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2013 Highlights

Direct Services

**2013 Individuals Served**

18,102

Individuals Served in 2013

**Concentration of Services**

- 23.67% Educational Services
- 45.84% Permanency/Social Services
- 16.28% Campus-Based Services
- 14.21% Community-Based Services

**Client Ages**

- 2.5% 18 to 21 years
- 23.7% 0 to 5 years
- 40.6% 13 to 17 years
- 33.2% 6 to 12 years

**Client Racial Groups**

- 50.2% African American
- 44.3% Caucasian
- 3.6% Biracial/Other
- 1.5% Hispanic/Latino
- 0.4% Native American & Asian

**Client Gender**

- 47.2% Male
- 52.8% Female

**2013 Individuals Served**

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“There are two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots, the other is wings.”

Hodding Carter

As my wife and I launch our first of five children to college this year, this has deep meaning as a parent. Furthermore, I believe the same truth applies to organizations like Mississippi Children’s Home Services.

In an unprecedented season of change in our healthcare and economic environment, failure to change will result in failure to thrive. However, change uprooted from your mission and values is like taking flight without a compass. I have been told by my international pilot friends that if they are off course just 1 degree for 60 miles, they are now 1 mile off trajectory. This means, if you were to embark on a 8,348 mile trip from Jackson, Mississippi to Hong Kong and you were off course by just one degree, you would be over 139 miles off your initial trajectory and landing destination!

This truth has great implications for an organization like Mississippi Children’s Home Services who continues to take bold steps in our 102 year-long journey. The “true north” compass guiding our second century bold steps is found in our uncompromising commitment to our core values and our unwavering dedication in our mission to help children thrive and families overcome extraordinary challenges.

Let me give you one example of a bold step we have taken that is squarely guided by our mission and values. As you know, there is an alarming rise in prevalence rates of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), now effecting 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys. The staff and Board of Directors began taking bold steps over 5 years ago by asking ourselves two key questions about our mission responsibility to an emerging crisis in the state, “If not us, then who?” and “If not now, then when?” Today, we have schools in Jackson, Hattiesburg, and Gulfport successfully serving, educating, and reintegrating children with ASD back into their homes and public schools. In 2014, we received a $5.9M grant to open the state’s first early intervention pilot program for children with ASD and have already witnessed powerful transformation in the lives of these children and their families. In short, the course of the lives of children and families across the state have been changed by the resolute commitment of the board and staff to be guided by our mission and values and yet be nimble and responsive to the changing needs of Mississippi’s children.

While I believe the two lasting bequests of “roots and wings” referenced above specifically refer to the legacy parents leave their children, the parallel process of the lasting bequests this organization gives to our children, families, staff, and our state squarely apply. As our logo symbolically captures, we are committed to seeing children and families through their process of transformation and giving them wings to fly as well as deep roots anchored in our mission and values that exist to serve them.
Mississippi Children’s Home Services

While 1 in 5 children suffer from a mental health challenge, less than 1 in 5 receive the treatment they need. We provide a continuum of behavioral health, educational and social services for children and families.

**Founded** 1912

**Total MCHS Locations:** 19

- 12 Community Offices
- 3 Day School Programs
- 12 Community Offices
- 2 Residential Facilities
- 2 Emergency Shelters
- 2 Residential Facilities

**Total Employees:** 474

**Licensed, Certified, and Accredited by:**

- The Joint Commission
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Mississippi Department of Human Services
- Mississippi Department of Health
- Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Mississippi Division of Medicaid
- Mississippi Department of Education

**Primary Funding Sources include:**

- Corporate and Foundation Grants
- County Boards of Supervisors
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Mississippi Department of Education
- Mississippi Department of Human Services
- Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Mississippi Department of Public Safety
- Mississippi Development Authority
- Mississippi Division of Medicaid
- Municipalities
- Program Service Fees
- Private Donations
- United Way

Transforming Lives
I began my association with Mississippi Children’s Home Services (MCHS) 50 years ago when I was adopted as the oldest child of Betty and Joe Wright. Two years later we would return to Jackson to bring home my brother who was also adopted. I remember that trip like it was yesterday. We rode in my grandfather’s car and I changed into a Sunday dress when we got to town. I recall seeing Jody for the first time when I stood on my tiptoes and peeped over the side of the bassinet.

That is how many remember and know MCHS, as the adoption agency that placed so many children in loving homes. But as the needs of the children and families have broadened and evolved, MCHS has risen to the challenge of meeting those needs through many different programs.

It is exciting to serve as board president for the organization that had such a pivotal role in my life. While it is tragic to hear the circumstances of children and families, my heart warms to hear the success stories from children and families whose lives are transformed after treatment in our care.

This annual report gives you our outcomes and some highlights for 2013. It will help you see the positive impact we are having. Some major milestones and achievements over the last year include:

- Dr. John Damon becoming the seventh CEO in our 100+ year history
- Receiving designation as a Private Community Mental Health Center
- Receiving a grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation for a new fitness trail
- Hosted our inaugural autism awareness event, planting a flag of leadership for autism services in Mississippi
- Advanced best practice efforts through implementation of Trauma Informed Care initiatives
- Forged strategic partnerships and alliances across the state

The doors opened by these achievements unfold potential for our agency that is unprecedented in our history. We are poised to reach another level for opportunities to help our children and their families in a scope broader than ever.

You will be hearing more about a collaboration with University of Mississippi Medical Center to integrate primary and behavioral care for families and children. Another ground-breaking program we are developing is an early intervention autism pilot. Both of these programs will help shape best practices for others across the country to model. Most importantly it could offer many additional children a future that is bright with promise.

Using the solid foundation of 100 plus years of rich tradition and history, we are on the cusp to launch into a new era filled with opportunities. I am humbled and honored to serve as board President during such an exciting time for MCHS. Won’t you join me in support of our great work? We have many opportunities for use of your time, talents, or treasure.

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Gwen Winters

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Auburn Lambeth
Ben Stone
“I like that they give me good advice and ideas. They have taught me a lot.”
- MYPAC Client

A Natural Artist

Multiple suspensions, fights, hanging with the wrong crowd are just a few of the issues that led Andrew to an admission with MYPAC. During his admission, the MYPAC team discovered Andrew loved art and had been working on some projects. This youth was inspired to draw after his uncle, who was an artist, passed away. Andrew’s mother shared that she would show the youth pictures and he would begin to draw like a “natural artist”. Andrew did not believe in his talent. He made negative self-descriptive statements and doubted his ability to create beautiful artwork. The disbelief in himself and his negative outlook resulted in being easily influenced and poor behaviors at school and home.

MYPAC therapist began discussing an art exhibit to display Andrew’s artwork. The exhibit’s purpose is to display the youth’s artwork while receiving positive reinforcement from others. Prior to the exhibit, Andrew worked on improving his self-esteem and building confidence in his talent. He began to engage in sessions and was motivated to complete more art projects to display.

Andrew, through MYPAC, purchased supplies and frames to display his work. For the art exhibit, Andrew prepared over 30 projects to display along with a book he wrote inspired by a 3D project he created. MCHS staff members viewed the artwork and completed comment cards about the art pieces. The purpose of the comment cards was to provide Andrew with something to reflect on when he has negative thoughts or feelings.

Andrew shared with the MYPAC team the art exhibit helped him “come out of his shell.” He believes in himself and is now using his talent to express his feelings.
MCHS Annual Outcomes and Report

**Behavioral Health Services**

**Community-Based Services**

The **VOICE** of our children and families always comes first

99% of families feel the staff of **MYPAC** has been respectful to them and their child

96% of kids in **MYPAC** feel they are making better choices and behaving better since entering the school

100% of referral sources for **MYPAC** feel MCHS work with other community sources to advocate for the children and family

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**Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock**

Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock (MYPAC) is a ground-breaking partnership with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid. This innovative home and community-based program provides parents with a community-based alternative to psychiatric residential services for youth with serious emotional disturbances. It has been recognized nationally as a model program and has helped transform how children’s mental health services are delivered in Mississippi.

**Children Served at Home by MYPAC**

- 2009: 149
- 2010: 216
- 2011: 253
- 2012: 280
- 2013: 427

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**ARK Recovery Support Services**

Funded through a grant with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, this program is designed to promote continued recovery for youth who have successfully completed a treatment program.

**ARK Outpatient**

ARK Outpatient services are for teens and young adults whose substance abuse is limited in severity and allows them to continue to function in their home, school or work. ARK Outpatient offers individual, group, family and adventure-based therapy. This program is funded through a grant with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

**Powers Transitional Outreach Program**

Powers Transitional Outreach Program (PTOP) provides case management services to clients served in the Transitional Living and Learning Center Program in an effort to offer continuity of care and prevent readmission. This program is funded through a grant with the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.
A New Personal Outlook

Upon arrival to the CARES Center, Elizabeth came with several behavioral concerns and suffered from a low sense of self-esteem from both her trauma history as well as her appearance. Elizabeth shared multiple tales about being bullied because of her hair or size. The trauma background had produced a mindset that she would get others before they got her and her chief problem solving tool had become the use of aggression. Elizabeth used physical aggression often and struggled the most when she felt that she was not in control of situations or when others dismissed her thoughts or opinions.

Staff engaged in several therapeutic strategies to help Elizabeth develop social and emotional skills and begin to develop the resiliency she needed to have in order to move beyond her past. Elizabeth added an additional ingredient into the therapeutic processes: her desire to using walking, yoga, and exercise to lose weight and improve her self-image. She also used the exercise to manage her own stress levels.

Regular use of the walking trail and encouragement from staff and her peers started to yield changes in appearance which were tied to changes in how Elizabeth viewed herself and how she viewed the world. Elizabeth began to dress different, try different hair styles, and smiled more. She was very active and engaged in the weekly yoga activities, modeling the poses for new peers and even teaching some of our recreation staff. Elizabeth learned to use her coping skills when angry, alternate problem solving methods, and how to develop/maintain healthy peer interactions. She began to understand that she felt better being recognized for positive behavior versus negative behavior.

Elizabeth left notes for trusted staff when she left to return home. From one note: This has made me feel proud of myself and others proud of me. That makes me feel like I made more progress here than other places. . . . . I know that God wanted me here. Thank you so much for what you have done for me.
CARES Center, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility  
*Jackson*

The CARES Center is Mississippi’s first private, nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment center for children and adolescents ages 6 to 17 with severe emotional and/or behavioral disturbances. The 60-bed facility is located on our Jackson campus. Comprehensive services include intensive individual, group, and family therapy; medical services; therapeutic recreation and education services; aftercare and social skills training. Children residing in the CARES Center go to the CARES School located at the center.

South Mississippi Children’s Center  
*Hattiesburg*

The South Mississippi Children’s Center (SMCC) is a 12-bed coeducational, diagnostic and evaluation shelter located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. SMCC operates a runaway and homeless youth program, as well as a diagnostic and evaluation shelter program for youth ages 9 to 17.

Transitional Living and Learning Center  
*Saucier*

The Transitional Living and Learning Center (TLC) provides opportunities for these older teenagers to gain occupational and job skills training, educational experiences, and practical life skills necessary for independent living. Not only does TLC provide a therapeutic environment for teens who have severe emotional disturbances, but also those struggling with chemical dependency issues. TLC was possible by a partnership with the Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Human Services, and the Mississippi Division of Medicaid.

Warren County Children’s Shelter  
*Vicksburg*

The Warren County Children’s Shelter (WCCS) is a 12-bed coeducational diagnostic and evaluation shelter serving ages birth to 17. The shelter has a runaway and homeless youth program component.

RELATIONSHIPS matter

98% of kids in **TLC** were discharged to a lower level of care

96% of kids in **CARES Center** were discharged to a lower level of care

97% of the kids felt safe at **SMCC**

96% of the kids felt that **WCCS** helped them make plans to stay safe after leaving.
**2013 Highlights:** Educational Services

**CARES School Day Program**

includes autism spectrum classrooms*

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**Mississippi Center for Behavioral Services**

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A Chance for Success

Dylan, a 14 year old male student enrolled at CARES School – Gulfport, has a diagnosis of autism and an intellectual disability. His previous placement was in his school district's alternative classroom. He exhibited physically aggressive behaviors towards students and staff, destructive behaviors, and refused academic tasks.

When Dylan began at CARES, he worked with a team to facilitate behavior modification plans. His behavior has evolved from a student who was unable to remain in a classroom due to safety concerns for his peers to a student who is a delight to staff and has many friends in his class. Dylan began asking for help when having difficulty with academics. He was placed in a smaller classroom and was provided frequent one-on-one assistance. While escape and avoidance behaviors decreased, Dylan gained academic skills which appear to have made tasks easier.

Dylan had limited interaction with others outside of his family. While at CARES, he has gained valuable skills through social skills and group therapy sessions. Playing touch football, legos games, card games, quiz bowl, and volleyball are just a few of the games Dylan enjoys.

Prior to coming to CARES, Dylan had difficulty communicating effectively. He has increased his communication skills to a level where he is having conversations about his activities, interests, and future plans. He is able to talk about books he is reading, explain how to solve problems, and discuss his opinions.

CARES staff meets regularly with school district representatives and Dylan’s family monthly to go over behavior plans, academics, progress, goals, and all other accomplishments. We are confident that when he begins his transition back to his school district he will have all the skills necessary to be successful!
Educational Services

CARES Day School Program
Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Jackson

The MCHS CARES Schools are accredited, non-public schools designed to meet the educational and behavioral needs of students whose behavior prohibits participation in the public school setting. The mission of the CARES School is to offer individualized transitional services to students and families so that the students can successfully return to their public school.

Each day school program offers specific classrooms for children on the autism spectrum. The autism program in our schools provide children on the autism spectrum with specialized, individualized classroom instruction tailored to each student’s unique behavioral and learning profile.

In 2013, MCHS opened a classroom in our CARES School - Hattiesburg for children on the autism spectrum.

Mississippi Center for Behavioral Sciences
Gulfport, Jackson

The Mississippi Center for Behavioral Sciences (MCBS) offers behavioral consultation in multiple public schools around Mississippi. The MCBS program is designed to provide children ages 6-14, who meet criteria for an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and their families with emotional and behavioral needs through intensive treatment, advocacy, service coordination and support in their home and community.

Behavioral Vital Signs

The Behavioral Vital Signs (BVS) provides educators and mental health professionals with a snapshot of the emotional well-being of students in schools throughout Mississippi. This innovative program is made possible through a partnership with Mississippi Children’s Home Services, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the University of Mississippi.

This program provides information to educators and parents to help them recognize warning signals, identify possible problems in their students, and develop preventative strategies.

We take great JOY in service to others
A Perfect Valentine

Sidney and Rhonda Johnson began dating in 2000, both having two children from a previous marriage. Sidney with two biological sons, and Rhonda with a son and daughter who were an adopted sibling group from foster care. In 2006, they said “I do” and legally joined to a family of six. Due to Rhonda’s infertility, they knew they would never have biological children but often thought of that “mythical” child.

Rhonda, a college professor, met a young lady in one of her classes which she immediately bonded with. The girl lost both of her parents, essentially on her own since age 13. Rhonda and Sidney did a ‘claiming’, the girl became their 5th child, and oldest daughter. During 2009, the couple was watching an episode of Wednesday’s Child. The segment brought about serious discussions regarding their interest in adopting another child. In the spring of 2009, the couple contacted MCHS and spoke with Jerri Strickland, MCHS adoption director, who sent them an information package and application which they completed and began their journey to add to their family.

Not one person involved believed this journey would last as long as it did, nor the many bumps and valleys to overcome, but finally, the couple was matched in early March 2013 with a 16 year old girl from Las Vegas, NV. They began weekly video chat sessions until the couple flew out in mid-May to visit. The visit went well and the couple returned to Mississippi to begin planning for her arrival. Their new daughter arrived on July 8, 2013 for pre-adoption placement. As with any teens, there are going to be ups and downs, curves and straight a ways, but on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2014, their adoption was finalized, via teleconference to Nevada, when she became their daughter legally.

The Johnsons believe they have completed their family and don’t have any thoughts about adding anymore children. Their own perfectly blended “Brady Bunch” is complete with 6 children ranging from 16 to 31 years of age with an even mixture of boys and girls. But, considering the separation of age from their youngest at 16 to the next one at 24 years, who’s to say, they might decide they are not happy as empty-nesters again in a few years!

“I like TFC because it gives me encouragement.”
- TFC Client
Permanency/Social Services

Adoption and Maternity Services

Adoption is the cornerstone on which Mississippi Children’s Home Services was built in 1912. MCHS continues to maintain a tradition of quality services to adoptive parents and the children whose futures are changed in this positive way. Our goal is to provide a successful forever home for every child served through the adoption and maternity services of MCHS, including sibling groups and those with special needs.

Therapeutic Foster Care

The Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Program provides a therapeutic, caring environment in the context of a nurturing foster family home. Our goal is to ensure that any child entering our care is supported in reaching his or her permanency plan, whether that is reunification with the family, adoption, permanent foster/kinship care, or independent living.

Each child is supported by a TFC therapist, and our foster parents receive extensive training to ensure that each child is given the opportunity to succeed at home, in school, and in the community.

Comprehensive Family Support Services Program

Comprehensive Family Support Services Program (CFSSP) is a unique service designed to serve as an alternative to the unnecessary placement of children and youth in out-of-home care and to promote timely reunification for children and youth who have been removed from their homes. The focus of this program is to keep families together and to reunite children in state custody with their families.

Our families and our communities deserve our VERY BEST

91% of kids served in CFSSP were able to remain safely in their homes

85% of kids served in CFSSP were reunified with their families

100% of the kids in TFC felt their family has been taught how to help them
“Early Intervention Program for Autism has given me hope for my son, the greatest gift I could receive.”
- Autism Clinic Family

Innovative Next Steps

**Autism Rate of Incidence**

1 in 68
2013

1 in 88
2008

1 in 150
2002

1 in 500
1999

1 in 1,000
1995

**Early Intervention Program for Autism**

The State of Mississippi, as well as the nation, is facing an epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that about 1 in 68 children have been identified with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) – a ten-fold increase in the last 40 years. ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. It is almost five times more common among boys than girls.

In 2014, State leaders of Mississippi have recognized this crisis, and the Division of Medicaid has selected MCHS as a partner in the development of an early intervention model program for children 18 months to 8 years of age who are on the autism spectrum. This innovative pilot program utilizes intensive behavior interventions (i.e., Applied Behavior Analysis) to help maximize the potential of each child. These empirically supported treatment strategies are based upon a comprehensive assessment and can be delivered in the home to bring about meaningful and positive change in behavior.
State of the Art Outpatient Services

There is a heavy price tag for individuals and state taxpayers when healthcare services are not accessible or timely. Moreover, when services do not include adequate care for emotional or behavioral problems, the effects can be tragic and life-long. In an effort to redefine how behavioral health services for children are provided across Mississippi, MCHS launched its first outpatient clinic in 2014. Building on a long history of working together, MCHS and the University of Mississippi Medical Center began the partnership that seeks to integrate the specialized healthcare and behavioral healthcare needs of children into a single, seamless system of care. This unique collaboration is the first of its kind in the country. Together, these two premiere providers of children’s services in the state will insure access to care for many Mississippi citizens currently going without critically needed care.

The goals of this initiative will be achieved through formalized shared consultation and referrals, the establishment of 11 statewide clinics, and the increased use of telemedicine and telepsychiatry services. Because the federal government recognizes that this integrated approach is a critical and necessary direction for healthcare, the collaboration has received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to utilize specific federal funds through the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) towards some of the costs of this project. We continue to explore additional avenues for funding for this important initiative. Successful implementation will position Mississippi as a national leader in helping kids thrive and families overcome extraordinary circumstances.

Transforming Lives

1 in 68 children have been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum

1 in 42 boys have been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum

Only 20% of children with a mental disorder get treatment

50% of children with a mental disorder drop out of school
I started volunteering with MCHS when my youngest son was starting his junior year of high school. I realized then that I needed to fill a void in my life because he would be going to college soon. I was introduced to MCHS through a friend. I started participating in the birthday parties hosted by the Women’s Auxiliary once a month. Being at the birthday parties was light-hearted, I hoped I was making a difference. I would hear very touching stories from the kids and then I would cry going home from the parties. I realized that I lived in a bubble and truly didn’t know about the many needs of other children.

I love talking to the kids and hearing them talk about their day. I have so many stories that would put a smile on your face and show you how MCHS is transforming lives. And yes, I do remind the kids to pull their pants up and to always say “thank you”. That’s just what moms do.

Since I began volunteering with MCHS, I have been touched by so many of the children. One was a young boy about 7 years old. I was reading to a group of about 12 children including this little boy. He was dealing with anger issues. He raised his hand and said he was getting mad and needed to talk to his teacher. The assistant got his hand and started to walk him out of the room to talk. He turned around and told me to save his spot. I put my foot in his spot and told him “You bet I will!” He came back with a smile. After I finished reading the story, I gave each child a bag of surprises. I told him how proud I was of how he handled himself. When I gave him his bag of goodies, he smiled. While that sounds like a small thing, I knew that he had learned how to handle his anger while with MCHS. This was a big breakthrough for him.

Every year, the staff of the CARES School - Jackson hosts a prom for their high school and middle school students. While volunteering, I had the pleasure of helping a young girl with her first prom dress. When picking out the dress, she didn’t know her size. She said she had never worn a dress. My eyes swelled up. After learning her favorite color was blue, I told her we were going to find a beautiful blue dress for her to wear to the prom. She looked amazing in that dress. It was a very good day for her and me.

These are just a couple of stories that have made a lasting impression on my life. Each one of these children are special and MCHS is changing their lives and as well as generations of lives.

-Kathy Eure, MCHS Women’s Auxiliary
Helping Us Transform Lives
Volunteers, Auxiliary, and Advisory Boards

Without the work of numerous volunteers throughout Mississippi Children's Home Services, many of our children's needs would be unmet. Whatever capacity our volunteers serve, from mentoring a child to hosting a fundraising event, these individuals and organizations help MCHS transform the lives of Mississippi children and families. We are eternally grateful for their unselfish dedication to touching the lives of our children. MCHS leadership and staff wish to thank our volunteers for making a difference in the lives of thousands of Mississippi children.

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“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.” - Winston Churchill

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According to the MS Secretary of State, 92.9% of expenses go towards programs that transform children’s and families' lives.

$28M economic impact to Mississippi.
- Salaries/taxes - $18M
- Property rent/taxes - $1.5M
- Vendor payments - $8.6M

474 employees worked at MCHS
- 360 females
- 114 males

70% of MCHS’s workforce are minorities
- 68.2% African American
- 29.5% Caucasian
- 1.5% Biracial/Other
- 0.4% Hispanic/Latino
- 0.4% Native American

**Mississippi Children’s Home Services and Affiliates**

**Consolidated Statement of Activities**

*Year Ended December 31, 2013*

**Unrestricted net assets**

**Support and Revenue**

- Government Agencies: $24,646,415
- Contributions - United Way: 112,821
- Program fees: 987,466
- Contributions - Other and Special Events: 461,941
- Interest and Dividends: 47,599
- Rental Income: 800
- Net Assets released from restrictions: 1,094,392
- Other: 249,877

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE**: $27,601,311

*Excerpt from Audit*

**Expenses**

- Salaries: 16,305,992
- Payroll Taxes & Benefits: 2,951,287
- Professional Fees: 2,243,192
- Program Supplies: 986,960
- Other Operating: 1,012,337
- Travel and auto expense: 1,075,838
- Occupancy: 1,259,291
- Equipment Rental & Maintenance: 99,112
- Insurance: 252,656
- Bad Debt Expense: 96,273
- Loss on Disposal: 33,165
- Depreciation: 1,149,047

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $27,465,150

Increase in unrestricted net assets: $136,161

**Support & Revenue - Operations**

- 89.29% Government Agencies
- 5.64% Special Events, Contributions, Net Assets Released
- 3.58% Program fees
- 0.91% Other
- 0.41% United Way
- 0.18% Investments & Rental Income

**Expenses - Programs and Support**

- 26.3% MYPAC
- 26.7% CARES Center
- 14.0% CARES School
- 9.5% CFFSP
- 9.4% Support Services
- 4.8% TLC
- 2.5% TFC/Adoption
- 2.3% WCCS
- 2.1% SMCC
- 1.8% MCBS
- 0.5% The ARK
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