Adoley Jordan ([10:47:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SBIbOysvE6w2jWFIsEpmX9Aj3iJo8A8dInJww0QqWgt6PHbi2FghbjGwUAgZOJ_Mk07skbR_U3V1f8y6iKodyVCIo5s?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=0)):

My name is Adoley Jordan, A-D-O-L-E-Y J-O-R-D-A-N, and I am the Chief Advancement Officer here at One Family Illinois.

Preston ([10:48:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/feeFh8hffk1cc1vWAefTq0DdhOnYdIawpplfr0u2DZQqFCLkJjUehPaYXPUL_8jdVNxcvKnYETTdACfBhJyboBZVoAQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=9)):

Great. One Family Illinois. Just tell me a little bit about who you are and what you do.

Adoley Jordan ([10:48:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/93sOIJpE2ngKDHuEUQVoD3p29zPGwLvxUCMkruwMs0xQyfqmcDfiDj6evVtmfY9mbP0LMWMbyDgRhZjONyOHrCNJHMw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=15.81)):

One Family Illinois provides robust foster care placement for siblings and we provide wraparound services including mental health services, other support services and then we also employ a professional foster parent so that the siblings are in a home with their siblings, I mean in a home with their... We place them in at home.

Preston ([10:48:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/t6GFn-T4MadWcfFuO5YPeBVW06YL9rXwYprjqkYxDaunJp7UUrcq96aGfS87Q32okKoTFFhwlo2gu9EP8Dm9X8CHqMM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=39.54)):

Let's go ahead and just put [inaudible 10:48:40].

Adoley Jordan ([10:48:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/cN_L7tNe0Oi2kuMV1XLfNhUdTmclPGQKrdaiT-T3IcLhQUuXU6gOtXY4JkbxPMlZQTN1akC8UWs5W4pmcZJtvDcOlbk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=40.95)):

Okay. Thank you. Wow. Okay. Okay.

Adoley Jordan ([10:48:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BdAGrElLBhKInTWPNwtKlCIDvcxY57fCFlHwGG_d9GOUg1S6-AL_mdIM69K-1oJ80H0B6gl-vmFRnq-k7yi77PnWsDE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=49.56)):

Okay. I'm ready. At One Family Illinois, we place siblings together in foster care with A...

Preston ([10:48:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/s9GouRcseAoEi4YIjgY3EsY9ccRLQZL3qEM5LGoupVvLnTpVHwjd2EHp5BL-XU8YEIuFM4mL3jWeIE_VU52o3OPn2bU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=56.4)):

Hold on. The screeching is, we will get this.

Adoley Jordan ([10:49:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0XG8mapS4Qb4zE5Gh5N_vNs7wD-LlDLt8sUV134rW33T0XzFwcIu2Se0mZ2x5AT_K1zlUgMM6Hf87ypHmEV5Yf-VTew?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=61.92)):

No, please.

Preston ([10:49:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1Zu2FiNcCi7jsVarDg0-GQt8rH9BO8aeS4xYEQ41FpWqvN83lldInlTkR7WdcW4xhT1Jz6ZQRYGKKBpzDdAPKZOLv5c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=61.92)):

[inaudible 10:49:03] All right, we're good to go. Sorry about that.

Adoley Jordan ([10:49:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/r_FFiK37x2wwQClET06MoBwBg8y6faMpvkPIG4GrfOokX8U5PQMCb-A1UkUyelRAWI2re3c25USAJP6M3uqbTSQHnGg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=61.92)):

No, you're good.

Preston ([10:49:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Zk846T3CbJdTHuIYS4QEkYSRy9C2LgvYh5SyYaOUAA7bw7KWXPQdIn9PjE64lDLncqxMu-SHuLO5pcA62LJ4bLkrM1Y?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=61.92)):

[inaudible 10:49:07] For the third time.

Adoley Jordan ([10:49:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/p9Y1nu06zTuAICKevD0KfDPO_ND5qmG5Lnnw6Ba8hH_q-RH6Gw_lMhFHiTTV3P1N4AvaKh0VgPtNYb1c-7zKGiFn3ZM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=68.97)):

At One Family Illinois, we place siblings together in foster care with a professional foster parent and we provide wraparound services so that our children can live happy, healthy lives. And my role at the organization is to make sure that we have the resources that we need for our families and our children in care.

Preston ([10:49:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/T3cmfv09B7L2EDudDDvU7b3JycXeAycPbghlE4cRVh3th5rJmVhf52L7Aw22xlGGJz2xKK5ajAwSCLqPtnJ_S0OD7_0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=86.01)):

So, when you're looking at resources that family and children need, I mean, what are some of the challenges that... Well, first of all, let's just talk about these biological parents and their children who are needing to go into the foster care system. What are some of the challenges that they face?

Adoley Jordan ([10:49:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Chw179gzx_nFt0HAYCf37Oi66WjFFLe-nOpr2_S0jHgU7302DplU3_xzsi4SocBR8tzuF9MgzFyPZnI3QrhMRAVI9u8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=103.11)):

So, when children come into our care, it is typically an unfortunate situation and our professional foster parents are ready to jump into action to take care of those children. Some of the challenges that I face is just financial resources. Making sure that our professional foster parents have the money that they need to take care of the children, and then also transportation. Making sure there's continuity for the children to continue going to school, to have their social activities so that nothing seems out of place for them. And then one of the things that I'm really proud about is the mental health services that we provide because again, when they come into our care, it's typically a traumatic situation and we want to make sure that they're able to talk to a licensed therapist about what they're going through, what they're thinking, and to get the help that they need.

Preston ([10:50:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/xGodUro0kwSkR6OkbH2pZY0kF2WgftlA0Xnj3XvIR-6n7CD5C9afJlhD75SB2tIDbMvcFgVngyQA5TOSRn-couHPx1k?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=154.53)):

That's an important topic that I definitely want to touch on. Just take me through, in a general sense, the challenges that these children are facing based on the things that they've experienced in their young lives.

Adoley Jordan ([10:50:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/czHjnl9frrlglWi7MY_oPh6nL-0G_9D9G2XVplYf68h9RVgR5Ggkdcsq_zgGvAOl63CeArmwxbst00vV7zRiD6E1k-o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=166.74)):

Challenges. Either instability at home, lack of financial resources that has caused for them to have to be taken out of the home. Your normal childhood, you think about going to school, playing with your friends, going to Six Flags in the summer, all of those things. And for a lot of the children that come into our care, we want to make sure that they have those things. We want to make sure that life for them is as normal as we can possibly make it. And so, when I say resources, I'm thinking of course financial resources, but I'm also thinking community, people making sure that feel that they feel loved and they feel cared for in this transition time because our goal is to ultimately, if we can reunify them with their parents or help them find their forever home.

Preston ([10:51:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JcRGPHGTG5FXIt-gUQvBoa5k_0aAZaXZc_6uzh67bK1IzcJYd-2KWwYLdUApAyLLmH2bC-n0c6V00kGY3egBWnc4iC0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=220.2)):

Let's talk about the mental health services because that's a really important thing that you provide here, I know you have clinical therapists onsite and as part of the organization. Tell me a little bit about what you offer in terms of mental health and therapy and all those things and why it's so helpful for the children.

Adoley Jordan ([10:51:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Z6g6Z4TWuCw1_1SWRtB_fgv4TRxSwMHnkRdWa968OT8PPEbh6CI_3NEwGicre0ErrQSFdVzzutdNs58XiyMPEbMP9rc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=238.8)):

Absolutely. So when the children come into our care, they have an initial assessment with the clinical therapist, really just to kind of get a lay of the land to see where they're at. And based on that initial session, the therapist will basically have a work plan for them and they create goals with their therapist, what they're looking to get out of therapy and just making sure that they feel heard. Our therapists are extremely talented.

Adoley Jordan ([10:52:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Uy6MEZHbtSSFTqpnd9ayHrtPm8Rk6dqsGCzMlFHT_O6b-2y4UYydwn960a_qI4ZVLywNE26phWaejZhifgIHN_bUIF0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=264.54)):

They're licensed and are able to deal with ACEs, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and making sure that they are really thinking about what the children need so that they can reach their goals at the end of the session. They meet with their therapist, they have X amount of sessions, and then at the end there's a wrap-up period where we do offer the opportunity for them to continue meeting with the therapist. A lot of them like that and they're like, yeah, this has been actually really helpful for me. And so sessions can continue, but of course our goal is to make sure that our children have those sessions and can reach their goals at the end of it.

Preston ([10:53:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4vV2-tSzD8ONHmPprpWe0FuI02yfaCLtCu1wg9KZU1sOVdp-WRCXU8EcapxgAGQIscBd06cNDFLZqPJhV9vGKzJ3bDQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=301.74)):

What makes One Family so unique in the foster space as you guys are taking care of these families and children? I know there's a few things, but if you could [inaudible 10:53:10] on your unique approach.

Adoley Jordan ([10:53:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ADwMyhIwMyflS9ZAnvj_p9y-AVCRHpLEW3_LXFeasHUMKmliCoTN0xtB53tsBvsNME2IelPYOhwHPzTwuYRSly-Tq6E?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=312.81)):

I think what makes us stand out is really the fact that we keep siblings together and we place them in a home with the professional foster parent. These professional foster parents have gone through rigorous training, they've been screened, and then to be placed in a home, in a community as you guys will see, is really nice. Then you're with a cohort of other children, and so, one of the things that I'm really proud of is the fact that we keep siblings together, and that is if it's you and your brother or sister or if it's you and four brothers and sisters.

Adoley Jordan ([10:53:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/cRo-OFLsIzC8Y6LOZ9km2IeYINL0JuKfzh8wJGiDVQPbfY5jwDWWjL09oPyl3kPfmJFWZv7RQjIfGDtjkOyk-3rbVPE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=348.15)):

We keep large groups together, which is absolutely amazing. You think about the unfortunate situation if you're being taken out of your home, and then to have to be separated from your only connection and the person that you rely on, it's really important to us to make sure that we keep the siblings together. And then, when we help them find their forever home, making sure that that happens as well. So, if they're not reunified with their parents, making sure that when they are adopted, they are adopted with their siblings.

Preston ([10:54:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0iWFVbnjCJvO6m1Wi9DY1kv-t_fNq__T0rk0Uk5ppIHRET41i00H1DRQBdTsrztyh9DzBHzbpp5NXeN9F0gBhghFxuY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=378.06)):

And when we're thinking about mental health and the fact that you're keeping children with their siblings and making that transition so much easier on them, just talk me through how you feel like that actually helps the children in terms of mental health to be with their siblings.

Adoley Jordan ([10:54:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/8pOd62JBHC5YtpQGfFjTSo1T_QDUlvhyDWiyVaMiecO65Y1DZYuzBsx1x05_FppAe4Bpc3XeofF-M7vAtff9YpVDbjI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=393.93)):

I think one of the things that...

Preston ([10:54:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DdUuP72nmwU6QrRJ9GzZDEDkLIM5zgjBMvOVXOhQVA0ChdHLEuJj5oiHQ86CLdN4tRoGC5RtbI43kZmxJD2pjsAyuyU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=394.59)):

[inaudible 10:54:35] Go ahead.

Adoley Jordan ([10:54:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CKFx6XOFproVDvjq6TBCp4Td663BTuhuLKd6HHycYIwIVFZFkl6Dy1BSDql0SB5c_AOFKt2fTPiZQ0XRR_BeFA0vcaE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=399.21)):

The mental health services help the children because it allows them to really talk through their feelings. I think in this new era of highlighting mental health, we all realize the importance of providing that space for children. I think there's an idea that children are resilient and they can take anything and to a certain extent, yes. By providing them mental health services, we're giving them a good foundation for the rest of their lives and so that they're able to really talk through this event, understand that something happened, it didn't happen to them, it's not their fault. There's no blame, there's no shame and then allowing them to grow from it is extremely important. It allows them to grow on to do great things, and providing that to the family unit is also important because we also provide it to their biological parents as we're trying to reunify them as well. So that's something I'm extremely proud of.

Preston ([10:55:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/wDKiyDo-jCvdddxHoyco4ZMSAjKGGUiKHeXxFry4AgC39roMNS8zyp3GilOIURxjC5xoPWxNnbhQ8wtXuw0mgepwWos?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=458.61)):

When you're talking about helping, you're bringing kids through the challenges of mental health, but then also the bio parents. And I said this when I was interviewing Christy [inaudible 10:55:48]. It sounds like you guys are really fighting for the whole family. So it's not just you're serving the kids, but you're fighting to bring the family back together and that family stay together. Can you just tell me a little bit about that philosophy?

Adoley Jordan ([10:56:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/X1a5kPAXlBlZAyYFjiK7GiJdSmvbhChgDgqEM3aASx0PQfLz0IXp27s_65rXHuj9dXlNJz-1luoJcDwT61IQT5x615c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=484.65)):

Yes. We understand that things in life happen and can cause these traumatic events and as much as we can, we want to be able to provide the families the resources that they need so that they can come back together. So, if it's mental health for a lot of our bio parents, the mental health services and then just parenting classes to help them. A lot of times also if it's issues with financial, job loss, stuff like that, then we've helped them with workforce development. We're really making sure that they have everything that they need or at least providing them the opportunity to get those things so that they can be one.

Preston ([10:56:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/NosNbLMsw9QbUILfWUwe2tJRtP4qTunammj-LceQzHnCv4EGipADXEW_BJL7SZucX1r8-8mxp8YCSoVk0paUV2BC0EQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=521.25)):

Let's talk a little bit about community. You've already mentioned the word and community is obviously something that's integral, an integral part of what you do. Let's just talk high level. Why is community important for these children who have been taken out of their home and are already facing these kinds of difficulties?

Adoley Jordan ([10:56:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CM0e6VTxNuF_3PkDuEaiJoh2ltr6Sr8fGX63kP6mgd77rMp8vbuF8Jc2Bhsx4AQLxMMtbJzdrJa2Z1Uj02O2lwp2NOo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=540.15)):

Yes. I think it's so, community is important because I know the phrase is, it takes a village and it definitely does, but it's also about making sure our kids don't feel isolated, that they don't feel sad and something has happened to them and they don't feel... Sorry, can I start over?

Preston ([10:57:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/fxYX8xB5taMqKMpJiYkF2O7EE5u6d9LWoVOLxemUDrLFZ2rSnaGt0_U9oMrDa9hH2jU1PJHNulsuIUjIIGnjJ80rjFs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=561.18)):

Absolutely.

Adoley Jordan ([10:57:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/LyzNTWfl0yIz-9B8Vk9bkOwCP0uwdGXUuMNg4-b3R5rUBidmHrl009MR2brVS2sCcmAK946AXKUKlHa-Y1WBHtMYL8M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=561.45)):

Okay. Community is important because it allows our children to not feel isolated, to allows them to connect with other children in the same situation as them, and also allows them to grow with other children. So one of the things that has been really impactful for me is watching our kids after school come together to play. They're really excited about being with other children who have professional foster parents. It allows them to go to school and not feel different or feel othered, and that's really important.

Preston ([10:57:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/QMmqDNlbcyYhfiTSK8bbKEOK06U3gdUsjn1_9RTNXiv3ZKUuCi0ck4QcBfSzrFNpWdiWgs4yhS4ITtjflxGf0d7nzoo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=598.02)):

The space here, so we're going to be building a playground. Let's just talk a little bit about what's going to happen there as it pertains to community. Obviously the children and the foster parents and children are living in a community here at One Family but then, there's also the community around. Can you talk to me a little bit about the hopes of bringing the outside community so that it just really integrates the children in with the larger community?

Adoley Jordan ([10:58:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SL2eTawdxTQv4SHqNS6z_Dd0Z1jInHHeK8wjcCM0O5_RDTCw3G9xSLiJJRabF7dOtUMlrEHoAuKJ2Xi3ToLHaiCtZjM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=621.42)):

Absolutely. First of all, our children are very excited about having a playground. This institution in this neighborhood is extremely important because, as you probably all saw driving up, there is a lot of wealth and resources in communities such as this one. I think a lot of times when we think about the South Side of Chicago, we don't always think about the great things that are there. And so this playground will add to the resources that we have and it'll allow other people in the community to come not only to play and fellowship, but also for other kids to join our One Family kids as well. The playground is also going to be special for us because, as we're expanding and providing additional services, one of our goals is to make sure that we're providing services for the folks who live on the village, but also for the folks who live in the community. And so having that this space be like the center of that, it's going to be beneficial to us.

Preston ([10:59:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/UdDXoyi1aC3tL9YqZupi0yiB0qL33V2sJ_FCLeTsijOtI3VAgdb5GMiKvaZYd_9gk4fD8aOxTY0BrhUk4eOc1QDVDoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=684.18)):

You had mentioned to start that comment, the children have already expressed. Tell me a little bit about what [inaudible 10:59:27] you've heard.

Adoley Jordan ([10:59:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/FnUp6i4zDk5BoV_tQX0Q3gDEfDWzfyIGTVU1MtRTjSRgRrItcp6HrwmPuWJwZ_5jIi2t7GJy6Yto5EajmQylsR1PM2c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=689.55)):

Yes. They are ready to play, they're ready to be out. A couple weeks ago we had a graduation event. It was the first time I had really had the opportunity to see our children in action, and we were talking about the possibility of having this playground built and they were like, "Oh man, I'm so excited. There's going to be a playground in my neighborhood. My friends can come after and sit with me and play with me, and my parents will be there." And so there's just a lot of that really big energy that kids have and hopes and dreams, and they're like, "Oh, we're going to play spaceships on the playground and astronaut." Just listening to them dream and think big. Something that to us is like, oh, that's a playground, but for them it's like an endless possibility of what they can do. And so I'm really excited about that, they're very excited.

Preston ([11:00:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/WhCThkcTswwuuIb2Wyr3Sw4GoUPxv-kM9cr5IRqPsAy51DLiQvlUXWV17pibKGjSRXx4sz050ihNcueDD5MEN_dKhls?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=739.98)):

How do you think... The physical benefits of play, and then we were just talking about mental health and some of the services that you offer. Can you just wrap that up in just a holistic way that this playground is going to really help children and families not only physically, but through mental health challenges? What does the power of play mean in this playground?

Adoley Jordan ([11:00:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/GHQYlErw6wVvnaCaGtOA0LI2xFUGa9MoPAP0EnXnjYzFBfRzuFbPckfjaKRR4TpH9dEzt232-SDpEEtxlngkPk5jh3A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=761.97)):

Absolutely. We have had, some of our clinical therapists have said to us, even in some of our sessions where we're sitting down one-on-one, sometimes the children are nervous or don't really know how to express themselves or just hesitant to talk about their feelings. And so, our therapists are like, one of the ways we get them to talk is like, all right, let's go for a walk, let's go outside, let's get some of that energy out. And so play is a very important part of mental health because it allows them to release their inhibitions, do the great things that they want to do, but also gives them the space to feel comfortable talking to their therapist. So play is extremely important and the playground will be a great place for them to not only get that energy out, but to also just have a good time with their fellow children.

Preston ([11:01:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/S1PMbldH2tzMmgU3O3KP4PKpOPzPFpxlf9pE7aH_X1jWQvtwIcnzVKb7t5c_TGlEgxzyY0B6RjlvsQzZwqYAUpenwwU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=813.15)):

Travelers is the corporate sponsor for this playground, and so they're coming in and partnering with Kaboom to build a playground. Can you tell me a little bit about, from your perspective, how important is it to have partners from the community and to partner with you in this way? And again, just further build the sense of community that your families and children have.

Adoley Jordan ([11:01:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/AK9_3HB3uJVFj6tSsbBrnZXwe7y-YCm7zXuMsO-elI61irkOkG8jLrHTz2NMJ-V9OMbhzyJTDR7CLeRrPe7C5xOp3ho?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=835.38)):

It is absolutely wonderful to have our partners on site with us doing this work. I always say that we cannot do this work without our donors and our supporters, but to be physically in this space, to see the children, to see what's going to be built, it's like you are walking with us in this fight. And one of the things that is so important to me is making sure that our children know that it's not just the one family staff that cares about them, it's our partners as well. So when they see their partners faces and they see people walking up and they see people volunteering to build the playground, they feel that. It makes them feel less alone and it makes them feel cared for. So that it is extremely important to us.

Preston ([11:02:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/FIZhRA2B6f80Y1CEYgp1-p58kUZk0mH_Tpct-OAPJxFRkZ40ZenoQV-97K7DQPEe_NiaOJDEZ5Pmx4RZqQlPbPNgsHU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=875.13)):

And can we just get a variation of that? If we could use Travelers in the answer.

Adoley Jordan ([11:02:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/EOorz5rFKGQgcWOMwMM-8MD_MKKqZK_fI1kdDe3zNWlWErvRmMmyC_dtLgAZIzmXDflQSapQjb8DoOnW1Wm9MNB74Ts?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=878.76)):

Yes.

Preston ([11:02:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/xXfzj6aaVYd8_o-ual9tHIld02bmYFFV_tinTAz4ZMsfMG7ZkUb8H_AiKXmriF46FGXVFL_Yr2GhtLS4yktksgRfOCs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=879.48)):

I mean, just how important it's for Travelers [inaudible 11:02:43]. How grateful you are that Travelers [inaudible 11:02:44] partners.

Adoley Jordan ([11:02:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/WzX7AnLjudyb0LhhI6uJcUVqhpCJDnOvuaS5CPbi6Ay5fOh_lBXo6JoLUAUA6CHXlh-gJNaJVHGbnWdkrneXnBzO6Pg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=885.15)):

Yes, we are extremely grateful that Travelers came today and will be here this week for the playground build. Our children are extremely excited for the playground and for us it's extremely important to have Travelers here to see the work that they're helping fund, to see the beauty of the community and for our children, it makes them feel loved and cared for and not alone. And so we're very grateful to Travelers.

Preston ([11:03:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/3_NJiTlby9VNYj1rx3HJqecu-UfE0vrbK5APyJWLvgDy181eCWINsqBxaFsEAjuL9nLwLx-faK0wMFsnHil9lY95B3w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=908.37)):

That's great. Why do you do what you do? Why is this work special to you?

Adoley Jordan ([11:03:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/48ptyST52K1QEqvUNeh7Ee1hJ7EhVUfJz6ac2sV1ilaI1jRjjKvBJfwUBs1_jJChMIYfjzxc6JaQv2s-KHQrKxAm6Gg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=915.51)):

For me, making sure that all children feel happy, healthy, and safe is what I do this work for. And when I say resources, of course a lot of it is financial, but a lot of it is also just people, partners, donors, and making sure that our children know that there are groups of people, there are connected networks that care about them is important to me. And so I really enjoy this work. For me, I feel blessed to be able to do this.

Preston ([11:03:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/wZayEuvrBgzdcoz-6qQo_MBuMMu7_cygI_OjVizv18TvRWTwWFdZs1PoHWNyZlU9KSLOE_eMlAK5eyNZTwH3L-Q2o2M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=948.84)):

That's great. Is there anything, I'm going to look over my notes a little bit, but is there anything that you feel like you wanted Adoley to touch on a little bit more?

Peggy ([11:03:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nC7f84zs-nWc4HyLLS2_EZ8HGfAbgl4tQiDcIh3NFc8lYRQ-ZEglj1j99EAhOe85poLQajyZX8ieIUJqn7kSI5TRiQw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=957.33)):

No, I think that was great.

Preston ([11:03:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/coRKEicwghDWKSzEF-VRGZ5mLUEoO3XRDe_Dzdw_rCSlrJiGNUV2u2FZDaildl-wwJQfgY2a-k8rJkQZymvD2OJedDs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=959.01)):

She's done a great job.

Peggy ([11:04:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CaccNuCZLLPkBu4b22OqxFhhuEpsU-n-aCsxEiQesdmSag_cik4o75enCP4gfduF97ukf4rx8WBxi5g9wNPyMziscvo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=967.92)):

[inaudible 11:04:02]. One other question. I'm thinking on you because you told me a little while ago that you made a career change.

Adoley Jordan ([11:04:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/s5ZGwO6IAFak0EUKbIu9-yL0vet2wnFQvWnvRI1dd_xGsy_e112eG_AMu9NexwBOtj1O6nO5FmFZ2Z5V7RdO4qkdzOM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=971.04)):

I did, yes, yes.

Peggy ([11:04:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4pH_laGtkuuBl2zERagiyETbSRiIkZWSUCq0IWwJg7yRDoIw8B-eP3wJQ2qytvsfHlTtnuaTWJjC72XzNhM4glB-TeE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=971.07)):

Can you talk a little bit more about what drew you to this work? You were going to get out of public policy, this organization, this mission?

Adoley Jordan ([11:04:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nEmUroE4OVGjVI02Qrx5-sr2I0T_vvKPXmMhXYAfd-kg48i1fj-_E0wGORJAEKvJxDqDhCP8GGWq4W99uuUDEnZoWkY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=979.83)):

Yes, absolutely. I was previously in public policy and it was really great because I had a BA in political science. But the transition for me was important because of the direct services. I can see firsthand the impact that the organization makes. When we watch our kids graduate, we know that it's because they've been in our care and that they've had professional foster parents who have made sure they've gone to school on time, they've done their homework, they have the resources that they need. So, seeing that live is extremely important for me. Direct services is great because it allows me to see the work in action and nothing is more important than making sure our children are cared for and so that is why I made that career change.

Preston ([11:05:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/u_g47yCvlbvCjMbIme5vvupd5UWtKqzF4I_0aXTAUSJydcBl-Sjw5FecQxZ3MvaaboNN8Pc_zchzDwLr9ihj5ps9xkI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1034.25)):

I just want to touch on it because it's interesting as you're [inaudible 11:05:17] answer, I'm just thinking through it. So, you're having children in some cases come into the system at whatever age they are literally part of One Family and live here in the village as they would graduate. So, can you just tell me a little bit more about, that really is a unique model. A lot of places will be fostered here, but the children are in and out, not necessarily connected to anybody who's seeing them through the whole process. So, tell me, when you reference our children graduating, tell me a little bit about that model and how you guys see kids through all the way and that's what a sign of success [inaudible 11:05:50].

Adoley Jordan ([11:05:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/9jiRvIJQxvF5KTg7t4V2aY5PBB0QJ8krgGnLLhvMxqbydEn8DP6PxBt279oFynyHoKG-hsPhnEI2f1Dq3D4D6HYPoEk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1071.18)):

Yes. We just had our graduation in June, and essentially when children come into our care, we are focused on making sure that nothing is disrupted for them. So, whether we have some babies in our care and they're in pre-K, and then we have some high schoolers making sure that they are going to school, that they're getting the grades that they need to get and graduating. And they're with us for as long as they need to be. So, unlike other models where it's very transitional, they're with us as long as they need to be until they're either reunited with their families or find their forever home. And so that kind of continuity is extremely important for children. A lot of disruptions is not helpful for them, it's not helpful for their mental health. And so our ability to keep them together for as long as they need to be is extremely important.

Preston ([11:06:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/aK5WlZEgV4i_DEEIcknMesZy5Wq0Fv8s1auzOZkLjFIbPCuyga1ggheXAVTv66gEajrxrbwXMG-9jo8FupKxltRnSwk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1119.99)):

So in October, there's going to be a Saturday where there's the whole community is going to come together, Travelers, you're going to see people in red shirts, it's going to be a sight. Just tell me, let's just talk a little bit more about community and what does that feel like? To just see that visual representation of all of these entities coming together, Travelers, Kaboom, other people from the community, your families that live here. Just tell me a little bit about that.

Adoley Jordan ([11:07:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/wHIaq-a9cWL3td1m0ciVICYRS0EFdVBE6gd0t1xzoMuvvdEk-PU-5gOycxNG_UEIDhYE_vfGRXFTJlA2Zo6WHooA3yg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1147.89)):

That day is going to be super fun. Travelers is going to come, they're going to be amazed at all the children ready to play. The children are going to be hyped up on sugar and ready to get on the playground. And for us, it's a really great opportunity where the community would know about it, the community will stop by, come in, they'll talk to folks, One Family folks, they'll talk to travelers folks. I think what's important about that day, it really will be a nice way to see the hard work has paid off.

Adoley Jordan ([11:07:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/kYO97zvloMzYPZbYrW7qcOxuWw9FhUdW2uMJ8KS8kvgU5gxIjc1ulXeEBbe5zi5QF6wWWqLyNIdggDQd8YtN68Q04z8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1181.28)):

And for us, nothing is more important than making sure that the community knows that we're here for them. Even if their children are not our children in care, they come by, they stop by, they play on their playground, they talk to the professional foster parents. There's no, oh no, this is just for One Family kids, or this is just for One Family foster parents. And so, Travelers will see that there's going to be a large group of folks having a really good time and just really celebrating. And for us, it's important because again, making sure our kids don't feel isolated and feel alone is important. And what better way to make sure that they feel connected and in community than to have everyone come out and play.

Preston ([11:08:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/jnwiwDjZfodRsF0PKLN4weys1g-r_eqTHlBn00fT9i1YlklVPhs9kmjkOyAvvEP7Gn9sskgpfG_3lFDvb45bS4R-IS8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1222.62)):

So, let's just open that. And we've already talked... We've touched on it already, but I would just love to talk more about this idea that there's feelings of isolation from where these children have come from, and the feeling that you have, knowing that Travelers has got your back, [inaudible 11:08:37] and your children. Again, and we've already touched on it, but if you could just touch on how important and grateful you are for that kind of support.

Adoley Jordan ([11:08:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6M9iBxqabnoNLvwBD77bz28r6oqU-6JITx3YdfOvWbegDGopEslItLVXQE-wjEl33XrNDxBGC_7aMjmKGPkEVY9J-to?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1246.2)):

Yes, absolutely. One Family knows that we don't do this work alone and we want our children to know that as well. So when Travelers comes out and when they volunteer and they'll be at the playground unveiling, watching the kids play, our children will see the partners who have basically helped make this happen. And so that's important to them because again, we don't want them to feel alone, we don't want them to feel like something bad happened to them and no one cares about them in the world. Having partners come out is important to make sure that they don't feel that way. It's going to be a great and amazing day, I'm super excited.

Speaker 4 ([11:09:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6M3M5DjYaq6jYsLGtp88qb4sKhzwJHTHOPSXIihGjcBKPoO_JmmW9wclUX4nUztms_EtQKSlMkGl8_a8iLZZUabKYRA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1284.48)):

That's great. If we have time, maybe get that...

Preston ([11:09:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XatrSpPUJ3-qpNYMj-ortSfO-XzaTcOCT6fjGRYf9-pSq3DzLRSoRkmwJGTuGQJ29ANiD9PP1sN50KaAJ92TNj8MCVM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1291.41)):

So we have the...

Adoley Jordan ([11:09:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/9sLmTdJY2Vp47gJZlDL3bATyAnA2SCXdPhWfdYOSG75nWoC1OT-4GfpYO8hilhUzqvz8SBwioOL2jv493xye9J6R0vw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1291.41)):

I saw that.

Preston ([11:09:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5KxcvZNIsMy-pHG9rRQIH0pPF2Abms_5QlIQrW_RN7L76HEGxtX0O2CyNYnzuJK-fDIMfZu0NbUmlNoVziX4CHjB6Ho?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1294.11)):

[inaudible 11:09:32] Popped in right as you were starting. So we did get that version, but I would love to have you reframe it in a way because this piece will ultimately be edited, be in use after the playground's built. We're going to get a lot of [inaudible 11:09:45].

Adoley Jordan ([11:09:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/rg9iO0GJwAlExVl0UejVsd7QfARO3e0FkxLjRFp07VkmbiQVnBnGV1KBACARZ_xTcv5Ok07QhF32r5IgPTHC5X5bL4I?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1305.48)):

Got it.

Preston ([11:09:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Pc2-mmjgyH2_Gfwrwmla1ILp-v84BWUsYYYIBHY7KCxL16St6gkj4aVj9mmccKNv9IxKF1W8tSc-VX7DHWWZroEjPnU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1307.22)):

But if we could just talk in a general sense about having Travelers here and involved, they got your back, looking at it, not so much from a coming up future tense, but more of the general support that you feel regularly.

Adoley Jordan ([11:10:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1bY6S8Zjoi2wsgLHuTbe_-odIPxjH5IoWdv6FA89G_vxc3FZdekQlVW_KHK0Qcer9_7lyyOqeQaIk4IzGZsI25zbq8I?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1322.13)):

Absolutely. One Family Illinois could not do this work without our supporters and donors such as Travelers. We know that Travelers has our back in this work, we know that they care about the kids just as much as we do, just as much as our professional foster parents. And it's so wonderful for our kids to know that as well. And so we are extremely grateful, our kids are grateful as well, and the community is extremely grateful.