



## Every child deserves to feel wanted and important.

Feeling “wanted and important” is a significant criteria for a child or youth to grow into a functioning adult member of society. Unfortunately, too many Rhode Island children and youth struggle to achieve these important feelings due to life circumstances such as being survivors of sexual assault, being homeless due to domestic violence, or dealing with a mental illness.

When a young person is feeling lost and alone, St. Mary's helps them to find themselves again through therapy programs, residential services, or our special education school. St. Mary's is the safety net ready to catch the most vulnerable children and youth before it's too late.

*“St. Mary's helped me in many ways with how I confront my problems in a more appropriate way and how to manage my emotions. They did not see me just for my problems. They saw me for me and showed me how to express myself. The staff have taught me so many lessons and have helped me with my issues and made me look at it a different way.”*



*“St. Mary's has definitely been one big family. They didn't give up on me in my hardest days and that meant a lot to me. They make me feel wanted and important.”*

– “Rachel”  
Residential Services Client

## All children and youth should feel wanted and important. Don't you think?

Making sure every child in need has the opportunities that “Rachel” does is why we are writing to you. Today you have the ability to help hundreds of youth and children to look at their lives in “a different way.” Your donation will directly influence the lives of these vulnerable children and youth to find hope and healing no matter what their circumstances.

We're proud to be leaders in helping children but it's your support that powers everything we do. Please visit [www.smhfc.org](http://www.smhfc.org) to donate or use the enclosed card. Together, we can make every child feel wanted and important and change their lives forever.

Sincerely,

Carlene Casciano-McCann, LMHC  
Executive Director



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