



CHILDREN'S HOME
of Poughkeepsie

SINCE 1847



A Future of Healing & Hope

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Dear Friends,



It's hard to believe this is my 22nd letter introducing our annual 177th report to you! The Children's Home has grown and changed many times in our 177-year history and this year is no different. Change is hard, but growth provides opportunity. We are fortunate to be here all these years later doing important work for children and families who need our help most.

This past year, mixed messages from the state government have been particularly troubling. As many of you know, six years ago we embarked on downsizing our traditional residential care programs in response to public policy initiatives at both the state and federal level emphasizing keeping children in their homes and communities. This is a concept we endorsed and embraced.

We developed three programs—Children's Health Homes (HH), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), and Children and Families Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)—employing about forty staff that currently serve almost 500 children and families in our community. In the last year the program served 774 children. These programs are now in jeopardy due to poor models of care and chronically inadequate rates.

Unfortunately, children's issues often fall by the wayside. Investments made in children's health and mental health will bear fruit in the future. This is intuitive but it's hard to quantify a future result.

The Children's Home Board and staff remain focused on providing top-quality, compassionate, and supportive care for the children and families that come to us for help. Politics doesn't define what we do but public policy often controls what is possible or needed.

As you read this report you will see how much we are doing in our community and, frankly, how much of the cost of what we do is provided by our community supporters and donors. The Children's Home has always given more to our children and families than the government is willing to pay, even when the government says it wants the services..

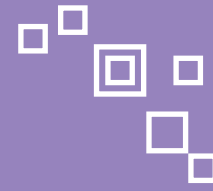
As always, the Board and staff of the Children's Home are dedicated and committed to the mission and work our founders set out to do in 1847. Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Walter J. Joseph". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey rectangular background.

Walter J. Joseph
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

About Us



OUR MISSION

Empowering children and families to achieve optimal health and well being

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. They believed that all children deserve a nurturing and caring environment. More than 177 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.



The Secretary's Report from 1951 states, "...every child has a right to love – from one home or another, a right to fellowship with others, a right to good training and a right to the security born only of these conditions." And this photo of our children eating apples, in the 1950s, shows these values in action. We are proud to continue upholding these values for current and future generations.

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OUR VISION

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





In Loving Memory

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ace, our cherished Chief Facility Dog, on February 9, 2024. Born on June 2, 2011, Ace arrived at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie just 15 days after his 2nd birthday. He had completed training as a service dog and was excited to begin his work. Throughout his career, Ace provided a stable source of love for countless children. He also had the great honor of providing comfort to youth who took the stand to testify against their abusers in Family Court. Ace will be remembered and missed by all whose lives were changed for the better simply by knowing him.

Program Updates

CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie remains committed to meeting the needs of the youth and families we serve within the local community and across the state. We have continued to see a vast change within the foster care system with fewer youth being referred to traditional congregate care settings. Referral sources appear to be seeking more specialized congregate care programs such as our Empower Program. The Empower Program is the first and only certified program within New York that provides services to youth who are at risk of or victims of trafficking, exploitation, and complex sexual trauma. We continue to receive referrals from throughout the entire state of New York and have maintained 100% capacity for the majority of the year. Our team has been dedicated throughout the last 7 years to providing trauma-responsive therapeutic and case management services to this vulnerable population.

Unfortunately in November 2023, we closed the doors to our Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP). Although the program was at full capacity and the youth were making gains, the funding for the program did not support the staffing ratios needed to serve the population. All of the QRTP staff remained on the team until the last youth exited the program to their new placement. Additionally, all staff were provided with alternatives to job positions with the agency.

Our Supervised Independent Living Program remains in effect to assist foster care youth between ages 18-21 prepare for a successful transition to independent living. Our clinical and case management team works diligently to assist these young adults in connecting with community resources to ensure a smooth transition out of care.

COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES PROGRAMS

The Community-Based Services (CBS) department continues to expand and grow to meet the needs of the children and families in our community. The Families First Act in New York State has emphasized keeping families' intact and providing support when needed. 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), the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (W/WK) Adoption Recruitment Program, a Family Opportunity Center (located in Wingdale, NY), and Dutchess County Mandated Preventive. Our programs are free and accessible to families. The focus of these services includes 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 family's choice. Providers can push into the school setting if that is something that would benefit the youth.



Time to brag about the youth in our Empower Program! This past summer they sold ice cream, baked goods, and pins to staff, to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley. At the end of the season, they were able to bring the money raised, along with homemade wood burnings, down to Valhalla to help brighten the days of children receiving care there. You can see just how proud Jay McGinnis, Maritza Mercado, and Melissa Williams are of them by their smiles in this photo!

Members of our team spent the day in Albany advocating with our human service colleagues who attended the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) annual lobby day. We appreciate the Legislature for taking the time to hear our concerns, on behalf of the children and families we serve, and our workforce.

In September 2023, we opened a Family Opportunity Center in Wingdale, NY to provide space for families to come together and participate in a wide array of activities. The Center includes literacy enrichment, sensory space, arts and crafts, games, and homework support. The Center hosts different events each month to encourage families to visit. Additionally, the CBS team can provide counseling services, respite, and group activities as part of our broader range of services.

The Dutchess County Mandated Prevention Program commenced this year, offering crucial support to our community. This initiative enables our team to deliver comprehensive services to families at risk in Dutchess County.

The growth of these programs has 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. Our staff is passionate and dedicated to making sure these services are available to our youth and families. This is why our team strives for quality services in an environment that is most comfortable for the clients.

FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Shelter program continued to provide services for unaccompanied children in care, successfully unifying them safely with their families all across the United States. The youth continue to receive case management, clinical, medical, legal, 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 daily recreation.

The Nuevas Alas/New Wings Long Term Foster Care (LTFC) program continued to provide services to youth in care. The program was able to add a doubled expansion to the bed capacity, allowing for the opportunity to work with more children. Educational, medical, legal, case management, and clinical services are provided. 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.

In October 2023, the Home was awarded a new, three-year federal grant to provide Post Release Services and to conduct Home Studies on a national basis (HS/PRS). The program is designed to provide follow-up services to youth placed with sponsors, connecting them to any community providers they may need. Home Studies are conducted before placement to ensure a safe release.





Our kids experienced the magic of summer camp! CHP youth traveled north to Mills Norrie State Park in Staatsburg, NY for a day of nature connection with Camp Felix Day Trippers. Our campers stepped out of their comfort zones in big ways! They built confidence in their ability to navigate the Great Outdoors and walked away with positive memories to last a lifetime. Thank you to The Felix Organization for making this trip possible.





The reviews are in—our new Family Opportunity Center in Wingdale is a hit! Our Community Based Services (CBS) Team was so happy to check the space out before our grand opening in September 2023. It's safe to say we're all excited about the potential this new space has for providing our community with healing and hope.

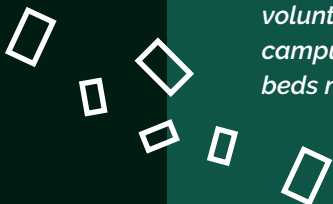
Meet Olivia: Every holiday Season, she bakes cookies, sells them, and uses the proceeds to purchase gifts for our children. And in 2023, she more than doubled the previous year's total of \$300! That's right, Olivia raised a total of \$800! We are so proud of her continued philanthropic efforts and we're forever grateful for the holiday memories she creates for our children.



March 2023 was a whirlwind of joy and gratitude as our incredible staff basked in the spotlight during Employee Appreciation Week! From themed spirit days that brought out everyone's playful side to exciting raffles with prizes galore, and indulging in delicious cupcakes that sweetened our spirits, it was a week filled with heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering dedication and passion our team brings to the mission of our Home. Here's to our amazing staff who make our Home shine brighter every day!



In June, our friends from the Marist Women's and Men's Basketball Teams volunteered their time to spruce up our campus! And we have to say, our flower beds never looked better!





The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie provides limited 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.

We continue to move away from traditional residential care as the agency's population shifts toward more community based care. Community Based Services are offered to children and their families in their own homes and communities.

In fiscal year 2023, there were 37 individual youth served in Residential Programs licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), 773 families served in Community Based Services and 1,364 children served in our Federally Funded Programs.

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 can 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.

Youth Served	Admissions	Discharges	Average Age
15	3	10	11.6 Years Old

EMPOWER – A SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM

Our Empower program remains the only program licensed by NYS to serve youth in foster care who 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.

Youth Served	Admissions	Discharges	Transfers Out	Average Age
19	13	9	1 to SILP	15.6 Years Old

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.

Youth Served	Admissions/ Transfers	Discharges	Average Age
3	1 in from Empower	1	19 Years Old

To celebrate Black History Month, our youth made wood-burned portraits of prominent African American figures. They were so inspired that they even wrote essays about these figures to help spread knowledge across our campus!

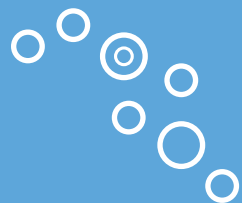


Our friends at Central Hudson grew herbs in planters on their campus for us. Amy Dittmar (CHP Board Member and Central Hudson Project Manager) harvested and delivered the bounty seen here. Our Kitchen Staff couldn't have been happier to receive this donation! They put their creativity to good use while dreaming up ways to incorporate flavorful and nourishing herbs into recipes for our kids.

In August, Team CHP attended National Night Out in the City of Poughkeepsie. We loved meeting so many community members, sharing resources about our services, and handing out lots of fun goodies like our magical color-changing cups.



We were so excited to welcome back our friends from the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County for Mitzvah Day in May. The team, led by Steven Herschbein, helped spruce up our Home. They weeded gardens, planted flowers, raked leaves, and helped clean up our campfire area!



Federally Based Programs – Nuevas Alas (New Wings)

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.

Youth Served	Admissions	Discharges	Average Age	Average Length
1,307	1,307	1,253	16.39 Years Old	35.97 of Stay (days)

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.

Youth Served	Referrals	Admissions	Discharges	Average Age	Average Length
57	85	57	35	16.29 Years Old	115.7 of Stay (days)

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.

Families Served 140	Referrals 84
Average Age 13	Counties Served 4 Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange

Families Served 357	Referrals 191
Average Age 13	Counties Served 4 Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange

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.



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 support to families to prevent out-of-home placement for their child.

Families Served	Referrals	Average Age	Counties Served
227	91	13	4 Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange

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.

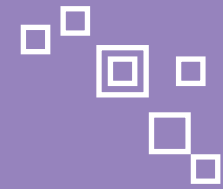
Families Served	Referrals	Average Age	Counties Served	Matches	Adoptions
34	6	17	3 Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster	16	1



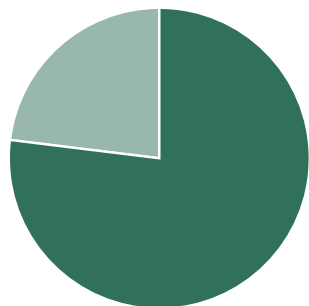
Can you feel the love?! Our creative kids made Valentine's Day cards for our local veterans. We're so proud of how our children are always looking for ways to put smiles on others' faces!

Financial Summary

JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

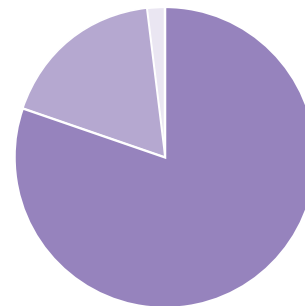


Each year the Children's Home budget is structured with the anticipation of private funding from gifts, grants, and interest on investments, added to our State/County revenue stream to produce a balanced budget. These "extra" funds provide for increased services to youth, including additional social 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 for 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:
\$21,335,725
- Investment Earnings, Gifts & Grants:
\$6,336,253



Expenses

- Program Services:
\$25,502,202
- Support Services:
\$5,711,286
- Capital Improvements:
\$531,202

DONATIONS

The fiscal year 2023 ended with **\$484,590** in total donations. The Annual Appeal brought in **\$190,155** in gifts from individuals, businesses, and foundations. Event revenue, bequests, grants, and restricted gifts made up the difference.

A Lasting Legacy

THE GUARDIAN SOCIETY

Over the past 177 years of the Home's history, many caring individuals have left a portion or all of their estates to help ensure the future of our mission by leaving a lasting legacy. Individuals who have included 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 other such option naming the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie as beneficiary will qualify an individual or couple for inclusion in The Guardian Society.

The Children's Home pledges to maintain confidentiality of donor information, and careful stewardship of estate gifts, which are very important to the Home's success.

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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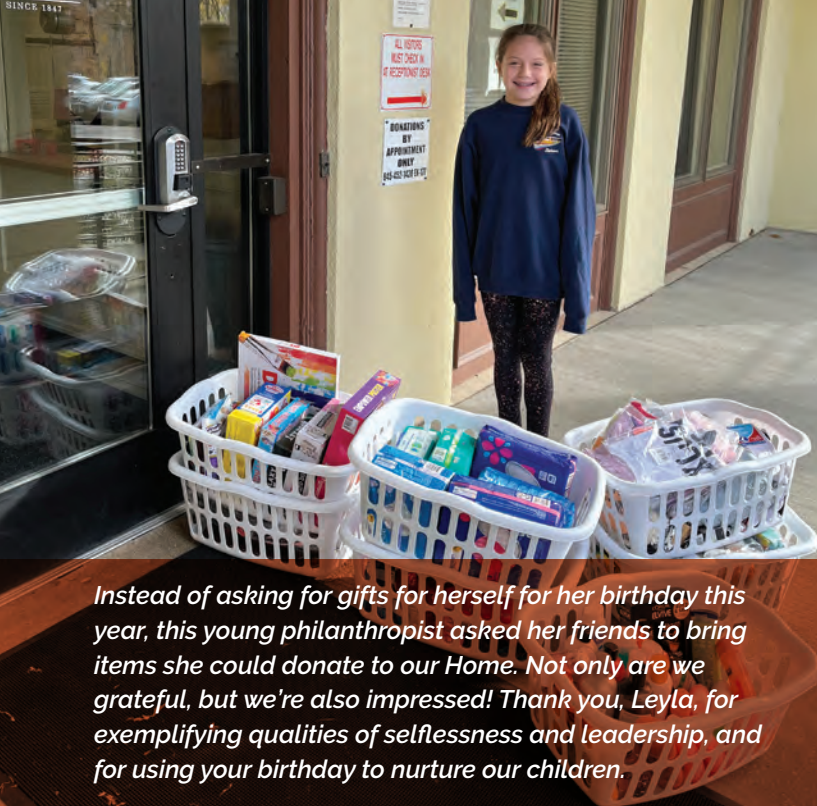
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Instead of asking for gifts for herself for her birthday this year, this young philanthropist asked her friends to bring items she could donate to our Home. Not only are we grateful, but we're also impressed! Thank you, Leyla, for exemplifying qualities of selflessness and leadership, and for using your birthday to nurture our children.

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We had the pleasure of hosting 9 volunteers from Marist College's Physician Assistant Program. Although our original plan was rained out, this group quickly jumped into action to adapt to the circumstances! They happily spent their time helping us remove germs, dust, and cobwebs from our Home. The group felt inspired to help our children even more and went on to host a Teddy Bear Drive for our kids.

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The spirit of Halloween comes alive on our campus each October, thanks to the artistry of our Recreation Director, Jay McGinnis! His hard work yields an evening of hocus pocus for our kids: our annual Pumpkin Walk! Last year, our youth and staff enjoyed an evening of s'mores around a bonfire, a spooky movie, and they closed out the night with a haunted walk of Jay's design. We are so lucky to have staff who pour their hearts into creating magical memories for our children.





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We're proud to share that 150 families across the Hudson Valley enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal provided by our Home! Each family received enough turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, carrots, and brownies/cookies to feed their whole family. And we broke a new record this year with the biggest family served having 21 members! Thank you to our Operations Team for working hard to fulfill these orders.



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