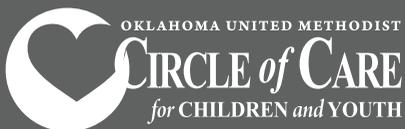


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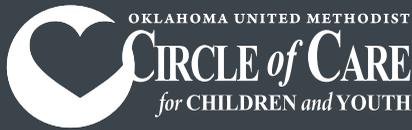
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# A Word From the President

KEITH HOWARD



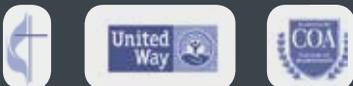
Dear friend,

We began 2019 talking about our desire and willingness to "do more for more" and as the year progressed we found ourselves doing just that. We stepped up and found ways to expand and evolve the work Circle of Care does; licensed more foster families and served more children; raised funds toward the completion of our Legacy of Care campaign to build sibling homes across Oklahoma; launched our new Counseling Services program in the Tahlequah, Tulsa, and the Shawnee area; and finally dove deep into our programs to determine if there is a way to do better, be more efficient, and create more impact.

We focused on building our internal culture and rewriting our core values. We put our Children's Home up for sale and began the process of refreshing our logo. Each building block, placed on another to continue building the solid foundation for our second century of service to children and families in crisis.

We believe in providing help and, through doing so, we believe we can be a part of the healing and hope so many children and families desperately need. It is our mission that drives us, clients who inspire us, and donors and partners who provide for us to do this work as we finish out 102 years of service. As we close the year, we are equally committed to doing more for more and that won't change. As you read this annual report, I hope you see the success we have had and think about the lives that have been forever changed.

We are in this together, thank you for being our partner!



Our mission is to provide Christian help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis to ensure a safe, healthy, and spiritual future.



## FOSTER CARE

# We Knew We had Love to Give

## James Family Story

*Joshua and Danielle James have been a Circle of Care foster family for three years. They began fostering just before Christmas of 2016.*

**At the age of 25, Danielle was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer known as nonsmoker's cancer. After being diagnosed she was given 6 months to live.**

The words of Danielle:

The type of cancer I have isn't curable but it is manageable with medication. The medication keeps me alive but it also keeps me from becoming pregnant.

I was diagnosed in May 2013 and married in January 2015. I have a step son but I knew we had more room and love for more kids.

One day, I was thinking about the grief I felt for not being able to have children and share children with Joshua. I prayed and said Lord please give me a child or take the desire away because it hurts too much.

A couple of months later I still had the desire so at that time I realized God gave me this desire for a reason. I started talking to a friend of mine she revealed to me that she had been in foster care as a child. She told me that it was the best three months of her childhood and it was the first time someone told her they loved her.

After our conversation, I knew I could be that for a child. I knew I had that love to give!

Later I showed my husband a Christmas wish list written by a foster child in Oklahoma. It described everything he wanted from a family was on the list. It was very basic stuff. Stuff that we have in spades. He listed things like having his own tooth brush, his own toys, his own bed and his own clothes.

He also asked for his things not to be sold. He asked for clean socks and shoes and for there to be no fighting. After reading the Christmas list we knew we had love to give we just needed to get started.

Fostering is a journey. Every case is different. Every month is different. Sometimes it's easy, sometimes it's hard and emotional draining but the joy I get with the kids outweighs the hard times.

The parents we work with are normal people who love their kids and want to do what is best. They had a bad start in life where things got bad for them.

I've learned a lot about what it really means to love. Not just loving these children but loving their parents because love holds no record of wrong. That was a big lesson for me in the beginning. Some of these parents have never been shown love before. They have never had someone encouraging them or someone on their side.

Foster care has changed my perspective on love. Love for kids and love for bio parents. It's also changing my perspective on forgiveness and compassion.

The joy I get with the kids outweighs the grief I feel. We don't have a lot but we have a lot of love to give.

My family and I focus on looking for hope. Hope for me and hope for the kids. My foster daughter and I talk about how I needed her and she needed me. We are able to love each other in this moment and take one step at a time. Even though we aren't sure of the future, we are sure of our now which is what matters most.

Learn more at [circleofcare.org/ministries/fostercare](http://circleofcare.org/ministries/fostercare)



# 2019 Circle of Care Impact Report



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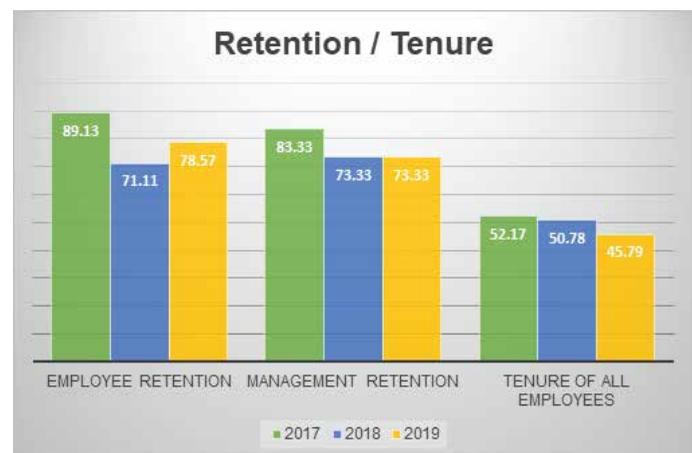
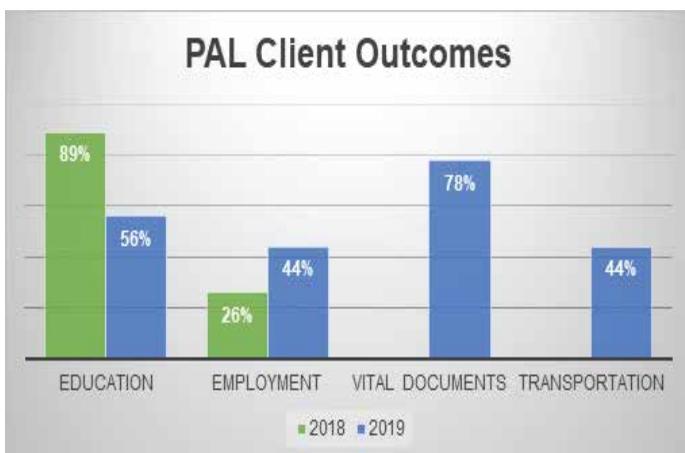
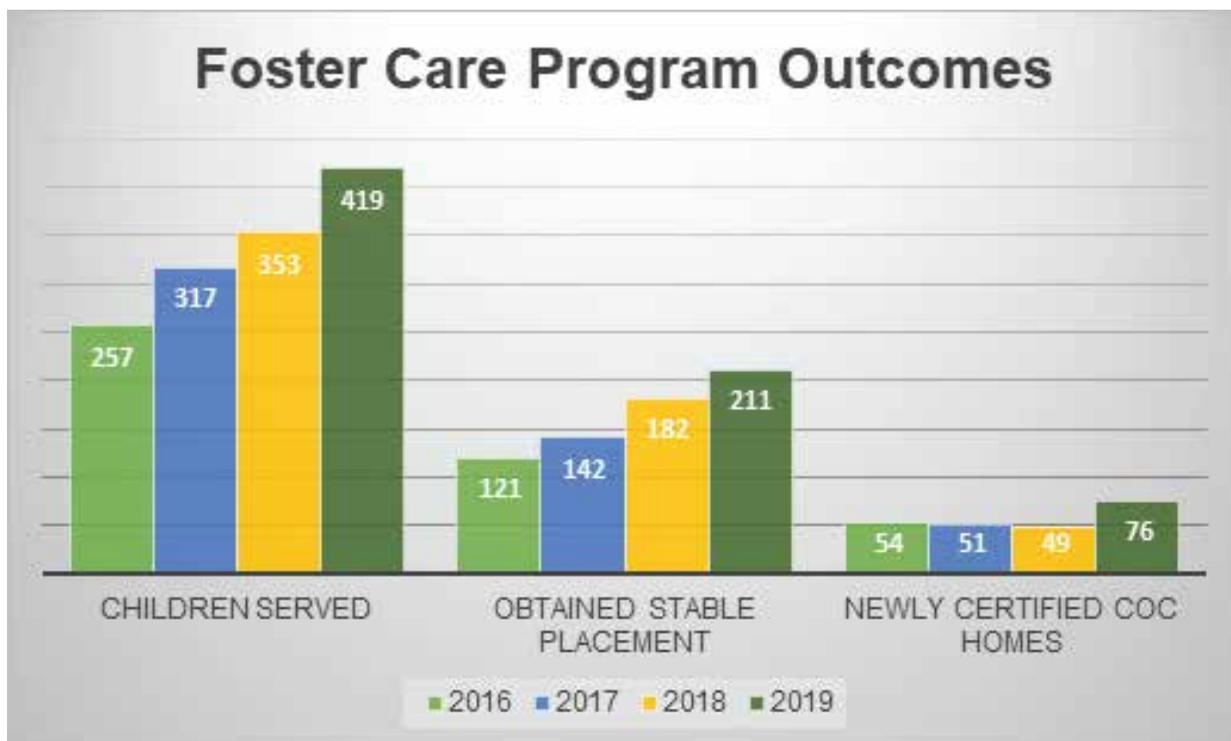
children were served in out of home care during 2019 in the state of Oklahoma.\*

4%

of those who age out of foster care earn a four-year degree by age 26.\*\*

53%

of homeless mothers do not have a high school diploma.\*\*\*



\* per 2019 Pinnacle Context Data

\*\* per Kids Count Data Center

\*\*\* per The National Center on Family Homelessness



# Preparation for Adult Living Living His Best Life

## Keven's Story

Keven is a student in the Preparation for Adult Living program. He is currently a student at NSU and is a first generation college student.

The PAL program provides secure stable house for students aging out of foster care. Stable housing gives students the opportunity to focus on educational goals.

Keven has been in the PAL program for a year and a half.

"It has been very helpful and very supportive, I love it."

"Before coming to the program I didn't really have all the support I needed. I needed a lot of help to figure out life. When I came into the PAL program I was able to get help with normal life stuff."

"The PAL program helps me with school. They helped me enroll in college. They also helped me go to prom when I was in high school. They help me with all kinds of stuff."

One of Keven's favorite things about the program are the trips and the meetings we have.

"I love when we get to go on trips together. It's really fun and gives us the change to bond. We also get to have group meetings where we get to talk. During our meetings we get to focus on life skills and also get to talk about personal stuff. It's great to get to know other people and hear about their story and what they have been through."

"When I first came into the program I was surprised at how supportive the program and staff are. I thought I would have to do everything and figure everything out on my own. But everyone here is so supportive and helpful."

Learning how to navigate through the newness of being a first generation college student is a challenge.

"The PAL program really helps me out. I don't think I would be able to do all of this on my own. Since I have received their assistance I have been able to learn and am able to be confident. I think one day I will be able to do all of these things on my own."

Keven is a part of the music program at NSU and hopes to receive a master's degree after he graduates and gains work experience.

"I am currently taking lots of music classes and would like to major in music education. My goal is to work at a high school after graduating and offer opportunities to kids who really want it. After all of that I also want to get a master degree."

"The staff is what I appreciate most about the PAL program. The staff brings a family like tone to the students. They are very friendly and I love it. I am very grateful for them."

"I would say that this place has been a great experience. It has changed my life. It's been so nice to meet people who want to help you in life so you can be the best person you can be. It's just been amazing. Things have been looking up for me and I really appreciate it. I appreciate all of the students and getting to know them and their story and becoming family."

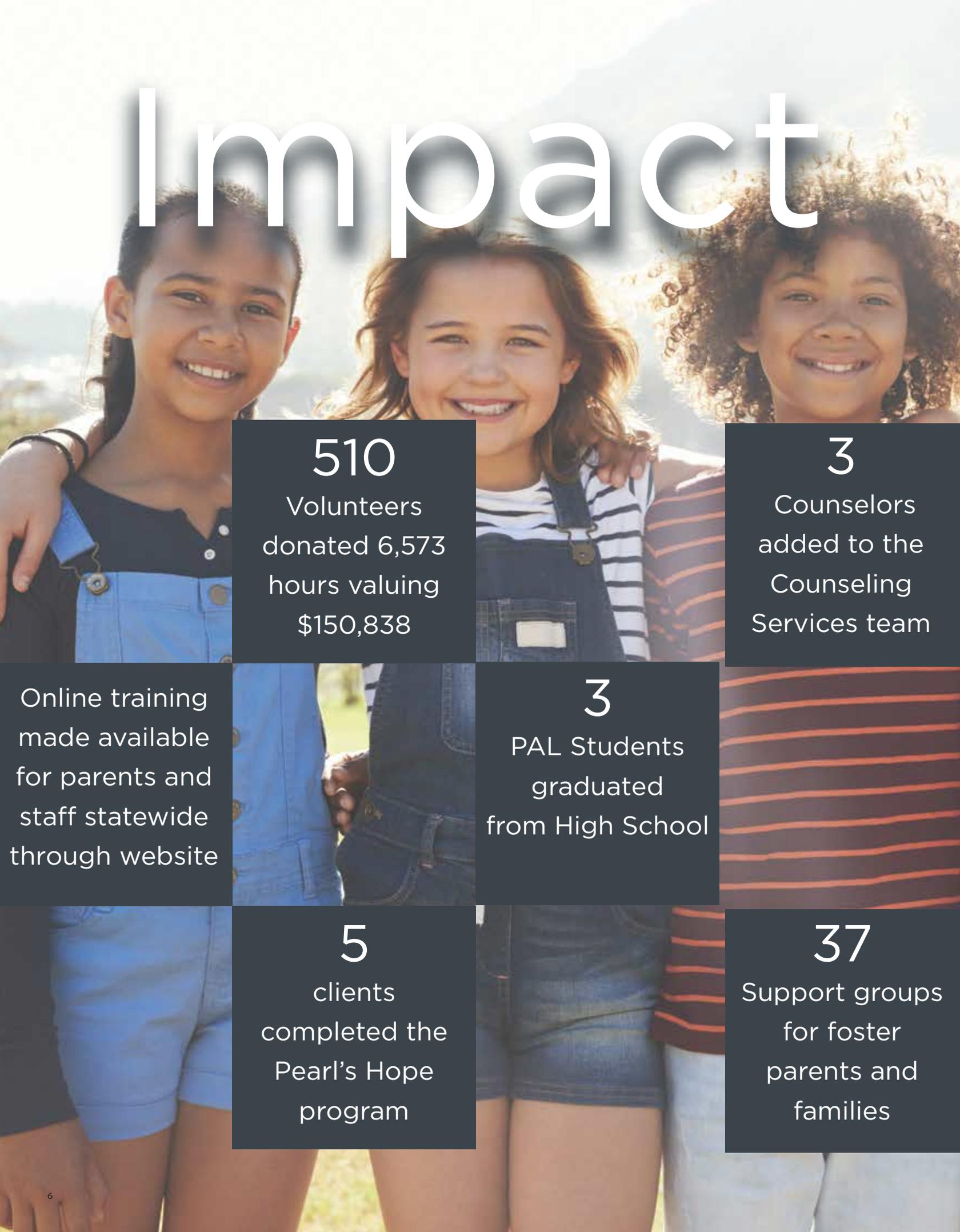
Learn more about the PAL program at [circleofcare.org/ministries/pal](https://circleofcare.org/ministries/pal)

## Did You Know ...

Approximately 17,000 young people aged out of foster care in the United States in 2019.



# Impact



510

Volunteers  
donated 6,573  
hours valuing  
\$150,838

3

Counselors  
added to the  
Counseling  
Services team

Online training  
made available  
for parents and  
staff statewide  
through website

3

PAL Students  
graduated  
from High School

5

clients  
completed the  
Pearl's Hope  
program

37

Support groups  
for foster  
parents and  
families

# Report



78%

of PAL students  
obtained vital  
documents

56%

of PAL students  
are working on  
their education

419

Children and  
youth served  
through  
Foster Care

23

served in the  
Pearl's Hope  
program

17

individuals  
served through  
the PAL program

4,549

followers on the  
Circle of Care  
Facebook page

# 2019 Financial Report

Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care, Inc.

## Statements of Financial Position

December 31,

	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 472,943	\$ 283,425
Accounts and grants receivable	268,197	279,554
Prepaid expenses and other assets	79,819	104,018
Investments	27,663,159	25,486,097
Property and equipment, net	3,385,786	2,253,253
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 31,869,904</b>	<b>\$ 28,406,347</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 133,716	\$ 83,895
Accrued wages and vacation	97,509	90,883
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>231,225</b>	<b>174,778</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	5,286,694	3,826,493
With donor restrictions	26,351,985	24,405,076
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>31,638,679</b>	<b>28,231,569</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 31,869,904</b>	<b>\$ 28,406,347</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statements of Activities**

Years Ended December 31,

	2019	2018
<b>Change in net assets without donor restrictions</b>		
Revenues		
Contributions	\$ 1,888,643	\$ 1,714,273
Apportionment receipts	378,250	479,931
Grants and contracts	1,670,016	1,531,155
Investment return	1,108,900	82,561
Other	175,034	62,330
Total revenues	<u>5,220,843</u>	<u>3,870,250</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	393,859	349,230
Total revenues and other support	<u>5,614,702</u>	<u>4,219,480</u>
Expenses		
Program services:		
Boy's Ranch	407,426	368,993
Frances E. Willard Ministry Center	639,488	596,251
Children's Home	458,152	643,495
Holsinger Home	88,855	49,128
Child Share	1,554,460	1,220,239
Total program services	<u>3,148,381</u>	<u>2,878,106</u>
Administrative services:		
Management and general	835,179	1,051,241
Fundraising	170,941	158,967
Total administrative services	<u>1,006,120</u>	<u>1,210,208</u>
Total expenses	<u>4,154,501</u>	<u>4,088,314</u>
<b>Increase in net assets without donor restrictions</b>	<u>1,460,201</u>	<u>131,166</u>
<b>Change in net assets with donor restrictions</b>		
Revenues		
Contributions	745,681	2,028,013
Investment return	1,595,087	(1,243,251)
Total revenues	<u>2,340,768</u>	<u>784,762</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	(393,859)	(349,230)
<b>Increase in net assets with donor restrictions</b>	<u>1,946,909</u>	<u>435,532</u>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	3,407,110	566,698
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<u>28,231,569</u>	<u>27,664,871</u>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 31,638,679</u>	<u>\$ 28,231,569</u>

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Pearl's Hope Program

# Ready For the Life God Has in Store for Me

## Felicia's Story



Felicia was born into dysfunction. Both parents used drugs. She and her little brother were removed from the home and put into state custody several times during their childhood. Her father eventually went to prison.

At the age of 14, Felicia moved to Louisiana with her boyfriend. They were homeless and mowed yards to get money for food or a hotel. Felicia found out on her 15th birthday that she was pregnant with Janiah. They moved back to Oklahoma when Janiah turned 1 year old. Felicia began using drugs and ultimately went to jail on drug charges at the age of 18. When she got out of jail, she went back to Janiah's father. Once again, drugs entered the scene, both Felicia and her boyfriend went to jail and Janiah was taken into state custody.

For about a year and a half after being released from jail the second time, Felicia was able to stay clean. But, as life goes, challenges arose and drugs became an escape. Felicia and her boyfriend broke up and Janiah was once again taken into state custody. Felicia says, "In the midst of the separation and loss of Janiah, I began using with a previous boyfriend and got pregnant. I was didn't know what to do next."

Felicia was tired of using drugs and wanted her daughter back. She didn't want her kids seeing what she had seen as a kid or feeling the way she felt. She found her way to a rehabilitation program on June 12th 2018. Her son, Angel, was born November 27th while Felicia was in rehab. He was never taken into DHS custody.

Felicia successfully discharged from rehab on January 29th, 2019 and was admitted, along with Angel, into Pearl's Hope the same day. Janiah was reunited with her mother and brother at Pearl's Hope in May 2019.

It took me my entire childhood and almost the entire 9 months in rehab to TRULY see that my way of thinking was not okay because this was normal to me. This is all I had seen.

My attitude and behaviors towards other people, myself and my kids have changed. I see myself as a mother and I'm learning to be the mother I did not have. I'm also learning to be an adult. I have one test left to obtain my GED with hopes of working or getting a certificate. I reinstated my driver's license and I have my hope back. At one point, I did not want to be alive but now I'm so ready for the life God has in store for me and my kids. I feel like Pearl's Hope has done so much for me. I actually love myself now. I'm learning how to cook and prepare meals, do legal stuff like paying my fines, and even have a routine. My kids and I get up every day and do the same stuff. I love that. It's stability and accountability. I'm so happy.

Pearl's Hope Transitional Living is funded in part through an endowment established by Pearl Opel Thorpe through the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation. Gifts, large and small, from our supporters make up the difference. To learn more about Pearl's Hope Transitional Living, visit [circleofcare.org/ministries/pearlshope](http://circleofcare.org/ministries/pearlshope).



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“My faith is very strong and I believe God led me here. God has everything to do with my life right now. All the girls in the house are like my family. We have grown together so much and encourage each other all the time. I feel like I couldn’t have been this successful without Pearl’s Hope.”

**-Pearl’s Hope Client**

“Fostering has been the craziest, hardest, most intense, completely worthwhile journey we have ever taken. But in the end it has all been worth it!”

**-Circle of Care Foster Family**

“Circle of Care has done so many things for me. I would have never been able to do all of this on my own. They make things happen. All of the staff have been really supportive, helpful, and nice. They’ve been through a lot with me. One day I want to repay them.”

**-Preparation for Adult Living Client**

“Circle of Care has made it really easy to serve those in need. They have already identified young people who really need help. We know that when we do help, everything goes exactly where it is supposed to go.”

**-Circle of Care Sponsor**

## SAVE-THE-DATE

**Sanctus Real Concert** - SEPT 21, 2019

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