

2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



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Now is the Moment

At MCHS Family of Services, our mission has always been clear: to uplift youth, families, and older adults. For over a century, we have stood as a beacon of hope—a place where safety, care, and opportunity come together to create lasting change.

Now is the moment to deepen that commitment.

Every day, we witness the strength and resilience of those we serve—young mothers rebuilding their lives, youth overcoming trauma, older adults finding renewed purpose. These stories are powerful reminders that every life deserves more: more support, more opportunity, more compassion.

But “more” cannot wait. The challenges our community faces are urgent and growing. Now is the moment to act boldly, to bring our full resources, hearts, and minds to bear on the work that lies ahead. We must ensure no one is left behind—no child left unheard, no family left without shelter, no older adult left without care.

This moment calls for all of us to stand together—staff, volunteers, donors, partners, and neighbors. Together, we build pathways to healing, growth, and independence. Together, we show that hope is not just a thought, but a promise that we deliver every day.

Thank you for standing with us. Because every life deserves more—and **now is the moment to make it happen.**

With gratitude and determination,

Kevin Roach
Chief Executive Officer
MCHS Family of Services

2024 AT A GLANCE

115

HOMELESS MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN SUPPORTED THROUGH OUR TEEN INFANT PARENTING SERVICES

250

PARENTS AND INFANTS SERVED THROUGH OUR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES

2,278

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS SERVED ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF SERVICES

200+

YOUTH SERVED IN FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES

64

WE SERVED CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND OLDER ADULTS IN 64 OF MICHIGAN’S 83 COUNTIES

775

CAMPERS SERVED AT THE FOWLER CENTER, OUR CAMP FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL ABILITIES

\$1.5M

TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN BY OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS



ABOUT US

Who We Are

MCHS is a human service agency providing Child Welfare, Residential Treatment, Housing, Community Services, Mental Health, and Education programs and services to children, families, and older adults 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

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.

OUR PROGRAMS

Child Welfare

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.

Residential Treatment

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.

Housing

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.

My Friend's Place

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.

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

Community Services

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 and effective 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.

Mental Health

My Safe Space

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.

Education

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.



108 YEARS OF SERVICE, A LIFETIME OF IMPACT



From Surviving to Living: A Young Mother’s Journey

When Amara arrived at our program, she was 19, pregnant, and living in her car. She had no

family to call and carried the weight of trauma and fear after escaping a domestic violence situation. “I just wanted a safe place for my baby,” she told our case manager.

Through TIPS, Amara was given more than a roof over her head—she received stable housing, compassionate case management, parenting support, and job readiness training. She learned how to budget, cook nutritious meals, prepare for interviews, and—most importantly—how to believe in herself.

Today, Amara has a full-time job, her own apartment, and a healthy baby boy. She has fully transitioned out of the TIPS program and is working toward a certification in early childhood education, hoping to one day help young moms just like her.

“I stopped surviving and started living,” she told us. “Now I feel like I matter. Like my son and I have a life worth living.”

Amara’s story is a powerful example of what’s possible when young mothers receive the safety, structure, and support they need. Her journey shows what’s possible when survival turns into strength.

The Food Here is Good

When Jamal first arrived at our Residential Treatment Program, he was quiet and withdrawn—avoiding eye contact, shoulders slumped, and silent for nearly a week. The weight of his past trauma was visible in every gesture.

One day, a fellow resident reached out with some simple, comforting words: “It’ll be okay, the food here is good.” That small moment of kindness was the first crack in Jamal’s shell.

In the weeks that followed, Jamal slowly began to turn a corner. With consistent support from our dedicated staff and the empathy of his peers, he started to feel safe. He made eye contact, shared his thoughts, and even smiled. The program became more than just shelter—it became a place of refuge, healing, and hope.

Jamal’s journey reminds us all that healing is a process, often starting with the smallest acts of kindness and the safest spaces to grow. Thanks to the support of his peers and his resilience, Jamal is beginning to reclaim his childhood—and build a future filled with possibility.



Charting His Own Path: Malik’s Story

When Malik turned 18 and aged out of foster care, he faced adulthood alone. With no family support and little guidance, he was

unsure where to begin. “I felt like I was being pushed off a cliff without a parachute,” he said.

That changed when he joined the Independent Living Plus (ILP) program.

Through consistent mentorship, life skills workshops, and financial literacy classes, Malik began to build the tools and confidence he needed to take control of his future. He enrolled in community college, created his

first budget, and learned how to navigate job interviews and housing applications.

Today, Malik is working part-time, finishing his associate degree, and saving for his first apartment. He still meets regularly with his ILP mentor, who he now calls “the closest thing I’ve had to a dad.”

“I’m figuring out who I want to be—and how to get there.” Malik says.

Malik’s journey is just one example of how ILP helps young men aging out of foster care turn uncertainty into independence and fear into possibility.

Community partners like these have made this life-transforming work possible for the past 108 years!



At Masco, we partner with organizations that are as driven as we are to support the growth of our communities. The strength, determination, and hope of the incredible individuals we have met at MCHS have left an indelible mark on our hearts and inspire us to keep working to ensure everyone has access to a healthy home environment, no matter their age, family structure, or background.

**Sue Sabo
MASCO Corporation**



The DTE Foundation proudly supports MCHS Family of Services’ Independent Living programs, which empower foster youth ages 16–19 with essential life skills, education, and job training. This important work breaks down barriers and helps pave the way for brighter, more successful futures.

The DTE Foundation



Ensuring a better life for the children and families served by MCHS has inspired me, my wife Connie, my law firm, and many others in our church community. The outpouring of support in our small circle warms our hearts and inspires us to work all the harder on behalf of those with no voice.

**Eric and Connie Pelton
MCHS Board Member & Donors**

209

REFUGEE YOUTH SERVED THROUGH
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

786

UNIQUE DONORS TRANSFORMING
LIVES THROUGH THEIR GENEROSITY

275

CARING & DEDICATED MCHS STAFF
MAKING THE MISSION HAPPEN

400+

CHILDREN MENTORED THROUGH OUR
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



Nearly **1,000 volunteers** gave
10,000+ hours last year, making a
powerful impact through their time,
heart, and dedication.



The Fowler Center welcomed
775 campers, 250 visitors, and
100+ volunteers for a year filled
with connection and adventure.



Through our Independent Living
Services, **37 young people** aging out
of foster care gained mentorship,
life skills, and support for adulthood.



Our clinical team delivered
2,000+ hours of mental health
care to nearly **100 individuals**
across our Family of Services.



103 students received a
child-centered education at our
very own public charter school,
Fostering Leadership Academy.



Over **60 young adults** facing
homelessness and mental health
crises found safety and stability through
My Friend's Place and My Safe Space.



Through our Senior Companion
Program, **1,200 older adults**
overcame isolation through the
support of meaningful relationships.



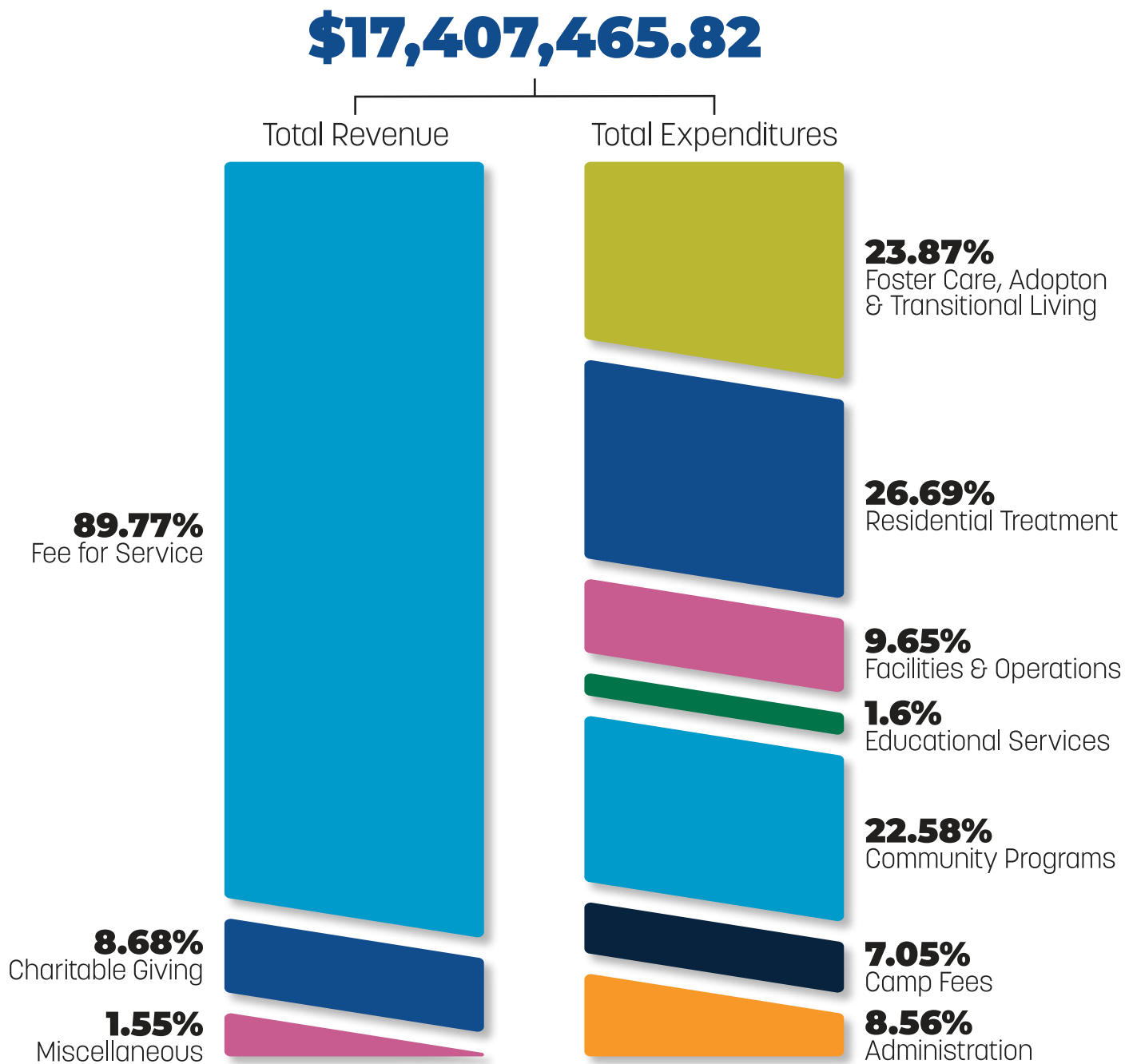
175 children found the safety and
a sense of belonging they deserve
thanks to **142 dedicated foster and
kinship families**.

2024: ANOTHER YEAR OF IMPACT & TRANSFORMING LIVES!

MCHS FINANCIALS

MCHS Family of Services upholds the highest accounting standards, as verified through independent audits and reviews by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), the American Camping Association, AmeriCorps, the Department of Education, and the Council on Accreditation. These rigorous practices reflect our dedication to fostering long-term sustainability and ongoing growth.

For more information, please feel free to contact our Development Team at rsulaiman@mchsmi.org.



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FROM FOSTER TO FOREVER: HOW ONE FAMILY IS TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH MCHS

Can you introduce yourselves and share how you got involved with MCHS and fostering?

Cassandra: My name is Cassandra, and this is my husband, Cortney. Together, we’ve had the privilege of fostering over 20 youth through MCHS. For me, it’s personal—I grew up in the foster care system. I know firsthand the challenges and heartbreaks that come with it.

Cortney: My father was adopted, so for us, this isn’t just something we do—it’s part of who we are. We’ve seen the difference a loving, stable home can make. Three of the youth we fostered, who are siblings, became part of our family forever when we adopted them. MCHS gave us the opportunity to offer care and support to children when they needed it most.

Why is fostering so important to your family?

Cassandra: There are so many kids out there who don’t get that chance. Without safe and loving homes, many youth in the system face an uncertain future. Too often, kids who aren’t adopted or placed in stable homes struggle with homelessness, a lack of education, or even incarceration. They grow up feeling alone, without the love and security every child should have.

Cortney: We believe fostering is one of the most important things we can do. Every child is worth it. Every child deserves to feel safe and cared for. We’ve been lucky enough to maintain a relationship with many of our former foster children. They will always be a part of our family.

What kind of impact has fostering had on your lives?

Cassandra: Our kids have taught us more about resilience and love than we could have ever imagined. Each child who has come through our home has left a mark on our hearts, and our family is stronger and more compassionate because of them.

What would you say to someone who’s thinking about becoming a foster parent?

Cassandra: If you have the heart to care and the willingness to show up, you can change a life.

Cortney: You don’t have to be perfect—just present. These kids don’t need superheroes; they need safe, loving homes and people who believe in them. If you’re even thinking about fostering, take the next step. You won’t regret it.

Join a Legacy 108 Years in the Making!

For 108 years, MCHS has been all in—standing with kids, families, and older adults as they heal, grow, and rebuild. Every step forward has been powered by a community that shows up, gives generously, and believes in brighter futures.

Now it’s your turn. Want to do something that matters?
Check out the ways you can get involved below.

Schedule a Tour

Your partnership is changing lives across Detroit and throughout Michigan. As we expand our services to reach more communities, we invite you to celebrate this growth with us. Schedule a tour today to see the impact of your support in action.

Make a Donation

Your generosity, through both donations and in-kind gifts, helps fuel the essential programs and services that uplift children, families, and older adults every day. With your support, we’re creating safer, stronger communities and opening doors to brighter futures across Michigan.

Give Back Through Volunteering

We offer personalized volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, and organizations. The MCHS development team works closely with you to create experiences that align your skills and interests with our needs and the needs of those we serve, ensuring a meaningful and engaging experience for everyone involved.



Leave a Legacy

Planned giving is a powerful way to give back and invest in a cause that matters to you. From gifts of cash or stock to naming MCHS as a beneficiary of a retirement account or trust, there are many ways to leave a lasting impact.

To explore your options or learn more about joining the **MCHS Legacy Society**, contact Chief Development Officer Raquel Sulaiman at rsulaiman@mchsmi.org. We’re here to help you create a legacy of hope and healing.

Become a Foster Family

Welcoming a child in foster care into your heart and home is a life-changing experience—for them and for you. Through fostering or adoption, children gain the safety, support, and sense of belonging they deserve.

Ready to take the first step? Reach out to us at fostercare@mchsmi.org. Our team is here to walk alongside you and answer any questions as you begin your foster care journey.

Let’s Connect!

There’s always something meaningful happening at MCHS Family of Services, and we want you to be part of it. Be the first to hear about inspiring stories, upcoming events, and ways you can make a difference by joining our email community and connecting with us on social media.

Want to learn more? Reach out anytime at info@mchsmi.org or call **(313) 531-4060**. We’d love to connect with you!

OUR COMMUNITY OF PARTNERS

Individuals

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Community Financial Credit Union
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan
DTE Energy Foundation
Detroit Historical Museum
Detroit Tigers
Detroit Urban League
Disaster Relief at Work
Dryden Family Foundation
E & L Construction Group, Inc.
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First Step
First United Methodist Church Warren
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Greater Detroit District UMC
Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church
Grosse Pointe United Methodist Women
Groundworks Companies
Hampton Inn Hotel
Huntington Bank
Intersport
Kienbaum Hardy Viviano Pelton Forrest
KeyBank
Kissel Family Charitable Fund
Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, Inc.
Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities (LAHC)
Life Construction
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Little Ceasars
Livonia High Nooners Lions Club
Lost Voices
LoVasco Group
M1 Concourse
Masco Corporation
Mercantile Bank
Metropolitan United Methodist Church
Metropolitan United Methodist Women
Michigan Conference of the UMC
Michigan Gaming Control Board
Michigan Health Endowment Fund
Michigan Norton Owner's Association
Michigan State Council Knights of Columbus
Michigan State University Extension
Mihalich Charitable Foundation

Monroe Faith United Methodist Church
NAC Architecture
Noreen Owens Photography
Northville First United Methodist Church
O-I Charities
Okemos Community Church Women
Orchards Children's Services
PNC Bank
PNC Foundation
Park West Foundation
Pigeon First United Methodist Church
Proactive Technology Management
Relentless Care Foundation by Community Financial
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
Saline First United Methodist Church
Samuel L Westerman Foundation
Santa's Toy Drive & Social Work
South Lyon First United Methodist Church
St. Paul United Methodist Church
St. Matthew's United Methodist Women
Sunny
Tawas Methodist Women
The Home Depot Foundation
Thrivent Financial-Livonia
Title One, Inc.
Toshiba
Towne Mortgage Company
Troy First United Methodist Women
Tuscola County Community Foundation
Two Men and a Truck
UAW Local 182
United Methodist Foundation of Michigan
United Way for Southeastern Michigan
United Women in Faith of Birmingham and Berkley
University of Michigan Pain Management
Wade Trim
Walmart Dearborn
Waterford Central United Methodist Church
Wendy Marie Cope Memorial Fund
Yeo & Yeo

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The Health Fund has been inspired by MCHS's efforts to integrate community voice into its programs and to bring generations together through initiatives that benefit community members of all ages. We're excited for lessons to come from this work that we can use to support these approaches in communities across Michigan.

Michigan Health Endowment Fund

*Partners recognized in this report contributed \$1,000 or more in monetary donations in 2024.

"Our partnership with MCHS has been incredibly meaningful to everyone at Sachse Construction. We are deeply honored to stand alongside MCHS in transforming lives and equipping young men aging out of foster care with workforce development opportunities in the skilled trades and a belief that they have a future worth building. Together, we're not just opening doors to careers, we're helping shape confident, capable leaders of tomorrow."

Jill Brack
Sachse Construction

"Being part of the MCHS family, as both a board member and a proud Ally Financial team member, has given me an opportunity to appreciate the great work being done by MCHS in a thoughtful and responsible manner. Ally's volunteer and financial support is helping build brighter futures with nonprofits like MCHS, which helps youth impacted by childhood trauma."

Elizabeth Norris
Ally Financial

"I'm proud to support an agency that promotes the well-being of our children that are housed in foster care. While volunteering at MCHS, I found the staff to be very engaging, professional, and genuinely concerned and eager to support the youth they serve. I'm grateful to MCHS for providing a well maintained and beautiful campus as they nurture our future generations."

Yolanda Farris
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