



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT







# ABOUT 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.

# A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Testing positive to heroin and other narcotics when he was born, Caleb entered a world knowing only chaos and pain. As he battled through the withdrawals of the powerful drugs, one couldn't help but wonder if he'd be battling for the rest of his life. Removed immediately from his home, he was placed with relatives which led to more chaos and violence.

And so, he entered our foster care program at the tender age of 10 months. And his life forever changed. Fifteen months later, he was adopted by the same family, finding the safety and stability, love and permanency that had been absent for most of his life.

While all of our children come to us with pain and sadness from the overwhelming abuse and neglect they survived, that's only one aspect of who they are. Whether it's our residential treatment program, foster care, adoption, or independent living services, the most remarkable aspect of our children is not their backgrounds. Nor is it the intense pain or abuse they've survived. It's their resilience. It's their determination. It's the boundless potential each of them has when they experience love.

### Your support mattered.

With every child, we went through the highs and lows, their struggles and their triumphs. We laughed with them. We cried with them. We shared in their pain and profound grief. But also celebrated their successes, knowing that better days were ahead. We couldn't have done it without you.

### Your support mattered.

Because of the extraordinary support of our community, our children's futures are bright. From celebrating birthdays to planting vegetables, to giving new experiences to our children, you gave hope. To ensuring every child experienced the magic of Christmas, to becoming a mentor, you gave love. Painting walls, playing basketball, teaching chess, and decorating trunks for Halloween, our volunteers and donors were amazing.

Our volunteers and donors did it all, from serving on our Board and special committees, to cleaning up our campus, to building bikes. And because of your support, we were able to ensure that Caleb and 300 other lives were transformed last year.

### Your support mattered.

Because to give hope is to give new life. From the darkest of days to the brightest of futures, our children's journey ahead is one paved by the amazing community you've cultivated with us. Here's to even better moments and brighter futures in 2020 and beyond!

**Kevin Roach**  
Chief Executive Officer







# A STORY OF HOPE & HEALING

**WHILE SO MANY OF OUR CHILDREN ARE** engaged in our new animal assisted therapy program, one child in particular transformed through his bond with our animals. Daniel, like so many other children, came to us angry. With 70 percent of his body burned from the horrific trauma he had endured, he had every right to be. Daniel didn't talk to anyone and certainly didn't confide in anyone. He was constantly getting into fights and refusing therapy. For days on end, he'd shut down, no will to say or do anything. It was painfully evident that Daniel was losing hope. For him, there was no family in sight and no one to call a friend.

Finally, after one particularly rough day, he broke down, giving insight of what was going on. Because of the burns on his body, including scars and blemishes on his face, he felt he was "too ugly" to be adopted. In his head, he was defective. And as a result, how could he possibly experience love? We wished he could see what the rest of us could. But he was filled with anger and resentment from the life he had been dealt.

Then came along two goats – Coco and Kiki, a mother and her kid. Daniel, with a broken spirit and shattered faith, found new life. It was amazing to see him talking to the goats and caring for them. He'd run home from school and head straight to the goats. We saw him smiling for hours



on end with a glimmer of new life in his eyes.

We were not surprised at his capacity for love and kindness. For some of our children, it's buried just a little deeper.

One day, MCHS CEO Kevin Roach was walking with Daniel and the goats sharing conversation. Sitting under a tree, Daniel was able to convince Kevin, in a full suit, to lay down and let one of the goats climb on his back. Generally willing to do anything for our children, Kevin had to pause for a minute but allowed the invitation.

Kevin asked him, "So what is it about the animals that made you feel comfortable?" Daniel

went on to share that the first day the goats arrived, he was excited to see them as he'd never seen goats before. And when he finally did, he could sense how scared they were to be in a new home. Daniel could relate and wanted to comfort them.

His capacity for love, which he had been deprived of for most of his life, was greater than words can describe. That day, we knew without a doubt that he would be okay. His future is a bright one, full of kindness, love and mercy. Daniel recently left MCHS and went to a new family.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**4** The number of different traumas the average child at MCHS has experienced.

**106** Children were served in MCHS' foster care program in 2019.

**22** Forever families came together through finalized adoptions in 2019.

**17** Young men prepared for their futures in our Independent Living Plus program.

**28** Mentors empowered and bonded with our children in 2019.

**102** Boys found safety, healing and a new beginning in our residential program in 2019.

**70%** Of children discharged from our residential program left MCHS to live with a family.

**44%** Of children at MCHS are not in the grade their similar-aged peers are.

**73%** Of children at MCHS have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for emotional impairment (EI) or cognitive impairment (CI).

**88%** Of children served in 2019 have ADHD or ADD diagnoses.

**683** Unique infants were provided assistance through the Detroit Resource Center in 2019.

**50K** Diapers were given to at-risk families in our community.



# A YEAR OF GROWTH

## DETROIT OFFICE

After more than 100 years of providing individualized care and treatment to Michigan’s most fragile children, we knew more had to be done on the front end to keep children from entering the foster care system. In 2019, MCHS opened its first satellite office in Detroit at the Durfee Innovation Society. MCHS strategically chose this neighborhood to lead prevention-based programming. The Detroit office offers a diaper bank, child abuse and neglect prevention and workforce development programs.

## COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF WAYNE COUNTY

MCHS acquired the veteran human service agency Community Social Services of Wayne County in August 2019. Through this acquisition, MCHS grows its ability to positively impact and empower the community as a whole with new programs and services.

## FOSTERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

MCHS is excited to bring innovation and education together through the Fostering Leadership Academy, which will open in September. Children who have endured neglect and abuse are impacted physically, emotionally and cognitively. Higher rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in a child leads to a higher rate of school disengagement. The charter school is designed to implement trauma-informed curriculum, incorporating smaller class sizes, daily individual and group therapy, on-site support from social workers and therapists, high family engagement and restorative practices.

## FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

As the rate of children entering foster care continues to rise, so does the need for safe, loving and compassionate foster and adoptive homes. In 2019, MCHS grew its foster care and adoption programs serving more children and families throughout Detroit.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Outstanding is an understatement! MCHS community engagement skyrocketed in 2019. Donor and volunteer partnerships grew stronger while MCHS received more media coverage than ever before. Highlights include mentorship with Redford Township first responders, a summer full of back-to-back activities, field trips to top-of-the-line amusement parks and sporting events, our inaugural Trees for Charity lot and holiday fun with the Detroit Lions and Detroit Pistons!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

MCHS continued its upward trend in both attendance and sponsorship at its three signature events: the Annual Dinner, Golf Classic and Hearts & Heroes Gala. For the first time in MCHS history, guest were able to enjoy an exciting live auction as well as a fund-a-need, with proceeds directly benefiting the inaugural class of the Fostering Leadership Academy.

## ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY

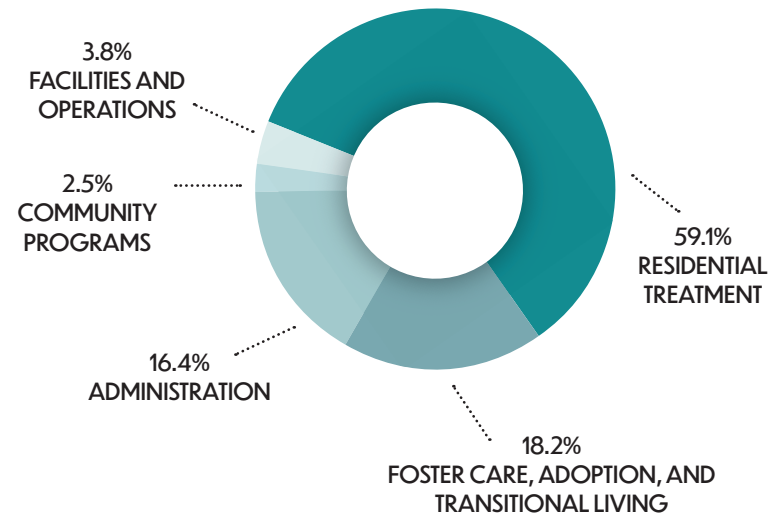
MCHS continues to bring innovation to every aspect of caring for children and families. In 2019, MCHS grew its own family by welcoming goats, chickens and pigs as part of its Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) program. Thank you to the Birmingham/Bloomfield Kiwanis Club and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church of Rochester for supporting this program. **See page 4 for the power of Animal-Assisted Therapy.**



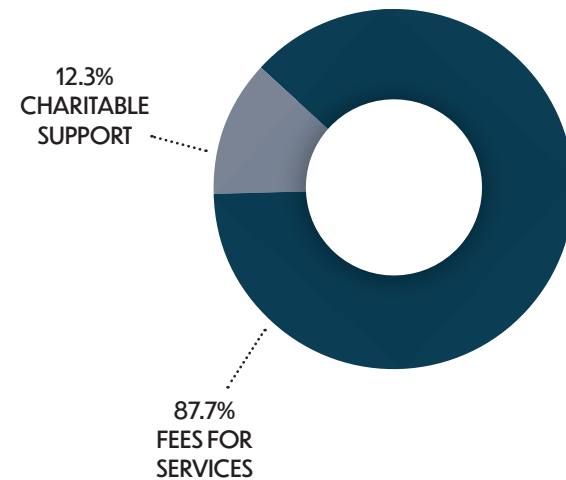
# AGENCY FINANCIALS

## 2019 AT A GLANCE

### EXPENDITURES TOTAL: \$9,705,961



### REVENUE TOTAL: \$9,705,961



## WHERE DO DONOR DOLLARS GO?

Because of our wonderful community partners, in 2019...

- We grew our family of foster parents.
- We filled our Detroit office's Resource Center with diapers, formula and infant supplies.
- We expanded our Animal-Assisted Therapy Program, welcoming two goats, two pigs and nine chickens to our campus.
- We launched our Garden Club, involving ten youth who learned about growing and harvesting fruits, vegetables and herbs.
- Ninety-seven children celebrated their special days through our monthly Birthday Club.
- Twenty-two children experienced the guidance and friendship of an MCHS mentor.
- Every child in our residential treatment program received a brand new bike.
- Every youth and family we served were gifted presents, stockings and holiday cheer from Santa Claus.

... And much more!

## OUR AMAZING STAFF

As experienced and passionate leaders, we have strong positive relationships with our diverse teams and community stakeholders while offering effective problem solving skills, safety and growth to those we serve.

At MCHS, it is not a sole department that leads the amazing work we do. It is the collective whole that, with forces combined, creates the ability to positively impact more children and families through each and every meaningful connection.



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## EXECUTIVE TEAM



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## BECOME A PART OF OUR VILLAGE TODAY!

### MAKE A DONATION

A single donation, whether a monetary or in-kind gift, makes it possible for MCHS to continue our mission and turn our vision into a reality, creating brighter and safer futures for every child and family in our community. Our in-kind wish list is updated and available online.

### VOLUNTEER

The impact of your time and support for our children and families is endless. MCHS creates tailored volunteer experiences for any individual or group wishing to get involved. Highlights include our mentor program, clubs and activities, birthday sponsorship and campus beautification.

### ATTEND OUR SIGNATURE EVENTS

Join us at our Golf Classic on June 19 or our Hearts & Heroes Gala in the fall! Each event is a great opportunity to celebrate the MCHS mission while connecting with fellow supporters.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

Opening your heart and home to a child in need is life-changing for everyone involved. Through fostering or adopting, families are able to save a life and resurrect hope in a child's heart.

### STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow us on social platforms for our latest news and updates! For more information about MCHS, please email [info@mchsmi.org](mailto:info@mchsmi.org) or call (313) 531-4060.

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