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**CANOPY**  
Children's Solutions



# A Year of Hope and Healing



John D. Damon, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

Thanks to the individual and collective work of our amazing team and our transformational partners like you, 2019 stands as a high watermark in our 108-year history. We have seen the needle move for the children of Mississippi in nearly every metric that matters. While the outcomes are important for us to measure, we are ever mindful that each number represents an individual, a family and a life that has been changed. In short, transforming the lives of our children and families is why we do what we do. This is why we begin each meeting across the organization with a Mission Moment to remind us how we are achieving our mission every day. The quantitative and qualitative outputs that follow provide examples of how Canopy is helping children thrive and families overcome extraordinary challenges.

## **Quantitatively, Canopy:**

- Served more children and families than any year in our history, reaching more than 5,400 children.
- Diverted over 700 children from entering state custody. Canopy had a 95% success rate of keeping families safely together.
- Delivered over 20,000 hours compared to 8,000 in 2018 of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to children on the autism spectrum.
- Conducted 716 forensic interviews and connected 449 kids to mental health services, compared to 625 interviews in 2018 with 258 referrals.
- Increased those served in outpatient counseling from 2,022 in 2018 to 2,260.
- Grew our community-based Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock (MYPAC) services from 432 to 454.

## **Qualitatively, Canopy:**

- Created a premier event to prioritize children's mental health with our inaugural Butterfly Ball.
- Provided key leadership to pass the nation's first tax credit bill focused on foster care.

- Secured transformational partnerships with key businesses around the state through the tax credit opportunity.
- Strengthened our partnership with Microsoft by engaging in additional "Charity of Choice" events, scheduled visits with their U.S. President and Chief Accessibility Officer, and advanced proof of concept technology to transform work in autism in Mississippi and around the world.
- Established our Diversity and Inclusion Council and created the Council's mission and vision.
- Reduced overhead and increased productivity and communication by implementing mobile connectivity technology solutions across the state.

Canopy Children's Solutions has been privileged to serve children and families for over 100 years, continuously evolving to meet the most vexing challenges facing our state with innovative solutions and compassionate care. Like a beautiful tapestry, our compassionate team is working with children and families across Mississippi, weaving together stories of hope and healing. Because of you, we are turning crisis moments into Mission Moments—helping families walk through dark and hopeless seasons and step into the light and hope of what lies ahead—thank you!

The foundation that was laid in 2019 helped to equip us to transition our solutions in a way that is allowing us to continue driving our mission in 2020. Despite any challenges laid before us, we will continue to commit ourselves to serving the needs of our children and families while working collaboratively with our partners to provide innovative care via best practices throughout Mississippi and beyond.

We are humbled to partner with you in this amazing work!

John D. Damon, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

Dorian Turner  
Board President



Dorian Turner  
Board President



# 2019 Canopy Children's Solutions Impact

## The Children We Serve



### Male/Female

51%  
Male

49%  
Female

### Client Racial Demographics

African-American  
32%

Caucasian  
47%

Other/Not Specified  
21%

### Client Age Groups

13-19 years  
38%

6-12 years  
47%

0-5 years  
15%

**Invested In Technology -**  
increased mobility to allow for more efficient solutions for children & families statewide

**Services Available**  
in all 82 counties

## Concentration of Services

53%

Behavioral Health Solutions

41%

Social Service Solutions

7%

Educational Solutions

**5,423 Lives Transformed In 2019**

### Behavioral Health Solutions

Behavioral Health Clinics .....2,260  
CARES Center ..... 200  
Early Intervention Autism Clinics.....49  
MYPAC.....454

### Educational Solutions

CARES School Hattiesburg..... 89  
CARES School Jackson ..... 284\*

### Social Service Solutions

in-CIRCLE.....1,328  
South MS Child Advocacy Center .....875  
Therapeutic Foster Care.....13  
Warren County Children's Shelter .....71

\*includes CARES School Jackson & CARES Center's clients

12%  
INCREASE

**589**  
more children served in  
**2019**





## Behavioral Health 2,260 Children

worked through their mental health challenges with a licensed counselor



## 20,462 Hours

of applied behavior analysis early-intervention therapy provided to children on the autism spectrum



## 70% of Children

needing intensive psychiatric solutions were able to receive proper care in their homes



# 3,762

children received community based mental health services and remained in-home with their families



## Educational 373 Children

received specialized educational services through CARES\*

\*includes CARES Schools & CARES Center's clients



## 40% Increase

in students enrolled in autism classrooms in CARES School Hattiesburg



## 36 school districts

served by CARES Schools in Mississippi



## Social Services

Preserving Families by serving

# 565

families through NEW TEAMS in HIGH NEED AREAS through in-CIRCLE

# 95%

of children safely maintained or reunified with their families

# Impacting 1000s

of at-risk children

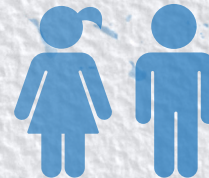


## 71 Homeless

or runaway children found refuge in one of our shelter

# 31% INCREASE

in children served at Warren County Children's Shelter



## 875 Victims

of violent crimes found comfort and resources at our child advocacy centers



## 13 Children

were placed with a therapeutic foster family



# ZION'S STORY

**Z**ion saw how untreated mental health destroyed her family. As a young child, she had a wonderful life, a mom who had a good job, showed her with love and attention and encouraged her emotional and developmental growth. However, after her younger brother was born, she saw a decline in her mother's mental health and physical well-being that ultimately led to Zion and her brother being placed into foster care.

"It was hard knowing the beautiful childhood that I had and seeing it washed away," said Zion. "I became the 'mom' in the situation, caring for my mom, my little brother and helping care for my great grandmother. My mom lost her job and became unpredictable, paranoid and sometimes very violent. Most of the time, we didn't even have the basic necessities we needed.

"At 12 years old, a lot was put on me. I didn't understand about mental health and schizophrenia or how leaving this illness untreated could truly rob you of your life. The only thing left that I could control was my studies. It was my release and eventually my way out. I poured everything I had into it, but I was still struggling. I was grateful when I was connected with Canopy because before then I didn't have a therapeutic outlet. That changed everything and they helped me focus on my future rather than my past."

Zion's experience in Canopy's in-CIRCLE and MYPAC solutions allowed her to process her anger and frustration and come to a place of acceptance. She graduated second in her high school class and was offered a scholarship to Xavier University where she now studies pre-med psychology. She remains in close contact with many of Canopy's staff who she attributes to helping her shed the "anchor" of resentment that was weighing her down. Zion aspires to become a psychiatrist working with both adults like her mom, and helping children cope with the struggles of mental health.

**"It was hard knowing  
childhood that I had a  
washed away."**





the beautiful  
and seeing it



# 2019 Canopy at a Glance

**438**  
EMPLOYEES

**18** Statewide Locations

**\$31.15M—  
economic  
impact**

**\$23.7M—  
salaries/  
taxes**

**\$450K—  
property  
rent/taxes**

**\$7M—  
vendor  
payments**

## Licensed, Certified, and Accredited by

- Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency
- The Joint Commission
- Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services
- Mississippi Department of Education
- Mississippi Department of Health
- Mississippi Department of Mental Health
- Mississippi Division of Medicaid



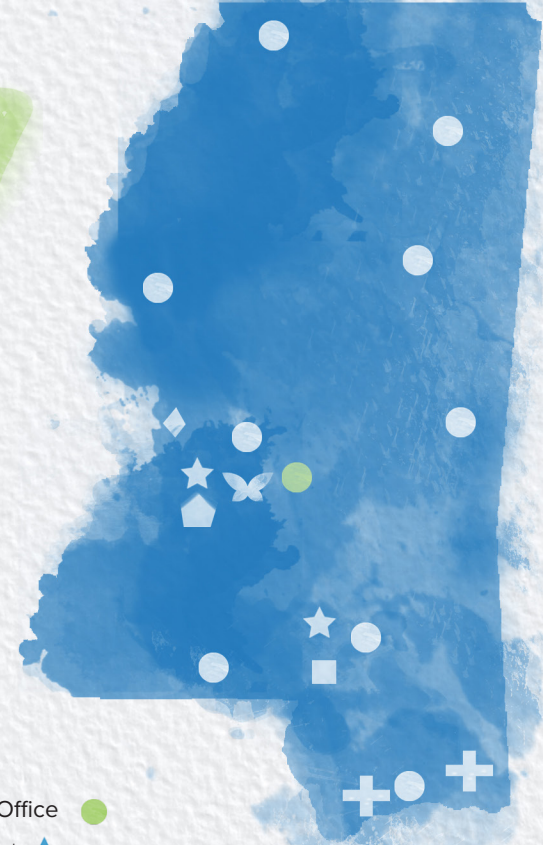
## Primary Funding Sources include

- Corporate and Foundation Grants
- Private & Corporate Donations
- 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

## Including:

- 1 Administrative Office ●
- 2 CARES Schools\* ★
- 1 Center of Excellence\* ✈
- 2 Child Advocacy Centers +
- 9 Community Offices ●
- 1 Early Intervention Autism Clinic\* ■
- 1 Emergency Shelter ◆
- 1 Residential Facility ◆

\*Canopy provides autism solutions in our Center of Excellence (Jackson), in our Early Intervention Autism Clinic (Hattiesburg) and in our CARES Schools (Hattiesburg, Jackson).







# Behavioral Health Solutions

Through our behavioral health solutions, children are able to find the help they need to thrive in their homes and communities. Canopy provides solutions for a wide variety of childhood behavioral issues through our continuum of care.

## THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Canopy's Center of Excellence utilizes the integration of services between the Centers for Behavior Health Solutions and Autism Solutions. Clients can receive Applied Behavior Analysis therapy, outpatient therapy, psychiatric care and evaluations, medication management, and telehealth solutions within one location. The Center provides quicker access to care for clients and lessens the burden on families needing multiple services. (Jackson)

## AUTISM SOLUTIONS

- **The Early Intervention Autism Clinics** utilize Applied Behavior Analysis for children ages 18 months to eight years old diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. (Hattiesburg, Jackson)
- **CARES Schools** offer specialized classrooms for children on the autism spectrum. (Hattiesburg, Jackson)

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS** serve children and youth ages five up to age 21 years old providing access to evaluations, individual and family therapy, crisis prevention, medication management and psychiatric services. (Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson)

**CARES CENTER** is a private, non-profit psychiatric residential treatment facility for children and adolescents with severe emotional and/or behavioral disturbances. (Jackson)

**MISSISSIPPI YOUTH PROGRAMS AROUND THE CLOCK (MYPAC)** provides an in-home, community-based alternative to psychiatric residential treatment for youth with serious emotional challenges. (Statewide)

**THERAPEUTIC DAY TREATMENT** provides intensive after-school therapy for children not thriving in school due to behavioral or emotional problems. (Clinton, Jackson)

“The voice of each child is all that matters in the end. If their treatment is not based on what they believe they need and want to work on, it will fail. From the time they walk through our doors until the day they leave us, they have the opportunity to tell us what they need to be successful.” – Kim Jordan  
MHSA, BSN, RN, CEN, CARES Center  
Director & Director of Nursing





*"The South Mississippi Child Advocacy Center plays a huge role in the investigative process of child abuse cases here on the Coast. We attribute a significant amount of our success to the work they do early on in conducting forensic interviews and providing invaluable services to the victims in the aftermath of their victimization," said Joel Smith, District Attorney for Harrison, Hancock and Stone counties.*



# Social Services Solutions

Canopy's social service solutions are tailored to the individual needs of the child and family. For some children, this means placing them in a nurturing environment through foster care, adoption, or temporary residence in our crisis shelter, while others are provided with the tools needed to thrive within their current environments.

## **ADOPTION AND MATERNITY SERVICES**

Trained and licensed staff help parents navigate numerous options available to adoptive parents including home studies, post-placement supervision and emotional support throughout the adoption process. (Statewide)

## **in-CIRCLE INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES**

A comprehensive home and community-based family preservation, reunification and support service for children. (Statewide)

## **LINK**

Connects families to Family Navigators to identify potential stressors, connect with resources as well as implement education on teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse, parenting skills and family stability. LINK provides support and training to help navigate families toward success. LINK is funded by a grant through the Mississippi Department of Human Services. (Greenville, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Meridian, Olive Branch)

## **SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS**

Provides forensic interviews and healing services for children involved in allegations of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or who may have witnessed a violent crime. (Gulfport, Pascagoula)

## **THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE**

Recruits and trains families to provide homes for children with emotional disturbances. (South Central Mississippi/Hattiesburg)

## **WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN'S SHELTER**

A co-educational diagnostic and evaluation shelter providing 24-hour emergency shelter and social services for abused, neglected, runaway, and homeless children. The shelter provides housing, medical care, educational services, food, and clothing while delivering therapeutic solutions for the emotional needs of the children in our care. (Vicksburg)



# Educational Solutions

**Canopy uses a multi-disciplinary strengths-based approach to support the emotional, behavioral and educational needs of each student.**

**CARES Schools** are accredited, non-public schools designed to meet the educational and behavioral needs of students whose challenges prohibit enrollment in a public school setting. Each school delivers an individualized plan based on the grade-level and personal needs of each student utilizing educational and therapeutic approaches. Each classroom is equipped with a licensed teacher and a behavioral therapist.

Canopy's autism classrooms provide children on the spectrum with small classroom sizes that deliver education and therapy in a single location. (Hattiesburg, Jackson)

*“At the CARES School, we start preparing for the student to transition back to their home school even before they are admitted to CARES School. Prior to admission, we set up a plan with the student, the parents, and their school so we know exactly what behaviors and skills we need to focus on to get the student back in their public school as soon as possible.” - Robin Davis, Ph.D., Principal, CARES School Hattiesburg*



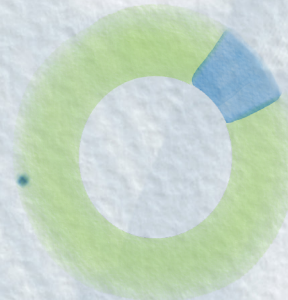
# 2019 Consolidated Statement of Activities\*

## Expenses - Charitable Purposes

Total Revenue.....	34,209,746
Total Expenses .....	32,036,265
Program Service Expenses .....	28,817,840
Fundraising Expenses .....	638,162
Administrative Expenses.....	976,864
Other Expenses.....	1,603,399

### Changes in Net Assets without

Donor Restrictions.....	2,173,481
Total end of year net assets.....	15,761,946



Expenses for  
Charitable  
Purposes • 90%

Fundraising and  
Administrative  
Expenses • 10%

## Support and Revenue - Operations

Government Agencies.....	28,833,701
Program Fees.....	1,444,905
Contributions and Special Events .....	3,472,125
Net Assets Released From Restrictions .....	54,000
Other .....	98,035
Investments and Rental Income.....	306,980

**Total Support & Revenue without Donor Restrictions .....34,209,746**

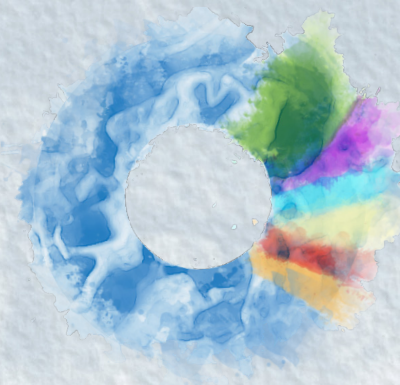
## Expenses - Operations

Salaries .....	19,537,514
Payroll Taxes and Benefits .....	3,649,113
Professional Fees.....	2,370,441
Program Supplies.....	994,053
Other Operating Expense.....	1,006,955
Travel and Auto Expense.....	1,098,594
Occupancy.....	1,444,721
Equipment Rental and Maintenance.....	141,750
Insurance.....	352,753
Bad Debt Expense.....	151,290
Depreciation.....	1,289,081

**Total Expenses-Operations ..... 32,036,265**

**Changes In Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions ..... 2,173,481**

## Support and Revenue - Operations



Fees and Grants from  
Government Agencies • 84.29%

Contributions and  
Special Events • 10.15%

Program Fees and  
Local Grants • 4.21%

Rental Income • 0.74%

Other • 0.29%

Net Assets Released  
from Restrictions • 0.16%

Interest and Dividends • 0.16%





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# Butterfly Ball

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## 2019 Butterfly Ball Sets the Stage for a Transformative Evening for Children's Mental Health

Canopy Children's Solutions, alongside Trustmark, proudly presented the 2019 inaugural Butterfly Ball benefit gala. This event was the first of its kind in the state specifically designed to raise much-needed funds and awareness for children's mental health.

"When I think of what Canopy has done in our 108-year history, I think of the thousands of lives that would look so different had it not been for the solutions pioneered at Canopy when children's and families' needs were going unmet," said Canopy CEO John D. Damon, Ph.D. "As excited and proud as I am of our history, families still need us, and continue to need us in new ways. I think about what we can do for children to help them thrive and overcome their circumstances with the resources and partnerships for innovation. Thanks to opportunities to support mental health like the Butterfly Ball, Canopy's innovations can become reality and the possibilities are endless."

Canopy's 2019 Chrysalis Award was presented to Trustmark. Chrysalis Awards are presented to individuals and organizations whose work and service have created a tangible impact on the welfare of Mississippi children. Celebrity emcees for the evening were the

esteemed Elise Jordan, well-known political analyst with MSNBC, and nationally acclaimed cartoonist and media host Marshall Ramsey.

### Butterfly Ball Steering Committee:

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## 5K4Kids Helped Canopy Kick-Off Children's Mental Health Awareness Month

Canopy kicked off Children's Mental Health Awareness Month with the 3rd annual 5K4Kids, presented by Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company. The family-friendly event included over 150 racers who participated in either a 5K run or walk. Awards were presented to the overall male and female 5K winners, along with age category winners and the top fundraising team. Each child participant received a medal. There was a 5K4Kids Fun Zone with jump houses and games as well as activities sponsored by *Parents & Kids Magazine*.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Mental Health Summit Brought Mental Health Leaders Together

The Sixth Annual Children's Mental Health Summit, hosted by Canopy Children's Solutions and presented by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was the highlight of the 2019 Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for the event was *Speak Up! Speak Out! Erasing the Stigma of Mental Health*. This two-day event covered various topics that affect Mississippi families and children. In 2019, 250 attendees and 23 sponsors brought the conversation of children's mental health to the forefront.



# 2019 Transformational Partners

Thank you to our transformational partners who believe in Canopy's mission. Through their support, Canopy is able to champion the cause of caring for some of Mississippi's most vulnerable children and families.

## (\$100,000 and above)

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*"Canopy has a long-standing history of providing vital solutions for the most vulnerable children in our community. We recognize the critical need to continue their mission and we are pleased that our gift will help make a difference through expanded programs and innovative treatment options for more families in Mississippi." - Dolph Baker, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.*



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*“We’re inspired and moved by the services Canopy provides families in our communities, and we hope BankFirst’s donation will help expand these services to even more families in need.” - Moak Griffin, BankFirst President and CEO*



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# New Solution Focuses on Strengthening Families



Canopy Children's Solutions' LINK connects families with state, local and federal community resources for when they are in crisis situations.

"LINK is designed to help families navigate federal, state and local resources for times when they may have struggles with food stability, job losses or other situations that put increased stress on families," says Traci Epps, LINK supervisor for the Jackson area. "We will give families the support they need to get them through hard times."

Key features of the program include:

- Helping families navigate through community resources
- Enhancing parenting skills using Active Parenting
- Increasing assistance in accessing formal and informal supports
- Educating and linking families to mental health and substance abuse services
- Educating parents on self-care and self-control
- Providing teen pregnancy prevention and substance abuse training

"Canopy's LINK program provides families with resources, support, education and the proper training needed to successfully care for their family in the home," said Yolanda Wooten, statewide coordinator for LINK. "Our network of Family Navigators and Child & Family Advocates connects families to resources that meet their family's needs including services that enhance parenting skills and family preservation, while also educating individuals on resources

for mental health, substance abuse services and teen pregnancy. Our goal is to coach parents on self-care and self-control to promote and enable stronger families."

LINK is a free resource provided to any family in need. It is provided by a grant through the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The program will include services in Meridian, as well as Greenville, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Jackson and Olive Branch. For assistance, individuals can contact a Canopy Children's Solutions Care Coordinator at 800.388.6247.







# Rooted in Mission during the 2020 Pandemic

For many organizations in Mississippi, the COVID-19 crisis had a crippling effect, with much uncertainty and barriers of how they could continue their mission and protect both their employees and those they serve. Thanks to funds generously donated in support of Canopy through the Children's Promise Act, Canopy Children's Solutions was uniquely positioned to deliver services through a mobile platform. In fact, within two weeks of Mississippi entering a near complete shutdown, Canopy was still actively serving 90% of its client population through telehealth solutions. Canopy worked quickly and precisely to network with insurance companies, referral sources and state agencies to create viable procedures so that children and families across the state would not have a break in care.

Canopy was able to continue our mission with exceptional outcomes throughout a time of crisis and uncertainty.

Despite the pandemic, many of our autism families through the assistance and support of our autism solutions team, have seen amazing progress in their children, including successful potty training and first spoken words. A child read to his mom a full-length book during a telehealth session who just two years ago had no spoken words.

Therapeutic Foster Care has placed seven children, including one medically-fragile child, into the homes of loving Therapeutic Resource Families. This is a reflection of the needs that continued even during a pandemic.

Canopy's CARES Center was able to remain at full capacity to serve some of our state's most challenging, yet precious, children. Staff quickly adopted new health and safety measures to ensure clients' needs were met and were provided appropriate care throughout the shelter-in-place orders.

Teachers from the CARES School Hattiesburg found unique ways to engage their Day School students through distance learning including personalized videos. Many of our CARES School Jackson teachers continued to serve students from the CARES Center through in-person studies while also balancing the educational needs of Day School students learning from home.

Canopy launched a new solution, LINK, funded through a grant by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The LINK team was approaching the program launch date when the pandemic hit Mississippi, allowing the team to jump into action across the state and serve families impacted by job loss, housing instability, food insecurity and more.

Canopy's Warren County Children's Shelter was at nearly full capacity during the pandemic including children rescued from severe abuse situations as well as homeless youth.

Canopy provided families with digital resources including self-care videos, updates on school lunch locations, and health and wellness information on our website and social media.

These are just a few of our success stories, what we call Mission Moments, which are common even outside of a global health crisis. Canopy is proud of our Heroes who committed themselves under extraordinary circumstances to continue to serve Mississippi's most vulnerable children and furthering our mission to help children thrive.





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