

St. Mary's HOME FOR CHILDREN Healing Lives, Restoring Hope - Since 1877











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Annual Report FY'17

Letter From St. Mary's

In this Annual Report, you will learn about our mission, values and principles and many accomplishments. We are proud of who we are and what we have achieved in the service of our clients. We consistently strive to improve our services and use Performance and Quality Improvement data to inform all aspects of service delivery.

While it is possible to read between the lines and understand that our growth and improvements are the result of dedicated staff, we would like to make an obvious statement about that. All staff members, regardless of position or department contribute to our success. We would not have been able to experience so many successes during the course of the year without a strong commitment to a trauma-informed approach, a willingness to try new things, an openness to learning and a passion for the work. Our staff also recognize that small gains are big progress- that we are in our clients' lives for a brief time and our job is to provide them with an opportunity to heal as well as to develop skills that will serve them well when they leave us. Our staff are the ones making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. They are the ones planting the seeds for success.

We could not do this without the support of a strong and engaged Board of Directors as well as the support and generosity of donors and Foundations. Our community is responsible for our achievements and for that we are grateful. We look forward to seeing what next year brings!

Carlene Casciano-McCann
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Executive Director

John Lombari
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President, Board of Directors

Mission

Our mission is to create an environment of healing and hope for those we serve. Children and families are empowered to develop healthy, trusting relationships. Through an array of residential and community based services, we create effective, lasting partnerships that enable children and adults to lead fulfilling lives.

Programs and Services

Residential Treatment Center is an interdisciplinary treatment program for boys 6 to 13 and girls 6 to 18 that emphasizes positive relationships with staff and peers and the development of skills that will enhance self-control and healthy living habits. Children and families are provided a full array of therapeutic, educational and aftercare milieu services.

St. Mary's is one of the leading residential providers in the State and is the first agency in Rhode Island to adopt the Building Bridges Initiative. This transformational initiative has shown positive outcomes for children and families in other areas of the country. Outcomes include: decreased lengths of stay, increased school attendance and academic performance, improved well-being and permanency. There is significantly less recidivism or re-entry into care for youth who have been served by the Building Bridges Initiative.

George N. Hunt Campus School is our clinically based educational program for our children in residence, and students referred by school districts statewide. Emphasizing Social Emotional Learning, the program is designed for students with behavioral issues who are unable to assimilate in mainstream school settings.

The Hills Program is our community-based, short-term 90-day placement for girls 12 to 17 years old. The assessment and stabilization program provides clinical support and treatment planning for girls and their families. Residents of the program attend public school.

Acute Residential Treatment Services (ARTS) The ARTS program is a short-term hospital step-down/diversion program providing complete diagnostic and assessment services that addresses the needs of children and their families. In this staff secured setting, children benefit from daily clinical interventions, a structured therapeutic environment, academic and recreational programming, and psychiatric and nursing services. After a brief stabilization period, it is anticipated that the child will be transitioned to his/her home environment or other less restrictive environment.

Day Treatment Program This program is a component of the Acute Residential Treatment Program providing a self-contained classroom. The program consists of a full day schedule of therapeutic and psycho-educational groups and activities covering topics such as anger management, conflict resolution, social skills, trauma, health, coping skills and relationship issues.

Shepherd Program is our specialized state-of-the-art outpatient counseling center, providing assessment services, individual, family and group therapy for children and adolescents who are victims of sexual abuse, human trafficking, have sexual behavior problems or are experiencing other trauma related problems. Clinicians have expertise in sexual abuse assessment and

STAAR (Supporting Teens and Adults at Risk) serves male and female survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking up to age 25 and their families.

SAFFE (Supporting Adoptive and Foster Families Everywhere) is a community based program aimed at preserving foster and adoptive placements for children/teens, statewide, up to age 18, that have either disclosed sexual abuse or are exhibiting symptoms of sexual abuse, such as sexualized behaviors.

Enhanced Out-Patient Services (EOS) This community-based program provides an array of services to help transition a child from placement to a secure home environment, or as a preventative measure, to reduce the risk of hospitalization. Services are provided by masters level clinicians and case managers. Services include, but are not limited to, individual, family and group treatment, coordination of care, assistance with attending appointments, and ensuring that families are deriving the benefits of community supports.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Services Through funds from the Victims of Crime Act, the Shepherd Program's Child and Family Trama Team provides a clinical team approach to families who have been impacted by sexual abuse. The Project provides intensive in-home services for families at risk of having the child removed from the home.

Beliefs and Values

Our services are child centered and family focused: We are committed to meeting the needs of the people that we serve. Effective decision making that balances autonomy, individual empowerment, and personal accountability is encouraged. Respect and compassion are the hallmarks of our work. We commit to a safe, nurturing atmosphere in all we do. Our aim is to foster the growth of children and families and this requires a full measure of both respect and compassion.

We commit to the long term healthy development of children: Children who have experienced abuse and neglect can develop into healthy adults. They are fully capable of participating in a life with the same opportunities, privileges and responsibilities as others in the community. We are committed to supporting the development of individuals through their lifespan.

We believe family members are an integral part of our clients' lives: Our first choice is always to support the successful reintegration of a child into his/her family's life. If this is not possible, we commit to finding alternative family settings with the goal of permanency for each child.

We commit to employing best practices in our work: It is our responsibility to seek out, and integrate best practices into our provision of services. We value innovation and creativity, and we reward our staff for demonstrating excellence in our field.

We will practice Continuous Quality Improvement & Evaluating Our Work: We recognize that the success of our organization is dependent on our willingness to look objectively at what we do, and to make the changes necessary to improve practice.

Our employees are the cornerstone of our agency: We recognize the importance of our staff and the contributions they make in the lives of our children and families. We are committed to offering education, training, and advancement opportunities that enhance employee professional development and a work environment that expresses both dignity and respect.

"I just wanted to thank you again for supporting me and helping me to be the dad I've always wanted to be but was told I would never be. The support I have from BBI has made a world of a difference and encourages me to keep moving forward with my relationship with my daughter...we have a lot of time to catch up on."

Client Profile 2016

Residential, School and Outpatient programs

The following are statistics and general information regarding the clients at St. Mary's Home for Children admitted in 2016. This does not include children who were already in place as of 12/31/15.

Total admittances – 482

AGE

1% are <5 years old 20% are 5-9 years old 30% are 10-14 years old 27% are 15-19 years old 2% are 20-24 years old 9% are 25-34 years old 7% are 35-44 years old 4% are 45-54 years old

GENDER

24% are male75% are female1% are other

LANGUAGE GROUP

94% are English speakers 6% are Spanish/English speakers

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

(as listed by parent/guardian)
32% Catholic
1% Episcopalian
6% Other
4% Baptist
57% no religion listed*

RACIAL/ETHNIC COMPOSITION

9% are Black/African American
20% are Hispanic/Latino
49% are White
18% are Multi Ethnic
2% are Cape Verdean
1% are American Indian
1% are Asian

WHERE DO THE CHILDREN COME FROM?

Providence Glocester **East Providence** Lincoln **Foster Narragansett** Woonsocket Westerly **Pawtucket Portsmouth Bristol Smithfield** Warwick **Tiverton North Providence North Kingstown**

Exeter/W. Greenwich
Cumberland
Burrillville
Newport
Middletown
Warren
Central Falls
Chepachet
Massachusetts
Connecticut
West Warwick
So. Kingstown
Coventry
Johnston
Homeless-no address

ANNUAL BUDGET: (year ending 6/30/17) \$\$8,207,041

Accomplishments FY' 2017

- Successful implementation of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI).
- Successful integration of residential and community-based services resulting in positive outcomes regarding permanency during aftercare component of BBI intervention.
- St. Mary's Home for Children was one of twelve agencies nationwide recognized in the July 2017 BBI publication: "Implementing Effective Short-Term Residential Interventions".
- St. Mary's Home and partner, Parent Support Network, co-presented webinars and in-person training on BBI implementation for providers and other State Child Welfare agencies.
- Revised the Families Impacted by Sexual Abuse Curriculum (Formerly known as Non Offending Parent Support and Education).
- Originally funded through the Victim's of Crime Act, the innovative Supporting Teens and Adults At-Risk (STAAR) Project has expanded, with the assistance of DCYF funding, to serve more young people who are victims of, or at risk for, sexual exploitation.
- Started new program, Supporting Adoptive and Foster Families Everywhere (SAFFE), to provide support to Foster and Adoptive Families who are struggling with maintaining children with significant trauma histories in their homes.
- Shepherd Program leadership chairs the Clinical Subcommittee of the RI Human Trafficking Task Force to develop best practice guidelines for working with exploited youth.
- Implemented Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) Committee chairperson celebrations and an Annual PQI Committee Fair.
- Full compliance with 2016-2017 external reviews conducted by State Fire Marshal, DCYF Licensing and Department of Health
- Implemented twice yearly Strategic Plan presentations open to all staff and Board members.
- Led by our Art Teacher, a book, "Myth About Me" was published, which contained student drawings and writings.
- Implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) into the campus school.
- Successful Children's Friendship Award event that honored Mayor Scott Avedisian and CharterCare Foundation.
- Awarded the Exemplary Worksite Health Award from the Greater RI Chamber of Commerce and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island.
- Re-instated tuition reimbursement
- Implemented merit-based increase system
- Successful Finance and Human Resource Audits.

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Vision

St. Mary's Home for Children is dedicated to helping children who have been affected by violence in their homes or communities and/or who have behavioral health issues. Our vision is to provide the opportunity for each child in our care to become a healthy adult, capable of healthy relationships. Our programs focus on providing children with the skills and strengths they need to cope with family, school and social environments. We provide families with appropriate supports as they strive to create healthy relationships. We seek to provide children in our care with positive and lasting relationships with adult role models and a permanent home base that they can return to as they need us. We seek to build a strong sense of self worth and raised aspirations for what each child can become.

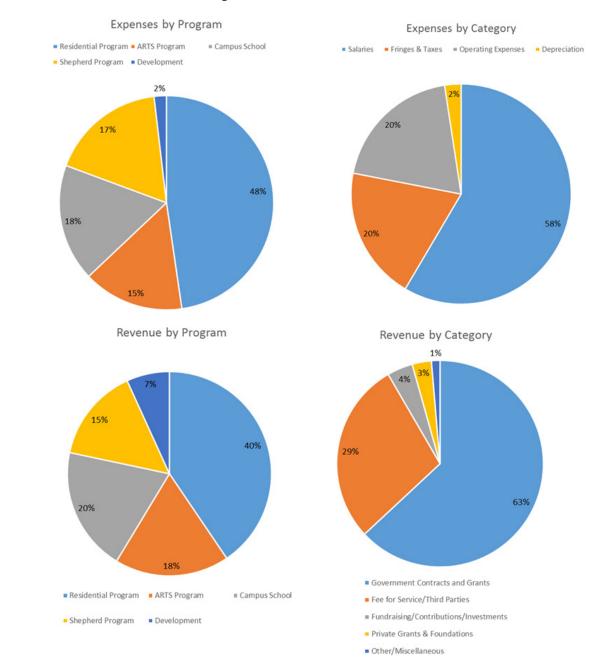


FY'17 Financial Report Pre-Audit

REVENUE BY PROGRAM		Amount		Percent
R	esidential Program	\$	3,364,324	40.8%
	RTS Program	\$	1,507,500	18.2%
	ampus School		1,632,889	19.7%
	nepherd Program		1,235,161	14.6%
	evelopment	\$		6.8%
	otal Revenue	\$	8,304,332	100.0%
EXPENSES BY	PROGRAM			
Re	esidential Program	\$	3,929,067	46.6%
Al	RTS Program	\$	1,254,544	14.9%
	ampus School	\$	1,459,616	17.3%
SI	nepherd Program	\$	1,440,169	17.1%
De	evelopment	\$	152,894	1.8%
Si	ub-total Expenses	\$	8,236,291	97.6%
N _e	et Operating Surplus(Deficit)	\$	68,041	
	epreciation	\$	203,838	2.4%
N _e	et Surplus(Deficit)	\$	(135,797)	
REVENUE BY	CATEGORY			
G	overnment Contracts and Grants	\$	5,235,902	63.1%
Fe	ee for Service/Third Parties	\$	2,373,248	28.9%
Fı	undraising/Contributions/Investments	\$	333,708	3.7%
	rivate Grants & Foundations	\$	250,380	3.0%
	ther/Miscellaneous	\$	111,095	1.3%
	otal Revenue	\$	8,304,332	100.0%
EXPENSES BY	CATEGORY			
Sa	alaries	\$	4,935,843	58.5%
Fr	inges & Taxes	\$	1,651,526	19.6%
0	perating Expenses	\$	1,648,922	19.5%
Si	ub-total Expenses	\$	8,236,291	97.6%
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	et Operating Surplus(Deficit)	\$	68,041	0.40
	epreciation (P. G. Li)	\$	203,838	2.4%
Ne	et Surplus(Deficit)	\$	(135,797)	

Revenue and Expenses by Program July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Financial Graphs



Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone for their generosity this past year. We are very fortunate to have the support of our friends in the community who enabled us to provide special activities for the children, support staff training, provide holiday gifts and assist with program funding. While we would like to recognize all our donors, the following is a list of corporate donors who responded to a grant request or provided special gifts. We apologize for any omissions. A complete list of donors may be obtain by calling our Development Office.

Alex & Ani American Legion-American Legion Auxillary Autumn Villa Boston Red Sox Foundation Building #19 Foundation **Building Bridges Initiative** Campbell's Soup Company CharterCARE Foundation CVS Health Diocesan Investment Trust Electric Boat Corp/Employees Community Srv. Assn. Emma G. Harris Foundation Emmanuel Church **Episcopal Charities Fund** Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Rhode Island Estate of Marion Law Friends of Lombardi, HCS Fund Greylawn Foods Greystone Social Club Ida Ballou Littlefield Memorial Trust

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We are grateful for all those who volunteered their time to work with the children or did landscaping work to make our expansive campus beautiful.

-Director of Special Education Martha Morris

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"I have never worked with an agency that cared as much as your staff.
Thank you all very much for your help during these difficult times."

"I feel good because I feel like I'm building my relationship with my family and that they understand me because you guys help me communicate to them and we could not understand each other before. I feel like I have opened up so much with the help you guys give me"





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