

2018
Annual
Report



BRIGHTER
DAYS AHEAD



METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

OUR MISSION

Since 1917, Methodist Children's Home Society has provided individualized treatment, care, advocacy, and permanency to children and families impacted by childhood trauma.

OUR VISION

We strive to build a community where every child and family has a safer and brighter future.

CORE VALUES

- Celebrate the worth, diversity, and dignity of every youth and family.
- Work collectively together and through partnerships to provide the best care possible.
- Give voice to our youth and families who do not have a voice.
- Commit to results.
- Make a positive impact on our communities.

FINDING HOPE AT MCHS

"Sometimes I wish I could take a pencil and erase my life, just start over." And through his tears, Elliott took a deep breath and grabbed his trash bag, which was filled with all of his possessions, and started walking to his new cottage. His caseworker had told him he'd be going to a new home, called Methodist Children's Home Society, but he didn't care. At this point, his life had been a blur. A life of chaos. Always on the go and with no end in sight. At the tender age of eleven, Elliott was ready to give up.

The stories of our children shake you to the core: one child sexually abused multiple times before turning five years old and another who witnessed his mother overdose right in front of him. A third child, Andrew, was forced to sleep outside, wondering when his next meal would come. And a fourth child, Cassie, beaten within an inch of her life. Twice. And all of these children came to MCHS in desperate need of love and support to recover from their past. They were just four of the over 250 hurting children and families we served through our residential treatment, foster care, adoption, and independent living programs.

Last year was a remarkable one as MCHS served and cared for more children and families, launched its aftercare and mentoring programs, incorporated STEM in our education programming, and began developing new child abuse prevention programs for its new satellite location in Detroit. Recognized for being one of the best treatment centers in the country for children, MCHS achieved COA Accreditation. But most importantly, over 90% of our children who left our programs in 2018 found the safety, security, hope, and love of a family.

None of that was possible without our community. Like every year before, our success was built on the backbone of all of you, who through your time, energy, faith and support ensured that our children would recover from their past. Because of you, our children understand they are special and talented; that they didn't deserve the immense pain and hurt they survived. That theirs is a life filled with dignity and love with better days ahead. Because of your generosity last year, you gave hope and a better future to all of our children and families.

Elliott no longer needs a pencil to erase his life. These days, in our art club, he sketches, meticulously, drawing his future which includes the family he will be starting his new life with. No longer stumbling in darkness, Elliott has taken his first steps into the light with the therapy and care provided by MCHS. From Elliott as well as all of our children, thank you for giving the hope and future our children deserve.

Kevin Roach
Chief Executive Officer



THE POWER OF TONY'S STORY

He never should have been here. His life wasn't supposed to end up this way. Yet, here he was, about to turn 18 years old with nowhere to turn or anywhere to go.

After his mom died when he was just 11 years old, he went to live with his aunt. And for Tony, that was when his life began to unravel. Beaten and bruised, he entered the foster care system one year later. At a time when he was supposed to be looking forward to his adolescence, he was merely trying to survive it.

Going from one home to another, Tony struggled to keep his grades up and meet new friends. For him, what was the point as he'd soon find himself in a new home in a new neighborhood. And then one day, it got to be too much. Unwanted and unloved, at the tender age of 16 years old, Tony tried to take his own life.

For Tony, that was his breaking point. Or...maybe it was his starting point. After surviving his attempt and now with a new foster family, he slowly began putting his life back together. And as he approached his 18th birthday, where he'd no longer be in the foster care system, he knew he'd be on his own. That's when he found MCHS's Independent Living Program, a program uniquely designed to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with life skills and preparation.

With guidance and support, Tony found a part-time job and caught up on his high school curriculum. He began enjoying his life, attending Pistons games and other enriching activities that youths his age enjoy. He even had his very own birthday cake – something he hadn't had since his mom was alive. For Tony, his sadness and despair turned into hope, confidence and dreams of a brighter future. He never should have been here. But thank goodness he was.

FROM OUR PAST TO OUR FUTURE



Methodist Children's Home Society began its journey in 1917, paving the way for so many children and families in crisis. As time moves forward, we recognized the need to evolve as well.



MCHS made huge progress in 2018 in developing new and innovative solutions to spread our reach farther, helping more children and families in need.



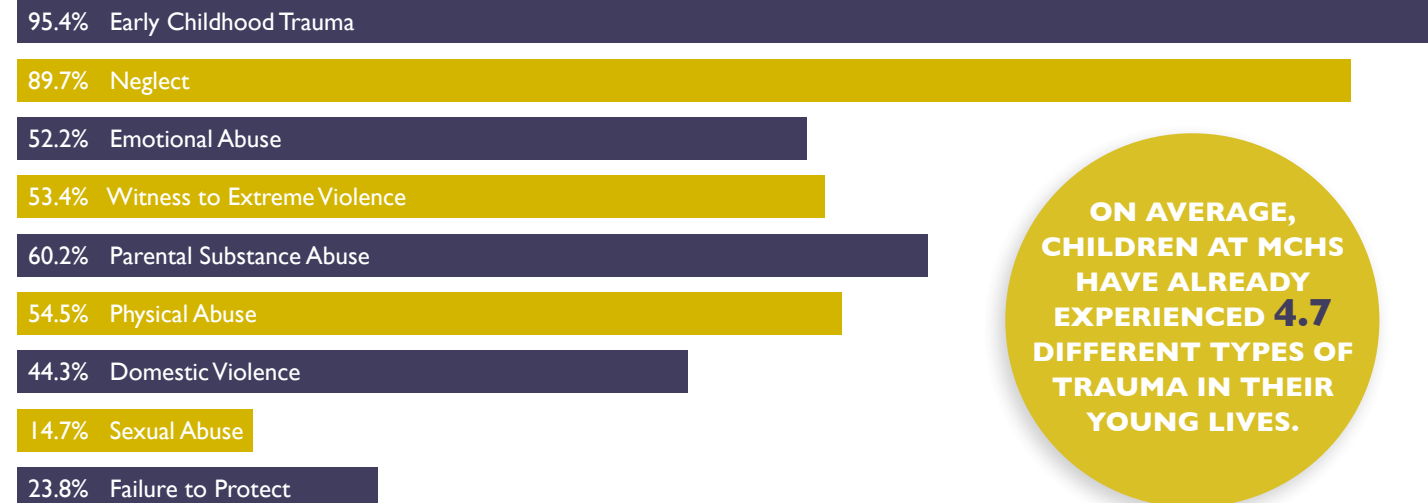
Addressing the need to have presence in Michigan's most underserved area, MCHS opens its first satellite office in Detroit in April 2019. The Detroit office focuses heavily on child abuse prevention and advocacy, fully equipped with a public resource bank in addition to offering proper child care classes.

MCHS is also set to break ground on our on-campus charter school in 2019 with the goal of opening doors to students for the 2020-21 school year. The school will have specialized curriculum for students who are victims of trauma, ensuring that each child gets the individualized care and education they deserve to succeed.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



THE CHILDREN WE SERVE HAVE EXPERIENCED THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TRAUMA

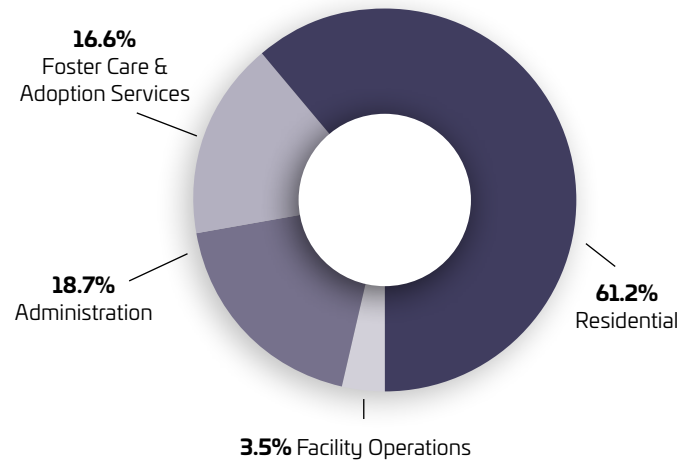


**ON AVERAGE,
CHILDREN AT MCHS
HAVE ALREADY
EXPERIENCED 4.7
DIFFERENT TYPES OF
TRAUMA IN THEIR
YOUNG LIVES.**

AGENCY FINANCIALS

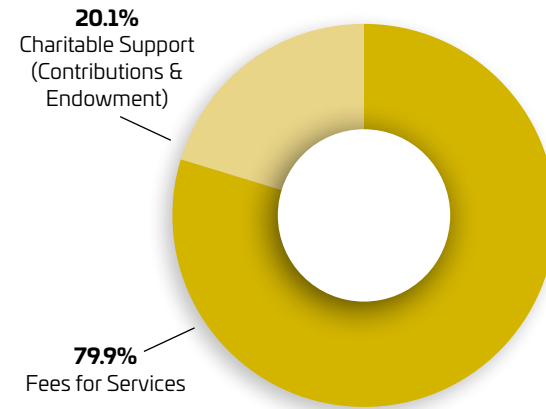
EXPENDITURES

Total: \$9,135,748



REVENUE

Total: \$9,135,748



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

BECAUSE OF DONORS AND SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU:

- MCHS was able to fully remodel Harrison Cottage.
- Our children relaxed and kicked off the beginning of the school year with a massive Back to School Bash.
- 40 children were able to celebrate their special days through our Birthday Club.
- Children in our residential program have interacted with MCHS therapy animals — Molly the dog, and two goats, Coco and Kiki.
- Eight children received one-on-one mentorship.
- Our children attended summer sports camps and enriching field trips.
- Our children celebrated Christmas, had supplies for school, and special outings throughout Michigan.
- Our children in foster care each got a new bike.
- ... And much, much more!



STRATEGIC PLAN: THE 2022 L.E.A.P.

THE BLUEPRINT FOR OUR NEXT CENTURY OF CARING

The 2022 L.E.A.P. which stands for **Learn, Evolve, Apply, and Produce** explores refining current programs and operations, while strategically positioning with new programs and services. This initiative was passed in the November 2017 board meeting.

STRATEGY 1:

We provide comprehensive and evidence-based treatment to children and families throughout all of the agency's programs and services.

STRATEGY 2:

We diversify treatment programming and child welfare services to serve more youth and families in Southeast Michigan.

STRATEGY 3:

We strengthen programs and services by investing in systems and infrastructure to benefit children, families and staff.

STRATEGY 4:

We enhance fund development, marketing and community relations functions to increase and diversify funding sources.

STRATEGY 5:

We prove MCHS is a leader in child welfare in Southeast Michigan by increasing advocacy and promoting innovative treatment models.

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AT MCHS IN 2018...

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BOYS FOUND SAFETY
AND BELONGING IN
OUR RESIDENTIAL
PROGRAM

12

YOUNG MEN PREPARED
FOR THEIR FUTURES IN
OUR INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM

36

LICENSED FOSTER FAMILIES
OPENED THEIR HEARTS
AND HOMES TO CHILDREN
WHO NEEDED THEM MOST

30

ADOPTIONS
WERE
COMPLETED

IN GOOD COMPANY

A YEAR OF GROWTH, PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

ANNUAL DINNER

Our Annual Dinner welcomed 300 guests to the The Henry, Autograph Collection in Dearborn to celebrate the volunteers and donors whose support allows us to continue our life-changing work! Volunteer of the Year awards were presented to Thrivent Financial and Molly, our campus therapy dog, with owner Jill Sloan. MCHS presented past board member Bob Stoner with our the Legacy Award.

GOLF CLASSIC

Golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of playing "fore the kids" at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Our golf outing welcomed nearly 90 golfers!

IN BLOOM LUNCHEON

Nearly 150 guests braved the rain clouds to enjoy lunch with MCHS. We welcomed Rev. Bill Ritter as our keynote speaker.

HEARTS & HEROES GALA

Approximately 325 guests spent the evening celebrating with us at the Roostertail in Detroit, a new venue for MCHS! This was our most heavily attended 2018 event.

In total, MCHS had 905 guests join throughout the year at our four 2018 signature events. That is a 20 percent increase in attendance from 2017!

**“ALONE
WE CAN DO
SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER
WE CAN DO
SO MUCH.”**

- HELEN KELLER



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