



# 2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

*The Power of Community*



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From the Desk of  
**KEVIN ROACH**

## The Power of Community

Reflecting on the past year, one theme stands out as the cornerstone of our success: **The Power of Community**. Strong communities hold the potential to change the world and offer belonging and purpose. At MCHS Family of Services, we are dedicated to nurturing an empowering community that embraces individuals from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and beliefs. Together, we've achieved significant milestones, faced challenges, and forged bonds that strengthen our resolve and will deepen our impact for years to come.

Our community, comprised of all those we serve, is the foundation of who we are at MCHS Family of Services. Driven by the inspiring moments we witness daily—such as a homeless youth finding shelter and warmth, a young adult who has spent his entire life in foster care attending college, or a young child finding her forever home—we see the resilience and perseverance of individuals defining **The Power of Community**. All because of you.

Our community extends beyond those we directly serve. Rooted in the belief that collaboration magnifies impact,

our volunteers, donors, and community partners have transformed MCHS and the lives of thousands that we served this past year. With your support, we've launched new programs and elevated existing initiatives, expanding our reach and impact. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all our partners for fueling **The Power of Community** and providing boundless opportunities for those we serve.

As we celebrate past achievements and look to the journey that lies ahead, we do so with optimism, determination, and profound gratitude for our sustaining community. Together, we will continue to push boundaries and inspire action to transform the lives of those who need us the most. Guided by **The Power of Community**, we embark on the next chapter with unwavering resolve and boundless enthusiasm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Roach'.

**Kevin Roach**  
Chief Executive Officer  
MCHS Family of Services



# About Us

We are a child and family service agency providing foster care, adoption, mental health, education, housing, and community-based services throughout Michigan.



## Our Mission

We provide individualized treatment, care, advocacy, and permanency to children and families impacted by childhood trauma.

## Our Vision

Building a community where every child and family has a safer and brighter future.

## Our Core Values

We celebrate the worth, diversity, and dignity of every youth and family.

We work collectively together and through partnerships to provide the best care possible.

We give voice to our youth and families who do not have a voice.

We commit to results.

We make a positive impact on our communities.

# Our Family of Services

## CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

### Foster Care

Provides safe havens for hundreds of children removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. We support children by helping them find secure and loving homes, with the ultimate goal of achieving permanency and safety.

### Adoption

For children who are unable to reunify with their families, we find safe and loving forever families, enabling them to achieve their fullest potential.

## MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

### My Safe Space (MSS)

Serves young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. We provide crisis stabilization services to ensure our young people get the support they need to recover and stabilize quickly.

### Mental Health Services

Offers personalized and individualized treatment to young people and their families by developing unique treatment plans that empower individuals to work toward healing and personal growth.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS

### Residential Treatment

More than just being a home, our services span a wide range of healing and restorative practices for the children and their families.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Senior Programs

With our Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs, we partner with hundreds of local organizations, where senior volunteers give back and provide intergenerational support to youth through volunteerism, mentorship, and meaningful relationships.

### The Fowler Center

We serve children and adults of all abilities through barrier-free summer camps, weekend respite camps, equestrian programming, and travel adventures.

### Child Abuse Prevention

Through prevention services, we aim to develop and improve the quality, safety, and security of home environments and our communities, including supporting parents to learn and develop new parenting skills for safer and happier futures.

### Unaccompanied Children

We support refugee children through home studies, case management services, language and legal support, and long-term foster care.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### Fostering Leadership Academy (FLA)

Our K-8 public charter school is dedicated to equipping students with academic and social-emotional skills essential for achieving academic success and reaching their full potential.

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

### Independent Living Plus (ILP)

We support young men who are aging out of foster care. Our programs provide mentorship, life skills training, financial literacy, education assistance, workforce development, and much more, so they have the confidence and resources needed to succeed.

### Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS)

We serve young parents experiencing homelessness. Families receive housing, case management, life skills training, and workforce development so they have the skills and resources needed to thrive.

### Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

Serving both male and female teenagers with a history of delinquent behaviors, trauma, and mental health issues, our youth receive extensive skill-building, employment, recreational, and case management services.

### My Friend's Place (MFP)

For young people experiencing homelessness, we provide transitional housing and rapid re-housing services for up to 24 youth at a time. Our young people receive housing, resources, case management, and therapeutic services as they work toward the life they want.



# The Heartbeat of Community

## Everyday Heroes

Emma and Andrew's journey brought them to our foster care program, where they found compassion with their maternal aunt and uncle, who welcomed them with open arms. While their mother sought healing, she made the heart-wrenching decision to release her parental rights, knowing Emma and Andrew needed stability. Their aunt and uncle then stepped forward, offering a forever home filled with love. This past year, their adoption was finalized, solidifying their place in a family built on sacrifice and care—just like so many of our dedicated foster parents.



## A Graduate's Journey

At MCHS, high school graduation is more than a milestone—it's a celebration of resilience and the promise of a brighter future. Noah, one of our Independent Living residents, walked the stage with determination and triumph, having dedicated his senior year to finishing strong. He earned good grades, participated in activities, and enjoyed prom. Graduation was a testament to his perseverance. Now, driven by ambition, Noah is working at a local nonprofit supporting youth. As he carves out his place in the world, we're here, cheering him on every step of the way.

## A Young Man's Determination

For the last several years, Michael has been taking riding lessons at The Fowler Center, where he's shown a natural talent for riding. Michael also has Down Syndrome, and in 2020, he experienced a stroke that impacted the right side of his body. Our dedicated equestrian team worked closely

with him to rebuild his riding skills. Last fall, after nearly two years of hard work, Michael accomplished something incredible—his first independent trail ride! The joy on his face as he guided Rosie along the trail was a true testament to his perseverance. Way to go, Michael!



## Second Chances

"Tommy" was a 23-year-old expectant father without stable housing or a high school diploma. His future was uncertain until he found My Friend's Place, where a dedicated case manager helped him turn things around. Through the program, Tommy joined Detroit Youth Build, a construction pre-apprenticeship that offered him not just a job but a path to a career. With temporary housing, life skills training, and parenting classes, Tommy gained the tools and confidence to build a better future for himself and his growing family.



## The Power of Two

In our Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS) community, a remarkable moment unfolded. Early one morning, a young mother went into labor in her apartment. Ms. Evans, a Resident Advisor, called EMS to transfer the young mother to the hospital, but quickly realized she faced the imminent arrival of the newborn before EMS could arrive. With calm composure and 911 guidance, Ms. Evans safely delivered the baby boy. The bravery of both the young mom and Ms. Evans truly embodies the strength and determination that define our TIPS family.

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**45** CHILDREN SERVED AT  
TEEN INFANT PARENTING SERVICES

**139** YOUTH SERVED IN  
FOSTER CARE

**701** CAMPERS SERVED AT  
THE FOWLER CENTER

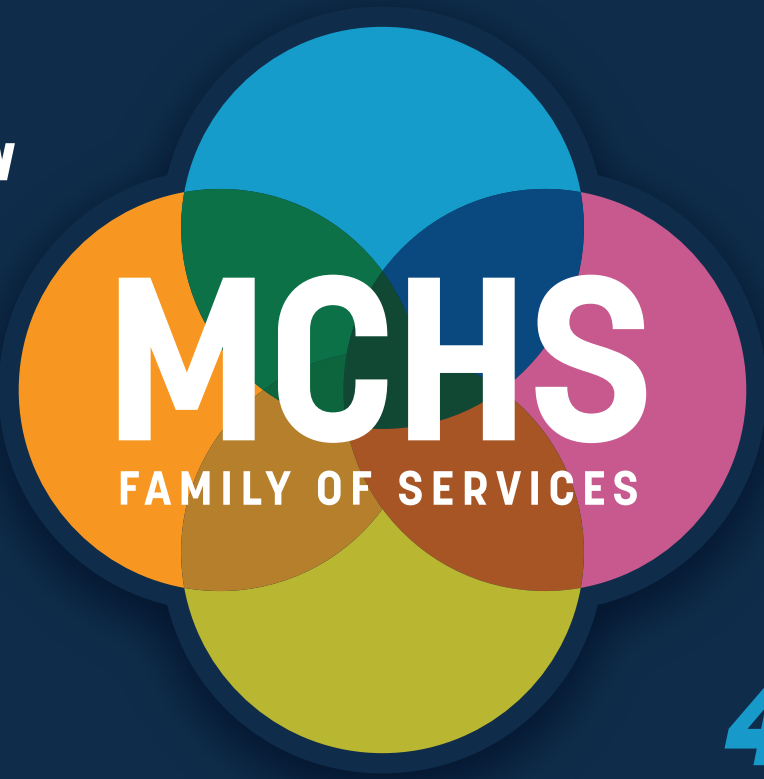
**166** YOUTH SERVED THROUGH  
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

**60** YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH  
ADOPTION SERVICES

**2,278** UNIQUE  
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

**389** UNIQUE FAMILIES SERVED AT OUR  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

**786** UNIQUE  
DONORS



**177,254** SERVICE HOURS BY  
OUR SENIOR ADULTS

**37,715** NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED BY  
OUR FOSTER PARENTS

**660** UNIQUE  
VOLUNTEERS

**47** YOUTH EXITED FOSTER CARE THROUGH  
ADOPTION PLACEMENTS

**4,018** NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED FOR  
YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

**250** MCHS STAFF MAKING  
THE MISSION HAPPEN

**243** SENIOR  
VOLUNTEERS

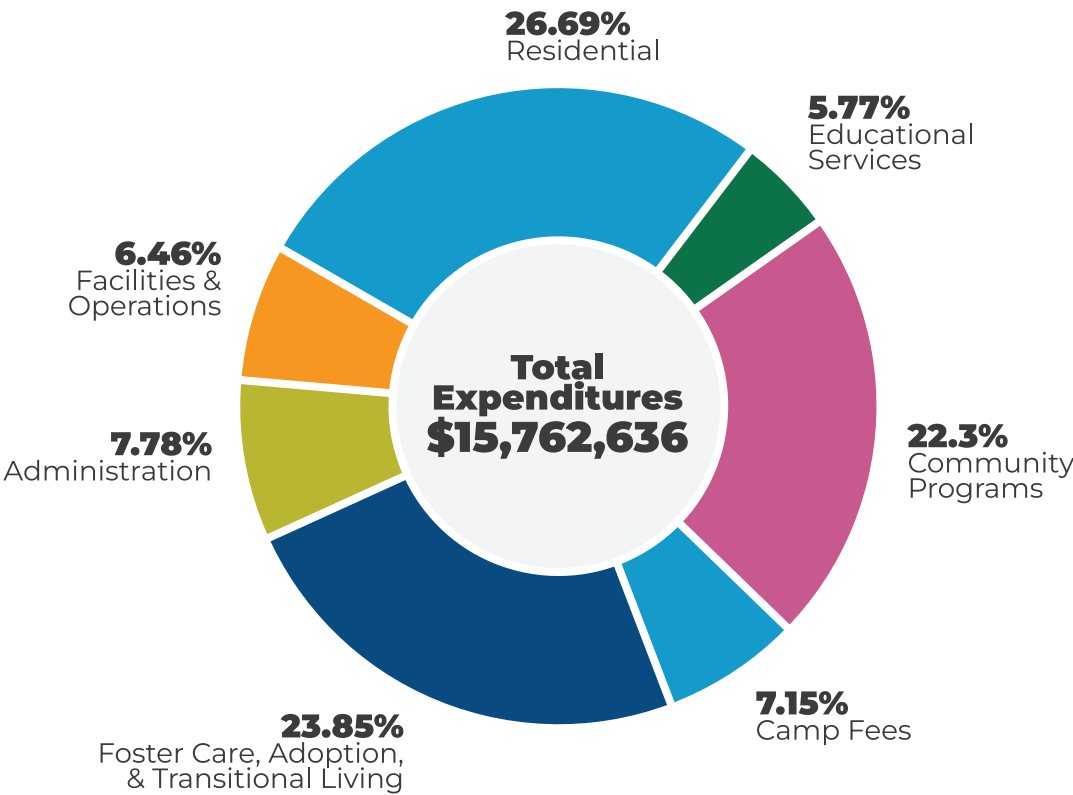
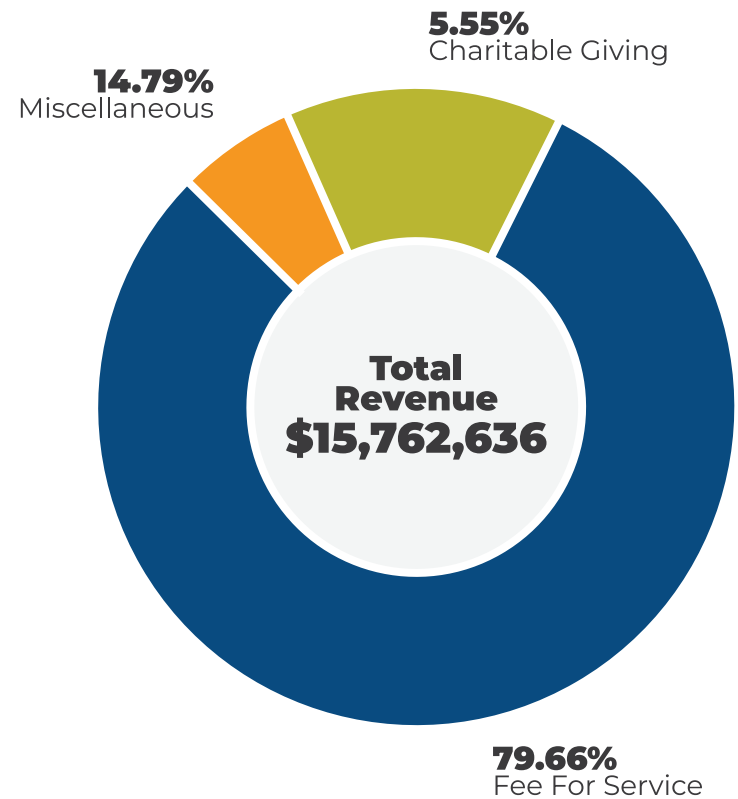
**516** CHILDREN SERVED THROUGH OUR  
INFANT RESOURCE CENTER



# MCHS Financials

MCHS Family of Services is committed to upholding the highest accounting standards, as reviewed and verified through independent audits, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the American Camping Association, AmeriCorps, the Department of Education, and the Council on Accreditation.

For more information, please feel free to contact our development team at [rsulaiman@mchsmi.org](mailto:rsulaiman@mchsmi.org).



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Community**

# Executive Leadership



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Chief Executive Officer



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***We support MCHS because they are incredibly responsive to the needs of our community, continually tailoring their services to best support children and families while working toward holistic solutions rather than offering quick fixes.***

**Anna Kendall, Board Member and Donor**

*\*The partners recognized in this report contributed \$1,000 or more in monetary donations in 2023.*

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# Join the Community

## The Power of Community

The true **Power of Community** shines through the kindness and compassion of each unique individual who join in a shared mission—to care for the vulnerable, amplify the voices of the unheard, and provide a safe space for the marginalized. When we come together, our collective impact grows exponentially. One person's dedication can change a life, but together, we can change the world.



**We are a community of changemakers. Here's how you can get involved!**

## Schedule a Tour

Together, we are creating brighter futures and safer communities. Join us in celebrating the expansion of our services across our Michigan campuses. Schedule a tour today to see firsthand the impact of your support!

## Make a Donation

Your generosity, whether through monetary or in-kind gifts, makes a world of difference by providing essential resources to those who need them most. Together, we're turning our vision into reality—creating brighter and safer futures for every child and family in our community. We are dedicated to ensuring your contribution has the greatest possible impact, reaching the programs and services you care about most.

## Leave a Legacy

Making a planned charitable contribution is a great way to 'give back.' It allows you to invest in a cause that is deeply meaningful to you. There are many options for legacy giving, including a direct contribution of cash, appreciated stock, or property. Other methods for legacy contributions are making us a beneficiary of a retirement account or special charitable trust. We are here to help ensure that your charitable intentions are honored and create a lasting impact in your community.

## Take Action Through Volunteering

Our community of volunteers is as diverse as the community we serve, so we create unique experiences and opportunities for individuals and groups ready to get involved.

### *Here are just a few ways you can take action:*

- Gather a group for a service project such as campus clean up.
- Donate holiday items such as Easter baskets, Halloween costumes, wish list gifts, etc.
- Host an enrichment activity for our children or families.
- Share your expertise and experience by mentoring the next generation.
- Join us in making preparations for one of our annual events, like the Big Giveback or our Light the Way Gala!



## Become a Foster Family

Welcoming a child in foster care into your heart and home is transformative—for them and for you. Through fostering or adopting, children find hope, support, and belonging.

Start your foster care journey today by reaching out at [fostercare@mchsmi.org](mailto:fostercare@mchsmi.org). Our team is here to guide you through the process and answer any questions you might have about foster parenting.

## Connect

There's a lot happening at MCHS Family of Services, and we don't want you to miss a single opportunity! To stay up to date with our news and events, sign up for our monthly emails and connect with us on social media.

For more information about MCHS Family of Services, email [info@mchsmi.org](mailto:info@mchsmi.org) or call **(313) 531-4060** today.

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