Christie Richardson ([10:04:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/btI4PkCMhjO8OksFD7omUmaGMlbsqxECZF0tK8KKuc7_Kqdyhx7ykiSOxXZsEWxhPaJ_JtZo0akwhuXggo9MpklrDoQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=0.24)):

Christie Richardson, Director of Community Enrichment. That's it.

Speaker 2 ([10:04:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/kuxLYOF_WEclP_zonvzAXHCP_ufovS9rQXupVw57ur_01XqjLu74HnmUpFclDrw5A9Rn_p_1QwIBk8mgdP_c3hSkbyI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=8.7)):

Just go ahead. Can you spell your name for me?

Christie Richardson ([10:04:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/fmK2WDvoE0wxK5jYQMTyVkZrX0ZntZsAIZn7sAqkmgjEpNHbGTeYArWINBQVOsY2y7i0oznI546XOACh1C3Qm3nNBTI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=10.23)):

Oh. You want to spell it like really? Okay.

Speaker 2 ([10:04:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/hsjNExRWjVaQx37A7pMeoGpR9W2xSJgWQjabjIxhXrfMnzqcFUPHAV6kobg952k9tLRw2PQL-taMl4AjXDd5K8XxH14?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36274.2899999)):

First and last name.

Christie Richardson ([10:04:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tEzEF37VrmhhM51EZePHgrtJHAJhtHKJAn9HkPq5XAzC6pSyDHywlqfAudJx37o_ZrYrHey3oT488ORkY2qMUL9YpYs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=12.6)):

C-H-R-I-S-T-I-E R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N.

Speaker 2 ([10:04:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/T2-hJsaLUCm2fzM9F64I2TnYEu5ybWP2tyaAlD5qiiyKEZhu1ByiQXqtXM67XPhDykoXDaLHywU3kIFIuISyRSen7vM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=19.65)):

Great, thanks.

Christie Richardson ([10:04:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/zI2jbEtxCetsayFWT1ZoS7VJh3rk_BU1LqvsJ93fXcdf47VZK6TBvoaVblK4He69HcafOGSi7wpvIDmvgNgD2y2hsCc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=21.24)):

You're welcome.

Speaker 2 ([10:04:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/_FYLoA7a8pnhph6-FXSjCaRJHF6j0kmMbIh5hErLLotelLbctfWmH0jEM4dSbTtMl3JdsjI4XWFVWkwE-50-dVZO5l0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=21.51)):

Christie, just tell me a little bit about One Family and who is one family and what do you guys do?

Christie Richardson ([10:04:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/LjA00uHB1-ID37bAoEQn9SbEaEc9qtcZw1ZbIc-FZmRU1qUfii3QeMRt5MdE5TArHdVFZbRCRhI0A-dYw0ZPtm2156M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=27.36)):

Yeah, One Family Illinois is a unique way of fostering. We deal with foster care and we have foster care children and we have three locations. The uniqueness of it is that we have our own villages homes and we hire the foster parent. The foster parent becomes the parent, whether it's a single mom, a single male, or a married couple. They get up to six children and a lot of people say six children? That's because we keep the siblings together, we keep the sisters and brothers together.

([10:05:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/en0sweXZ204Jrn7fdIB4UAqO0bZVnq_AIe5sWsRAqfvlOMWokexsscjKHvdcSOuhbArW0UA3KhhH0HnsWaj17Z5-s-k?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=62.61)):

Most of the time in foster care they're going to the grandmother, the cousin, and that could live in another state, so you have one sister here, one brother there. Keeping them together keeps the nurturing easier for the foster parent, but also for the kids that have to go into the system. And so we pride ourselves in being that unique, the only entity like this in the United States. And we have three locations.

([10:05:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Gy_T0JdEWMmI_fWTzMmhnGWo_WHfl2VMFl3vZe2EDD4BkDojMkYs-2z2MkZExT9xk-Q0Yo0UPKztMcg3D4s4gV4ZWPA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=90.45)):

We started over 30 years ago in Lockport, Joliet. We have a location here on the Southside, 7,600 South Parnell, Englewood. And then we have near West Chicago, our last location that was built during the COVID. Yep. We built a whole community unit in COVID season, and so that's our third location.

([10:06:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/kHoFzO7qVgNovlERYb-PUAlo1Wh75v1iBYHKUEDidelvWKohYUUbdIRwYG5Mre1sqAeiaENJ4FSQXT-jTo6fNQUAUW4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=117.03)):

In there we have up to 14 to 15 homes that we foster the kids. Those are different like townhouses and they take up to six kids.

Speaker 2 ([10:06:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XwNtB4Swzq7sgtG25ZEgmAbILCWnZU33UIYOA_UBStiSR7MwL_RSM5rNpx5Y9UxIfz0MZawinC4JvQyshwo3HpHB7tg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=130.71)):

Sorry, I had to cough and we should just ...

Christie Richardson ([10:06:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/MWVn0tG2Bs6KL5er2HGJZlWGZowhwWhhj76RDZ0fW6cNQuiaI791YZglB_AlFWF36LCJu3nilPiwv3ii5SkndkHigPc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=134.16)):

Pause. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([10:06:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/muYFiTWnykWqOzH1H_uHqhevdRCw5Gf1SvtRdUDIHQKiJGg6ofSDF_2rLrjcPCIJyLZrcFue6BGMEbB1srjeJjfoIIs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=134.49)):

Pause, I'm sorry.

Christie Richardson ([10:06:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tZJ_RlRO2s-tI1fGHNfuVtMHTL_eoHsZw9w17BGZt5HVd5UAnKXO2uhDmC9NWs3CmgyBIybjzed0odxpk1_HcUS1Eww?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=135.84)):

Okay.

Speaker 2 ([10:06:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Sa251KRxaPaXTFMlwkPcnzO-M5EYxSyJfjw_HwCUMEM8-a0cvteuV8Q5rg2Em1lYpda5BV2UN32ZGC0ulLTvG3yem8Q?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=136.05)):

I want to pick up where you left off. I do want to understand.

Christie Richardson ([10:06:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Wq-teiDslM813WfBz-bUmeRp6fddCM0DNWRf0ZdimLkOn_uQZ8WglrFsIhGZuIIzNUFFzOMBWMIhON8Feon8CJuUiYg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36400.08)):

I have one over there. That's a good thing.

Speaker 2 ([10:06:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/hni8xl3MoUVgvVI1lLS9aVaP-E9mjBXtAX8ri-KDuOf3_ER5HSTJ4ZWil0wz38ECiAcrChqgMs32S7VbodLvofo6mCQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36400.08)):

This one here?

Christie Richardson ([10:06:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VdRpc7whuKR2nsFNS10w_6I-1EolrDusH74Hxl7MQGOeKmDsOCAegVq0upnRrx0wPbg9s6AxSFq0YdMu6fTbvbbGvcw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=145.1699999)):

Mm-hmm, I get a tickle, too.

Speaker 2 ([10:06:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0IrOnnbET7pVSWpqj5eeQ0dU6pSX5LwqOUsYF6UAEuSyGOElJ3Fj4ojNOp4Uz4ncyljQ9567vda0Ppoatx0dKdM-DTI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=147.84)):

One moment, Christie. Dustin, I think other than the horns and stuff, I think we're going to probably have to live with that. I don't know how periodically they come through here, but we probably can't pause for every ... Well, how often does the train come through here? You probably know.

Speaker 3 ([10:07:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/O1sDHsxsgKcQqtXkAtq1PYb7W9_PijvsauYLjgKiK24Z8P2HbYQ_8QEDJCxXkwo1mVUi-JrfBXPEf7DALP1Ug-LWKCE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=181.38)):

She doesn't live here.

Christie Richardson ([10:07:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/amh6wwGEyxu6CYCHCXxrOEhWnosU1_s6RmerS3jbdsNZ0DM8TFOrTcHaN-DJn2WilkaSiYNGRwzt2W3oY2ikIqd-xMc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=181.53)):

This is not my specific, so it depends on ... What's today? Monday?

Speaker 3 ([10:07:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/flMbjTU4ghPxTQNvkcYQZ5LTgmS1mt7WsGSjK8TXevJWtQIIHCSbyspFM9rdfMzn-iVbeL_-ju5qQAK_tEf8JJjRPhA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=197.76)):

Pick the room back there where the train tracks are.

Christie Richardson ([10:07:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2uBj84214CS5xZFDibCmn-zGIv0oe-bRk1moG2J5OB6mt3ym_B6ZzYOFzPCdmEgWxSG6JETKNSp0QuXEORfpCKeONEM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36461.91)):

Right there. Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([10:07:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1VGmlvyJA-1xPy0QVGYn5P1V_a3KDx6vdUhPicuYmQRrGvzYAjYImU2bN0OOGOGGOnrwKRVduNqrRR2cvHxW58g4X0g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36461.91)):

Even worse.

Speaker 3 ([10:07:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2i7jGfJQ3FazFK59ibMvMcTwomlxxRN3MvkRnjKTmFYi_MyAOBHPn5FCp-4oj4-SywmvA7m78Z0KIokt6Gec0sl1L68?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=36461.91)):

Actually distanced.

Speaker 2 ([10:07:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yS5w59160NBl99PRupcGekcS2MTi9atAeCp46aZeAJOgcC_GlCNZUbcRHNsUY4ZWEylQ2L-vLBm5fNtEsjjQMVsLV6A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=198.63)):

All right, so let's go ahead and let's pick back up. You ready to roll?

Dustin ([10:07:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HzSfJVzFfBkATAM8RssEGhr3sXNrwGhqAMFmwWrgtPGuHJYuEejopJSOSm35quZq05-cw291R9QZ3jl881_72N4dTWI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=198.81)):

Yeah. Still speeding.

Speaker 2 ([10:07:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/q5Z_CKhgMHhk0P3sDO_YKWp93zsXZrCNKuPiPu2bp1ojeaho05XqsbIMrSu_i6q7wMU70QXEzAzDSKOubmouaez52D8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=201.12)):

Still speeding. Okay.

Dustin ([10:07:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nxWRBcCcWmls-u09E_pXL14nSVaaKblBHXF-tlMq6wmAHTIHgGLMz__vm6UePWQw-Bqe6g6k-au1J6Pmi7Eb5UtG4nw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=201.66)):

That's all right.

Speaker 2 ([10:07:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/kYbGweDe1gfkIrjfnE8zIMqdNf_CMXvbBcfPw-TFhyyHurdUQPDsA5VgYDA0lAZpuAApZnaypCrfg1IhTILl--ka_Go?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=203.82)):

Christie, you said you are the only agency that operates like this in foster care in the country. Is that true? How unique is what One Family does?

Christie Richardson ([10:07:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VYMmlre1jX2PfSuZfjZ2vvWLaiza6Dw9DmqVffCzCOD-dwymOO7DvyOTVed2NS3SPsWMaDeh-A2AZVAOWzXtR9db4VQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=214.1699999)):

The uniqueness is keeping the siblings together and reunification rate. Within three years we try to reunify them back to their parents. If not back to the biological parents, then adoption or guardianship. It depends on the case, but we aim to nurture them enough to be back to their family. We not only work with the siblings, but we also work with the biological parents. Whatever family support that they need, we are there to provide it as well with assistance as best that we can, or whatever is ordered by the judge that they should do. If we can help them do that, then we also put our hands in that to help them be prepared to receive their children again.

Speaker 2 ([10:08:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qHSqfwMF76xQoJWoL-bz-iIhUR5nDLb5JJ1Kv64gxqwz87nkDmEG8HSWx1BP3dj2yy-mRGUCcLDCyX9moW--0tMG_m8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=259.74)):

Why is it important that you're actually having interactions with the biological parents as well as the foster children? How does that help you guys create that community for them and help with the numbers of reunification?

Christie Richardson ([10:08:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/77hXvprIMuKBGd3ziH8fH5WlPPQInTAd-ZTtlV5p638-RHg5KvwdZUae9xVHg9lFz8SNxs-c8RPjp8bgi-sZkpd8nng?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=270.93)):

Because we're all about serving, and so in serving the children, they're here for a reason. We find out what we can do to help the biological because it's not that we want to keep them here. We want to nurture, make sure that they're safe and still thriving until they're able to connect back to their biological parents.

[NEW\_PARAGRAPH]If the parents have financial difficulties or something like parenting skills that they need, we can provide those resources as well as any resources in the community that we have connections to, we make sure that they know about it. Anything to help them get back on track and to stay on track. That's what we're about. It's about the family.

Speaker 2 ([10:09:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ss_IZHOGske_nUcw4pTJuo7bWFkI3YP1TPawV47Tz8QTBa_likTzjQt877PH28uvqVLHIG6kdoByH3QDHtO2RL-fEFg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=316.47)):

And then you had started, before we interrupted you, you had started to talk about what the villages actually look like. Just run me through a little bit about what the model actually looks like.

Christie Richardson ([10:09:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OERSF44ryH-u_LuF57tbm_oeQFaHpjq5x0VJVXtBjuaidxh1CB2D9NNgpXpARaup4M0lxng1RyV9UtAEWIo_mj8Fyio?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=326.07)):

Sure, so the model of the homes are built in a cul-de-sac. Like in this area is a cul-de-sac, but it's where some of them are mixed in with regular people, should I say, or regular homes, residents. And then some like the Lockport, which is the original, has its own land and its own homes and everything, but they're very known in the community.

([10:10:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DYEjbqxnz7V8RxUIja0-1SO-rpPoyqu0z-p24-kwfXLWuQEFfrixEhonri-8lVb5Wj2D-QYortSizzNg3uCDVyzQ10c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=352.11)):

The idea is to keep them together, the siblings. If it's a family of six or nine, they can still be on the same block, maybe not in the same house but on the same block. And then to have a hired parent, that's their job. And so they have a home, they're taken care of. The parent is taken care of so that they can take care of the kids. They have a home, they get a van, they get transportation, they get allowances, they get a salary and they get up to five bedrooms so they can get up to six kids.

([10:10:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VBNobRgNOdSSMEGZ6TCWq09TgM2q1T7ExZMSIdqTMIt2Kb8jQHim8JcWSorKtSzwcpQIU9DkSQqfkrnR68csxSlXOZY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=386.64)):

Sometimes that might be two different families, three and three. But the importance is keeping those sisters and brothers together as best as they can so that this process is not as hard as it could be because they do have their sisters and brothers. You know, it takes a village, so we are making our own village within the residents of the foster care families.

Speaker 2 ([10:11:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/taOp5kKL0rsixk1rDMfhuik9_hGk-AdTkiL5z6z8_nVkqtPofko2uJn58V-01aPqg8MrTXkIt_CKSjMviKh5cXurNGU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=412.17)):

And why do you think it is so helpful for them. You just touched on it, but the kids to be with their siblings. I mean, how have you found that that really is helpful for them in the entire process?

Christie Richardson ([10:11:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/_zLANj7NJcPV_3RIjKMNKnjXT2IJOXKRprK_UCmw5GluVAdnWor8BKVJXVebU3Uy_IrCKpFmd_ZW-K2Br3T6OfQde-c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=421.2)):

You see certain situations, circumstances that they've gone through and just the child itself. If they're taken away from their mom and dad and then you're going to take them away from their siblings, what do they have? That's a growth pattern that we're helping to maintain or keeping them from really going off just not being able to function because there's no blood relative or someone that they're used to in their common area on a consistency the way it used to be.

([10:12:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/P3f7-Xwm8EjCfxfWCNBuz0ChAI9WUrCcf-Dg7vT15aBUA1nyM4q73TDCrqCLDtzckWZQJahb2Y_p8-BLen8lClp0SeI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=457.53)):

To separate, especially a child, children from their parent, that's devastating. But now you're taking their sisters and brothers? It just reminds me of movies when you're just seeing them screaming because they're being taken away in foster care. We don't do that. We keep the sisters and brothers so that's some type of comfort that they'll have. Though they're going away or though they're being taken away to somewhere they're not familiar, I got my brothers and sisters, so that's some type of safety net.

Speaker 2 ([10:12:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/sRGGVxzKti_1z2J4vxq-6yxyc87U_2s64QQVxueuTL69thfbi3MMk-cAlP9xmGneupVvXWJxNPLh-FyLvYiHmRYB_gM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=490.14)):

Just kind of looking back at why there's a lack of a safety net for them. Can you just touch a little bit on just a general sense of what kind of loss and traumas these kids have faced just going through the things that they've already experienced in life?

Christie Richardson ([10:12:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/y8McrUtyfB-BaI0Mq1E34GwZXJ988mqN9VT9nHnbCwnysHZCu-MR-TeSaexq5-aX2vraTwepUarg45jhChj9wVUoQpo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=506.61)):

Just in general, foster care, the situation, the circumstances, DCFS, the rules are parents are to be the parent and take care of their children. Neglect happens whatever the reason. Parents on drugs, sexual abuse, and I'm not saying this has happened to our children, but just in the system itself, those type of issues warrants that someone needs to intervene because are the children being taken care of? Are they eating? Do they have a roof over their head? Are they sleeping? Are they in school or are they at home homeless because the parent might be doing something else?

([10:13:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/pftudCclLhEs5k9eId4vPUZ9djmLazuybTjXdbs-NX6k5KvHs_Eg7QEySl3FwYY8ee8GS8UClb072GbM75iDFuG0q-8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=548.58)):

Then circumstances happen where the parent may have the job, may have the home and everything and something happens and they lose all of that. That affects the parent to not be able to provide for the child. It's different situations and circumstances, period. Even in families that still have their parents. These children know just get caught up in the system and therefore we're there to intervene in a different way. It's the same way as foster care, only we just think it's very important that the sisters and brothers stay together.

Speaker 2 ([10:14:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/8xfXA6vpirqnv7Brxo950ss52mCfG_GQVUdg_66RAPOnG0l2wxnaaG5cwtkUwA-HZRDeouINakXQQsOloZqVoz3Gaz8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=581.91)):

The name of the organization, which I know has just recently been rebranded, but One Family. And it sounds like in working with the kids and with the birth parents, you're really fighting for families to be together. Is that safe to say?

Christie Richardson ([10:14:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/spObJWHWiXkhiB_Ht9BQ1ZICGUQR5H2D3SrkzqUwPbDkgZ6K4x90wdYx7L1zDS4Y4XxZGh06PvKNfDAnFHuLpD0X5Jw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=594.33)):

It's important. It's important for children to make sure that they have a stable bringing up or a stable way of growing up. It's enough trauma in the world, it's enough going on that they see on TV more than ever before. And just to think that what they see on TV is happening to them, I believe this unique way of fostering brings some type of solace or comfort to the children. And it makes it easier when you have a loving parent because hiring someone to be the parent that takes a lot. You have to go through a lot to qualify for it.

([10:15:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/kZ6575sBgzrfIbl_w-5KH_KUYNALTgtbKR4JmHHWb-eNqiW2xoaL4oNtZuustbpMZuipMs2sVm-Yo7Oi8rNTdJC81_s?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=636.0599999)):

If you make it through, we know these parents will love the child and it doesn't have to be blood because it's a strict way to get in to be that foster parent. We believe in one family and one family doesn't mean blood family, but it means someone that's responsible to bring the nurturing that is needed so they're able to be where they want to be or they decide to stay with the foster parent.

Speaker 2 ([10:15:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CC2kx-ll8biM8hjXQ7z31upJXSL2sXKCbegQ7b5A8EcJe1WsS1BYhszxRs_qJKOgLcYDlx13kIZ8VSP95oGoX7YmTpc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=664.44)):

Tell me about these foster parents. You just touched on the fact that by the time they get through the process, you know that they really are serious about doing this. What kind of hearts do these people have that they just want to take care of children in this way?

Christie Richardson ([10:15:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Qk9eCk1NNE3o1vdWa6J-k0tu0XWrwIHmixy05MoPuAKAz4nngvGwDE56Hrx6JU0ZBMLkIOZGwIac4VnB1vK9jeExrhc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=678.36)):

I believe it's different stories for each foster parent, whether male or female. But for the most part, the hardest for the kid, the hardest for the children, the hardest for the infant. You have some parents that's all they want are the infants and they really love taking care of the kids. To be hired sounds like a regular job, but it's not a regular job. You have to have the heart for it. You have to have the heart to want to bring the child up the way maybe they were brought up or maybe not brought up and want to give back to make sure that someone doesn't go through what they went through.

([10:16:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Cusp1QrygyWfO1KT-DXLpqPFgtdgXSqJp6T-fmsQMNc4uaJ1Gv8car12Ox9uBhGqxCW3IoCn1Nokxfg8pHcn6e8hEhw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=715.53)):

It's different scenarios. It's not just one pin thing that makes a parent want to be a parent through the fostering, especially when they go through all the training because they're exposed to what have happened, what could happen, and their job of what to do in any of the circumstances. It's hard. It's not easy. And so if they make it through and they're here and they've been here, we have some that have been here for 30 years, five years, 10 years, two years, and some new ones have been here for two months. It's unique and it's different.

([10:16:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/76BlnueGFA5-NEiQXwfAwgIvC4wtt8gKrmgYOsfA25-j1HKMZ5FCYH-B5Qu_OD58FOIUMFH-i87CB0A8NLpR-BDeOC4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=750.51)):

But I see the passion, especially the new ones coming in and wanting to do this. You hear their stories and it's for the love of the children and making sure that they have a safe haven and a safe place and the nurturing to be able to still grow up, still become good citizens in United States, whatever the case may be, to contribute in their bringing up.

Speaker 2 ([10:17:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/TQWxC_mqsFQZx0DAYzbVGWWyERm3WH4-9pQ44IYfBGLqCHuHZlNigKZnDvnDo2aXCL8gas21Le-mjAAMz5kvPEpb6UQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=785.61)):

As director of community engagement, what is your job here at One Family?

Christie Richardson ([10:17:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/-KsWwEnEAN2LjXlIYWNmluDJZ-__5iOp4XKwVmgZWq4hiMgvYvXMFy-ff0l_eHfKhT_DaqUb6GYgPnrq4gFE5rg1mOo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=785.73)):

This is a unique role because it's just been established for two years. One Family Illinois has been around over 30 years. They live in a village, so they're comfortable. They're a comfortable kind of silo. And so let's bring the community into our villages and let us go out into the community. This way people know about One Family Illinois and the kids are getting comfortable to be out of their silo.

([10:18:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JKieJKeUhncb3unFlOXwnNZdR9kV3XH2DRRsB_WAHLskaxmcUcmlYUrw55vrsV93wqsuoJy__xpSybaZqDGxIu3OXFk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=816.9299999)):

Being just in the village that's the silo situation. Some things still need to be addressed so that they're comfortable and you're still nurturing them and giving them that exposure to more than just what's in the village. And so having the community engagement exposes us to other entities and that's more resources and more support.

Speaker 2 ([10:18:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4LuzN-F5mh6ajCXwEdX0O23215XSBngLFMOOVH1KKvHvipCyXDo5RH2ZiI5NqhwJegbpB8ZzWE-Q43UQJ9FVgDQ-OiE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=840.24)):

And why is it important for the children to understand that there is community maybe just beyond just what's in their living room? That there are people around that want to surround them and want to help them succeed.

Christie Richardson ([10:18:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/faU-zrAWhkHOHs_M4GlLwhXTvPmzOeCPqqhqVY-pnSVZwL9DbB_JMyXjeQ7hFYbXyJ00n-HpxgkKEzXa70qhvmLmS5s?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=852.09)):

That's important for any human being. We're not on an island by ourselves. You cannot live by yourself and think you really can progress. I mean some people can, but in reality we just want to expose them to any and everything that would benefit them, not just for this period, but for future references, for future upbringing that helps them to be knowledgeable and think of choices. You give them more choices. They can do this, they can do that.

([10:19:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/9B6cevpNF1BItvZXTTfWNiwQRkTnWy1jnm_mchm46cCg8IkR2EnGdmGniW30ZJDlwbZvDpq6J6iLom-j8MSysKGaffA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=884.94)):

They can accomplish anything because they've been too exposed to these different things versus just being within the silo of the community. One Family is one family and one family is the foster kids, the foster parents, the community, the policemen, the aldermen. We have all those things coming into our community now. Meet and greet, walk arounds by the aldermen, looking at the kids and then bringing back bikes and gym shoes for the kids. That connection is important. And you see the smiles on those kids' faces when someone like a big wig comes in and touches their hand and shakes their hand or give them a bike, that's something they'll remember. And so they may want to grow up to be a foster parent or something that they've seen within the exposure from the community.

Speaker 2 ([10:19:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/EOmIA-ZtPK2Q0G45LLTSlmScgoOayfF6jQtz752sXgHcpgwokdWc9iktrFNbdFFbbDSLYC5A_FUHwuFfegF2pFX6m3E?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=935.64)):

You were talking about all of your different locations, but here in Auburn Gresham there's a need for a playground. Can you talk a little bit about what's in the works in terms of turning the space here to a place the community can gather?

Christie Richardson ([10:20:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qJBuCsGp6751_J63Fe8hVwwwpe4T1Evn0x_vCG1jskWYdSOuMVr41YP02wf07TzYUJFBUN9drkJEx2aT-SpSBhqTCrI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=949.8)):

Just wild, wild, wild. Kaboom is in the land, so we just appreciate Kaboom agreeing to bring this much needed place. I call it a PlayStation, not the real PlayStation, but a place for the kids to play. Yes, we have big grassy area here, but for them to have their own playground and to be able to go out there anytime that they want and then to have it donated from a community provider or entity, all of that knowledge is good for the kids for them to know and appreciate.

([10:20:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/9XOzzMHcd_cm_bMnY0TT_-BuG6h2qZBIiYl7V14nPK0T0R7J87fCUj8K3X7BDbqMlyg3PXT0FAn_1Y-YK9vKmfs_dAQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=983.7)):

And the things that we do in the community connections or organization or businesses that come in, we make sure that they know. And then after that they have learned, can we write a thank you letter? Can we see them and go have lunch and just thank them and appreciate them? We're teaching the kids how to be appreciative and not think either that someone owes them anything. All of this is out of your kind heart.

([10:21:16](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OBK85EBke18jEYLUPhue7oNwLKDsajEB0bwCjJ-LEeq3SZDHW8-fj8wFLAexqLzETr5L939eqMNzow3pUrW5tRqzkzg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1012.29)):

And so it's all about raising up good children to be, what do you call it, citizens, great citizens once they grow up. And so it's just teaching them manners, being thankful, knowing that people care about them. When they don't have something, it's not that you have to have it, but if we can get it for you, we'll make that happen. And so it's all about teaching.

Speaker 2 ([10:21:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/AL5nhqXlI3iKtoXg6z7D99v3aJ2WgN2SCxt_t451uMwagQww8HOILvkxK36d7fs9K8wBGDKsHyzJtAWtc5m4UwHErHw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1040.49)):

The corporate sponsor that's helping with this playground is Travelers Insurance.

Christie Richardson ([10:21:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/vLyi71PoDWlbrvl2OBsUiZjPH0QxFpwLL7L8lp2bqjr6BkafKvLckbSyEkvM3_avY2UJf-ayJkqf7w7p3jBa8rPhNoI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=37304.58)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([10:21:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/XUvV_KF-wHtojSrwJ7GPZjObgEjfsRFSPWH4cWSjUoeK85-ZfEsdTodXe_dV1-o5ivR4z-5EPQpeUW-qCWLhvZrsKP8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1044.75)):

And I'm just wondering if you can just help me incorporate the name Travelers, but why is it important from your perspective, you do community engagement, why is it important for an organization like Travelers to be involved with an organization like One Family?

Christie Richardson ([10:22:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Xa0m_nVrabHx0-5BvSTvDmoP56n9N3u7YE9j4oHcn_1B81VLdcREuwX3dSiRn8hwwuNnqsx2y77mxSG8x-7eYbdHIj0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1061.28)):

When the organization gets involved where it will help us, maybe we don't have funding to be able to build the playground. And so to have that connection to someone to say, well, we have a little something, would you mind? We're going to say yes, especially if there's a need. Do they have to have a playground? Well, why not? Why not? And so they do have to have it. And so since you're bringing it to us, we're not going to say no because they don't have one here and it's not one close around this village. And so that's important, too. And so some things you just can't have. And so if someone can bring that to the table, we're going to be like, yes and thank you.

Speaker 2 ([10:22:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Ele1zeYntTRyM2G5E_w5uLDHFakw0q3egJyy4LHNi1QRy_o1VzzatwyE-ZZuETykSYUNBOQ_13EcmKxTc2t36nNOg9M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1107.27)):

When you think about the children who live in this village and then the children who live in the surrounding community, when you think about a playground being in that location and bringing people from outside of the village, so now you're creating this community that's a little bit larger than One Family. Right? How do you think a playground will help create a larger sense of community for the foster parents and children that are here?

Christie Richardson ([10:23:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HRXp2vSQdE8vF4Y4hgxL445exzahSIVkrAwIpegMD2VfXTrs4wRX_cmrqn-Hlm4Q--pvw8FqAFaTNfVYxq-O8U0-OuE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1130.82)):

I believe the exposure to not just the playground, that'll be the ticket to bring them in, but once they realize what's really going on over here, some people think that they're not allowed to come and that's not the case. Please come. Please come and see about us and do a tour with us or some of the community events. Some may think, oh, are we invited, too? We are trying to build a village on top of the village and it takes a community and it's okay to have those different facets.

([10:23:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/gTBZlRSmCm_Fx4EthbOVW_oolxiy_JjsdFb0FfUy6LyriZgvK0kipWoiBpBD6f7pokDar_5OLK7cpLfHzeAuBQCSz40?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1167.42)):

Though this is a unique circumstances or situation, the leaders, we know what to do and when to do and what not to do. And so just to expose and bring them to a community setting where they can feel like they're a part of a different community while they're a part of their own community that's called sharing. That's called collaboration. That's called, oh, you're learning something from that community person that you may want to do. We are just exposing them to opportunities for their growth.

Speaker 2 ([10:24:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lWttzyyEGpFOMOqOGu4HvrNLKMxB8xs9esetUG8OM47bm-Ny31gIvsrueh5h6ydTWp_RYjj9ev2utasorqKGLP6Gu9c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1202.91)):

How grateful are you for a company like Travelers that would come in here and start this initiative and build a playground here for the community?

Christie Richardson ([10:24:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ldlydjBLDJeF05-wiWDIX2fkSqH7RNAXno0jimynQUD7NWKhfox5l1nFY0X9Rv4HZkqbSuINwyYOEqyVn0GZfH4pSpA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1211.64)):

I am super grateful. I am not going to cry, but I am pleased and honored that we were chosen for this endeavor. It's a beautiful thing, but you just don't know the hearts. I'm just seeing the kids' faces and the smiles and the times that they'll be out there to be able to play on their own in their village and then to have other kids to come in as well. That's more friends. Kids are kids. And to have that organization to really say yes to us for this, I am grateful. My heart is full. It's a beautiful thing.

Speaker 2 ([10:25:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DLmFMF5pqh_-uTC_KWw3b2xNk2oaAvjks5G4EkeVXek-7e3aCVoS748oxRAIs0MDS18K-WGYbGSXodp0B8tG-88OMr4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1250.3699999)):

Can you talk a little bit about ... The power of play is something that's talked about. Right? Even downstairs in the YMCA, I saw something outside that talked about the power of play. Considering what these children have experienced in their lives and the difficulties. Yeah, they're at One Family now and things are working out better for them at the moment. But can you talk a little bit about how you think that play at the playground will help with the mental health and stability that these children have maybe found challenging?

Christie Richardson ([10:25:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/KmrLPQpGLU0ViGi5x8Sbko8f3zK_hYFWCabe8GxmEBSPQPltZnPyflATnF_8pvhZya3Hv0nPH8xOxF0gdD1DnHjfA3c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1279.41)):

I think it will add to what's already being done here. We're in a position where we still provide something. Something is better than nothing. We have the garden, we take them on field trips, we expose them to the city. But to have something right in their own backyard on a consistent basis, it's not a special trip or a special time. I believe this will really expand to their playtime and relationship time.

([10:26:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JHpESnILByXjMZJ1TSmP84mo89LEtPR2MVMW547xWQxhzL0zej81EfitcLZbOFawRPqLfWHD3j6HRAXLJv1TXUYhKMc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1307.52)):

We have other residents in the village, like I said before, and that playtime with other kids just will help them mature in their young age, but also just learn about the sharing, the caring, and just having someone that they can trust outside of their own circle that's building relationship and learning about a village. The village that takes care of a village.

Speaker 2 ([10:26:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/NoyXEoXkarRLHvMEE7YrvYhNMxgEMyEKcCU7yNEfWh_Om_qZMXL5mLH8kMS5q3k6C149UxbkJ8xcWRN-7r6lERX0j80?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1336.05)):

Why do you do what you do?

Christie Richardson ([10:26:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JSBX16hVcMt6iBqQxsQUjvhDHFVQkjqNy1FjWfWOS7v52ARhMbBGxCmTgHfAC50JHThO6SV0MxmhNPJriY9CYIsxl5g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1338.15)):

My motto is, I am here to serve. I've been a not-for-profit over 25 years and my heart is to serve. And so it's not about the money. Though it's needed, it's not about that. The bottom line is can I affect, can I touch, can I lead? Can I expose someone to have more than what they have, someone to have something that they desire, someone to have peace in a difficult situation? Meaning everything's not perfect all the time, but this won't last forever either. Let's see what we can do to get around what's bothering you and I'm here to serve.

Speaker 2 ([10:27:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/7uYW1fRtp4CSyl5ZkBuAZhYtab3H77g9cus3EZXRBMPoFE9w4UHayt9uL_FgU0OOp2R3v2GOxXCNDqLB6rs6E6mCIX0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1381.47)):

And with that in mind, with that kind of motto, how does this job ... How do you feel going home at the end of the day knowing that you're serving children that really, and families that really are in need of that?

Christie Richardson ([10:27:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/pXh-JurfmK4dGD3G4uQIOEhvn6u02NN4HCujUXPiKFcxp-yPWSZUtTAZv9vTwFOwpQaeV2ExSKXXlBoOtisJLm0sxzg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1394.49)):

One Family Illinois describes it best. It's one family. We are part of a good state, Illinois. But when it's all said and done it's service. I serve someone to make them happy. I serve a colleague to help them or a staff person to make them go to the next level. If I could do what I can to make someone or help someone to grow, to help someone to look beyond where they are, to help someone to find hope or know that there's hope at the end of the road things should be better, then I've done my job and I go to the next one. I'm here to serve.

Speaker 2 ([10:28:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/01R1a0y8fVV-LrmDn2f0UQvCo9mQR-6NEdKdM6td2-HhNnEgIXD00fTLsRquoVUqUpYcsiO70enn_PkxLDbDTvJJBKk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1445.58)):

There's lots of organizations that do wonderful things for children and families, but when you look at One Family, why would you say that what you do is really important? Why do the people that you serve, why are they so deserving of those efforts?

Christie Richardson ([10:28:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/FIn-CjHnNTZrRkJd-J0riyNguDHtw_0k4LgDPV7jsECi0aTQcxIxK1FWB6lSbHUVANTeAkQ8fgVd-OeUKTsjrlvqgbU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1462.2)):

Oh, they're so deserving because of what's happened. This is different type of non-for-profit. This is something that's real and it's affected the whole family. Who's going to help? Who's going to help? And so our job is to come in to help, but also to nurture the pain, not away, but help them to get through it so that they can function, so that they can know that things happen. It's not going to always be happy and not hurtful, but you still can live. You still can smile. You still can eat and go to sleep and have someone to wake up and love on you. And so, One Family Illinois Foster Care in a unique way does all of that. They win. We win. The village wins.

Speaker 2 ([10:29:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YWx3pzuWu82QHHVzx_6gAis4EGrlA0iT5zhY2NfWMMCfMKNLlOr1TqUpoQ6J135xg2qpBSrTkEmrFbRaWZ30sPWlSQI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1519.8)):

That's wonderful. What are your future hopes for One Family? One Family has already done amazing work, but always looking to the future and ways to grow and impact even more families and children. What would you like to see with One Family as you [inaudible 10:29:58] the future?

Christie Richardson ([10:29:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZPUeqcTCksP_xOe4THATOvtRMbLQPa6plKeB_XBx2lbxEjUou3tk2sZ-Arw0UAZH7WPXFncmSPMVL6hYILnOkDgXViQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1535.3699999)):

I would like to see the vision of our mission, blah, sorry. I would like to see the vision of our mission and our CEO to expand what we already have, and that's being more community oriented and then also bringing services that will help the community. Health and wellness is a big thing for our CEO. And one would say, what does that have to do with fostering?

([10:30:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/p-Nk_3SCVMy0XbmhY4tW7YKP8cMRhHgW7VZZbPgx-YOQUk917g7bvb9LJWmERqsMjJLrhVdaH7rQLVwMHCdiXAIiC1g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1564.35)):

Well, we are a village, three villages, and we have the opportunity to expand services first within and then expose it to the community. That's what community service is. That's what one village is. One village is we have what we have. We can share what we have or expose you to what we have to help you to have a village of your own or be a part of our village and grow with us.

Speaker 2 ([10:30:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/-YmnuUtS409roebMNaHOY26v9Yvag5HBGRQC0jmLjZoj2Tw5eiOIsRBRYjcomY62tyG3mv3gUiMewneVF8s-hYM8imk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1592.76)):

I just want to revisit, can you give me one statement about Travelers, the organization that's funding the playground? You've already expressed your gratitude, but could you just do that again and use the name Travelers in your answer?

Christie Richardson ([10:31:08](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Kq9k0J42UNNo1tXIf8uwuW3WIU2DIDhackwwMR-wLfJChOmt2GxySMGnPDNPbz_4QWeEJOb5nxopFWyaKzlvsFpO1W4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1604.7)):

Sure. Travelers being a contributor of a playground has helped us to expand our network of One Family Illinois. Travelers is helping our mission and our vision to expand into the community. We have the playground being built for our kiddos and our kids in the village, but we also look at the other community members coming in now and also being a part of our village as well.

([10:31:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/RT6EqO6mPV--mT6my0axeQvVCYEc6tiwSEfFKqy2Fp4LcOSI6Tk-FZAnQILj9UC5v_3jadVYSR-mepCg62iNmgtKQ_c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1636.77)):

Whenever we have anything, they come already. Now, to have a playground that's more consistency so they can see how the fostering is doing and also be contributors to whatever they need or whatever we need. It's exposure, but it's also bringing a collaboration of unity within the community.

Speaker 2 ([10:32:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/q84NOZAbng9FyRBekFWzTRmJ7t-U3eIUjV8OfvPxbQkkXItwGyDMTL0zpwF8l1aR7Km_nHK9EHD2CJQ9VAHhonzCe64?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1660.47)):

That's great. Hey, is there anything that you feel like we haven't touched on?

Speaker 3 ([10:32:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YvXxA-PfpcQ76WwOM06-dkbUYA2Y_CLQAHLwbiNU9hjQL2f7-riXqZ4mCZNAzkxwwcO-yawlYmXhNOamxcIvBvAul7M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1665.21)):

Maybe go back to the Kaboom question, but instead of answering with Kaboom answer with Travelers, because I think that that's ...

Speaker 2 ([10:32:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/NX017-AtEhBVhALuhmFMpG5KH8FhnuIE8aBEgckwejI05-nTschhv9qgh1AIPE6TLhIRUDzssxcmHNywTwRiDNfnziI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1674.78)):

Great, so let's talk a little bit more about the playground coming in. And again, so Kaboom is definitely partnering with Travelers, but Travelers is going to fund and bring in Kaboom to build the playground. Let's just talk a little bit about how excited you are to have something here in this immediate community. We bring outside community and they can engage these children and families. And again, just keeping in mind the name Travelers, if you could. Touch on that answer again.

Christie Richardson ([10:32:44](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/R72E9fWcXiaOLkIDaGsUUPnBVA7BgjitBjuzHKMB0ddf7vrWJraVtFcTzDybxrrLo0ejnqFXnYplLcmx7awsLrxzGj4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1700.19)):

Okay. Having the playground come into our village is an exposure to our kids so that they won't have to feel left out. Sometimes kids, they'll go outside, why can't we have it in our backyard? We want to thank Travelers for picking us to be a location where they can bless us with the playground. And this will impact not only our village, but also our community. Because the kids are very knowledgeable about their own village and they're getting some knowledge about the outside villages or residents on the outside.

([10:33:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/dMMtZHI75lYCkb2dtqxO2yhAjRi5i8jTvdgBPB9SsOjTv0bMBk9MW2DnInhtUdbrJrvmM5sIQuPIETo3YNDECf8apMg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1741.56)):

When we have events, the community sometimes come in, but now this will be a significant impact that we'll have not only within our villages, but also with the surrounding communities coming inside to be a part of our villages. And that's growth and so exposure, and that's just more nurturing that we have not only for our kids, but also for the community and their kids.

Speaker 2 ([10:33:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yzonb5UmKkYO3t3_ESaBU5gkY-QR0oGxlUWFL9Dlk0fw0VwXuHKR-mSztxSBfAmFM4H-p1_tEzzkRnJaMXAQzz2fQEA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1766.28)):

And then one more time with just the importance of being in charge of community engagement, having outside corporate sponsors come in as part of the community and help you create that community. How does that ... Talk to me a little bit about what it means to have Travelers coming in and just kind of partnering with you like that.

Christie Richardson ([10:34:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OUN3MJiWeJ9_SW-S7TJyr18sAQ525_Nn-H3t9nutoRsC6LZpbL96KtIGN233mL9SmQaoAwNVjqg34CUhB0bPgpAArBg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1781.94)):

Travelers coming in, fostering with One Family Illinois is a huge, huge benefit for our organization. Having a playground and being able to discuss. Yeah, Travelers just blessed us with, I won't say blessed, but Travelers just came in and helped us to have a playground built in one of our villages is an awesome thing to say, especially when I'm out in the community, because then that's going to give somebody and nudge to just be like, oh, what can we do?

([10:34:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OFdRXyEl12V3PRPl9z0DFpOa4eyKZNIhzO0KzT-4eyJ9QjAMyvfKBsi_e_8M9ZBTs3V2B0mk1luprqSV-ZdV8C-t1Kg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1811.1)):

And we can just add to it and add on and add on. But it's not about the getting. We appreciate it, but it's just we want people to know about One Family Illinois and know that it's not one family silo, but as a community. Come on in, have lunch with us, come on in, have a play at the playground, have a sit down at the picnic table in the garden. Travelers is exposing us a little bit more, so we appreciate that effort in our community engagement component.

Speaker 2 ([10:35:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OuAGGCBIJ2sURImDCRE5sOopzqcGs3JvAM_azJ0dBoD7aDp2GO7jUi-yUtqnnLDAgB6IZwUG0eb4gVO-PajaTbTYigs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1843.44)):

And you mentioned the word silo. I mean, just knowing that you are not in this work alone I'm sure is just really, really helpful.

Christie Richardson ([10:35:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Lz6spaCC09nnqsGiQls1gmp-i__JudcnKMcweNNPGylcjQTcFM3W2Qg8nMnM9RuWpv_wO9oIoUSxBfl0wnQ32nUiLUU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1849.41)):

Absolutely. Travelers is now a partner, and so just adding to what we want to do concerning the vision and the mission, and we thank them for supporting us in doing that. The more partners, the better for our kids.