



YFS Staff - left to right:

Front row: Allen Graybill, Cindi Turner, Donna Davis, Melissa Larimore, Tifanie Cotton, Misty Huber, Latuisha Davis, Tina Odell, Julie Johnson, Cecelia Morford and Dava Biggs.

Middle Row: Sandra Bullock, Stephanie King, Carol Plemmons, Jalyn Davison, Shana Leachner, April Teague, Lyric Haxton, Dian Larson.

Back Row: John Schneider, Jo Moore, Debhora Dunkin, Shannon White, Luke Cooper, Ryan Wintjen, Scott Pfister, Errin Willis, and Liz Gunter.

Not Pictured: Melva Grayson, Chris Doyle, Stephanie Guymon-Clemons, Katie Edmonson, Tarah Fair, Travis Funck, Cadence Jones, Grace Lewis, Linda Mayfield and Katie Edmonson.

Executive Leadership Team John Schneider-Executive Director, April Teague-Finance Director, Melissa Larimore-Community Programs Director, and Latuisha Davis-Campus & Shelter Director.



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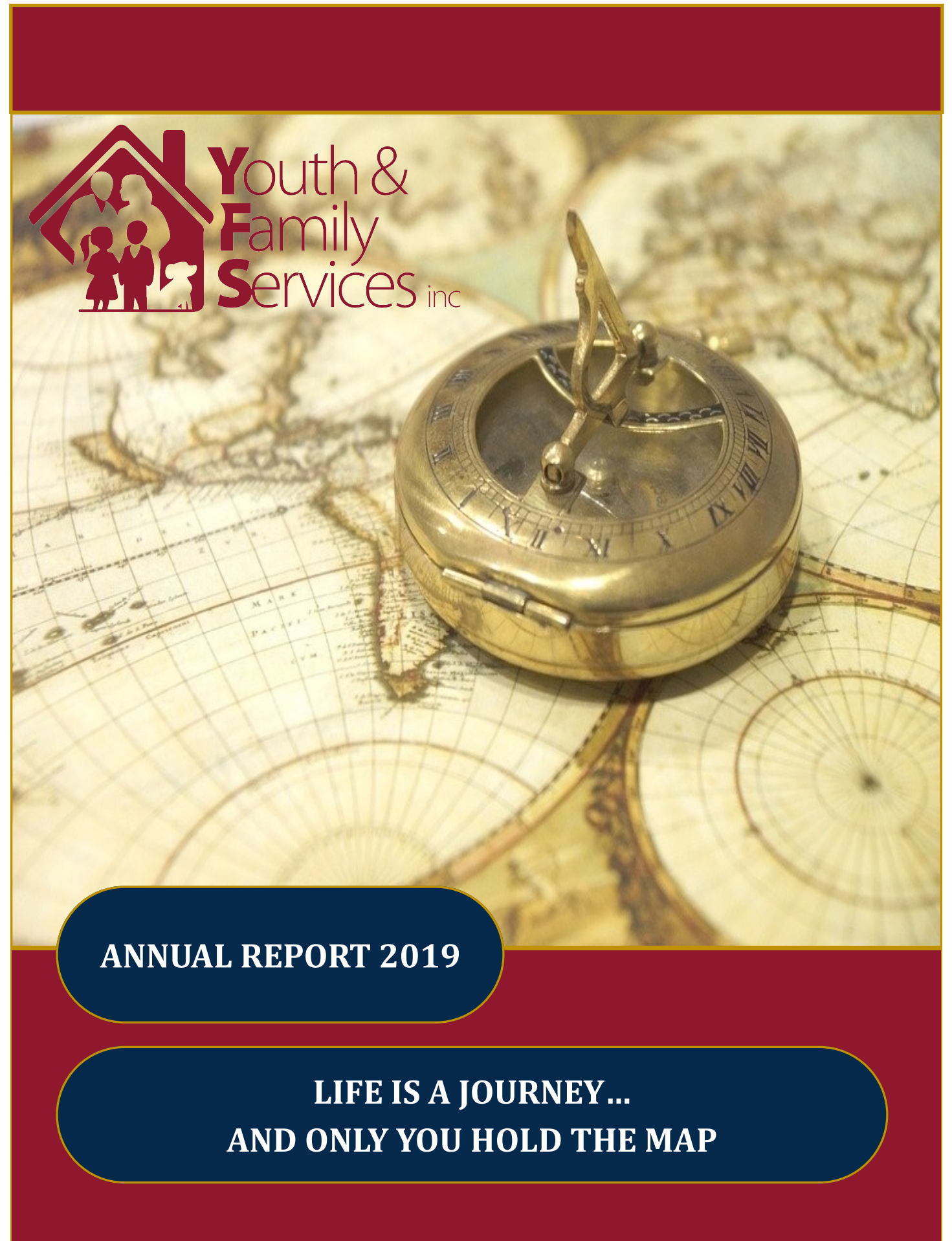
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Youth & Family Services, Inc. (YFS) is a 501(c)3 charity that has been meeting critical community needs for children youth and families, since 1974. We provide programs to serve youth in Canadian, Blaine, Kingfisher, and Oklahoma Counties. YFS served 1,112 individuals/families annually!



Mission

WE PROVIDE PROGRAMS SUPPORTING
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Board Members

OFFICERS:

Tim Rooney, President City Manager	Craig McVay, Vice President School Superintendent	Tangi Smith, Treasurer Oil & Gas	Stan Steffen, Secretary Construction
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MEMBERS:

John Gooden Sculptor	Terry Corbett Educator	Jamie Allison Manager	Nathan D. Richter Attorney
Jill Hughes Healthcare	Tamara Nelson Economic Development Specialist		

YFS has provided community based services for over 45 years. Constantly providing a continuum of care through programming for first time offenders, drug & alcohol, foster care, adoptions, emergency shelter and so much more!

YFS is a community-based charitable nonprofit organization formed to meet critical needs of care for abused and neglected children.

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,621,719
Accounts Receivable	\$131,130
Beneficial Interest, Oklahoma Community Foundation	\$29,371
Land, Buildings, and Net Equipment	\$4,523,122
NEW	
Pre-Paid Expenses	\$20,226
Total Assets	\$8,325,568
LIABILITITES & NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$166,215
Total Liabilities	\$166,215
Net Assets	\$8,159,353
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$8,159,353
REVENUE	
Program Funding Grants	\$1,680,226
General Contributions	\$180,894
Gain on Investments	\$153,077
Other	\$30,759
Total Revenue	\$2,044,956
EXPENSES	
Community Based Youth Services	\$767,465
Foster Care	\$489,544
Counseling Services	\$87,001
Transitional Living Program	\$214,376
Support Services	\$452,914
Total Expenses	\$2,011,300
Increase in Net Assets	\$33,656
Net Assets, Beginning	\$8,125,697
Net Assets, Ending	\$8,159,353

Finances

Journey of Hope

May is National Foster Care Month, and I wish I had a better explanation of its importance and how much it means to foster children both in care or alum, but I don't. Being in foster care is a journey and it's not easy.

All stories are different yet I find comfort in my fellow alumni to know I'm not alone. Children shouldn't have to be in care yet the reality is it happens and sadly there's so many. Emotions of pain, happiness, gratefulness, anger, relief, enlightenment, and much more was part of my experience. I was in care for 12 years. The pain doesn't go away, we just learn how to cope, I was the young age of 6 when I entered care yet I thought I understood it all and was so grown. I did unfortunately have to grow up so fast that I didn't enjoy the childhood like everyone else. Constantly moving placements and schools so frequently, you learn to stay detached and not letting people in or pushing me away. Imagine having to do this for so long, it gets hard to actually make real bonds and be good. It destroyed my ability to let people in, I work on being a better me daily.

Fostering children is NOT for everyone. There's still so much more you can do. We don't need to feel like charity cases, we don't just need houses, we, they, fosters, need families, homes, connections, love, opportunities, we need to be understood, be heard, encouraged, to know WE ARE NOT a statistic!

Being in care makes you feel less then. It can make or break you truly. Not all children in foster can handle it and sometimes the shitty stick they were handed beats them down, and for some, with the opportunity, can use it as a staff and stand tall and grow from it. My hope and passion is to help them dictate their own life's and how they wanna be better and more powerful and use their voices' and everyone else around should be support. Take small steps and advocate for these youth no matter who you are, you can make a difference.

I'm thankful for my time in Foster Care, yet it was rough, but I got through and I advocate for those who don't feel as though they can. Don't take what these foster's are going through for granted, there's so much under the surface level.

I'm grateful to be able to now stand for what I experienced and it created the young lady I am today.

#NationalFosterCareMonth #FosterAlum

Update: This young lady recently graduated from a local college with honors with a Bachelors in Sociology and is enrolled in Aesthetician school.

**LIFE IS A JOURNEY...
AND ONLY YOU HOLD THE MAP**

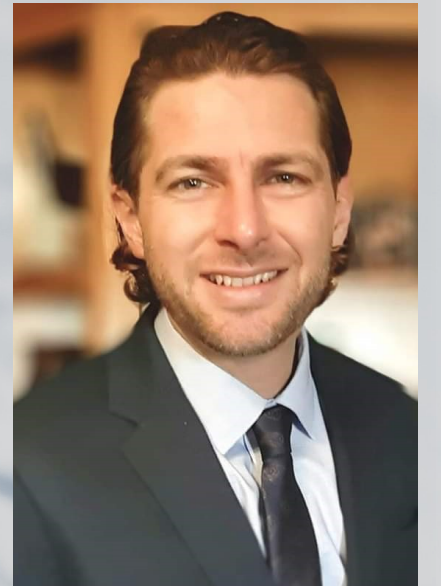


Letter to our Stakeholders

Friends,

As I reflect on our past year, it is humbling to realize at YFS has continued to be advocates of hope as one connected and united team; clients, staff, board, donors, volunteers, community members, referral partners, ALL of us. We have come together with one common goal in mind, our mutual sense of hope.

HOPE is a simple word filled with significant meaning. We often say things like "I hope it's sunny today, or I hope the Thunder win tonight", but really the word hope means so much more at YFS than just a simple wish. In relation to our mission, hope is the belief that our tomorrows will be better than our todays. This shows in our slogan, "caring today for better tomorrows"; it's filled with hope.



The numbers within this annual report are solely about people, people with unique individual and family needs. I am filled with peace knowing thousands of children, youth, and their families have new found hope. Collectively, we have served 1,112 children, youth, and families, and beyond, with over 54,726 hours of service.

As the Executive Director of YFS, a 45 year old community children's charity, I serve today with a sense of eager anticipation that absolute greatness lies ahead in the years to come. Our mission is to break cycles within the community through our continuum of care programming. Coming from a place of stability and sustainability, I am excited for the opportunity to innovate in the years to come and continue to meet the rising needs of those within our growing community.

Thank you, friends, for continuing to join us in the pursuit of hope. As we continue on, "caring today for better tomorrows", hope will be continually found, forever changing the lives of those we serve.

CHANGING DIRECTIONS SUCCESSFULLY

Programs and Outcomes



CARE...HOPE...MEND...

In 2019 Youth & Family Services, Inc. (YFS) celebrated **45** years of service! What started out as a emergency shelter has grown to include a variety of services that meet the needs of children, youth, and families in our community and around the state. Our goal is to provide long term services to improve the lives of those we serve through the emergency shelter, foster care services, independent living, street outreach, emergency services, counseling, and donor relations. These programs are provided in the following counties; Canadian, Blaine, Kingfisher. **Overall, YFS provided services for over 1,112 (children, youth and families), and approx. 54,726 service hours.**



Caring Center (Shelter)

The Caring Center provides a safe environment for children and youth, ages 0-18. YFS provides a continuum of care program for each child or youth upon entry, many arrive confused and frightened. The YFS staff is trained and equipped to help each child to feel safe, sometimes for the first time. The Caring Center is open 24/7. **The Caring Center provided services for over 68 children and youth and provided over 12,261 hours of service.**

Foster Care started out of the emergency shelter to provide long term care to those coming through the Caring Center. Through the past 7 years, this service has grown to provide wraparound services to those that choose to foster through foster parents training, respite care for foster families, and staff support for the everyday life as a family. As of 2019 YFS has had 82 adoptions and 100 reunifications with their biological family members. It is not uncommon for children in the foster care system to move from home to home. At YFS there is a 95% success rate, which includes no network disruptions for children until reunified with a family member or adopted. This is coupled with 100% of our foster families feeling supported and happy with the services they receive. **Foster Care provided services for approx. 116 children/youth and over 12,400 service hours. There were 9 adoptions, 9 family re-unifications and 9 new approved Foster Homes.**



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CARE...HOPE...MEND...

The YFS **Counseling Services** provides person-centered counseling for children/youth ages 3-21. Programs available include outpatient counseling, school based counseling and consultation, family, drug and alcohol education, Community At Risk Services (CARS), Parent-child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and a First Time Offenders Program (FTOP).

Counseling served 595 children, youth and families and provided approx. 1,430 service hours.



Independent Living/Street Outreach program

provides services for youth ages 16-21, that are at risk for homelessness, including runaways, gang members, young mothers, and those in need of emergency housing. While participating in the program they are taught daily life skills, how to find employment, give back through community service and setting goals for themselves. **Independent Living/Street Outreach has served 265 youth and provided over 2,882 hours of service.**

Emergency Services: YFS takes emergencies seriously. All staff have been trained and follow a protocol in the event a call comes through or a person walks in the door with emergency needs. Counselors are on call 24/7, the Caring Shelter is open 24/7 and answers calls when the main office is not open. There are several programs that can offer help to those experiencing or facing homelessness.

Donor Relations/Volunteers: It takes a village! YFS cannot provide these services alone. Other like agencies in our communities help support our services. We are also thankful for the in-kind donors, individual donors, the civic groups and churches that provide so much of what is needed. Our Volunteers and Donors are awesome!