



Weathering The Storm Together

Through one of our history's most trying times, MCHS persevered through 2020 and beyond, serving more children and families than ever before.

MCHS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



About MCHS

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

Our children needed us. So did our families.

Despite the biggest challenges we faced in our lifetimes, we knew we couldn't go anywhere. MCHS was needed more than ever before. And what emerged was an even greater commitment, a greater sense of urgency and purpose, and a clearer focus on how we best care for our children, families and community.

Last year, the dedication and passion of our employees was extraordinary from our heroes on the front lines to all the program and administrative staff who never lost sight of our vision. So to were our donors and volunteers, whose unwavering love and dedication ensured our mission endured. As well as our foster families and our community partners whose commitment and support made 2020 one of the most defining times in our proud 104-year history.

2020 will be remembered for the pandemic, but for us, there was much more, from starting senior services to meet the intergenerational needs of our children to opening up our third location, a transitional housing program for teenage homeless mothers in central Detroit. We will remember opening our doors for Fostering Leadership Academy, a charter school specifically designed to meet the mental health needs of our children.

We will also remember how we became the first residential treatment program in the Midwest to eliminate the use of all restraints, which was a culmination of so much work in the past several years. And we will remember how we channeled our outrage from the tragic death of George Floyd into taking stronger and more meaningful action to being a more inclusive and anti-racist agency to better serve our children and families.



As we look ahead into this year and beyond, we couldn't be more excited for what our future holds. Because of your continued support, MCHS continues to grow and expand, developing even more programs and services to meet the complex needs of our children and families. No matter what lies ahead, we know we will be here. From our family to yours, we thank you for creating an even brighter and better future for our children and families in need.

Kevin Roach
CEO

Surviving The Darkest Hours

The warm sun shined on Destiny despite a slight breeze as she watched her daughter on the play structure in the distance. This was the beginning of her renewed life. She knew her purpose and she was on the path to a future of happiness, health and success – with her child by her side. Just one year and three days prior, Destiny had hit her lowest low. Her daughter had been removed from her home due to neglect.

Destiny had been hit hard by the pandemic. In an apartment on Detroit's east side, she lived with her mother and child. Shortly after losing her job at a local diner, she lost her mother, her rock, to COVID-19. At just 24-years-old, she lost sight of her future.

She was overwhelmed with so much grief, loss and uncertainty and nowhere to turn to. Destiny turned to alcohol to pass the days. It was a coping mechanism that had caused much trauma in her own childhood yet she couldn't see through her loss. Her daughter was found multiple times searching for food at the neighboring homes, clothing soiled and body unbathed. Destiny lost sight of the only joy she had left.

Destiny's daughter found safety in the home of an MCHS foster family who had



dedicated their empty-nester home to reunifying families. They had done it nine times prior, and a pandemic didn't stop them from opening their home once more.

Over the next year, the foster family supported with intention, patience and empathy as Destiny worked to balance and heal her own life – sober, working and bringing life back to the home. The same home that saw its darkest days are now filled with hope, safety and warmth as Destiny and her daughter work toward building the future they deserve.

Destiny's story mirrors the story of so many others in 2020. They are stories of loss, isolation, grief, shame and the list goes on. But because of our powerful community of staff, foster families, donors, volunteers and community partners, MCHS didn't skip a beat in our mission during one of the world's darkest hours. From the founding of MCHS during the influenza pandemic more than 104 years ago to 2020 and beyond, MCHS continues to serve the children and families calling for safety and healing.

2020

By The Numbers

- 188 Children were served through our foster care programs.
- 13 Children found their forever homes through MCHS.
- 29 Teens transitioned into adulthood with the support of MCHS.
- 600 Families received prevention services through our Detroit Resource Center.
- 50 Scholars experienced empathy, empowerment and education at Fostering Leadership Academy.
- 30 Young mothers and their 40 children found a safe haven to rebuild their futures.
- 80 Percent of our youth in residential treatment discharged to their family.
- 1 MCHS became the first residential treatment program in the Midwest to become restraint-free.

Growing Our Impact

Without a doubt, MCHS looks different than it did at the beginning of 2019. We knew that our services supporting youth after they've entered the foster care system was vital, but we also knew our story didn't end there. We knew that abuse doesn't happen in a vacuum and that once children turn 18, despite becoming an "adult," their futures continue to be plagued by their past.

We knew that more needed to be done to support children and families at all stages in life. Not only did we understand the need for action, but also the need to address systemic inequities that disproportionately impact minorities through poverty and lack of resources to equal housing, health, education and so much more. We looked in the mirror and we saw the transformation and growth that our community was calling for.

As we continue to grow our programs and services to better meet the needs of our community, we also expand our physical reach now with two locations in Redford, multiple locations in Detroit, and one in Mayville. We invite you – our families, our donors, our volunteers and our community partners – to engage in more innovative and unique ways than ever before through MCHS Family Of Services.

MCHS Family Of Services

Fostering Leadership Academy

26645 W. SIX MILE ROAD,
REDFORD, MI 48240

- Trauma-Informed K-8 Charter School

The Fowler Center

2315 HARMON LAKE ROAD,
MAYVILLE, MI 48744

- Summer Camp
- Respite Care

Main Campus

26645 W. SIX MILE ROAD,
REDFORD, MI 48240

- Residential Treatment
 - Foster Care
 - Adoption
- Independent Living
- Administrative Services

My Friend's Place

20703 PEMBROKE,
DETROIT, MI 48219

- Youth Emergency Shelter
 - Juvenile Justice
- Outpatient Therapy

Community Programs

2470 COLLINGWOOD STREET,
DETROIT, MI 48206

- Child Abuse Prevention
 - Senior Services
 - Foster Care
 - Adoption
- Workforce Development

Transitional Housing

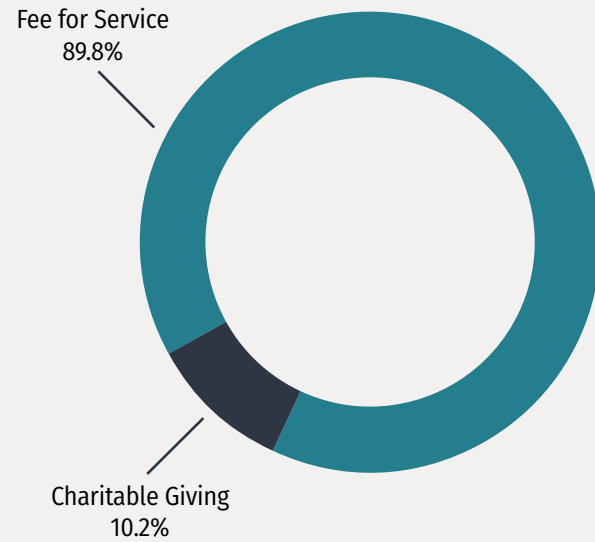
1600 BLAINE STREET,
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- Teen Infant Parenting Services

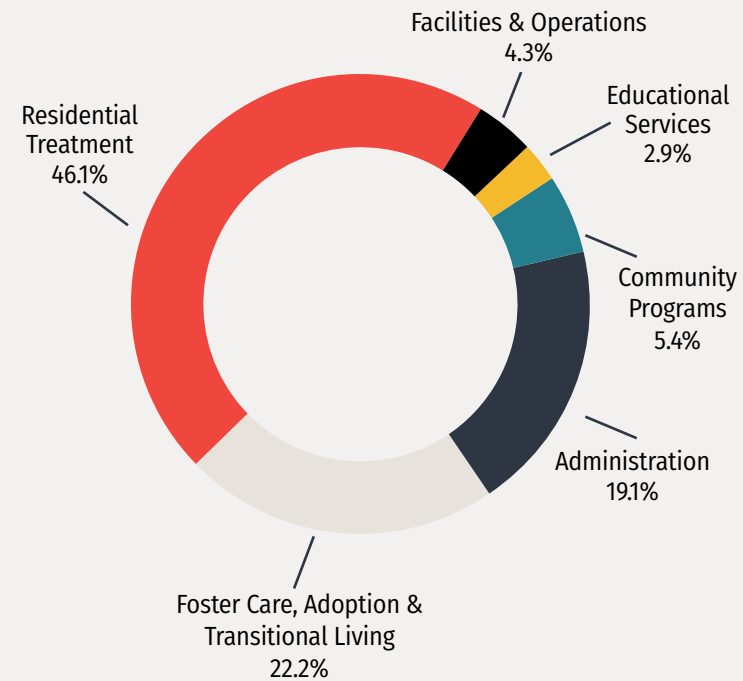
Agency Financials

2020 At A Glance

Total Revenue \$12,893,753



Total Expenditures \$12,893,753



What Did Donor Funds Support During the COVID-19 Pandemic?

For youth in our Residential Treatment Program:

- Clean, safe and warm housing
- Nutritious and healthy meals and snacks
- On-grounds education
- Clinical therapy services for youth impacted by grief
- Opening Fostering Leadership Academy
- Making holidays unforgettable

For our transitional populations:

- Supporting youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood
- Workforce development and job readiness assistance
- Housing & case management for young homeless mothers and their families

For our foster families:

- Supporting our foster families with dinner, produce and care packages
- Resource fairs with diapers, food, games, activities, school supplies and more

For our community:

- Diapers, wipes, formula and more infant necessities at our Detroit Resource Center
- Support for our aging Senior population

For our staff – our heroes:

- Hazard pay for our essential staff
- Covid-19 relief fund for staff impacted by the virus
- Staff appreciation efforts to show gratitude

A Letter From Our Board President

In a year unlike any other we've seen, Methodist Children's Home Society stood as a beacon of strength and hope for our children and families. Due to the heroic dedication of the staff, the loving support of the community, and the passion of the Board of Directors, MCHS was able to meet the growing needs of more children and families than ever before. In 2020, MCHS began its senior service programs, opened the transitional housing program for homeless teenage mothers, and opened its doors to Fostering Leadership Academy, one of the first trauma-informed schools in the state, all the while surviving the pandemic. All of this was made possible by Kevin, the leadership team, and the essential employees who were so passionate about our mission. Kevin's leadership, vision, and intuition made MCHS one of the preeminent agencies in all of Michigan. Honored with the Crain's Best-Managed Nonprofit Award, this past year was a testament to the foundation of which MCHS was built on: love and hope, strength and determination — all to ensure MCHS continues to meet the needs of children and families long after the pandemic is over. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your support and faith in us!

Dr. Douglas Ross
MCHS Board President

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Become a Part of MCHS 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 annual events throughout the year which include our Annual Dinner, Golf Classic, Hearts & Heroes Gala and Holiday Lights, Joyful Nights. Each event is a great opportunity to celebrate our 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.

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

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