

UNTIL EVERY CHILD HAS A HOME

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Dear partners,

We are so grateful for the consistency that you show to House of Providence, and in turn to the amazing children that we are so privileged to serve.

This year, we boldly asked the Lord for ten families who would step up to the plate and provide forever homes for some of our longest waiting and most desperate kids in our care. One of those boys was fourteen, had been waiting for a forever family since he was two years old, and had been in our care for over four years. This was his year!

Looking forward, we are embarking on a journey to provide effective solutions to some of the gaps we have discovered in education for children in care and holistic family care for families seeking reunification.

To address these gaps, in fall of 2023, we will be opening a state of the art educational program—Providence Academy—where the traumatized child can find co-regulating classrooms that meet all the behavioral and sensory needs in order for them to learn and grow—socially, emotionally, and academically. Additionally, stay tuned for more details surrounding our Family Resource Center! This initiative will provide avenues to truly assisting families holistically as they heal, reunify, and return to a healthy new normal.

We exist to equip our communities to serve our most vulnerable children and families in excellence, and we will continue to be an answer to the desperation that plagues the child welfare system and those stuck in it! We are eternally grateful for the ways in which you support the efforts of House of Providence and continue to walk with us day after day!

Faithfully,

Jay and Maggie Dunn

A DECADE OF SERVICE!

National Accreditation

We received our national accreditation from the Council on Accreditation in 2020—marking the start of our expansion initiative!

97 children served!

Over the past decade, we have had the privilege to intervene in the lives of 97 children!

Houston House of Hope

Houston House of Hope is the first of many homes to open under the HOP model!

The HOPE Clothing Line

We launched our own clothing line with beautiful, ethically sourced clothes that spread our message and fundraise for our cause!

The Reading Plus Program

Our kids have seen tremendous growth in their literacy and academic confidence through the Reading Plus Program that was so generously donated to us!

The SOAR Program

Our SOAR Program kicked off in 2020, offering our kids the opportunity to participate in a personal growth program helps them grow in core areas!

HOPE Weekend

We hosted our first HOPE Weekend to begin connecting with those who will run with our model!

STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS

100% of our children who have a mentor state that they **feel supported** by their mentor.

100% of our current residents said they feel like they have enough clothes, food, and toys.

Our partners at MDHHS and Private Agencies scored the **quality** of our facility at a **5/5**.

100% of volunteers reported that they would **recommend HoP** as a place to become involved.

100% of our staff report feeling that they have the necessary skills to fulfill their role.

FINANCES



Income Breakdown

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| Private Donations | 16.1% |
| Fundraising | 5.7% |
| Program Services | 78.2% |

Expense Breakdown

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| Direct Care | 85% |
| Administrative Costs | 15% |



House of Providence is HOME

FAMILY SIMULATION MODEL

Children are meant to live in families—not institutions.

But some children need the structured group setting of an institution to process the extremely difficult path they've been on and stabilize to a level that they can safely live with families.

Our focus from intake to intake is deinstitutionalization. Our homes, our therapeutic model, and our routines are designed to prepare children to thrive with their forever families.

"If we would not leave our own children here indefinitely, we're doing it wrong."

*-Maggie Dunn,
Founder & Clinical Director*

1 Holistic Child Treatment

Healing from trauma is not a linear process, and it doesn't happen merely through therapy. It comes through living the fullness of life and embarking on a journey of self discovery that used to be impossible in the midst of so much fear and pain.

Children come to us with one self-identifying label: victim. The desperation of their situation weighs down on them and locks them in fear brain--crushing growth, learning, and a healthy sense of self.

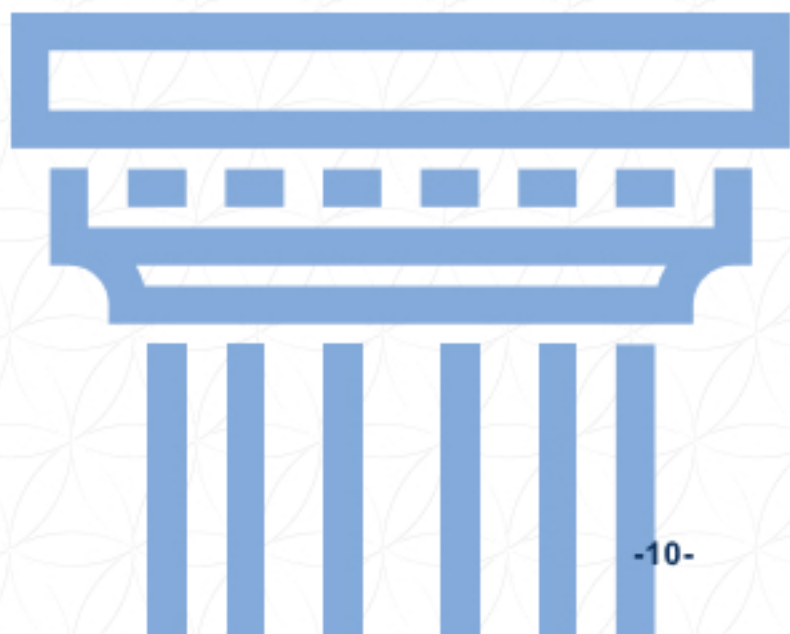
To diminish the weight of this label, we introduce other equally strong, positive labels by creating a healthy childhood environment--complete with love, family, friendship, community, accomplishments, and adventures!

Over time and through intentional daily living, activities, and conversations, self-esteem rises and identity finds its root in being unconditionally loved, in belonging, and in the beautifully unique and complex personality that can finally break free from survival mode.

2 Attachment Repair

Unaddressed attachment disorder is the number one reason adoptees struggle in their forever families. For children who have been taught at every turn not to trust people--and even to expect harm from them--there's a big difference between being safe and feeling safe.

Through time, and consistent, loving relationships, we teach the children in our care that there are safe people they can trust to love and protect them. This foundation allows them to let go of their need for control and other maladaptive coping behaviors that might have helped them survive in the past--replacing them with healthier choices that serve them.



3 Co-Parenting as Staff

Collectively parenting these children as we stare into the face of such profound brokenness requires a level of communication and support that goes far beyond the typical workplace. This is a high burnout field--but these children desperately need consistency and unconditional love to heal.

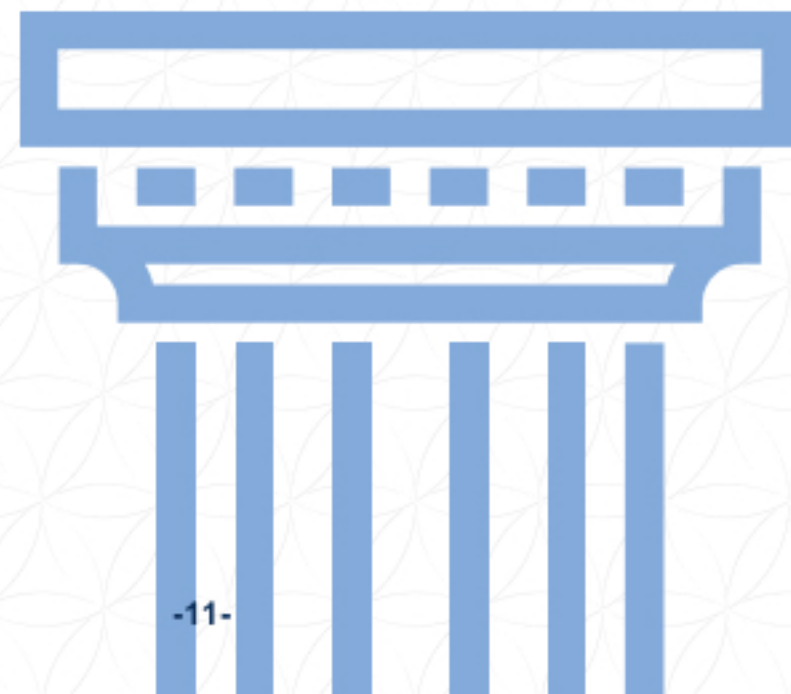
Our staff isn't just staff--it's family. Operating like a family means we communicate better, support and validate each other, and show our love for each other in ways that call us each to a higher standard of excellence, prevent burnout, and put the needs of the children in our care first every time.



4 Authority Acceptance

When children need us at HOP, it means those in positions of authority and caregiving in their lives have failed and mistreated them; coming under the authority of anyone or anything is often a very scary thing for them.

Through building security and confidence, we teach them not only are there types of authority they need to cooperate with, but that coming under certain authority can protect & support them and lead them to lasting success and healing.



EDUCATION

Children in foster care face some of the steepest obstacles to educational achievement. Trauma disrupts the brain's ability to learn and placement instability breaks up connections made in the classroom and reduces actual days in school.



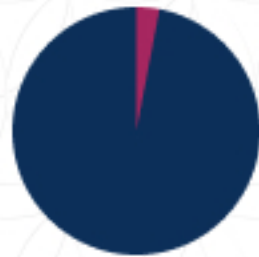
40% of students in foster care have diagnosed **learning difficulties**.



Only 50% of children in foster care complete high school.

3x

Children in foster care are 3x more likely to be suspended and expelled from school.



Only 3% of children who age out of foster care earn a 4 year college degree

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PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

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At House of Providence, we are committed to giving these children the **opportunity to succeed**.

We have created a high quality, data-driven educational model that meets these kids where they're at and enables them to **build confidence** and succeed academically. Providence Academy is a hybrid school with Oxford Public Schools that specializes in accommodating IEPs and 504 plans—and yes, the credits children receive at Providence Academy count towards graduation.

In June of 2023, we will be opening applications for the school and hosting a parents meeting to provide more information. We plan to purchase a building to host classes in soon!

EQUINE THERAPY

Building Trust

Children who have suffered abuse and neglect have good reason to be untrusting of people—especially those in authority and in caregiving roles. For these children, horses provide an alternative with whom they can achieve a **partnership through trust**. This type of relationship – which is often foreign to these children – can be the beginning of building more stable connections.

The ultimate goal is helping create new **neurological healing** where trauma has impeded the proper growth and development by facilitating new neural pathways, which increase the child's ability to accept and engage in trusting relationships.

The therapeutic connection between horses and humans is well documented; there are many studies showing the physical, mental, and **emotional benefits** of equine therapy. Case studies suggest that equine therapy participants experience positive changes across a variety of psychosocial outcomes, including developing life skills such as emotional awareness, self-regulation, anger management, healthy relationships, problem-solving skills, social cues, and appropriate boundaries—to name a few.

On our Oxford Campus, the bones of a barn and riding arena sit, just waiting to welcome kids into the arms of healing...But we need your help to bring it to life!



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Yasmine Bosca

Yasmine, a resident at our Detroit location in 2016, is one of the most **positive and kind** humans you will ever meet. Yasmine completed our Mental Health and Behavioral Stabilization program very rapidly and it was so evident that she was committed to personal growth and a goal oriented future. While Yasmine's actual foster care case was ever changing, it proved to be so difficult for such a young teen, with no support system to speak of, to cope with.

She desperately wanted and needed permanency in a family she could count on for the long haul. Yasmine's case eventually transitioned from the goal of "reunification" to the goal of adoption. She had an incredible mentor through HoP who had walked this arduous journey with her for a number of long months. Once her plan for adoption was solid, her mentor quickly stepped up to offer her family as a **forever home** for Yasmine. It was a beautiful match and to this day, they are such a remarkable example of family! Love makes a family!



