



Dear Friend

Thank you for supporting Greenlight Family Services and the important services we provide to vulnerable families throughout the state of Illinois. During this past year, we have all felt our lives being turned upside down as we navigate the health and safety issues surrounding the pandemic. It is especially true for children and families in need, as well as sexual assault survivors continuing clinical services. Greenlight staff continues to provide support and connection that is desperately needed during these un navigated times.

This year, Greenlight has surged through the uncertainty to continue to deliver the highest quality services throughout Illinois. Referrals have increased across all programs. In October, with your support, we successfully hosted our first virtual Greenlight Gala. More than 300 supporters from across the nation joined together to help us reach our fundraising goal and spread the word about the good work we do at Greenlight.

On Giving Tuesday, help Greenlight continue this momentum and help us transform lives by making an online donation. Thank you in advance for your continued support for Greenlight Family Services.

From our families to yours, have a Healthy and Happy Holiday season!

Sincerely

Maria Nanos, LCSW, PhD
CEO



The G Force: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

**Streaming Live
Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:00 PM**

You are cordially invited to a FREE screening of the Cannes International Independent Film Festival Semi-Finalist documentary. Our very own NBC5 investigative reporter Marion Brooks will dialogue with nominated writer and director, Pamela Sherrod Anderson after the Livestream presentation.

[Learn more](#)

Greenlight in the Community

With families confined in their homes, it has become more important than ever for Greenlight to maintain a presence in the community. On December 9th at 5:30 PM, CEO Maria Nanos and Attorney Ashley Reed will be guest speakers on the live webinar hosted by Howard Brown Health Center. The Second Parent Adoption Seminar will inform parents about custody and the legal adoption process.

Families attending the event will benefit from having access to both Dr. Nanos and Atty. Reed during the question and answer portion of the seminar. Dr. Nanos is an expert in child welfare and mental health. Atty. Reed is Vice-Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Adoption Law Committee and is well-informed on the newest adoption laws.

[Howard Brown Health Center](#)



**The VNA Foundation Supports
Greenlight Counseling Services**



Through the continued support of the VNA Foundation, Greenlight Counseling services overcomes common barriers to care by offering students free and accessible long-term counseling for campus sexual assault.

Last year, with the help of the VNA Foundation's generous funding, Greenlight Counseling staff performed 39 in-person and virtual educational outreach events throughout Chicago including area universities, wellness centers, and community partners supporting survivors of sexual assault. This year, we have doubled our educational outreach efforts through virtual events and raising awareness through enhanced social media.

Together, Greenlight Counseling and the VNA Foundation continues to create a world in which a person's life is not defined by the devastating experience of sexual assault. We are incredibly grateful for the VNA Foundation's continued support.

[More on the VNA Foundation](#)

Today is Giving Tuesday!

Make Greenlight Family Services your organization of choice this Giving Tuesday. There are so many noble causes out there, and you may wonder what makes Greenlight stand out from the rest? Why does Greenlight deserve your donation?

By giving to Greenlight, you are funding futures. Your gift of \$50 will start a survivor of campus sexual assault on a path toward healing and wholeness. A gift of \$100 will secure a child's place in the home of a loving caregiver by establishing custody through Guardianship. \$500 will give stability to a child struggling at school through Educational Advocacy services. \$1000 will fund the expense of the Home Study necessary for families who are adopting.

Greenlight makes a difference in the lives of every client served.

Help Greenlight transform lives.

[Donate for Giving Tuesday](#)



