

# Impact Report 2023

## A HOME WITH A HEART



WICHITA  
Children's Home

## A Note From the CEO

As you read this Impact Report, I hope you feel proud of what we have accomplished together.

At the Wichita Children's Home, our work is motivated and inspired by our shared commitment with you and the strength of our children. Our mission is powerful and the healing experiences we offer our children are possible because of this shared commitment. Providing a safe, caring home where children's immediate needs are met is our priority and our approach is intentional. When deciding where they will feel most comfortable and safe, we consider the children's age, siblings, family situation, cultural background, strengths and needs, educational level, and their community connections.

Every child arrives with a unique story. One commonality the children share is that they have just experienced one of the most traumatic experiences of their lives. The trauma from abuse, neglect, human trafficking, homelessness, and grief have lifelong implications. What we know is the children's physical

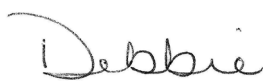
wounds may heal, but the emotional wounds linger and are more difficult to heal.

**On any given day, an average of 200 children are in the care of the Wichita Children's Home.**

As I talked to one of our children, he expressed his gratitude for the help he received at WCH and stated these poignant words "The Wichita Children's Home loved me when I could not love myself."

Sadly, child abuse and neglect continues but the Wichita Children's Home is here to help and we have been here for 135 years.

Thank you for being their Champion!



Debbie Kennedy, CEO



Debbie in the community with Wichita Children's Home partners (from left to right) Debbie Storey, Craig Hanson and Woody Austin.

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A glimpse into the services  
you make possible

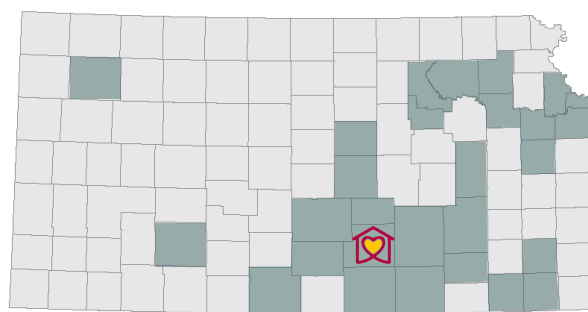
24/7 Emergency Care  
Emergency Foster Care  
Emergency Residential Shelter  
Moving on to Motherhood (MOM)  
Street Outreach Services (SOS)  
BRIDGES Apartments  
Dakhil Safe House  
Garver House  
CrossRoads  
Gerard House  
Polaris  
Kidzcope



We provide  
individualized care  
to every child.

Your partnership allows us to continue our mission of caring for children experiencing abuse, neglect, human trafficking, homelessness, and grief in our community. The Wichita Children's Home is committed to providing children who have experienced unimaginable pain with a place of safety and an opportunity to thrive.

**91%** of all dollars go directly  
toward these programs.



Last year, the Wichita Children's Home  
provided services to children across

**29 counties in Kansas**  
and a safe place with comprehensive care for  
**1,839 youth.**



## Dakhil Safe House

Because of Kansas' central location and the intersection of interstates I-70 and I-35, the Department of Justice identified our state as an ideal exchange point for domestic minor trafficking.

Last year, the Wichita Children's Home helped 77 victims of human trafficking begin the complex healing process through trauma-informed services and a victim-centered approach.

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## Kidzcope

1 in 13 children in Kansas will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18.

Grief is a natural reaction to loss, but it can be difficult to find help when grieving. Kidzcope offers peer-based grief support groups for children, teens, and their caregivers who have experienced the death of someone close to them at no cost to the family. Reflective listening, discussion-based activities, and expressive arts are different ways we help those experiencing a loss.

“ART created by  
kids . . . gives you a  
peek inside of what  
that youth truly feels.”

Sarah, Kidzcope Program Manager

Splatter painting is an expressive arts project done during Grief Camp. The youth select paint colors based on their feelings. As the week progresses, the youth gradually begin selecting lighter and brighter colors.



In 2023, your support enabled Kidzcope to provide hope and resiliency for

**136 children and 76 families**

through 6 evening programs and 2 camp sessions.



# Gerard House

Gerard House provides residential maternity care to pregnant and parenting teens. Our team works with each young mother to offer safe, supportive, and nurturing care – equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to become successful parents. Last year, your assistance helped 141 teen mothers and their babies across our programs.

The Wichita Children's Home Baby Mobile visits schools, community centers, and other places where teen mothers are. The program helps fill in the gap of support that these young mothers need to become confident parents and successful individuals. Seeing them succeed is a direct result of the support we receive from the community.

# CrossRoads

Every day a youth spends without a home is an opportunity lost. We recognize the unique challenges facing homeless youth. CrossRoads provides meals, a clean bed, showers, and laundry facilities but also a path out of homelessness as part of our Youth-Centered Anti-Homeless Continuum of Care. Your generous support empowers these young individuals to believe in their potential and the possibility of a brighter future.

123

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

163

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

265

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

504

children & youth experiencing homelessness received services at CrossRoads.

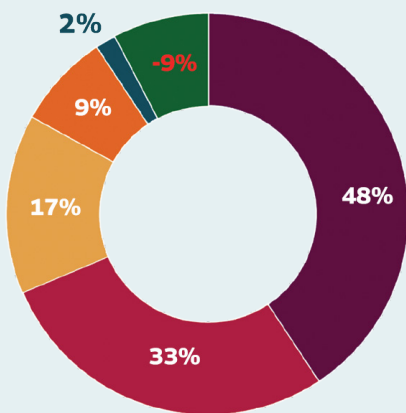
WCH YOUTH-CENTERED ANTI-HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE



“ I was grateful for my time at CrossRoads ... I felt safe. ”



# The IMPACT of your donations



## Revenue

48% Contract Fees  
33% Contributions  
17% Government Grants  
9% Events  
2% United Way  
-9% Investments (Loss)



## Expenses

91% Programs  
5% Management & Operations  
4% Fundraising