

Community Lifelines Support Healing & Hope



CHILDREN'S HOME
of Poughkeepsie

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2014 Annual Report

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie begins with the belief that all children have the right to a protective, nurturing environment, and that society has an obligation to assure that right.

Knowing that childhood is a critical time in which to develop the skills necessary to become competent, self-reliant and productive citizens, we strive to provide an optimum setting for this development. We do this for each child by creating a corrective living experience supervised by caring adults.

We are committed to the fact that children who have experienced neglect, abuse or disruption of parental relationships will benefit from therapeutic services, including temporary residential care.

Consistent with our goal of returning a child to the community, extensive use of community activities and organizations, including public education, is emphasized. We are also aware that these children and their families benefit from parenting education and counseling. Family services are an integral factor in accomplishing our goal.

It is essential that our professional and financial resources are directed toward reuniting a child with his family, community family or independent living. It is also essential that we help each child develop a sense of self-reliance, order, and fulfillment.

Director's Message

The theme for our annual report is our connection to the community and the community's connection to us represented by the Lifelines threading through our report to you. Those Lifelines make it possible for us to help traumatized children, setting them and their families on a better path. Like climbers on a mountain we are tied inextricably to all of you who provide those Lifelines, demonstrating our mutual commitment to these traumatized children.



Ongoing change in NY State's approach to foster care continues to prompt us to find new ways of serving traumatized children. Receiving rates in the 11th month of our fiscal year, retroactive to the first day of our fiscal year, deprived us of the opportunity to effectively manage our budget. We ended the year with the deficit higher than planned. We had trimmed expenses and won an appeal on one rate, which softened the blow a bit. We know the State is working to improve the rate setting process and we received our rate for the current fiscal year in July—the earliest rates release in decades.

We purchased a modest home across from the main campus for the Young Mothers Program and implemented a more intensified program for some of the older girls designed to help them understand the costs and complexities they will face when they are on their own with their babies in the community. The program focuses on helping these young women develop a better understanding of finances, paying utility bills, mortgage/rent, budgeting for food, clothing and other necessities which we hope will better prepare these young mothers for independence.

Length of stay continues to decline. Children being served in most of our programs will stay an average of about nine months. 10 years ago average length of stay was about 33 months; five years ago about 15 months. The decline in length of stay reflects the public policy emphasis on keeping kids in their homes and communities. While the shorter length of stay means we have less time to work with them; a fast return is less disruptive to both the child and the family. In the short time we have with them, our staff and facility service dog, Ace, do a remarkable job helping these youngsters to begin healing and finding a way forward for them and their families.

Despite a disappointing fiscal year, we remain fiscally and programmatically strong. The Lifelines are un-frayed and provide a strong unbreakable tie between the children and families, the Children's Home and you, the community. We wish you all the very best and want you to know your involvement encourages us in the challenging moments to keep moving forward. Thank you.

— Walter J. Joseph

President's Message

The Board of Directors of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie has a strong history of commitment to serving children in need. As President of the Board, I continue to be so impressed with the dedication of both my fellow Board members and the Staff in assuring that those in our charge receive the very best of care in their time of need.



Throughout fiscal 2014, the Board continued to streamline its work to become more efficient and effective. We have reduced the number of committees, condensed the meeting time, and yet made some major decisions, including the purchase of another cottage for the Young Mothers Program, and the opening of 16 beds for the federal program to help immigrant children connect with their relatives. Our mission to serve at-risk children guides our work. As always, the Children's Home must be quick to respond to emerging needs and the changes in the foster care system.

The Board is focused on providing the best care for our young residents and optimizing the use of resources to make that happen. The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie remains a very respected institution in the Hudson Valley. Through careful planning, we are ready and able to meet the needs of children referred to us.

The surrounding communities continue to volunteer, hosting pizza parties and movie nights, donating food, gifts, or tickets to events to help our children feel valued and respected. From all of us on the Board and Staff, we thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

— Gail E. Sisti

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A group of community-minded cadets from West Point came for a day of field games and fun with the children. Squeals of delight could be heard across the playing fields and in the gym.





The Associates ("retired" board members who served 9 or more years) stay connected to the Children's Home. Among the Home's many "ears in the community", the Associates help facilitate connections between community and the Home.

Ace, Facility Service Dog

by David A. Crenshaw, Ph.D., ABPP, clinical director

Ace, the Facility Service Dog for the Children's Home, easily makes connections with everyone he encounters. His friendly, nonjudgmental manner makes him very popular with the children in care, the staff and visitors. The cost of Ace's board and care must be paid out of private funds from our friends in the community. Ivy's Fund was established to help cover these expenses.

 Over and over I hear children so touched and moved by their experience with Ace. One of the things I've heard so often is "Ace was so excited to see me. Did you see his tail wagging and thumping on the floor?" I am moved by the gratitude that children express for having someone in their lives who is always excited to see them—for many of the children something that they have not often experienced.

 Ace once again did his magic with a young child. In a matter of minutes after meeting Andrew for the first time he changed Andrew's mood from despair to such beautiful, heartwarming smiles and expressions of hope that it left me speechless. Ace didn't have much to say about it either. For Ace it was all in a day's work.

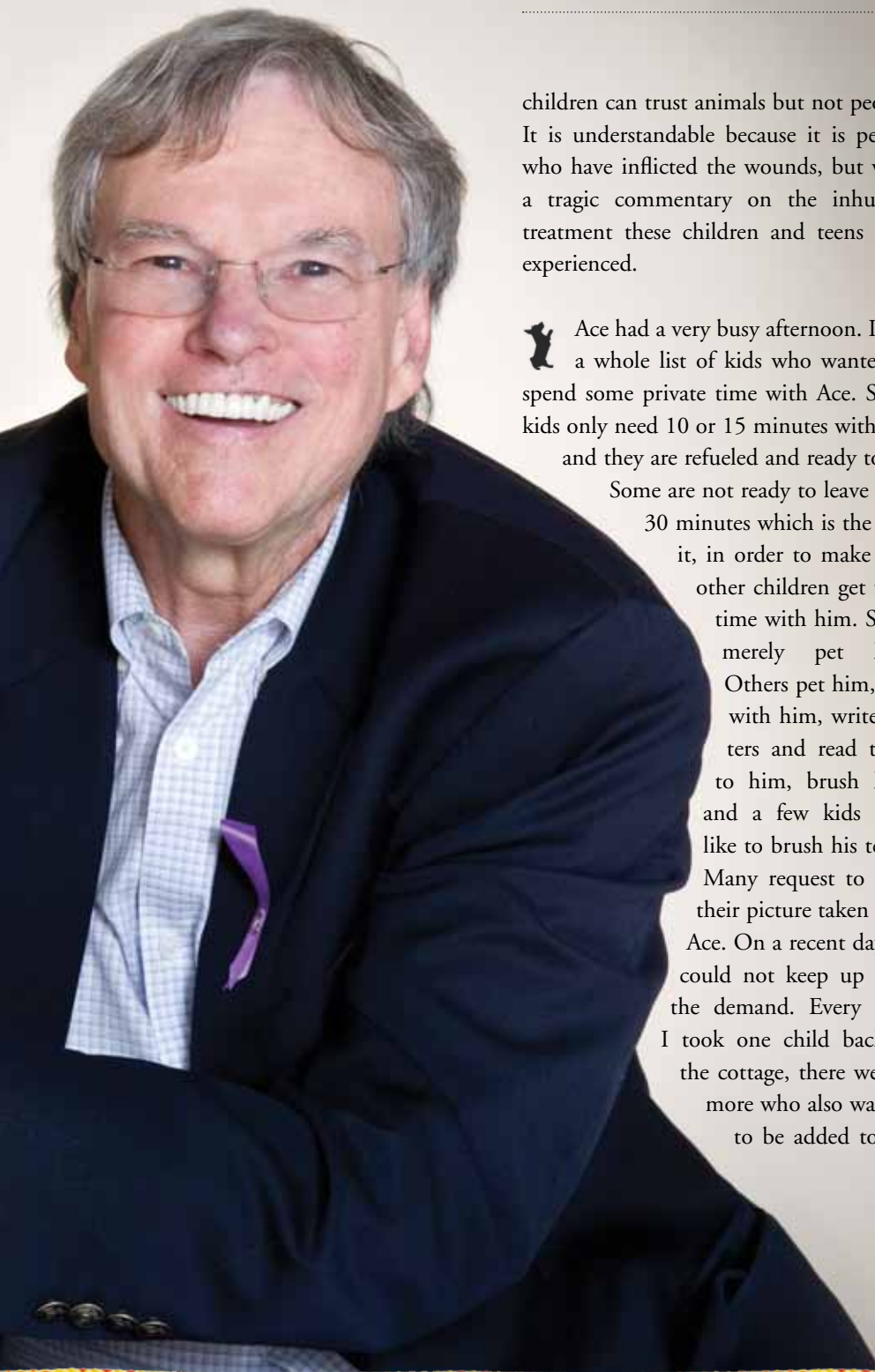


I have observed Ace's interactions with children and adolescents closely over the past 15 months. I've come to the conclusion that those youth who make the most intense and enduring bonds with Ace are those who have suffered the deepest lacerations to their soul and whose trust has been demolished and shattered. Yet they trust Ace almost instantly. The sad, sad corollary is that these




Mission Statement:

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment that improves lives and empowers at-risk children and families in the Hudson Valley and surrounding communities.





children can trust animals but not people. It is understandable because it is people who have inflicted the wounds, but what a tragic commentary on the inhuman treatment these children and teens have experienced.


 Ace had a very busy afternoon. I had a whole list of kids who wanted to spend some private time with Ace. Some kids only need 10 or 15 minutes with Ace and they are refueled and ready to go.

Some are not ready to leave after 30 minutes which is the limit, in order to make sure other children get their time with him. Some merely pet him. Others pet him, talk with him, write letters and read them to him, brush him, and a few kids even like to brush his teeth. Many request to have their picture taken with Ace. On a recent day we could not keep up with the demand. Every time I took one child back to the cottage, there were 4 more who also wanted to be added to the

list. Ace absolutely loves these visits and interactions with the children and adolescents at CHP. These are such heartwarming moments to witness and participate in with the children and Ace. I wouldn't trade jobs with anyone and I don't think Ace would either.

 Ace went for a photo shoot late this afternoon. He didn't care for the bright, warm lights and cameras. I tried to explain that this is the price he pays for being a celebrity but he didn't buy it. Soon though, we will be able to give to the kids at CHP a "baseball" like card with his picture on one side and on the back side, the important facts about Ace including his birthday, his history, and his favorite hobbies. I think when he sees the cards, Ace might think the ordeal of the photo shoot today was worthwhile, but I am not banking on it.

 Ace was told in a letter recently written to him by an adolescent girl that I read to him today that he had saved her life. This is a first for Ace but I don't think it will be the last life he will save by his un-failing devotion to deeply troubled souls.

 Sometimes things break down temporarily or completely when children are placed in foster homes from our Group Emergency Foster Home Program and they return for a brief time to our program. The first thing those kids ask me is almost always, "Is Ace here"?

Values Statement

Our core principles guide us in fulfilling our mission and operating on a daily basis. We live by these values and use them to focus our decisions:

INTEGRITY

We will act ethically, honorably, and with commitment in all that we do.

STEWARDSHIP

We will manage our resources responsibly to ensure ongoing sustainability.

RESPECT

We will show compassion and respect for ourselves and others.

OPPORTUNITY

We will foster resiliency and seek to create growth opportunities.

A New Lease on Life

by Theresa D. Kerin, director of development & public relations

“I rode a pig for 6 whole seconds!” Elizabeth was enthusiastic about her week at Farms for City Kids. In recent years, the private foundation that runs Springbrook Farm in Vermont has offered to host children from the Children’s Home

for a week each summer. It is a fun, eye-opening, world-expanding experience for dozens of Children’s Home residents. At the Farm they learn to clean, feed, and milk the cows, care for the pigs, calves, chickens and a pony, make jams, jellies and cheese, tend the vegetable and flower gardens, and more. Elizabeth reported that in spite of being lactose and gluten intolerant, she learned to do all this and make ice cream.

“We all learned to work together as a team to get the chores done“, she said. “I milked a cow for the first time ever — I never knew how it worked. Then I had to help wash the cow, but the cow didn’t like that and dragged me around! It is so beautiful there...but smelly”, she smiled and wrinkled her nose.

Elizabeth is asthmatic, so she couldn’t go on a day-long hike up a mountain,

and instead was offered alternate activities, including the challenge of riding the pig! She also lost 5 pounds because she could mainly eat only vegetables and fruit, and they worked and played hard every day. “I ate a lot of salad”, she laughed. In spite of the challenges, Elizabeth was bubbly about her week at the Farm. “The people there were really good with all the Children’s Home kids, helping us learn about farm life, about where our food comes from, and how to care for the animals.”

Elizabeth is a perky, petite teenager who came to the Children’s Home in late 2013. Like virtually all of the children at the Home, Elizabeth has a history of abuse, neglect and failed foster family placements. Her father died when she was an infant and she was eventually removed at age 7 from her mother due to neglect. Following that was a series of failed foster placements, hospitalizations, and agency placements as she acted out her anger, frustration and lack of self-esteem. Years later, she was doing much better, and the Children’s Home program seemed to be the right next step for her. Elizabeth is now doing well, is emotionally stronger and moving forward with her life. She has been taking advantage of her time at the Home to complete high school, and plans to pursue her dreams of getting into fashion design and possibly modeling. She likes to design some of her outfits and they reflect her creativity. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, “the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” In October, Elizabeth, now 18, decided to try living independently and after saying her good-byes to her staff, signed herself out of care. After a few weeks of trying to make it on her own, she realized that she needs more time and preparation. She was welcomed back and is happy and continuing her education. We know Elizabeth’s positive attitude, talent and perseverance will carry her forward to a healthy and happy future.



Kids Who Care

by Kelly Barton, assistant executive director

The Kids Who Care program was designed to help our youth learn the spirit of giving. All of our youth in care have experienced trauma in their short lives. Teaching them at an early age that helping others with even the smallest tasks can make a real difference in their own lives, as well as the lives of people, animals and other organizations in need. The youth who participate in the Kids Who Care program soon come to realize that volunteering is a two-way street; it can truly benefit each of them as much as those they choose to help.

The Children's Home hosts an annual Kids Who Care Talent Show. Proceeds from this event fund our community volunteer efforts. The staff and youth at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie work together to create opportunities to lend a helping hand to our local and global community. Our residents have participated in many fund raising activities including bake sales and car washes to benefit various agencies in need, including the the local SPCA and the Hyde Park Nursing Home. Additionally, staff and youth have conducted

other volunteer efforts such as a clothing and food drive to benefit the survivors of Hurricane Sandy in Breezy Point, NY.

Each year, the staff and youth work collaboratively to provide a donation to an individual in need or another nonprofit agency that benefits those less fortunate. In recent years the Kids Who Care program has helped Soldiers Best Friend, an organization that provides therapy dogs to soldiers who suffer from PTSD. Kids Who Care hosted a fundraising event for Camp Sundown which provides nighttime camp-like opportunities for children who suffer from a rare disease that prohibits exposure to sunlight. This donation provided a week of new experiences for a young child whose family could not afford the camp. This year, the Kids Who Care group will be aiding the Catherine Street Community Center to enrich their programming with a donation from the proceeds of our Pumpkin Walk in October 2014.

The Kids Who Care program has been a healing tool for our children, while



Caren Mahar (left), who with her husband founded Camp Sundown, accepts the donation from the Children's Home's Kids Who Care fundraising efforts. Presenting the check are Chris Murray, director of child care and administrative assistant Kathleen Dandaneau.

simultaneously helping others in need. The program has empowered our youth who have lost so much in their own lives, to be able to reach out and have an impact on the world.



Feylin (center) came with her mother, Michele Rocque-Cilley, father, Greg, who is holding her sister Riona, to present dozens of gifts to Executive Director Walt Joseph for the children at the Home.

Feylin's Wish

by Erin Cafarelli, development associate

Last Christmas we met Feylin Cilley, a young girl who made a big impact on her community and family. In late Fall, Feylin's mother Michelle Rocque asked her what she wanted for Christmas. Her response would change the course of the holiday season for her friends, neighbors and family. Feylin told her mother that her wish was to give gifts to children in foster care. After researching organizations in the Hudson Valley, Michelle contacted the Children's Home to let us know about Feylin's wish. We were delighted and humbled. We shared the children's wish lists with Feylin and her mom. What happened next was awe-inspiring. Feylin's family and friends, upon learning of her wish, rallied together and tackled the Christmas Lists. A few short weeks later Feylin, her mother Michelle, father Greg and sister Riona visited us at the Children's Home and dropped off many, many gifts for the kids. They were able to grant at least one, if not two wishes for each child. The staff and board were touched. There was not a dry eye in the room. We felt blessed. Feylin's wish had been granted and in turn she granted many, many wishes to the children in our care.

Agency Update 2014

We provided a range of services to children, youth and their families in one or more of the seven programs we operate that comprise our continuum of care:

Group Emergency Foster Care, Campus Residential, Agency Boarding Homes, Young Mothers, Therapeutic and Regular Foster Homes, Supervised Independent Living, and Unaccompanied Alien Children.

We continue to send all our children into community schools, keeping them connected to their peers. Depending upon the needs of the student, they are placed in regular classrooms or in BOCES, BETA or other appropriate options. This daily community involvement is very beneficial to our children and supports efforts to return children to their communities and families. The agency employs two full time community school coordinators, who are responsible for the day to day interaction with the school districts.

The Main Campus, three Boarding Homes and two Group Homes are located in the Hyde Park Central School District. The district bills tuition to the home district of children placed in care at the Children's Home. Meeting the education needs of our children does not place a financial burden on the districts or the property tax payers of Hyde Park or Poughkeepsie.

Therapeutic Foster Homes and Foster Homes

Our Therapeutic Foster Homes recruitment and placement program, a type of specialized foster home designed to serve children and youth who might otherwise be cared for in a more intense residential setting, together with our regular Foster Home program, saw 9 children served during the year, a slight drop from the previous year's 11. There were 6 admissions and 3 discharges during the year. One youth was discharged back to family members and 2 were placed in other programs. The average length of stay remained the same at 9.5 months, and the average age increased again from 8.6 to 10.2 years.

Unaccompanied Alien Children

We have also reached out to a new group of at-risk children – young women who are fleeing violence and unrest in Central America. The Children's Home has received a federal grant to provide 16 beds for girls, including those who are pregnant or parenting. This program opened in May with the arrival of eight girls between the ages of 15 and 17. We are excited and pleased to be able to offer refuge, hope and healing to these vulnerable youth. For many of them this is the first safe and secure environment they have ever experienced.

Campus Residential

The Children's Home operated 22 beds on our main campus, serving a mix of boys and girls. Program staff includes child care workers, social workers, caseworkers, psychologists, psychiatrists and nurses. Support staff meet all dietary, housekeeping and maintenance requirements. Twenty-four hour awake coverage is provided. The campus program never closes. About 15% of the children and youth are freed for adoption and consequently have no family involvement. Most of the residents are special education students and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) developed by a school district Committee on Special Education.

Twenty-five children and youth were served in the campus program during the year. The average length of stay for all children in the Campus Residential program continues to decrease. It dropped from 13.2 months to 9.7 months. The average age in this program was up just a bit from 14.9 years to 15.2 years. There were 15 admissions and 10 discharges. Just one was discharged to family and 5 to other programs. Two youth went AWOL; two signed out of care, which they can do at age 18; however, we do our best to discourage it.

Supervised Independent Living

Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP) provides services to youth between 18 and 21 years of age in apartments leased by the Children's Home in the community. Youth in this program are either employed in the community, or are attending vocational or academic programs such as Dutchess Community College. The goal of the program is to fully prepare youth to live on their own and be productive members of their community. Both social work staff and others work intensively with youth to meet this goal. There was one SILP placement in fiscal 2014. The economy continues to be a significant issue with youth struggling to find jobs that will sustain them.

We also provide some ongoing support in the form of rent assistance and small cash stipends as well as counseling and other advisory services to young adults who were in Children's Home programs and have aged out of foster care at age 21.

Agency Boarding Homes

We continued operating two Agency Boarding Homes in fiscal 2014 to serve older youth. The Boarding Homes are under the supervision of a house parent or parents who live with the children and youth twenty four hours a day. Live-in house parents are supplemented by child care workers on a shift basis. House parents provide daily guidance and supervision in a very close relationship with youth, becoming almost surrogate parents. House parents routinely interact with school personnel, transport youth to family visits, and teach independent living skills. Probably the most intense and demanding part of the job is providing emotional support on a daily basis for several damaged youth. All these youth also continue to receive intensive counseling therapy from social workers and psychologists.

The program served 16 children during the year. There were 6 admissions and 10 discharges. Four youth were discharged to family and 1 to a hospitalization. Two youth aged out of care at 21 and three youth signed themselves out of care. The average length of stay decreased again from last year's 11 months to 9.4 months. The average age in the program remained close to last year's 16 years, ending at 16.5 years. The State continues to do everything possible to keep youth in their families and provide services to the family rather than place children in residential treatment.

Group Emergency Foster Care

The emergency program provides a safe, supportive, nurturing environment for abused and neglected children removed from their homes by Child Protective Services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With a capacity of 24 beds, the program served 164 children in fiscal 2014. Counties outside of Dutchess continue to use the GEFC program occasionally, knowing children placed there will receive full services in a nurturing setting. There were 164 admissions and 157 discharges, although 37 children were re-admitted to the program. The average length of stay dropped significantly, from 34.8 days in fiscal 2013 to 18 days in fiscal 2014. Of those discharged, 55 went to their parents, a guardian or relative; 10 went to other agencies and 70 were discharged to foster homes. Thirteen children were placed in the Home's Campus Residential or Group Home programs, 2 children were placed in hospital programs and one signed out of care.

Young Mothers Program

The demand for the Young Mothers Program continued in fiscal 2014. This group home program serves young women in foster care who are pregnant or are new parents and is licensed for a total of 28 beds. The program at the Children's Home has gained a very positive reputation in the region.

The group homes provide around the clock awake coverage. We have programmatic alliances with Vassar Brothers Hospital, Vassar Clinic, the Teen Parent Program at Family Services, Astor's Early Head Start program and Grace Smith House. Young mothers resident in the program receive full medical psychological and social services. Staff gently teach and guide the young women as they learn how to care for their newborns and themselves. Staff also work with the young mothers to help them toward their education or job training goals, preparing them to face the challenges of being self-supporting.

In fiscal 2014 the program served 55 girls and babies, an increase over the previous year's 45 total. There were 25 admissions and 30 discharges, about the same as the previous year. The average length of stay dropped from 11 months to 7.9 months, and the average age increased slightly from 16.6 to 17.1 years. Seven returned to family, 1 went to another child care program, 6 signed out of care, two went AWOL, and one went to a hospital placement.

Our Volunteers

Many friends in the community help the Home further its mission. From holding clothing, school supply, arts and crafts and other kinds of drives to hosting a holiday party, tutoring our children or serving on the Board of Directors or a committee, our wonderful volunteers make it happen! In fiscal 2014, the Home's residents and staff were the happy recipients of many volunteer projects that included gardening improvements, staining numerous wood structures such as fences, gazebos, swings, and benches, helping create the Sanctuary Garden, hosting pizza and movie nights, holding new clothing or pajama drives, donating quilts for the children, and so much more. Our Visiting Resources provide much needed adult contact and friendship to youth, helping them connect in the community. These special individuals and families open their homes to our children, take them on outings, bring them home for a holiday meal, read them stories, and provide birthday and holiday gifts. They are a critically important link to eventual independence. If you are interested in helping in some way, you can contact the Development Office at 845-452-1420.



Girl Scout Troop 10220 delivered 16 "Birthday in a Bag" for the children in our Group Emergency Foster Care program. Each bag contained a cake mix, frosting, streamers, plates and napkins – All the fixings for a great birthday bash!

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"The Children's Home not only takes care of young children who need help, but they have also reached out to teen girls who are pregnant or are new moms to teach them how to parent, and to become responsible members of our community."

—Phebe Banta

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*“There are so many facets of every com-
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to the Children’s Home to comfort and
ease the pain of a child and help teach
that child to be part of a caring giving
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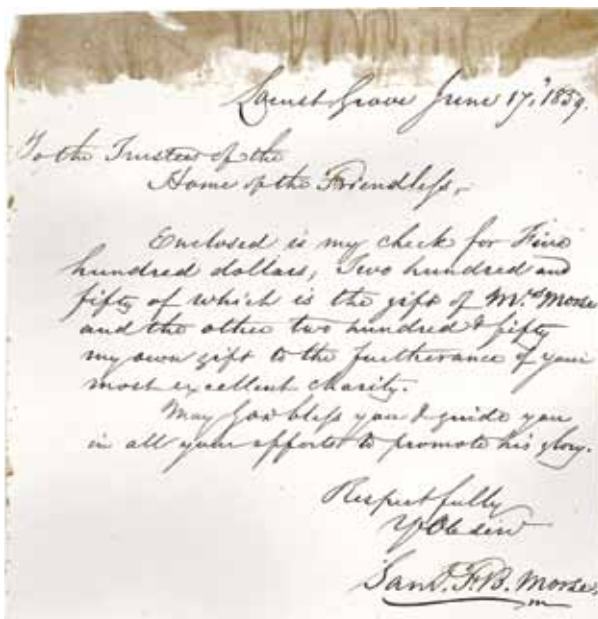
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Lisa Brown	Helena Costakis & Tiffany Martin	Bethann Edgeworth	Jeffrey Genshaft, OD	IBM Corporation	Keira Lazaro & Natalie Perry
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	Culinary Institute of America		Girl Scout Troop 429	Brian Jameson & Kim Chiarello Jameson	Georgeta Lita
	Eta Sigma Delta		Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson	Gabriella Javinett	
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Kristen Magyar	Mohonk Mountain House	Jennifer Piacente	Kim Schulte	SUNY New Paltz Esopus Hall Residents	Sarah Weingarten
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	Thomas Neshiewat	Carrie Reiss	Karli Snow	Titusville Intermediate School	Joanna Zocchi
	Ronald & Cathy Neville	Jen Ren	Janet Sokol	Hannah Tracy	Cheryl Zubradt
	Allie Nevin	Elaine Rennie	Christina Solanky		* Deceased
	New York Academy of Ballet	Christine Retta	Loren Soltiva		
			Julie Soranno		

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Zondria Maulsby	Mary Val Newkirk	Tami Rider & Marie Pena	Water Park	Trainor Books
Shanese Maxey	Kim Newkirk-Lozier	Ridin' Free Motorcycle Club	Sprout Creek Farm	Theresa Trapani
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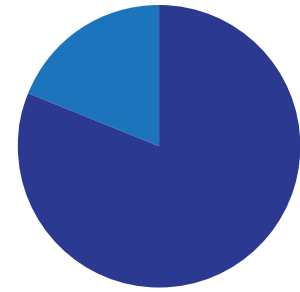
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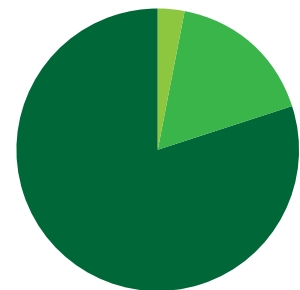
We expended in providing care for children:	\$11,593,075
Income from public government funds:	\$10,421,317
Our loss from operations amounted to:	\$1,171,758
Our loss from operations was offset by investment earnings, gifts and grants:	\$1,171,758

In addition to operating expenditures, **\$388,287** was spent on capital improvements, funded by private gifts and grants.

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 make it possible to offer the high quality care for which the Home is well known. We are very grateful to all our donors for your unwavering support of our important mission to serve children.



- Public Government Funds
- Investment Earnings, Gifts & Grants



- Capital Improvements
- Support Services
- Program Services

Campaign

The Children’s Home Annual Campaign for fiscal 2014 ended the year with \$344,652 in total donations. The direct mail campaign brought in well over \$200,000 in gifts from individuals and businesses. Event, grant and other restricted and special gifts made up the difference.

The Home continues to adjust strategies to meet the desires of today’s younger donors who generally approach philanthropy differently from their parents. The Home’s children are the grateful recipients of a marked increase in the number of individuals and organizations that are holding clothing drives for new winter gear, supplying food boxes for the children going home for the holidays, fulfilling holiday wish list items, doing pizza and movie nights on campus, coming with books and games to play with the younger children, and much more. Gifts of goods as well as cash, stock transfers, checks, online gifts or volunteer time are all helpful and much appreciated. The Home’s young residents know that the community supports them in numerous ways and this gives them hope for the future. We are all immensely grateful to our many friends in the region.



Staff members often involve their family in the annual Holiday Staff Potluck where everyone brings food to share with children and staff, followed by holiday singing. IT Director Janel Winters brought her daughter, Emily, to help serve.



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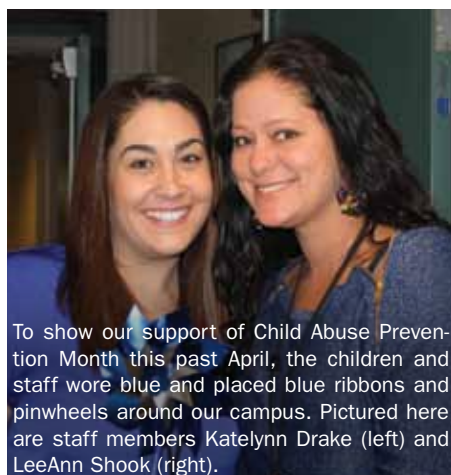
Community connections are important at the Children's Home. Each year we work with dozens of community volunteers who bring joy and happiness to the children in our care.



Let's Play It Forward, a nonprofit started by a group of teens in Westchester, NY, collects used sporting equipment for children and organizations in need. In April, the Children's Home received a large donation of equipment and was featured on ABC News.



Each year a group of children and staff travel to Vermont for a week-long camp, Farm for City Kids. Children are able to connect with animals and nature, all thanks to the generosity of camp founders and staff.



To show our support of Child Abuse Prevention Month this past April, the children and staff wore blue and placed blue ribbons and pinwheels around our campus. Pictured here are staff members Katelynn Drake (left) and LeeAnn Shook (right).



IBM community volunteers appear every year and do major projects such as building a much-needed storage shed for the many strollers, cribs, riding toys and other indoor and outdoor equipment that goes with having a Young Mothers Program.



Students from the John Jay High School Interact Club donated 35 Build-A-Bears to bring comfort and joy to children in care.