THE MISSION OF YFS

Our mission is to provide, promote, assist and facilitate a community based, structured process of counseling, socialization, recreation, educational assistance, and in emergency youth shelter for youth and their families who have been identified as in need of assistance in adjusting to current life situations.

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Dear Donors & Friends

As we focus on the future, excited about all it has to hold, and feel gratified as we reflect upon the past year of service to our community’s children, youth and their families. Thousands of lives have been forever changed, because of the continued support of our community stakeholders. The data within this report demonstrates love that has been shared, hope that has been restored, relationships which have been mended, and compassionate care which has saved lives.

This year’s message to you, our community stakeholders, comes from a young man I will refer to as Mark who found shelter, love and stability within our Caring Center. I often find myself taking a brief break to visit the caring center and it was upon one of these visits I was grateful to meet Mark. Mark is a teenager with a diagnosis of autism, who came through our doors unable to verbally speak a single word. Upon walking in for my visit each day, he would immediate take my hand and start walking. We would walk all around, sometimes pausing to look at something closer, but would never really “arrive” anywhere specific. For over two weeks I would drive home from work thinking “What is he trying to tell me? What does he want? What does he need?”. After much thought, I finally realized that Mark’s heartfelt desire was deeper than my thoughts has considered. Mark simply but longingly wanted me to walk with him. He wanted me to take his hand and walk alongside him as he goes through this portion of his life’s journey. Even further, I realized that while he could not say a single word, he had communicated a “message” to me that really every child within our care is longing for us to hear and understand, “Will you just meet me where I am, take my hand and walk with me”?

As I thought deeply about this message from Mark over the past year, I realized that we are only able to accomplish our mission at YFS year after year because friends like you choose to take our hand and “walk with us”. It is because of our faithful friends that we are able to walk alongside hundreds of children just like Mark each and every year.

Thank you for your continued support of YFS and the children, youth and families we serve as one. While we work together, the stories will go on. Together we will continue to meet the critical needs of those most vulnerable; those who are counting on us. Thank you!

Respectfully,

John Schneider | Executive Director
CARE
for children in need

Caring Center

The YFS Caring Center provides safety, security, food, and shelter to children ages 0-18 who are in the care of DHS, OJA, or a parent or guardian. The 112 children and youth served in the Caring Center during the year received health screenings, counseling, academic and living skills education, and recreational opportunities. Care days totaled 2,100. YFS provides a trauma sensitive environment.

Safety, security, food, and shelter to an average of 112 children per year from throughout the state of Oklahoma! Due to changes in the child welfare system, high needs children stayed in our emergency shelter for longer periods of time this year, receiving the trauma informed care needed to ready them for their next loving home!
HOPE
for healing

Foster Care

Our foster care program provided 123 children with loving foster homes. The YFS foster care program provides Traditional Foster, Respite, and Shelter Host Homes all while building supports for the children and strengthening the foster family through stabilizing the relationships and assisting both child and family throughout the foster experience.

A seamless connection between 123 children this year and loving, supportive foster homes!

This year we celebrated 22 adoptions for children within our foster care network!

17 approved foster homes were added to our foster care network in 2018 alone!
Counseling

Our person centered counseling services promote emotional stability and positive behaviors in individuals and families in the community, including children residing in the YFS Caring Center and those participating in YFS programs. YFS provides crisis intervention services and treatment for ongoing behavioral and emotional disorders and substance abuse and dependency.

GENERAL COUNSELING
YFS Counseling Services reached 644 individuals and families promoting emotional stability and positive behavior!

OUTREACH COUNSELING
Crisis Intervention, counseling, and education to 440 children and their parents for an improved childhood and educational experience!
Counseling

COMMUNITY AT-RISK SERVICES (CARS)
Assistance resolving at risk behaviors provided to **24 youth & their families** to help making better choices for their futures!

FIRST TIME OFFENDER PROGRAM
A positive learning experience for **180 youth and their parents** promoting change and positive life choices!

JOURNEY OF HOPE
**132 kids and parents** benefitted from this restorative counseling program.
Emergency Solutions

In addition to preventing homelessness through the transitional living program, YFS offers a federally funded program that assists individuals and families with Homeless Prevention and Rapid-Rehousing. Individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless are assisted with rent and utility payments. YFS served 33 families and 99 individuals with this program.

Housing assistance to 33 families and 99 individuals who would otherwise be homeless!
EMPOWER
a brighter future

Independent Living

YFS independent living services provide youth, up to the age of 21, with safe and loving relationship training, tutoring, life skills training, mentoring, job training, incentives for achieving goals, and follow up services.

Within our independent living program, we offer transitional living services to provide housing and life-skills training for youth and young adults ages 16-21 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Housing is the foundation for a comprehensive program designed to promote healthy lifestyles, financial independence, and job readiness.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES
Independent Living Services reached 273 youth this year promoting successful transitions into adulthood.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
Assistance resolving at risk behaviors provided to 92 youth & their families to help make better choices for their future.

YOUTH DROP-IN CENTERS
Support provided to 84 rural homeless & runaway youth who needed a place to go!
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### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### ASSETS
- Cash & Cash Equivalents: $3,347,735
- Accounts Receivable: $190,909
- Beneficial Interest in Oklahoma Community Foundation: $28,789
- Land, Buildings, and Net Equipment: $4,690,832
- **Total Assets**: $8,258,265

#### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS
- Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses: $132,568
- **Total Liabilities**: $132,568
- **Net Assets**: $8,125,697
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#### REVENUE
- Program Funding Grants: $1,665,036
- General Contributions: $271,156
- Gain on Investments: $118,816
- Other: $2,719
- **Total Revenue**: $2,057,727

#### EXPENSES
- Community Based Youth Services: $765,502
- Foster Care: $427,691
- Counseling Services: $106,126
- Transitional Living Program: $271,316
- Support Services: $458,893
- **Total Expenses**: $2,029,528
- Increase in Net Assets: $28,199
- **Net Assets, Beginning**: $8,097,498
- **Net Assets, Ending**: $8,125,697

### CLIENT SERVICES

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**TOTAL SERVICE HOURS**: 55,362.58
Youth & Family Services, Inc. (YFS) is a 501(c)3 charity that has been meeting critical community needs for children since 1974. We provide programs to serve youth in Canadian, Blaine, Kingfisher, and Oklahoma Counties. More than 2,500 individuals receive help from YFS annually!