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A Word From the President

KEITH HOWARD



A New Look for Circle of Care

The arrival of Fall is here. A season when the weather changes, leaves take on new shades of color, the air captures the aroma of fireplaces as wood crackles within them. It is a season when nature restores balance and lets some things die off, so that new birth can occur in the spring.

Just like in nature, there are things within organizations that have run their course. Over time, systems and processes can become stagnant. The dreaded "that's how we've always done it" can become more common. We all know organizations have life cycles. As a leader I believe it is my responsibility to lead us into our next century more alive than ever.

Over the past two years, we have challenged some of our norms. We asked hard questions that led to even harder decisions like putting the Children's Home up for sale. We began to think differently as a team.

How do we encourage thinking differently? Well, we begin by encouraging a start-up mentality where we ask more questions, challenge how things have been done, embrace change, make room for mistakes, and remember our mission and values as they drive us to do more for more.

And as the questions have come, one common question kept popping up. What about our logo and our branding? Isn't it time for a re-fresh? Most people only refer to us as "Circle of Care" - can we go with that? How do we highlight our mission in our logo? How do we clean it up and make it look simpler as we tell our story to a broader audience?

All these questions have been wrestled with and we are now excited to release and launch our new logo. In fact, you will be some of the first ones to see it in this Lifeline! As you look at it, you may notice the heart. This is the heart we launched during our Legacy of Care campaign in 2017 with a few tweaks. You'll notice help, healing, and hope, the core sentiments of our mission, have made it into a version of our logo. And we've shortened the wording to just Circle of Care. I want to assure you that our history, heritage, and future is still firmly Methodist, in fact our official corporation name hasn't changed - only our logo and branding has been simplified as we tell our story over the next century. Our hope is that you'll like the fresh look as much as we do, but if not, we understand. Change is hard, but as we tell our team, in order to be a thriving organization, we must embrace change, challenge the norm, and create a better future. I believe we are doing just that at Circle of Care.

As always, I'm up for a cup of chai or a conversation even virtually, just give me a call at 918-453-3558 or shoot me an email, keith.howard@circleofcare.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. Together we are making an impact across Oklahoma.

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

Circle of Care Mission Statement



A MOTHER'S STORY OF HOPE

I have found myself after losing it so long ago.

Before I came to Pearl's Hope I went through many stages of addiction. I started using drugs at eleven years old. Between the ages of eleven and twenty I experimented with different kinds of drugs. I was in and out of juvie and very hard to get along with at home and school. Eventually I began to skip school and focused mainly on getting high. I was sent to rehabs throughout my minor years but wasn't ready to get help so I never stayed clean longer than a few months. I dropped out of school and got my GED during one of the rehabs I was at in 2016.

I moved out of my grandmother's house a couple months after I turned 19. A few months later I found out I was pregnant. I soon moved back in with my mom and grandma. I continued to use until after one of my doctor appointments someone called me and told me I tested positive for drugs and that if I didn't get help DHS would more than likely get involved at birth. I kept using while I looked for somewhere to go. I ended up going to 12&12 in Tulsa at six months pregnant. I stayed for 30 days and completed the program. I got out and stayed with a family friend and stayed clean for a few days until I had my daughter. So, when I went into labor I tested positive for drugs. DHS showed up the second day I was in the hospital and told me to expect someone to be coming to arrange for somewhere else for my daughter to go. So, the next day a different DHS worker showed up and asked me some questions and told me I would be put on a safety plan. She asked if I knew anyone that could be the safety plan monitor and that could be a safe place for my daughter to go. That day my aunt and uncle just happened to be there. They were the only ones I knew that could even pass a drug test let alone a background check. But I thought, "How could I ask them to drop everything and take in a child? They hadn't had a baby around since their daughter was young and she was 21 now! This would change their lives forever." But I did ask and they had to think about it. And they wanted to do it. They also invited me to come stay with them as well so that I could still be with my baby full time. If that wasn't God I don't know what is. So me and my daughter went and stayed with them and I gave myself time to heal and then went to work for my aunt's mother. I stayed clean for four months and then relapsed. Nobody knew at first. I finally told them the day I was going to start a new outpatient drug rehabilitation center. This center was going to drug test me and tell my DHS worker. Up until this point the court hadn't gotten involved so my DHS worker was just someone who came and checked on my daughter weekly. I came clean and told everyone. I told them I had been using for two weeks and probably wasn't going to stop without inpatient rehabilitation. I was depressed, angry, and just not myself anymore and didn't have a reason other than my daughter to stop using. And as a lot of people know, unless you want to stop for you, it doesn't work. So, I started looking for somewhere to go again. It took a while and nobody had an opening. I kept using and kept lying about it. So, I called around and they had an opening in Waynoka, Ok. at a treatment center called Northwest Treatment Center. I had to be there in the morning.

After a few months of being there I knew I needed more than just four months and asked for longer treatment. While I was there I got weekly visits with my daughter and by the time I left I had gotten three extended weekend visits. I graduated on October 23, 2019, and came straight to Pearl's Hope. I had heard about this program when searching for somewhere to go after I left treatment. When I got there I still didn't have custody of my daughter and they took the overnights and unsupervised visits. They wanted to make sure I was going to do okay outside of rehab before they let me continue to progress with the visits. After about two weeks I got my unsupervised visits back. And by November 19, 2019, I had a court date and the judge gave me reunification starting that night. I have had her ever since.

I started a pet care program with Muddy Paws Dog Grooming shortly after getting settled in this program. And I enjoy Muddy Paws very much. Since arriving at Pearl's Hope I have paid off all my past due bills, paid for my driver's education class, paid off all my past due child support, and will soon have papers stating my DHS case closure. Pearl's Hope has been my saving grace since I've left rehab. The support and the skills they teach and give is amazing to mothers that come with nothing or close to nothing. I am so much closer to where I want to be in life because of this program. I am debt free, close to getting my driver's license, have enough money saved for a car, and best of all, have my baby back with me. I have found myself after losing it so long ago.

Visit circleofcare.org/ministries/pearlshope to learn more about the Pearl's Hope Transitional Living program.



Jaycia and her daughter

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

There is a 1 in 3 chance in Oklahoma that siblings will be separated in foster care — that chance is significantly higher with larger sibling groups.

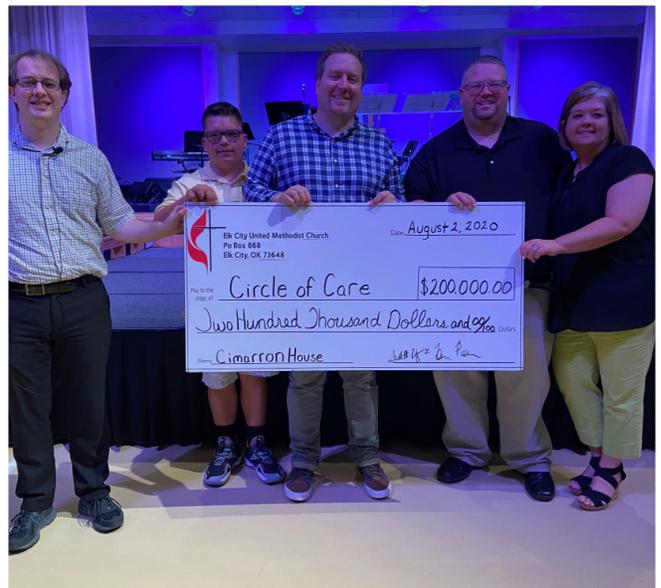
A sibling group of five has 0% chance of being placed together. The Legacy of Care campaign was set into place to raise enough funds to provide large homes across the state that would provide placement for sibling sets. When siblings are able to stay together in safe and loving foster care environments, they are able to go through the experience of foster care stronger, together.

These spaces are rent free and utilities free. Building and sustaining these homes is only made possible by the donors that empower our Legacy of Care campaign. One of these charitable pieces of the campaign is First United Methodist Church in Elk City, Ok. FUMC Elk City committed to giving \$200,000 towards one of our campaign homes - the Cimarron home. At the beginning of August, FUMC Elk City fulfilled their commitment to giving towards the home and presented their gift to Circle of Care CEO, Keith Howard. We thank our donors and especially FUMC Elk City for graciously giving and helping us get one step (or several thousand, actually) closer to providing reunification for families in crisis.

The Legacy of Care campaign has a goal of raising \$5 million and to date has raised \$4.75 million. The project is building eight large custom homes for sibling sets (and four clubhouses) in several communities: Alva, Woodward, Enid, Elk City, Shawnee, and Coweta.

With six homes and three clubhouses completed, you can help complete the last two homes and clubhouse by making a donation at Legacy.CircleofCare.org or mail a check to Circle of Care, 1501 NW 24th St., Suite 214, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

Thank you for your support!



Be the Light

Friends of Children Banquet & Silent Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

Join Circle of Care for a semi-formal fundraising gala featuring a silent auction, live music, gourmet dinner and keynote speaker Christina Meredith. To purchase tickets, please contact Karen Thomas at karen.thomas@circleofcare.org.

DONATION APPRECIATION

Foster care agencies around the state have been faced with uncertainty during COVID-19 while continuing to provide for their foster families. The Oklahoma City foster care office was blessed with a package from one of our partner churches. We want to show our gratitude and appreciation for Cement United Methodist Church in Cement, Ok. With our hearts, we thank Cement UMC for their charitable giving during this time. Their giving has blessed children in foster families with basic necessities like socks, underwear, and PJs to feel cozy, warm, and welcomed in their foster homes.

If you would like to see our current needs list, please visit circleofcare.org/give/needslist. We appreciate all giving during this time and throughout the year. We could not provide help, healing, and hope for Oklahoma without the gracious help of our donors. *Thank you!*



Honors & Memorials

FALL 2020



Circle of Care sincerely appreciates the following who support this ministry through the Honors & Memorials program.

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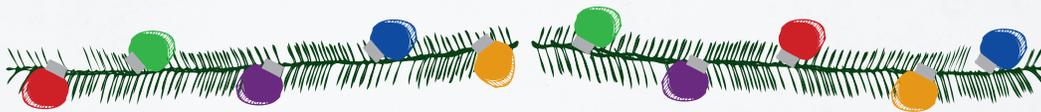
Circle of Care Sunday

December 13, 2020

Circle of Care would like to share about the impact we are making in the lives of children, youth, and families with your support. We believe that everyone can do something!

If your church will be participating in Circle of Care Sunday, access the virtual sermons and digital publications in the media kit. Visit circleofcare.org/howtohelp/church-resources to access the media kit and other resources.

Angel Tree 2020



Through your ongoing generous support and participation in Circle of Care's Angel Tree Program, hope is restored.

We want to say thank you to those that made Christmas special for all children in Circle of Care programs during Christmas 2019.

This year, COVID-19 has put strains on families in Oklahoma in many ways. You can give children in our programs a loving and memorable Christmas by participating in Angel Tree 2020.

If your church or organization would like to participate, please email christmas@circleofcare.org. We look forward to working with you again or for the first time this year to bring smiles to children on Christmas Day!

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Children's Home

549 Mathes Park Drive Tahlequah, OK 74464
918-456-6166

Boys Ranch

PO Box 999 Gore, OK 74435
405-530-2078

Frances E. Willard Campus

1616 N Gilcrease Museum Rd Tulsa, OK 74127
918-583-9506

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