



A HOME WITH A HEART



WICHITA
Children's Home

Impact Report 2024

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A Note From the CEO



As we reflect on another year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has been part of our journey. From our dedicated staff and volunteers to our generous donors and community partners, your support continues to make an incredible difference in the lives of the children and youth we care for. At Wichita Children's Home, we are committed to creating an environment where every child feels understood and supported, paving the way for healing relationships and personal growth. We believe in the power of listening to our youth, and this year's report reflects their voices and stories, providing a small glimpse into their lives. One of the most powerful aspects of our work is hearing directly from the youth we serve. This year, we asked them to share their thoughts on WCH. Here's what a few of them had to say:

What were your first impressions of WCH?

"It was scary to get brought here by the police, but when I finally settled in, I felt free and happy." – L, age 19

What do you like the best about WCH?

"I got to keep the new shoes, the snacks are good, and I got a good sleep." – A, age 6

What surprised you about WCH?

"The staff were nice. I felt welcomed and was treated like a human. The BRIDGES program surprised me that it existed and was available to me and that it helps with building independence." – S, age 18

What is one thing you've learned here that will help you in the future?

"Not every adult is like my parents. Some people do care." – D, age 17

How did you feel when you first came here?

"Oh, this isn't scary to be here; this is a fun place." – J, age 8

How has WCH made a positive difference in your life?

"The people here want you to be your best self, and they help you achieve the goals that you have." – B, age 18

Thank you for standing with us and believing in the power of a transformational journey for our youth. Together, we will continue to provide children with safety and individualized care, empowering them to find their intrinsic worth and hopeful futures. We invite you to join us in the year ahead through volunteering, donating, or spreading awareness. Your partnership and caring spirit make it possible for us to continue our mission, and we invite you to join us in thinking bigger about what is possible and exploring new ways we can help and heal our children.

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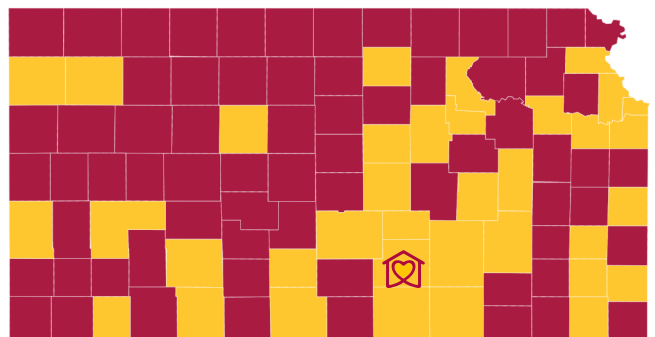
24/7 Emergency Care
Emergency Foster Care
Emergency Residential Shelter
Moving on to Motherhood (MOM)
Street Outreach Services (SOS)
BRIDGES Apartments
Dakhil Safe House
Garver House
CrossRoads
Gerard Program
Polaris
Kidzcope



We provide
individualized care
to every child.

We provide safety and an opportunity to thrive. Your partnership allows us to continue our mission of caring for children experiencing abuse, neglect, human trafficking, grief, and homelessness in our community. Our programs are designed to help youth heal from the trauma they have experienced through individualized care.

91% of all dollars go directly
toward these programs.



Last year, the Wichita Children's Home
provided services to children across
36 counties in Kansas
and a safe place with comprehensive care for
1,838 youth.



Anti-Human Trafficking



WCH offers comprehensive care for human trafficking victims through three programs. Dakhil Safe Home provides stabilization for youth under 17, the Garver Program offers long-term care, and our transitional living programs help survivors gain independence. Services also include outreach, trauma-informed counseling, and after-care for ongoing support.

Last year, the Wichita Children's Home helped 61 victims of human trafficking begin the complex healing process through trauma-informed services and a victim-centered approach.

“ I can be a kid again, not feeling scared all the time. ”

Kidzcope

1 in 12 children in Kansas will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18.

Kidzcope extends no-fee, peer-based bereavement services to the community's children (ages 3-18) and their caregivers, facilitated by our dedicated team of trained staff and volunteers. Through expressive art and other therapeutic activities, we help children understand the depth of their grief, express their feelings, nurture healing, honor memories, and find personal empowerment as they navigate the changes resulting from the death, loss, or separation of a loved one.

The New Guy



We are thrilled to introduce our newest team member, Valoo, our specially trained facility dog! He's already doing a great job at WCH. As a puppy, he lived with a foster family in San Diego and did his service dog training at Richard J. Donovan prison. His WCH handler spent 10 days in California, forging a bond with him and learning what he could do.

Valoo knows 42 cues—he's such a smart boy! Thank you to Guide Dogs America and Tender Loving Canine for all their work to prepare him for the Wichita Children's Home. He is already doing amazing work with our children!

In 2024, your support enabled Kidzcope to provide hope and resiliency for

151 people

through evening programs and camp sessions.



CrossRoads

Each day a youth goes without stable housing increases the likelihood of them facing homelessness as adults. CrossRoads Emergency Shelter and Drop-In Center provides essential services and resources for youth in crisis, who are experiencing homelessness, have runaway, or are at risk of trafficking and exploitation. We inspire these young individuals to believe in their potential and the possibility of a more positive path forward.

114

children & youth received emergency shelter and transitional housing at the CrossRoads shelter.

79

homeless, runaway, or at-risk youth served by our specially trained Street Outreach Services (SOS) team.

138

calls answered by the 24-hour CrossRoads Crisis Line from youth in crisis with nowhere to turn.

392

children & youth experiencing homelessness received services at CrossRoads.



Project Safe Place + Street Outreach Services (SOS) + CrossRoads Drop-In Center
CrossRoads Emergency Shelter + Transitional Living Programs + Aftercare Services

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Gerard House & MOM

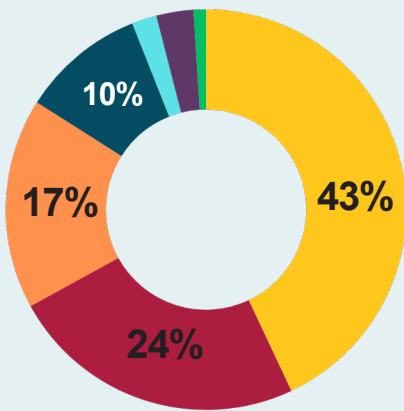
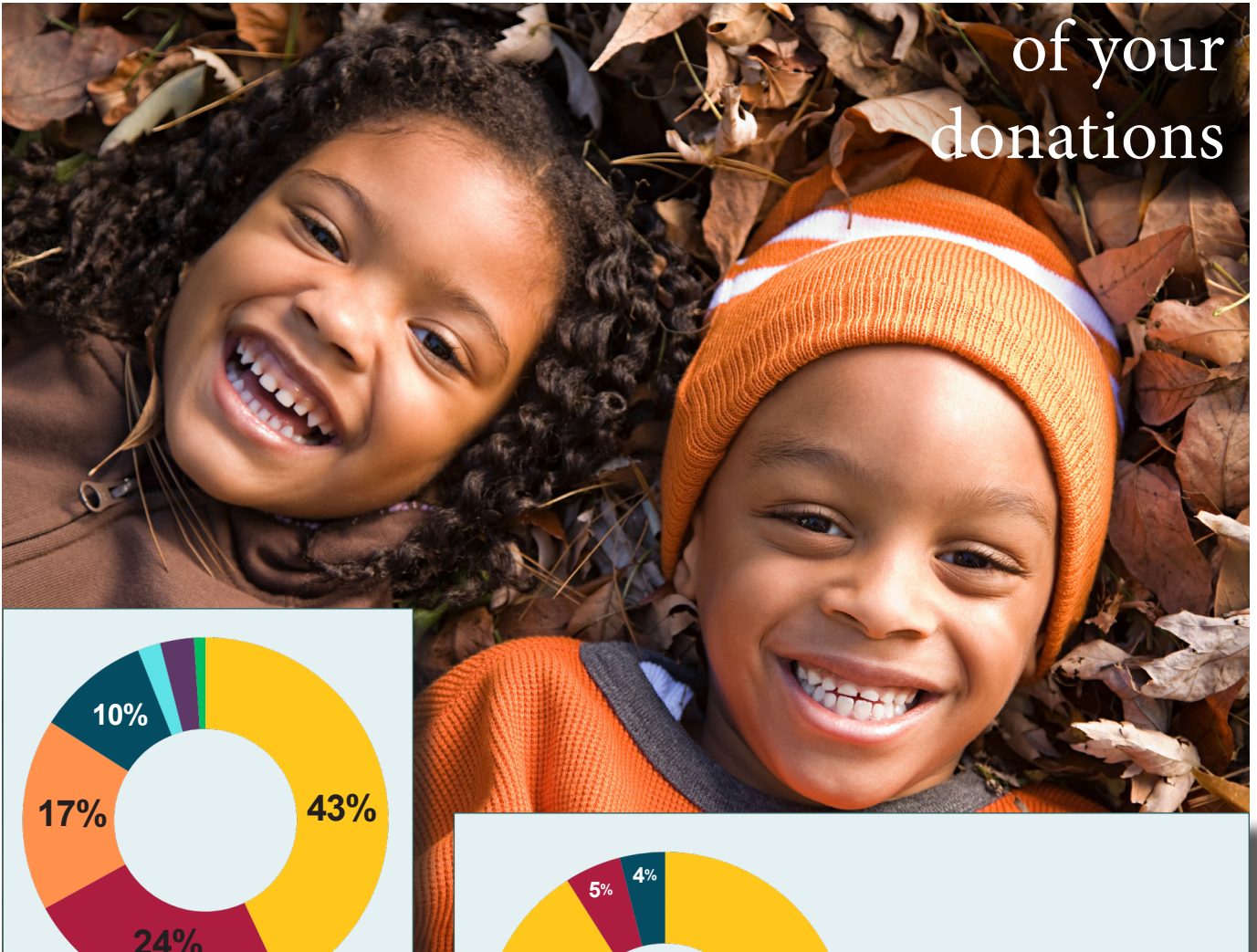
Gerard House, Kansas's only residential maternity group home for foster youth facing homelessness, offers a safe and supportive start for pregnant and parenting teens aged 10-21 and their babies. It provides residential care, pre-and post-natal support, parenting education, life skills training, and on-site daycare, helping ensure healthy pregnancies and strong parental bonds.

The Moving Onto Motherhood (MOM) program supports and empowers youth (ages 10-21) on their journey into motherhood. The program enhances young mothers well-being through case management, parenting education, life skills classes, and referrals. Our Baby Mobile, stocked with essentials like diapers and car seats, visits schools and community centers to immediately assist pregnant and parenting youth.



Last year, you helped 130 teen mothers and babies across our programs.

The **IMPACT** of your donations



Revenue

- 43% Contract Fees
- 24% Contributions
- 17% Government Grants
- 10% Events
- 2% United Way
- 3% Investments
- 1% Other Revenue



Expenses

- 91% Programs
- 4% Management & Operations
- 5% Fundraising

91%
of all \$ go
directly toward
our programs.

*Source Data: FY2023 Audited Financials