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Empower children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services.



A *Word* from the President

Kitwana McTyer

President & CEO

In this issue of *The Herald*, you'll find a summary from our 2024 Impact Report. It will give you an overview of all the services we provide across the state of Florida, as well as the large number of young lives that you have impacted through your generosity. We are extremely grateful for your continued support, making our ministry possible.

The most noteworthy news item of 2024 was the unveiling of our new brand, Residing Hope. Since our humble beginnings in 1908, we have grown into a multi-faceted organization serving children and families in multiple ways. That continued growth over the years led us to the realization that we had outgrown the Florida United Methodist Children's Home name and needed something that better represented the purpose we serve and the care we provide. **Same Christian mission, with a more fitting name.**

Cottage renovations on our Enterprise campus continued throughout 2024 since many of them were originally built as early as the 1950s and 1960s. For 2024, we completed renovations of our Shannon and Kaebnick Cottages, as well as a refresh of our Carlton Cottage. We have begun renovations of our Fox-Wright Cottage this year along with the duplex apartments that are part of our Independent Living program.

We are also very proud of the reaccreditations we earned this past year. We were reaccredited by EAGLE – Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence. This is the only faith-based accrediting body in the United States, challenging human services organizations to soar above the competition while living out their faith values. Residing Hope was also reaccredited by COA – the Council of Accreditation, which focuses on best practices and quality of care. The process for both reaccreditations required extensive documentation as well as staff interviews and on-site inspections. These reaccreditations demonstrate our commitment to excellence as well as our Christian values.

ON THE COVER: Gage and Haley performing with the youth band. See her story on page six.

IRA Charitable Rollover

Your Savings, Your Legacy



If you are 73 or older, you now have reached the milestone where you have to begin taking your annual minimum required distribution (RMD), from your retirement account. Along with that distribution comes tax on your previously untaxed assets.

But there is a way to satisfy your RMD requirements while avoiding tax and supporting a cause that matters to you. It is called an IRA charitable rollover gift and it is easy to make!

Simply tell your IRA account custodian that you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution" to Residing Hope. You can give up to the $108,000 limit for this year. With the IRA rollover gift, you may satisfy all or part of your RMD without paying tax on the distribution to charity. A portion or all of your required minimum distribution is met and the money goes to directly support the children in our care.

Don't forget matching gift opportunities! Be sure to take advantage of any employer matching gift opportunities you have available to you. Your gift can grow and make that much more of a difference.

Use your savings to create your legacy by making an IRA charitable rollover gift (qualified charitable distribution).

- Avoid taxes on transfers, up to the limit that is adjusted each year (2025 limit is $108,000), from your IRA to support Residing Hope.
- May satisfy some or all of your required minimum distribution for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income and save on taxes, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Make a gift that is not subject to deduction limits for charitable gifts.
- Use your rollover gift to make payments on an existing pledge Residing Hope.

To learn more about charitable rollover gifts, contact:

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Making An Impact



Therapeutic Residential Care

1,137 Number of inquiries for residential care information and referral

80 Number of children served in our Therapeutic Residential Care program

22 Number of young adults served in our Independent Living program

Foster Care

23,355 Total days of foster care provided

135 Number of children served in our Foster Care program

64 Number of children placed in Foster Care

25 Number of children adopted from our Foster Care program

15 Number of new foster homes licensed





Outpatient Counseling

7,757

Total hours of outpatient counseling received by children through our Outpatient Counseling, formerly known as Circle of Friends Services

Childhood Education

220

Number of children served in our Montessori program





Volunteers and Staff Outreach

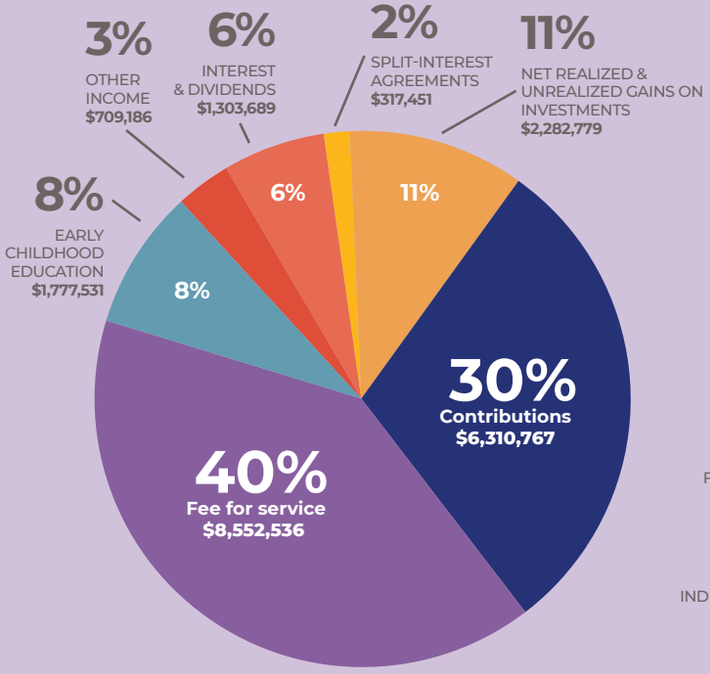
952
Number of volunteers – an increase of 15% over previous year

10,559
Total volunteer hours – an increase of 33% over previous year

1,729
Total hours provided by Residing Hope staff through community volunteering and outreach – an increase of 92% over previous year

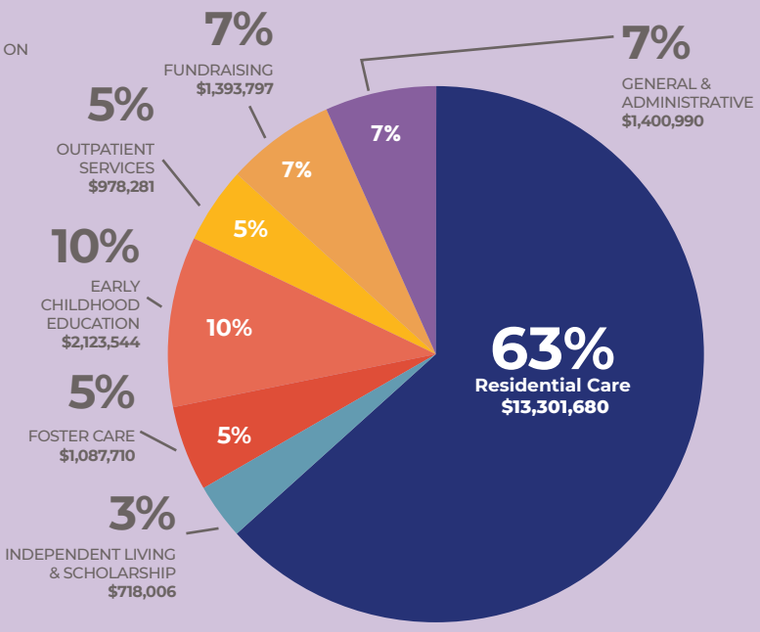
Total Revenues & Support

$21,253,939



Total Operating Expenses

$21,004,008



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Success Stories from Residing Hope

BRIAN



Brian grew up with non-existent parents and very limited family support. Eventually living with a family member, he encountered physical and emotional abuse. He was kicked out as a seventeen-year-old, becoming homeless. Distraught, he came to our Independent Living program when he turned eighteen. Here, Brian found the support he needed to make a fresh start. Our counselors helped Brian develop and implement a plan where he was able to get his driver's license, purchase a car, and find a job. Brian has been working full-time at Publix for over a year now. They also helped Brian enroll in Daytona State College where he is studying engineering and working in a degree related internship.

HALEY

After demonstrating some behavioral issues, Haley's adoptive family placed her in our care. Her therapist at Residing Hope helped her develop the coping skills necessary for her to deal with change and other issues. After a year, Haley is doing very well. She has become active in the Spiritual Life program, and has led a few sermons during Sunday morning services.



JULIE



Our Madison Youth Ranch is unique in offering Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. This program can be quite effective for youth who have difficulty opening up to their therapist in a traditional setting. It was very beneficial for Julie, a teenage girl who came into our care after issues developed with her last placement. Julie didn't care about people, friends, school, or much of anything. At the Youth Ranch, she soon found her way and began to thrive with the help of her therapist and other staff. She is now attending college in Tallahassee.



Residing Hope Leadership Has a New Member

Nadine Heusner has joined the Leadership team of Residing Hope as our Vice President of Outpatient Clinical Services. Nadine will be replacing Barbara Defazzio in this position and will lead efforts to advance outpatient mental health and therapeutic services for the children, families, and communities we serve.

Barbara Defazzio founded Circle of Friends Services in 2009, which became part of Residing Hope in 2019. Barbara has led our Outpatient Counseling services since that time. Prior to that, she has worked directly and indirectly with the ministry over the last twenty years. We will miss Barbara and the expertise she has imparted to our organization over all these years. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Nadine comes to Residing Hope with a Master of Social Work (MSW), and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). She also holds a certification in Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART). Nadine brings twenty-five years of clinical experience, more than a decade of progressive leadership, and a strong commitment to enhancing the quality and accessibility of our outpatient clinical programs.

"Far too many individuals face obstacles when seeking mental health support—whether financial constraints, physical accessibility, or simply not knowing where to turn. As a result, many suffer in silence, isolated in their struggles. This should never be the case," says Nadine.

"Residing Hope Outpatient Services is committed to ensuring that mental health care is accessible to all. While we proudly serve children and families engaged in foster care, adoption, and residential services, our doors are open to anyone in the community seeking support—whether for personal challenges, emotional healing, or self-discovery. Everyone deserves a path to growth and well-being."

Residing Hope Earns Reaccreditation

We recently earned a four year reaccreditation from both the Council On Accreditation (COA) and Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE), both of which are a significant endeavor. COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accreditor working with organizations in child welfare, behavioral health, and community-based social services. Their accreditation standards are based on best practices and research, and are intended to challenge organizations to continually improve. To achieve COA reaccreditation, we first provided extensive written evidence of compliance, then successfully completed an on-site review that included interviews with trustees, staff, and clients.

EAGLE is the only faith-based accrediting body in the United States, focusing on ministries for children and older adults. It looks holistically at the entire organization and assures that the accredited organization is operating in a manner that is representative of their faith foundation. Successful EAGLE reaccreditation takes up to eighteen months and requires written documentation as well as an on-site peer review. Residing Hope believes in providing the highest quality of care, and these reaccreditations confirm it.

TRIBUTES

Tributes received between January 1 and March 30, 2025



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Youth attending a retreat at Warren Willis Camp

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Volunteers from One Church who brought a Thanksgiving dinner to our youth

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