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CHILDREN'S HOME
of Poughkeepsie

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REPORT



Dear Friends,

Our 175th year, 2022, was filled with healing, hope and opportunity. We spent the year celebrating the anniversary of our founding in 1847 by the Female Guardian Society with you - our community. We're grateful to all our community friends for making this year so impactful and memorable.

Despite the chaos and challenges of the last few years we saw program growth and expansion. In 2022 we received a four year grant from the Office of Children and Family Services to establish a Family Opportunity Center in Dover, NY, a historically underserved area. We are on track to open the program in late spring/early summer of this year. This new Center will provide literacy enrichment, a sensory space, arts and crafts, recreational opportunities, a kitchen area and support services for children and families at no cost to them.

After staying in residential care for three years, we reunified seven siblings with their parents. I am proud of the dedication and commitment of our team coordinating with the referring county in caring for this family with complex trauma. This successful reunification is a testament to our work.

In 2022 we served 1,020 children and families, more than in any previous year. This significant increase can be attributed to the growth and expansion of our federally funded and our NYS Community Based Services programs. The Family First Services Prevention Act passed by Congress in 2018 prioritizes family based care and discourages group residential care. In response, we have shifted our program focus, expanding our services offered to work with children and families in their homes and communities. Today we provide less group residential care, but that care is more specialized and focused. We are serving many more children and families in their homes and communities than we serve in residential care.

Thank you to the Gay Family, Tim, Grace, Emily, Dan and John for your tremendous support at the 2022 ERDAJT Christmas Light Display this year and every year!

As a result of these changes in public policy, our Board and Executive Leadership team collaborated to draft new mission and vision statements that more accurately reflect the work being done with children and families today. Our new mission and vision statements were announced in November 2022 and we are proud to share them with you again today.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering children and families to achieve optimal health and well being

VISION STATEMENT

A world where every child and family have access to the tools, skills and support they need to thrive

For 176 years the Children's Home has provided children and families with care and hope for a healthier, happier and safer life. As with everything that we do, we know the work would not be possible without a supportive community. We are excited about the future and our work with those who need our help the most.

Thank you for your support and friendship.



Walter J. Joseph
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer



Thank you to our good friends and Foodstock Founders Ryan Michael and CHP Board Member Lorenzo Angelino from The Foodstock Fund for their incredible donation of \$2,500.00 to help us provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to children and families this holiday season.



We're grateful to Benny and Dean from The Detail Lab for hosting a gift drive and filling wishes for our kids!

About Us

On June 21, 1847, a group of Poughkeepsie women called the Female Guardian Society met to form the Poughkeepsie Orphan House and Home of the Friendless to care for the poor, abandoned and neglected in their communities, most especially the children. Their belief was that all children deserve a nurturing and caring environment. More than 176 years later, their work continues.

Today, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie provides a full range of Community Based Services, Residential Services, and a Facility Service Dog Program, giving hope and healing to at-risk children throughout New York State. The Home is licensed by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Department of Health.

In 2022, the Children's Home earned re-accreditation from the Council on Accreditation for its exemplary adherence to human welfare agency guidelines. The assessment team declared the Home a stellar agency and a model for others in the field.

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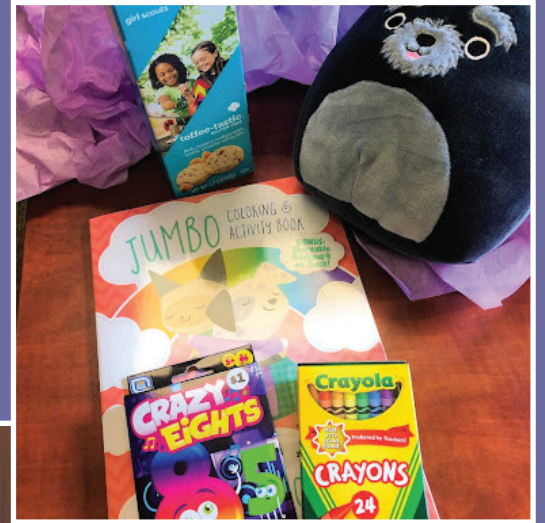
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Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 10491 for donating birthday bags filled with cookies and goodies for our kids!



Thank you to local school bus operators at CSEA, Local 867 for collecting presents to make our kids' holidays so special!



We were so excited to share these beautiful wood-burned plaques made by our kids with the Pediatric Department at MidHudson Regional Hospital. Pictured left to right: Dr. Jenny Sung: Hospitalist, Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services, Kathy Donovan: Pediatric Nurse Manager, MidHudson Regional Hospital, Erin Cafarelli: Chief Development and Public Relations Officer, Children's Home, Emily Mantelman: Development and Public Relations Associate, Children's Home, and Chris Howard: Director of Nursing and Emergency Department, MidHudson Regional Hospital



Program Updates

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

The Community Based Services (CBS) department continues to expand and grow to meet the needs of the community. The Families First Act in NYS has placed an emphasis on keeping families intact and providing families the support they need. The CBS department encompasses many of these supports and includes Children and Family Treatment Support Services (CFTSS), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), Health Home Care Management (HHCM) and the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Adoption Recruitment Program. Our services are free and accessible to families. The focus of these services include individual, family and group therapy, respite, skill building and care coordination. These services are provided in the client's home or community location of a families' choice. Providers can be of assistance in the school setting if that is something that would benefit the youth.

The CBS department has two exciting developments this year! The approval to open a Family Opportunity Center and a contract to provide Prevention Services

in Dutchess County. The Family Opportunity Center will be located in Dover, NY and begin to be developed in spring 2023. The Center will include literacy enrichment, sensory space, homework support and a space for cooking. Additionally, our other services in CBS will be provided at the Center, including counseling services, respite and group activities. The prevention program will also begin implementation in spring 2023 and will provide services to at-risk families in Dutchess County.

The growth of these programs have been incredible, however, the true success lies with the youth and their families. We have seen youth become more successful in navigating their home and school life and families connect with important community resources for success in more independent functioning in the community. One parent shared how easy it was to know that her child's therapist was going to provide services right at their family home on Tuesday evenings. This is what our department strives for, quality services in an environment that is most comfortable for the clients.



Thank you to Susan Martin and her team at Labcorp Hudson Valley for donating 140 Halloween treats, prizes and a pizza party gift certificate for our kids!

Thanks to a generous, anonymous grant, our IT Department was able to purchase 5 much needed printers (with service contracts and toner). Pictured here are two happy CHP staff members, Janel Winters, IT Director and Timothy Christopher, IT Manager.



OCFCS RESIDENTIAL – CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

As the child welfare system has continued to realign, the Children's Home has worked diligently to shift our focus to fill the needs of the youth and families in the foster care system today. **In 2022 we became the first agency in New York State to be certified by the Office of Children and Family Services as an Empower Program provider to serve sexually traumatized, abused and trafficked youth in foster care.** This is due in large part to the tremendous therapeutic work our team has done over the last 6 years to serve this population. We continue to receive referrals from across the state, further supporting the program's overall viability, success and necessity.

The agency continued to operate one Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), serving teenage youth in foster care, as well as a Supervised Independent Living Program that provides apartments in the community for older youth as they move toward independence. The Children's Home strives to provide a robust programmatic experience to meet the diverse mental health needs of the youth in care. We remain dedicated to advancing our relationship with the Community Based Services team as we endeavor to enhance the experiences and lives of the youth and families each day.

We also saw the successful reunification of an entire family, ranging in ages from 5 to 14. The planning and programming that helped this take shape are a testament to the Home's mission and vision. Additionally, this is a wonderful illustration of the dedication and diligence that takes place every day to prevent the fractured relationships that often occur when larger family units enter the foster care system.

FEDERALLY BASED PROGRAMS

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Shelter program continued to provide services for unaccompanied youth in care, successfully unifying them safely with their families all across the United States. The youth continue to receive case management, clinical, medical and educational services while in the program. Youth are also provided with acculturation activities to assist with their transition to living in the United States, along with recreation and legal services.

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Long Term Foster Care (LTFC) program completed its first year of operation. Educational, medical, case management and clinical services are provided to youth in care. These youth attend school in the community and learn independent living skills, all while working towards securing their legal status within the United States. During the summer months, youth were able to participate in a summer program that provided them with an opportunity to visit several museums and other educational enrichment activities to assist with their acculturation.

Agency Update

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie provides a full range of Residential Services and Community Based Services, giving hope and healing to at-risk children and families throughout New York State. The Home is licensed by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Department of Health.

The Children's Home saw a continued move away from traditional residential care as the agency's population shifted toward more community based care. Community Based Services are offered to children and their families in their own homes and communities.

In fiscal year 2022, there were 53 individual youth served in Residential Programs licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), 567 families served in Community Based Services and 400 children served in our Federally Funded Programs.



We're thankful to the Dutchess United Educators of Dutchess Community College for bringing our kids arts & crafts supplies, school supplies, hygiene items, movie tickets and a Barnes & Noble gift card so that our kids could pick a new book of their choice.

OCFS Residential Services

QRTP- AGENCY BOARDING HOMES

The goal of the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) is to provide each youth with an opportunity to strengthen their ability for close interpersonal relationships within a home setting and a neighborhood; to develop skills for independent living and to survive the adolescent identity crisis with people who are able to provide more intensive help when it is needed. Each off-campus home has direct care staff who provide daily guidance and supervision. Staff regularly interact with school personnel, transport youth to family visits, and teach independent living skills. Youth in these homes receive counseling and training to develop the skills needed for independent living or to return home.

18 Youth Served

6 Admissions

6 Discharges

14.6 Average Age

EMPOWER - A SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM

The Empower program provides services to youth in foster care that are at risk of, or have been victims of exploitation and/or complex sexual trauma that require residential and supportive services. The program accepts adolescent girls and transgender youth ages 11-21. Common factors include absconding from home/placement, and engaging in unhealthy relationships with peers and older adults, including intimate partner violence. Empower is trauma responsive and focuses on the treatment, recovery and healing of the youth.

28 Youth Served

15 Admissions

19 Discharges

2 Transfers out to SILP

17.6 Average Age

SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING (SILP)

Helping our youth move from a place of trauma to finding healing and hope is the number one priority at the Children's Home. In addition, efforts are made to help older youth develop independent living skills. The SILP program supports youth who live on their own in the community and provides a transitional experience for youth for whom the plan of care is to discharge to their own responsibility. Youth in this program are between 18 and 21 years of age, have received their high school diploma or GED and are attending college and/or working in the community. Each apartment is fully equipped so that youth learn meal preparation, housekeeping, financial management and other skills needed for living independently.

9 Youth Served

2 Admissions/transfers in from Empower

7 Discharges

20.9 Average Age



We had a beautiful time at DaHunt For the Cure's 13th annual charity clay shooting event in September! Thank you to founders Diane and Charlie Medici for their commitment to our Home and so many deserving charities.

Federally Based Programs – Nuevas Alas/New Wings Program

SHELTER PROGRAM

The Shelter Program serves refugee children who are fleeing from their countries of origin to seek safety in the United States. The goal of the program is to unify children with their families as quickly as possible while ensuring their safety and well-being. Youth who enter the program receive medical attention, academic instruction and recreational programming in addition to case management and clinical services.

- 380** Youth Served
- 329** Admissions
- 310** Discharges
- 16** Average Age
- 37** Average Length of Stay (Days)



Thank you to the Hudson Valley Young Professionals who brought gifts this holiday season to put smiles on so many of our kids faces!

LONG TERM FOSTER CARE (LTFC)

The LTFC program serves unaccompanied children who have been victims of trafficking, abuse or persecution, and remain in care due to the inability to identify a family member or viable sponsor within the United States. This program focuses on the development of independent living skills and acculturation to life in the United States. Youth are enrolled in the local public school and receive medical services, life skills classes, individual and group counseling and case management, while they work towards securing legal status in the United States.

- 20** Youth Served
- 309** Referrals
- 20** Admissions
- 10** Discharges
- 16.24** Average Age
- 70.83** Average Length of Stay (Days)



We're so grateful for the support of the kindhearted student-athletes from Marist College men's and women's basketball teams that volunteered their time and talents to bring beauty to our campus and our kids!

Community Based Services

CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Children's Home provides Care Management Services as part of the NYS Health Home Care Management Program. Children from birth to age 21, who are Medicaid eligible, receive assistance from a Care Manager to help manage the child's chronic and complex medical or behavioral health condition. The goals of these services are care coordination to ensure youth have everything necessary to stay healthy, promote wellness, and decrease utilization of the hospital. The Care Manager provides a family centered plan that supports continuity of care and will help families arrange new services if necessary.

- 166** Families Served
- 99** Referrals
- 4** Counties Served: Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange
- 14** Average Age

CHILDREN AND FAMILY TREATMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CFTSS)

Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, available with NYS Children's Medicaid, give children (under age 21) and their families the power to improve their health, well-being and quality of life. These mental health services include individual, family and group therapy to strengthen families and help them make informed decisions about their care. Additionally, the services include specific targeted intervention and skill based supports which will help to prevent the need for emergency room visits, hospital stays or out of home placements, such as group homes or campus based care. Services are provided in the least restrictive environment for the child or family.

- 388** Families Served:
- 300** Referrals:
- 4** Counties Served: Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange
- 14** Average Age

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS)

Home and Community Based Services is a strengths-based program that offers services such as respite, caregiver family support and prevocational skills to youth. HCBS is certified through the New York State Department of Health and available to youth who are enrolled in Health Home Care Management. This program provides services and supports to families to prevent out of home placement for their child.

- 231** Families Served
- 128** Referrals
- 4** Counties Served: Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange
- 14** Average Age

WENDY'S WONDERFUL KIDS PROGRAM

In 2018, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie received two grants from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national non-profit that brings children waiting in foster care one-step closer to being adopted into safe, loving and permanent homes. The grants are dedicated to funding child-focused adoption recruiters for Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK), a signature program of the Foundation. The recruiters work in Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan counties in New York.

- 35** Families Served
- 2** Referrals
- 3** Counties Served: Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster
- 16** Average Age
- 4** Matches
- 1** Adoptions

Celebrating 175 Years of Healing & Hope

On June 30, 2022 we hosted our Open Your Heart Cocktail Concert & 175th Anniversary Celebration at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, NY. Guests joined us along the Hudson River for an evening of fabulous food, friendship, and a celebration of hope.

The evening's program included a former Children's Home resident who spoke about her time in foster care and experiences at the Home. Her courage, strength, and determination are truly humbling. Guests also enjoyed a short historical film that showcased the 175-year history of the Home. The film was directed and produced by Forge Media, a youth apprenticeship program at The Art Effect. New York Tenor Christopher Macchio and his band performed to close out a beautiful evening.

The funds raised from the Open Your Heart event support the programs and mission of the Children's Home.

We would like to thank our supporters, sponsors, and friends for opening their hearts in support of the mission of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie and all of the children and families we serve.

Join us on June 1, 2023 for this year's Open Your Heart Cocktail Concert.

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175th Anniversary Video

This year our Home celebrated 175 years of healing & hope! We're excited to share the Children's Home 175th Anniversary Video with you.

On behalf of the board, staff and children at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, we extend our sincere gratitude to our community for supporting the mission of the Home and the important work we do with hundreds of children and their families each year. We hope you enjoy watching the video as much as we have enjoyed creating it.

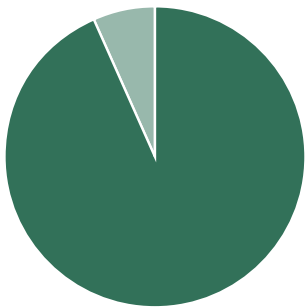
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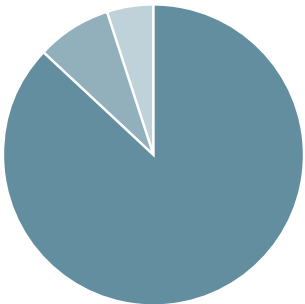
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Each year the Children's Home budget is structured with the anticipation of private funding from gifts, grants and interest on investments, added to our State/County revenue stream to produce a balanced budget. These "extra" funds provide for increased services to youth, including additional social workers, direct care staff, art and music therapy and our Facility Service Dog program. Funds also support cultural and recreational activities for youth, special services to families, and enhanced services to youth transitioning to independence. The Children's Home relies on community support to ensure that children and families receive the best care. We are incredibly grateful to all of our donors for their support and commitment to our mission.



Revenue

- Public Government Funds: \$17,736,624
- Investment Earnings, Gifts & Grants: \$1,243,905



Expenses

- Program Services: \$22,446,844
- Support Services: \$2,014,498
- Capital Improvements: \$150,460



Thank you to The Undies Project for generously donating 486 pairs of undies and bras for our kids! Pictured here is Rosana S. Caro, Assistant Executive Director, Federally Based Programs.

We're so grateful for our caring community friends like Mary Ellen Alexander (pictured here with Peter Fitzpatrick and Peter Grimes, Children's Home staff) who donated this beautiful white dogwood tree to bring cheer to our campus!



Donations

The fiscal year 2022 ended with **\$596,039** in total donations. The Annual Appeal brought in **\$206,764** in gifts from individuals, businesses and foundations. Event revenue, bequests, grants and restricted gifts made up the difference.

A LASTING LEGACY: THE GUARDIAN SOCIETY

The Guardian Society is made up of individuals who have included the Children's Home in their will or estate planning. By adding a gift to your will and estate plans or by making the Home a beneficiary on an account you already own, you help to secure the future of the work the Children's Home does to provide care and hope to those who need our help most.

A simple bequest, an IRA bequest, a charitable remainder trust, paid life insurance, or other such option naming the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie as beneficiary will qualify an individual or couple for membership. The Children's Home pledges to maintain confidentiality of donor information.

If you have questions or have included the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie in your estate plans and want to join The Guardian Society, please contact our Development Office at 845-452-1420, ext. 177 or email pr@childrenshome.us.

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