaborative process has outlined agency goals, priorities & projects for the next three years.

**Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2005**

<u>Support and revenue:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Investment activity:		Program Services:	
Interest and dividend income	\$ 89,589	Adoptive services	221,077
Gain (loss) on investments	582,423	International adoption program	92,113
Income from perpetual trusts	84,428	Maternity service	<u>319,928</u>
Investment advisor fee	<u>(26,948)</u>	<b>Total program services</b>	<b><u>633,118</u></b>
<b>Total investment activity</b>	<b><u>729,492</u></b>	Supporting Services:	
Contributors:		Management and general	60,847
Individual and business	42,011	Fund-raising	<u>5,046</u>
Associated organizations	10,424	<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b><u>65,893</u></b>
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b><u>52,435</u></b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>699,011</u></b>
Other revenue:		<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b><u>297,689</u></b>
Adoptive program fees	213,499		
International adoptive program fees	-		
Miscellaneous	<u>1,274</u>		
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b><u>214,773</u></b>		
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b><u>996,700</u></b>		