

Welcome



A Sanctuary for Healing and Hope Since 1847



Dear Friends,

I want to express my thanks to all of you in the community who support the work of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. When you look through this Annual Report you will see an agency that is offering services across the entire spectrum of child welfare and family care. Each year, our impact grows and we reach more and more families in our community.

The world that we are living in has become incredibly complicated and challenging. Long-time supporters of the Children's Home will remember when we ran a campus foster care program and three agency boarding homes, serving a total of 65 children. We have now become a multi-system, multi-state agency, providing both residential and community-based care to 1,683 youth and their families just last year. We have significantly grown our influence in the Hudson Valley and now have a national footprint with our Home Study and Post Release Services program.

We live our mission and vision every day—empowering children and families to achieve optimal health and well being—and advance our vision of a world where every child and family has access to the tools, skills, and support they need to thrive. Our programs bring this mission and vision to life, making them more than just words.

We are working hard to meet the needs of our youth and families by providing options that range from in-home mental health services, to clinic based services and, where needed, short-term residential care. We are addressing the scourge of human trafficking by providing the only beds for youth victims in upstate New York. Our Family Opportunity Center, one of 8 in the state, provides support to families primarily in eastern Dutchess County, but open to anyone who wishes to come, at no cost.

We are deeply committed to this work and to enhancing the quality of life for all those in our care. Visitors to our agency often remark on the positive and welcoming atmosphere across our programs, a reflection of the compassion and dedication of our staff. I am continually grateful for their commitment to providing the highest quality care in a truly therapeutic environment. I also recognize that this important work is made possible through the support of our community—each and every one of you, and for that I thank you.

I hope you enjoy reading our report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Walt".

Walter J. Joseph
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer



Walter J. Joseph, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, speaks at the Sanctuary Garden Rededication Ribbon Cutting event held on July 16, 2025.

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About Us

On January 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. They believed that all children deserve a nurturing and caring environment. More than 179 years later, their work continues.

Today, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie provides a full range of community based services and residential services, giving hope and healing to at-risk children throughout the country. 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 2025, 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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Walter J. Joseph, *Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer*

Photos opposite: Our residential youth enjoyed the final days of summer vacation by joining the Felix Organization for a beautiful day trip at Mills Norrie State Park. Youth had the opportunity to walk the scenic grounds, get up close and personal with wildlife, check out microorganisms under a microscope, paint the landscape, and fish in the Hudson River with waders.

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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.

2025 Program Updates



Board members, staff, and community partners gathered at our Family Opportunity Center in May to celebrate the opening of the Community Closet, a new initiative providing families with free access to clothing, non-perishables, toiletries, essential items, and toys for youth.

Community Based Services Programs

Our Community Based Services (CBS) programs continued to expand to meet the needs of children and families in our community. The Families First Act in New York State emphasizes the importance of keeping families intact and providing support when needed. Our CBS programs include many of these supports, such as Children and Family Treatment Support Services (CFTSS), the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Adoption Recruitment program, the Family Opportunity Center (located in Wingdale, NY), and our Dutchess County Mandated Preventive program.

Our current programs are free and accessible to families. These services focus on individual, family and group therapy, permanency planning, parent coaching, skill-building, and comprehensive case coordination. Services are provided in the client's home or at a community location of the family's choice. Providers can also offer support in the school setting if that would benefit the youth.

CFTSS remains our largest program, averaging 25 referrals per month. These services are highly sought after by youth and families in the community. CFTSS provides assessment and therapy services for youth and families. This program expands beyond traditional individual, family, and group therapy to offer specific therapeutic interventions and Family Peer Support services. The program served around 400 children and their families with 300 referrals.

The community has warmly embraced our Family Opportunity Center, as it continues to welcome more families. Families are encouraged to visit regularly through a variety of monthly activities and events designed to foster connection, learning, and support. In 2024, the Center established a Parent Advisory Committee to ensure family voices help guide programming and ongoing improvements.



Artwork featured throughout this publication has been created by young artists from Cornell Creative Arts Center who provided their talent to the new Children's Way Counseling Center and our Nuevas Alas youth.

Additionally, our CBS team offers counseling services, respite, parent support groups, and group activities. In 2025, the Family Opportunity Center expanded its resources with the opening of the Community Closet, which has become a highly utilized and valued support for families.

The Dutchess County Mandated Preventive program provides crucial support to our community, enabling our team to deliver comprehensive services to 30 families at any given time in Dutchess County.

The growth of these programs has been nothing short of extraordinary, but the real success story is found in the lives of the youth and their families. We have witnessed young people gain the confidence and skills to thrive both at home and in school, while families have accessed vital community resources that empower them to live more independently and successfully. Our dedicated staff is driven by a deep passion to ensure these transformative services are accessible to every youth and family in need. This commitment fuels our relentless pursuit of excellence as we create an environment where clients feel supported, valued, and empowered to reach their fullest potential.



In January, members of the Children's Home Leadership team joined the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) for a Day of Advocacy in Albany to advocate for youth and families throughout New York State.

Federally Based Programs

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Shelter program continued to provide vital services to unaccompanied children in care, working towards safe reunification with their families across the United States. Amid challenges with evolving federal policies and procedures, the program maintained comprehensive services for youth to ensure continuity of care. Youth participated in acculturation activities designed to ease their transition to life in the United States, along with daily recreational programs to promote well-being.

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Long Term Foster Care Program (LTFC) expanded its impact by increasing capacity from 24 to 36 beds, enabling the program to serve more youth in need of placement. Despite facing various challenges in changing federal policies and procedures, youth continued receiving full support services, including education, case management, medical and legal assistance, and clinical care. While working towards securing their legal status, youth attended community schools, learned independent living skills, and participated in a summer enrichment program that included visits to museums and other activities aimed at supporting their acculturation.

The Nuevas Alas Home Studies and Post-Release Services (HS/PRS) provided follow-up services to youth reunited with family members, ensuring they had access to necessary community providers and resources. Prior to placement, home studies are conducted to ensure the safety of the release. In 2025, 26 Case Managers and Clinical Case Managers supported youth and families in 40 states, delivering much-needed services nationwide.



Clinical Programs

2025 was a year of real momentum and new clinical program openings.

In October 2025, we launched the Children's Way Counseling Center in Kingston, NY and began providing mental health support to our first child and family. This new program significantly expanded access to timely, community-based mental health care for all those living in Ulster County. Since its opening, the Counseling Center has made contact with over 95 families. The Counseling Center provides individual, family, and group psychotherapy. The dynamic team of five clinicians use a combination of evidence supported treatment approaches and expressive arts therapies. Our Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner provides comprehensive evaluations and medication management to those in need.

Additionally, in December of 2025, we officially opened AnchorPoint, our Children's Crisis Residence in Poughkeepsie, NY. This is the only Office of Mental Health (OMH) licensed children's crisis residence in the Hudson Valley region.

Together, these two new programs bolster and strengthen our continuum of services, reduce barriers to treatment, reinforce our commitment to diverting youth and families from higher levels of care, and improve outcomes for families in our community.

Child Welfare Programs

Our EMPOWER program is one of only two programs in New York State offering specialized residential services to youth at risk of, or identified as, victims/survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. Throughout 2025, EMPOWER provided residential services to 20 youth.

Demand for these services remains significantly high. The program operates at full capacity and frequently maintains a waitlist, reflecting the urgent need across New York State. In response, EMPOWER is exploring further expansion in 2026 to increase capacity to serve youth requiring these specialized supports.

The program continues to achieve positive outcomes, including consistent engagement in therapeutic and case management services, reductions in high-risk social and emotional behaviors, increased academic and vocational success, and progress toward permanency.

In 2025, the program made significant progress in workforce development. EMPOWER experienced positive recruitment outcomes, successfully filling almost all direct care staff vacancies and expanding the social services department.



In March, our Home recognized Peter Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director of Operations, and Anne Carruthers, LCSW, EMPOWER Behavioral Health Clinician, for their 40 years of dedication to serving youth, families, and the community through the Children's Home.

Accreditation reviews and monitoring visits were conducted in 2025, all of which resulted in positive findings, affirming the quality and compliance of this specialized program.

Throughout the year, there were no youth residing in the Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP). However, the program has gained traction with both internal and external referrals. Current efforts are focused on securing appropriate and safe apartments located in the community that align with the needs of the youth.

The EMPOWER youth used the money they collected from their ice cream sales over the summer to donate to Hudson Valley Animal Rescue, a nonprofit organization of their choice.



Sanctuary Garden

In 2025, the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie embarked on its second year of implementing the Sanctuary Model, deepening its commitment to a trauma-responsive organizational culture. Throughout the year, the Sanctuary training team facilitated a multitude of in-person, three-day training sessions to equip both existing and newly hired staff in the trauma responsive tenets of the Sanctuary curriculum. The agency used intentionality, drive and intense focus to ensure that over 90 percent of staff were trained in all of the Sanctuary modules and toolkit items. Quarterly, in-person training sessions are scheduled to ensure full staff participation as well as to onboard new staff into the therapeutic and trauma-informed cultural framework that the Sanctuary Model provides.

To commemorate the agency's renewed commitment to Sanctuary, the organization held a Sanctuary Kickoff week in July with events honoring the Children's Home, staff, stakeholders, and the community. The week included a rededication of our Sanctuary Garden, attended by many CHP staff, former residents, local community members, and elected officials. This gathering marked a milestone as the first large-scale event on campus since the COVID-19 pandemic and signified our continued commitment as an integral part of our local community. Throughout the week, staff and youth were recognized for their valuable contributions to the well-being of our Home, the programs, and the families we serve.

To further bolster our practices, the Home has begun to use Sanctuary toolkit concepts. Community Meetings are utilized within departments which work to advance emotional intelligence, social responsibility, and our commitment to growth and change. Additionally, safety plans have been developed and implemented to further reinforce a culture of accountability and support. These toolkit items make the Sanctuary conceptual frameworks more actionable, and will enhance our organizational culture as we remain positioned at the forefront of child welfare agencies.

The Sanctuary Garden was revitalized for the rededication in July with groundwork cleanup and planting from our youth, staff, and volunteers alongside our recreation director Jay McGinnis. Artwork was created by our residential youth and Sanctuary Core Team.



At a Glance: Year of Impact

1,683
Youth & Families
 found support, resources, and healing through our programs and services



12 Beds
 were added to Nuevas Alas to provide long term care to our residential youth

2 New Programs
 opened (Dutchess & Ulster) this past fall to support the well-being and mental health of youth and their families and have already served a combined 146 families

Hundreds
 of free toiletries, clothing items, food items, and other concrete needs became easily accessible with the opening of the Community Closet at the Family Opportunity Center.

821 Families
 living in 6 NYS Counties (Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Putnam, & Greene) found access to concrete needs, mental health support, and advocacy through our Community Based Services

1,756
Generous Donations
 were received from individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations plus thousands more in in-kind donations.

12
Staff Members
 celebrated 20+ years of service to our youth and community

90% of Staff
 completed Sanctuary Model training strengthening our trauma-informed and trauma-focused approach in how we support our peers, clients, and community.

297
Food Boxes
 were prepared for families in need of extra assistance throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Council of Accreditation

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie is proud to have successfully achieved reaccreditation by the Council of Accreditation (COA)/Social Current through June 2029, affirming the Home's continued commitment to excellence, accountability, and high-quality service delivery. This marks the 12th quadrennial accreditation for the agency, having been continuously accredited since 1980. This successful accreditation reflects the dedication of staff, leadership, and the Board of Directors to upholding best practices and fostering a culture of continuous quality improvement.

Accreditation standards are grounded in the belief that when organizations invest in strong management practices and understand and monitor the impact of their services, people benefit. As such, COA standards are designed to help organizations:

- Achieve measurable results
- Promote the health, safety, rights, and inclusion of persons served
- Support and retain staff
- Ensure sustainability and promote growth

During the accreditation review, peer reviewers identified organizational strengths across governance, administration, and service delivery. CHP was commended for strong financial oversight and internal controls, an engaged and mission-driven governing body, and effective human resources practices that support staff engagement, retention, and compliance. Reviewers also highlighted significant progress in performance and quality improvement systems, as well as a proactive, organization-wide approach to risk prevention and management.

The agency was praised for our welcoming and well-maintained campus and our consistent focus on safety, dignity, and well being. Trauma-informed, client-centered practices were evident across programs, with staff demonstrating professionalism, compassion, and skill in supporting positive outcomes. Reviewers noted that clients experience hope, respect, and dignity in their care, and that services are delivered in a manner that promotes stability, family connection, and successful transitions.

The peer review team described the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie as a "gem of an agency" within the social services sector—an affirmation of the hard work and mission-driven care demonstrated by staff at all levels of the organization.

Caregiver Satisfaction Survey

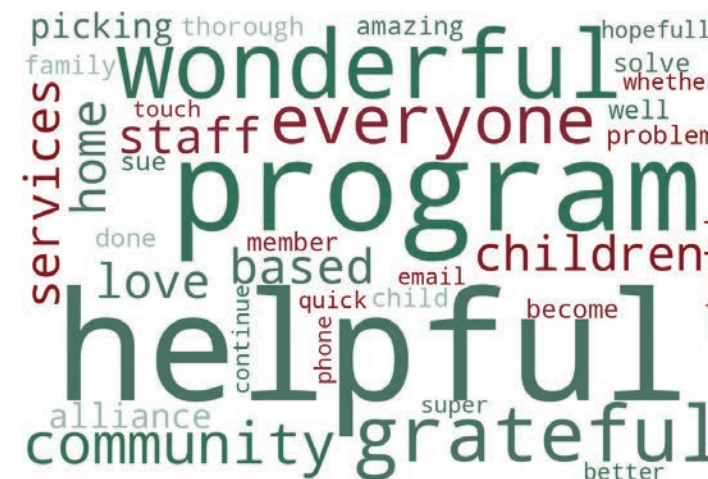
In January 2025, CHP began developing a Caregiver Satisfaction Survey to build a long-term dataset of CHP-wide and program-specific feedback. The leadership team created universal questions on agency values, service outcomes, and trauma-informed practices,

while each program area developed its own program-specific items. Over the year, CHP purchased a survey platform, programmed and tested the tool, and launched digital survey administration in August 2025. As of January 1, 2026, the survey will be implemented in the EMPOWER, CFTSS, AnchorPoint, and Children's Way Counseling Center programs.

Early results from EMPOWER and CFTSS highlight strong day-to-day caregiver engagement. More than 80% of respondents rated care team members as supportive, inclusive, respectful, and courteous; more than 85% said they were treated as valued members of their child's team and that staff listened to their input. More than 80% reported being satisfied with CHP's care, would seek help again, and would recommend CHP to friends or family.

Caregivers also shared open-ended feedback about overall helpfulness and quality. The word cloud below reflects consistent themes of helpful, thorough, responsive, and caring staff, with many noting they feel comfortable reaching out and experience CHP as an "extended

family." Families also described positive outcomes for their children and appreciation for the range of supports, including community-based services and help meeting basic needs such as nutrition.



Community Closet

In May, the Family Opportunity Center, located in Wingdale, NY, celebrated the latest addition to the Center with the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Community Closet.

Made possible in part through funding from Carve for a Cause, the Community Closet addresses some of the ongoing needs of local families. The closet provides easy access to free essential items such as clothing, non-perishable foods, and toiletries as well as art supplies, toys, and games. This new initiative expands upon the resources the Family Opportunity Center already provides, furthering the commitment of supporting local families.

Since opening in 2023, the Family Opportunity Center has been an integral resource for the community. The addition of the Community Closet is the next step in responding to the real needs of families, and serve as a reminder to parents and youth that they are not alone.

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In fiscal year 2025, there were 24 individual youth served in Residential Programs licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), 881 youth and families served in Community Based Services and 778 children served in our Federally Funded Programs.

Child Welfare Programs

EMPOWER - A Safe Harbour Program is a community-oriented program certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. It provides high-quality residential care to youth eligible for foster care placement who are at risk of, or have experienced, sex trafficking and exploitation. The program is gender-neutral and serves youth ages 11-21. Common factors among participants include mental health challenges, a history of abuse or neglect, instances of absconding from home or placement, unhealthy relationships with peers and adults, unsafe online behaviors, and experiences with teen dating violence. The EMPOWER program is trauma-responsive, focusing on the treatment, recovery, and healing of each youth.



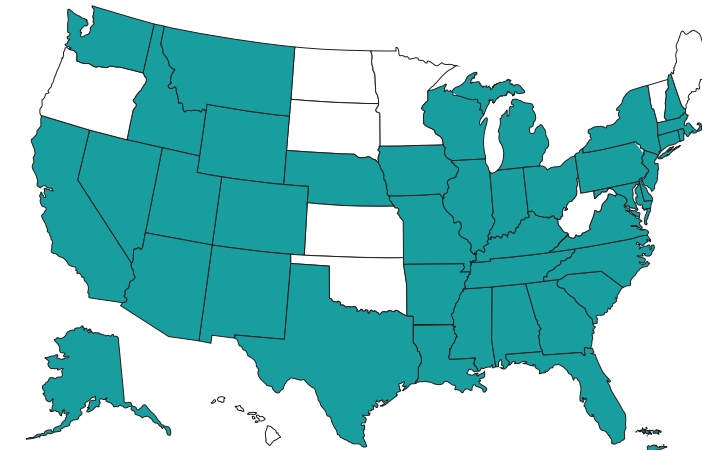
Federally Based Programs Nuevas Alas/New Wings Program

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.

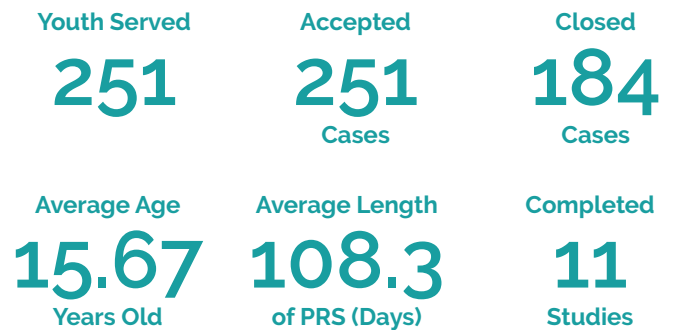


The Home Study And Post Release Services Program (HS/PRS) ensures the safe and stable placement of unaccompanied children with a sponsor or family member. Through the Home Study Program, trained professionals conduct comprehensive home visits and assessments to ensure that each child's individual and specialized needs can be met prior to their release.

Once reunified, the Post Release Services Program provides ongoing support to help families successfully integrate into their local communities. This includes connecting them with essential resources such as medical care, education, legal services, and mental health support. The program prioritizes child safety, family stability, and long-term well-being, ensuring that every child has the foundation to thrive in a secure and supportive environment.



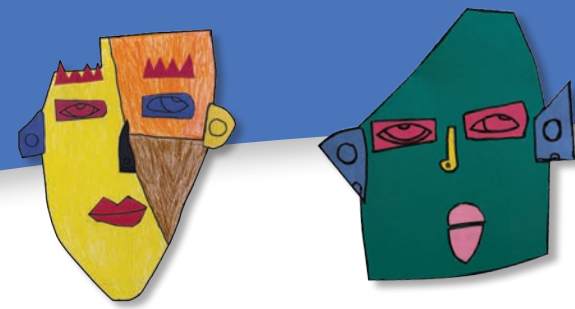
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During Sanctuary Week at CHP this past July, the entire HS/PRS team, whose team spans nationwide, came together for a week of training and team building, and had the opportunity to meet some of the local CHP team.

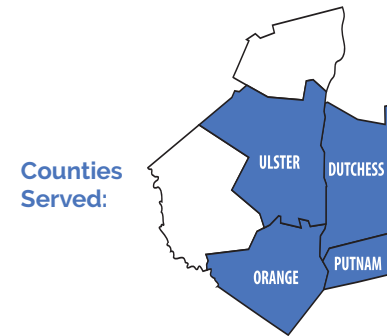
The Long Term Foster Care Program (LTFC) serves unaccompanied children who have been victims of trafficking, abuse or persecution, and remain in care due to the inability to identify a family member or viable sponsor within the United States. This program focuses on the development of independent living 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.



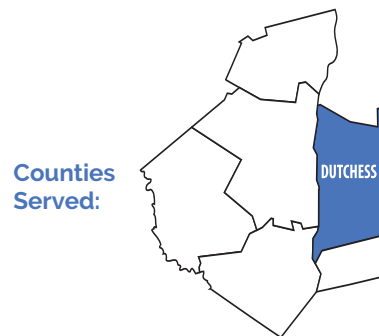
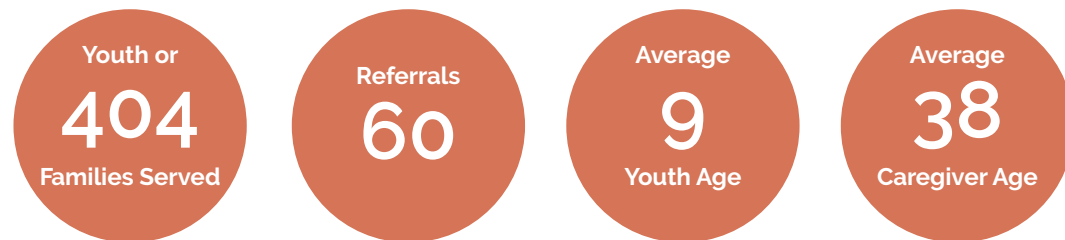


Community Based Services

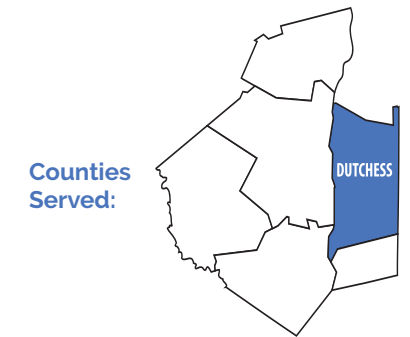
Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS), available through NYS Children's Medicaid, empower children (under age 21) and their families to improve their health, well-being, and overall quality of life. These mental health services include individual, family, and group therapy to strengthen families and help them make informed decisions about their care. Additionally, the program offers targeted interventions and skill-based supports designed 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 delivered in the least restrictive environment for the child or family.



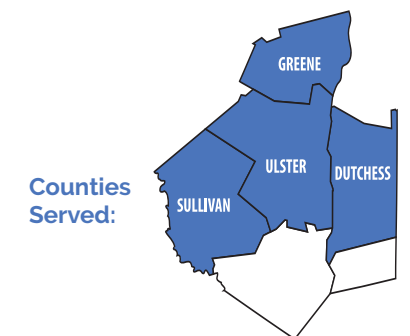
The Family Opportunity Center is a grant-funded program through the Office of Children and Family Services located in Wingdale, NY. The Center provides a safe, supportive, and engaging space for youth of all ages and their families. It offers a variety of activities, including literacy enrichment, homework support, sports, games, arts and crafts, cooking, sensory spaces, toddler activities, and more. In addition, the Center provides individual and family therapy services, support groups, skill-building opportunities, and a Community Closet for their concrete needs. The Center is free and open to all members of the community.



Our Mandated Preventive Services are provided in partnership with the Dutchess County Department of Children and Family Services. This program supports 30 at-risk families who need assistance to remain intact. Our team includes three Case Managers and a Clinician who assess risk and safety while offering comprehensive support services. The goal of this program is to help at-risk families stay together and empower them to achieve long-term success and independence within their community.



The Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Program is made possible through a grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national nonprofit dedicated to helping children waiting in foster care move one step closer to being adopted into safe, loving, and permanent homes. The Foundation's grants fund child-focused adoption recruiters at the Children's Home, who work as part of WWK, a signature initiative. These recruiters are actively serving children in Dutchess, Greene, Ulster, and Sullivan counties in New York.



Volunteers & Donations



Hudson Valley Bridge Builders were on our campus in July volunteering their time to beautify our outdoor areas, organize storage spaces, and connect with our youth for some fun summer activities.



Pictured above: Thanks to Munchies on the Run and our kitchen staff, residential youth enjoyed a fun-filled Friendsgiving lunch to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday. Pictured far left: Alex Vivar of VIDL Haircuts offers a boost of confidence for our boys by donating his talent, time, and services to give them fresh haircuts. Pictured left: Local teen Clara earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by teaching crochet at her library, sharing her skills while creating handmade items for the Children's Home. In August, she donated her projects and supplies and led a lesson for our youth.

Project My Day

Our impact this year is a testament to the power of collaboration. Thanks to the support of Project My Day, Inc., we've been able to provide celebration gifts to 100 of the foster youth we serve. This partnership is the bedrock of our success. We are grateful for this and look forward to another fantastic year! — Amanda

For many youth living in foster care, birthdays, holidays, and other special life events can feel unexpectedly lonely and painful. Occasions meant to be joyful may instead stir up feelings of isolation or of being forgotten. When celebrations pass without recognition, it can reinforce a belief that their lives and experiences do not matter.

This is where the Children's Home ongoing collaboration with the volunteer-led nonprofit Project My Day steps in. Each month, Project My

Day President & Founder Amanda Oberpriller and members from her team visit the Children's Home delivering thoughtfully prepared "celebration boxes."

More than just gifts, each box is carefully assembled reflecting a youth's own interests that honor birthdays, holidays, and other personal milestones throughout the year. Together with Children's Home staff, Project My Day ensures these events are acknowledged and that youth feel seen and valued.

Through our partnership with Project My Day, youth build positive and hopeful new memories helping to strengthen their own sense of self-worth as they move forward in their lives.

Pictured above: Project My Day delivering backpacks for the new school year with Fishkill Correctional Facility Make a Difference Committee.

Pictured bottom left: Project My Day joined Nuvance Health to deliver holiday wishes for residential youth.

Pictured bottom right: Project My Day delivering birthday wishes throughout the year.



Each year, IBM dedicates a day to supporting the Children's Home through a service project. In September, their volunteer team along with some UPS volunteers built a much-needed wooden shed for storage on our campus and replaced old shelving while organizing materials in one of our existing garages.





Thanks to a book drive hosted by Oblong Books, our youth received boxes filled with both English and multilingual books that matched their wishlist, giving them an opportunity to read stories they could truly see themselves in and connect with.

Nine-year-old Stella Fosgate raises funds and collects new toys year-round for the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital through her initiative Stella's Toy Drive. After months in the hospital at age four, she has made it her mission to bring smiles to kids facing tough times.



For the 14th year in a row, the Foodstock Fund, led by Ryan Michael and board member Lorenzo Angelino, generously provided Thanksgiving dinner for the youth at the Children's Home.



Kevin Caccamo (pictured right) and James Wong (pictured left) from Northwestern Mutual dropped off sweet treats for Halloween. Throughout the year, his team stops by with goodies for youth to enjoy.



Inspired by a family friend who passed and the needs of youth in the community, Our Lady of Lourdes student Laila Lloyd turned her Girl Scout Gold Award into impact. She collected and distributed over 400 backpacks and supplies through the Karen Sorlie Bag Drive.



It certainly takes a village ensuring that every child and family we care for feels loved and supported during the holidays. Thank you to the many organizations, businesses, and individuals who helped us bring the joy of the season. (Top left: FELIX Organization. Top right: Hudson Valley Renegades. Bottom left: LEMC Steel Horse Chapter. Bottom right: Resorts World Hudson Valley.)



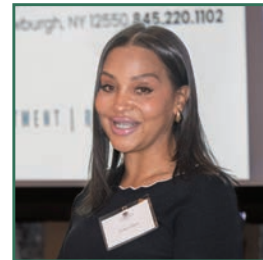
In December, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Iota Alpha Omega Chapter put on a holiday party for our youth filled with an afternoon of festive crafts, engaging games, a lively dance party, make-your-own cocoa station, and delicious food.

Hope on the Hudson: stories of resilience and a little magic

More than 200 supporters gathered at the Grandview for the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie's inaugural Hope on the Hudson. Presented by NFP and Hudson Valley Office Furniture, the evening featured powerful stories of resilience, including

a moving magic show performance by world-renowned illusionist Jason Bishop, who shared his own experience growing up in foster care.

Former Children's Home resident Selina also spoke and reflected on her journey of finding hope and family, leading her to earn a master's degree and dedicate her career to supporting youth on similar paths.



Event Sponsors

Grand Illusionist



Magic Maker

- James J. McCann Trust
- Marshall + Sterling, Inc.
- Metropolitan Risk Insurance Brokerage & Risk Management
- SERVPRO of Western Dutchess County
- Veith Electric

Resilience Builder

- Central Hudson Gas & Electric
- Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services
- Focused Wealth Management, Inc.
- PKF O'Connor Davies
- Rhinebeck Bank

Opening Act

- David Ping Group
- Mackey Butts & Whalen, LLP
- Stewart's Shops
- Williams Lumber & Home Centers

Houdini's Martini Bar

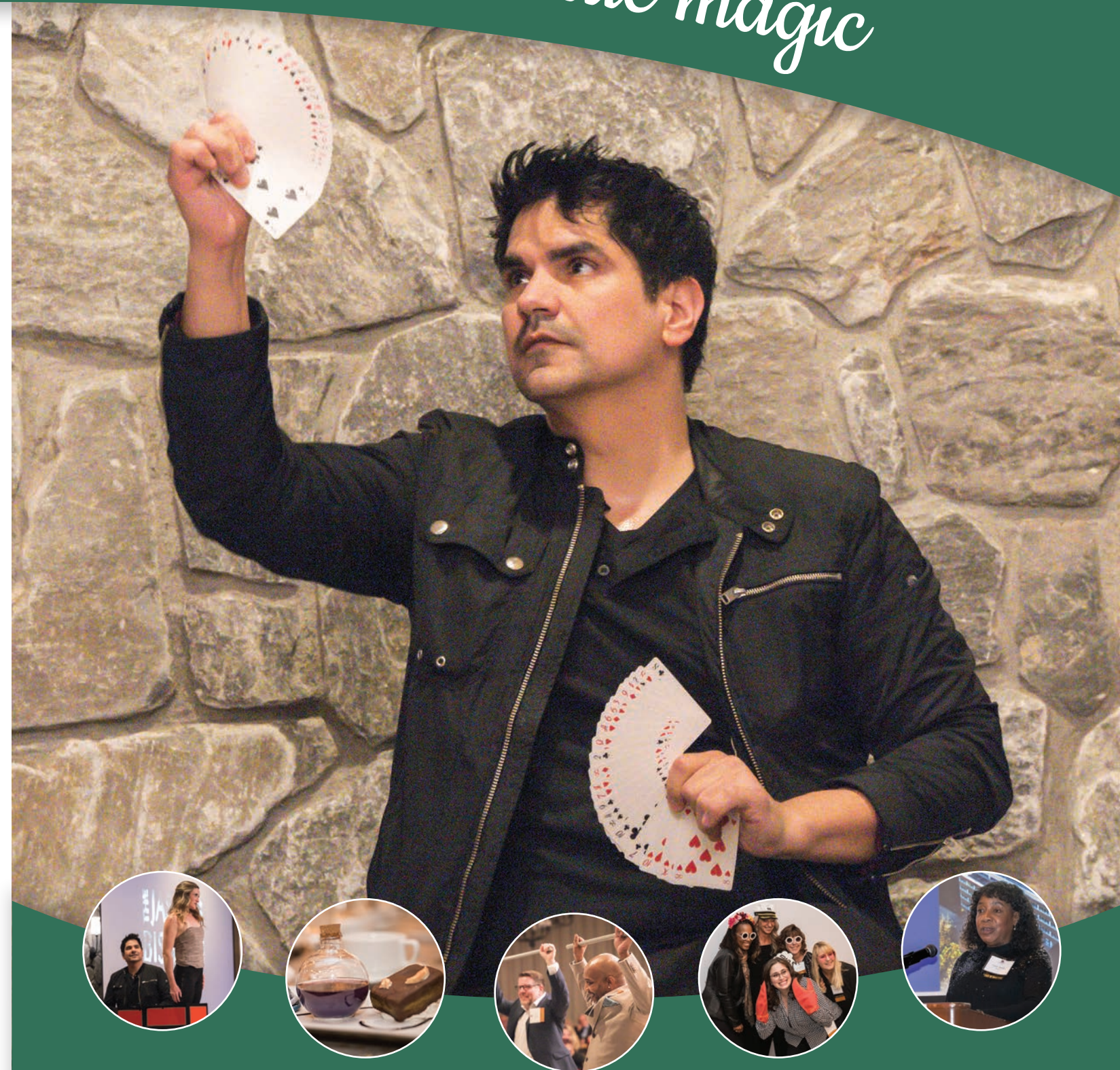
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From inspiring stories of resilience to the shared commitment of friends and supporters, our inaugural Hope on the Hudson event reflected the heart of our mission. Because of this caring community, children and families are finding hope, strength, and brighter futures every day.

— ERIN CAFARELLI, Chief Development & Public Relations Officer

Each year, the Children's Home carefully structures its budget to ensure a balanced financial plan, incorporating private funding from gifts, grants, and interest on investments alongside revenue from State and County sources. These additional funds are vital for enhancing and expanding the services we provide to the youth in our care. They enable us to hire additional social workers and direct care staff, offer specialized programs like art and music

therapy, and run our facility service dog program. Donations also support cultural and recreational activities, special services for families, and expanded programming for youth transitioning to independence.

The Children's Home depends on the ongoing generosity of our community to provide the highest quality of care for every child and family we serve. We are deeply grateful to our donors for their steadfast support of our mission.

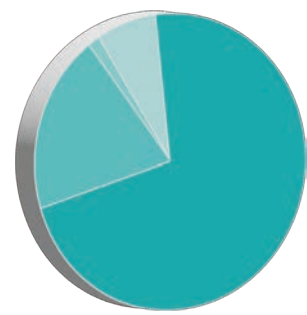
“ Having served for nine years on the Board of Directors, I've seen firsthand the difference that the Children's Home makes in the lives of children and their families, as well as the ongoing care and dedication of the staff. Including the Children's Home in my estate planning was a meaningful way to help enable this important work to continue for future generations.

ALICIA DEAN, Children's Home Associate Board Member



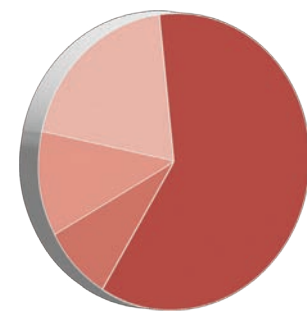
Financial Summary

A Lasting Legacy



Revenue

- Government Grants \$28,095,808
- Fee-For-Service \$7,513,856
- Contributions \$548,840
- Investments and Misc. \$2,788,477



Expenses

- Residential Services \$21,787,617
- Community Based Services \$3,030,135
- Other Programs \$4,143,021
- Support Services \$7,017,080

Donations Overview

In fiscal year 2025, we were honored to receive a total of \$548,840 in donations. This generous support includes:

- **Annual Appeal:** \$189,009.78 from individuals, businesses, and foundations.
- **Event Revenue, Bequests, Grants, and Restricted Gifts:** Additional funds that directly contribute to the continued success of our mission.

This generosity is the foundation of our ability to offer the expanded programs and services that make a meaningful impact in the lives of the children and families we serve. We extend our heartfelt thanks to every donor for playing a vital role in supporting the Children's Home.

The Guardian Society

Your legacy becomes a lasting source of stability, hope, and healing for future youth.

For the past 179 years, many compassionate individuals have left a portion—or even all—of their estates to help ensure the future of our mission, leaving behind a lasting legacy. Those who include the Children's Home in their estate planning are eligible for membership in The Guardian Society.

A simple bequest, an IRA bequest, a charitable remainder trust, paid life insurance, or any other option naming the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie as a beneficiary will qualify an individual or couple for inclusion in The Guardian Society.



The Children's Home is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of donor information and carefully stewarding estate gifts, which are vital to the Home's success.

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



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This report reflects gifts received between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy.



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Departments and programs at the Home showed off their creativity on Halloween to create a fun and festive trunk-or-treat for youth to enjoy safely.



Our Recreation Director Jay has a way of making every holiday come to life on campus with décor he creates. This year, our Sanctuary Garden became a spooktacular Haunted Orchard.



In November, our Home gathered to celebrate Jay McGinnis' 50th year of service to CHP and the significant impact he has made on the Home and with the youth.





In June, three of our Home's employees, Rebecca Hieter, Philip Edwards, and Aimee Iglesias, graduated from the Dutchess County Chamber Foundation's Leadership Dutchess Class. (Pictured left to right: Courtney Doyle, LMHC, Rebecca Hieter, LCSW, Janel Winters, Philip Edwards, Rosana Caro, and Aimee Iglesias).



In May, the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) honored David Dones, Director of Child Care for the Nuevas Alas program, with the 2025 Jim Purcell Excellence Awards. This award recognizes staff of member agencies who demonstrate excellence in their jobs.



In May, Matt Reid, our Chief Financial Officer, graduated from the Dutchess County Chamber Foundation's Executive Leadership Program.

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Our Assistant Executive Director of Community Based Services, Courtney Doyle, LMHC, was honored for her impact at the Home and in the community alongside 39 other deserving recipients at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's Forty Under 40 Mover and Shaker Awards.

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