

CHILDREN ARE THE HEROES



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER 2013 IMPACT REPORT



THE CHILDREN WE SERVE BATTLE
THEIR PAIN AND FEARS EVERYDAY.
THEY ARE THE TRUE HEROES.

THROUGH COUNSELING AND THERAPY,
OUR CHILDREN **CONFRONT** THE DEMONS
OF NEGLECT, POVERTY AND ABUSE,
FIGHTING FOR A BETTER FUTURE.



HEAL CHILDREN

HEAL DETROIT


THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 2013 BROUGHT MANY EXCITING MILESTONES IN OUR NEARLY 85 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN DETROIT.

Who among us hasn't dreamed of being a superhero? In 85 years of serving Greater Detroit children and families facing mental illness and behavioral challenges we've learned that children are the heroes.

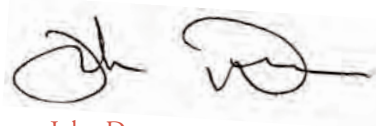
We have witnessed firsthand the 7,500 children and families we serve annually are courageous, and brave. They face their fear, and battle challenges every day. They're incredibly resilient and eventually, with your support of our evidence-based clinical programs and services, they become empowered to shape their own futures.

Without these clinical programs and services, children experiencing mental illness, abuse, neglect and poverty have an almost certain path to low academic achievement and a lifetime of challenges. Thankfully, our loyal donors and community partners believe that children have the power to overcome these challenges to not only save the day—but save Detroit. That's why we believe **CHILDREN ARE THE HEROES**. Because when you heal children, you heal Detroit.

Sincerely,



Debora Matthews
President & CEO



John Dunn
Board Chair

"I THANK GOD THERE WAS SOMEONE IN MY LIFE THAT SAW A SPARK WITHIN ME, AND ENCOURAGED ME UNTIL THAT SPARK WAS IGNITED. FOR THOUSANDS OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN GREATER DETROIT, THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE IS THE CHILDREN'S CENTER."

– DEBORA MATTHEWS, PRESIDENT & CEO, THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

126 HEAD START GRADUATES

286 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 5 ENROLLED IN THE CHILDREN'S CENTER HEAD START ACADEMY. 120 GRADUATED MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S READ-TO-LEARN STANDARDS. YOU HELPED MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

AUTISM SERVICES EXPANDED BY 200%

IN 2013 WE EXPANDED THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE CAN SERVE IN OUR AUTISM SERVICES CENTER BY MORE THAN 200%. TREATMENT FOR AUTISM IS VERY INTENSE, WE SEE MANY CHILDREN AS OFTEN AS FIVE DAYS PER WEEK. 90% OF OUR AUTISM FAMILIES RELY ON SOME LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THESE SERVICES. THE BALANCE WAS MADE UP BY YOU. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, THE CHILDREN WE SERVE MAY HAVE NO PLACE TO TURN FOR HELP.





RESILIENCE

KEPT ALL 286 CHILDREN
IT COSTS ON AVERAGE ABOUT
\$6,000 TO PROVIDE A YEAR
OF EARLY EDUCATION FOR
ONE CHILD. YET, DESPITE
SEQUESTRATION CUTS TO
OUR HEAD START ACADEMY
FUNDING, WE KEPT ALL 286
CHILDREN ENROLLED AT OUR
OWN EXPENSE. THANKS TO
GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY
DISRUPTIVE TO THEIR YOUNG
LIVES TO TURN THEM
AWAY MID-YEAR.

CRISIS CARE VISITS DE-ESCALATED BY 81%
LAST YEAR OUR CRISIS CARE CENTER RECEIVED 279 UNIQUE VISITS
FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. OUR TEAM WAS ABLE TO DE-ESCALATE
81% OF THEM AND DIVERT EACH FROM HOSPITALIZATION OR RESIDENTIAL
PLACEMENT. WHILE IT COSTS THE CHILDREN'S CENTER \$1,800 PER
INCIDENT, MEDICAID REIMBURSES ONLY \$226. WITHOUT YOUR
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP FILL THE GAP, THESE CHILDREN
WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED A VERY DIFFERENT OUTCOME.

IT'S TOUGH FOR MANY DETROIT CHILDREN
TO REALIZE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL.
OUR EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS **EMPOWER**
CHILDREN TO HEAL, GROW AND THRIVE.



COURAGE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended September 30, 2013

Public Support and Revenue

Behavioral Health Services	\$13,996,650
Child Welfare	5,893,792
Head Start (Education)	2,615,213
21st Century After School Program (Education)	210,219
Philanthropy	2,014,417
Investments	313,552
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	\$25,043,843

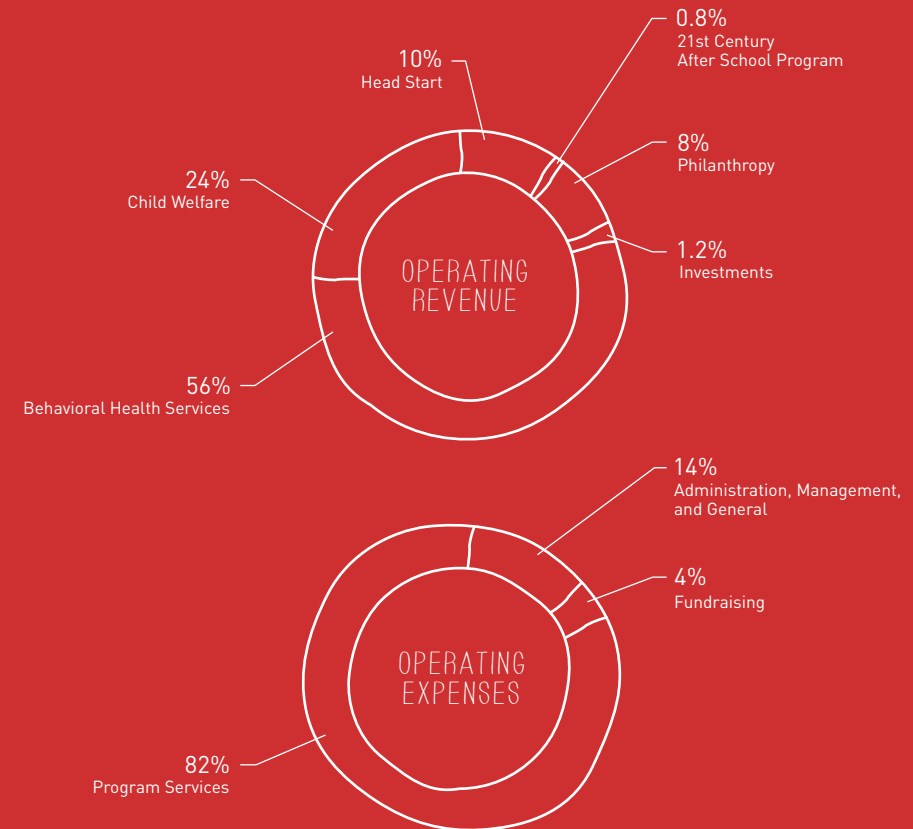
Expenses

Program Services	\$21,474,525
Administration, Management and General	3,672,621
Fundraising	916,437
Total Expenses	\$26,063,583

Programs are funded, in part, by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority through CareLink and ConsumerLink, Wayne County Health & Family Services Head Start, and by the Michigan Department of Human Services.

REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Over 7,500 Children and Families Served



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"I'LL NEVER FORGET OUR FIRST VISIT TO THE CHILDREN'S CENTER. DURING THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, TIFFANY LITERALLY BURST INTO TEARS. BY THE QUESTIONS ASKED AND CARE SHOWN, WE KNEW IN OUR HEARTS WE HAD FINALLY FOUND A PLACE THAT COULD HELP HEAL OUR CHILDREN."

– TIFFANY & BLAYNE BROCHER, FOSTER/ADOPTIVE PARENTS

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DEPRESSED BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET HELP FOR MY DAUGHTER.
WHEN I CAME TO THE CHILDREN'S CENTER, THEY HELPED ME
DEVELOP A PLAN. IN JUST SIX MONTHS, SHE HAS BEGUN TO
COMMUNICATE AND HAS MASTERED CERTAIN SKILLS."

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