



2024

ANNUAL

REPORT



CONTENTS

Mission and Vision	→	1
One Year in Review	→	2
Program Overview	→	3
Financial Overview	→	4
Human Resources Overview	→	6
Magnolia Youth Services Overview	→	7
2025 Strategy	→	8
Ways to Donate	→	9

Mission

Through Jesus Christ, Methodist Children's Homes seeks to bring hope and healing to hurting children of Mississippi.

Vision

Become a national leader in providing innovative therapeutic services to children and family



ONE YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 has been a year filled with growth, joy, and transformation for the youth at Methodist Children's Homes. Not only did we exceed our fundraising goal for the year, but through love and care, we have created unforgettable memories and provided life-changing opportunities for our youth.

In 2024, we had the privilege of serving 89 youth on campus while also supporting children across 11 foster homes. We celebrated an adoption of a child and we celebrated a group home youth who graduated high school and now attends Holmes Community College. In October, we hosted our first-ever Human Trafficking Conference which sold out.

Off-site adventures brought smiles, laughter, and new experiences including a Valentine's Ball and an unforgettable Spring Break trip to Dallas. Our youth explored the Dallas Cowboys stadium, played on the practice field, cheered on the Dallas Mavericks, and more. Other experiences included a trip to Geyser Falls Waterpark, meeting actor Cameron Arnett from The Forge, attending MS Comic Con, and zip-lining in Winona, MS.

Faith and spiritual growth remained at the heart of our mission. Our youth thrived in educational programs where they learned life skills like etiquette, sewing, car maintenance, and substance abuse awareness. They prepared for independence through driver's education, life-like baby simulations, and college visits. We started a mentoring program with Hope Rising of MS for the youth too.

As we look back on this incredible year, our hearts are full of gratitude. None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff, volunteers, and generous supporters who continue to uplift and empower our youth. With faith and determination, we look forward to another year of hope, transformation, and boundless possibilities in 2025.

Latoya Clark-Horne
COO of Methodist Children's Homes

Program Overview

Our Program is Therapeutic in nature. Our approach to caring for the youth who come through our gates is a holistic approach. All of our activities are focused in helping our youth heal 1) Spiritually, 2) Physically, and 3) Mentally. In 2024, MCH served 89 children and youth. The information below illustrates activities and successes our youth experienced in 2024.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AT MCH

Number of Baptisms: 2
Number of youth in Discipleship Classes: 7
Number of Bible Study lessons: 40
Number of Revival services: 3
Weekly Church Services were held

FOSTER CARE:

Total number of families in 2024: 11
Total number of children served: 13
Total number of adoptions: 1

SUCSESSES:

Number of youth who received a driver's license: 12
Number of youth who graduated: 1
Number of youth enrolled in college: 1
Number of youth in Transitional Living: 1
Number of youths who had a job in 2024: 17

ACTIVITIES:

Total number of Activities: 101
On-Campus Total Activities: 72
Off-Campus Total Activities: 29



Financial Overview

Income:

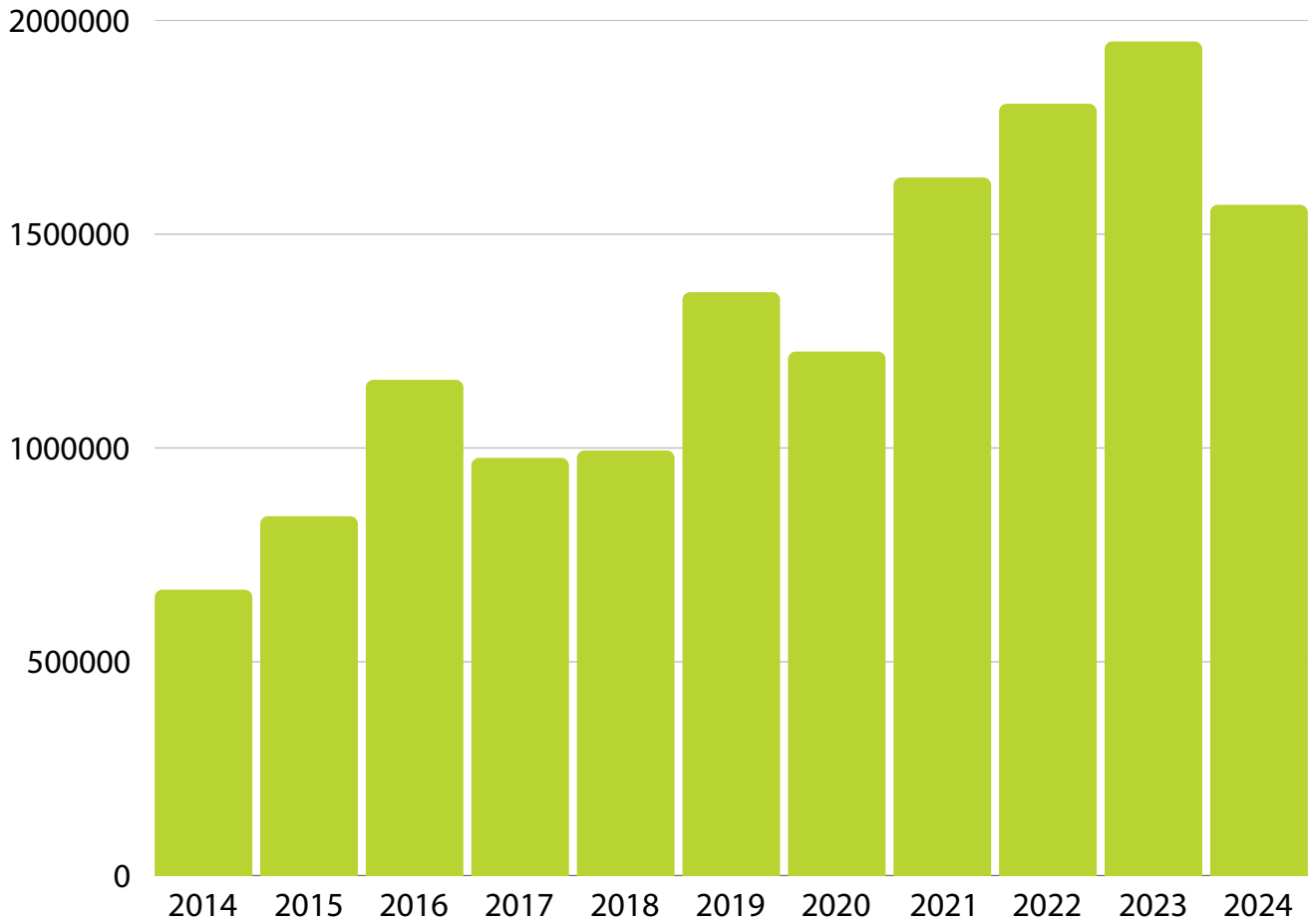
Expenses:

\$1,568,626
**Total Gift
Income**

\$7,881,318
Total Expenses

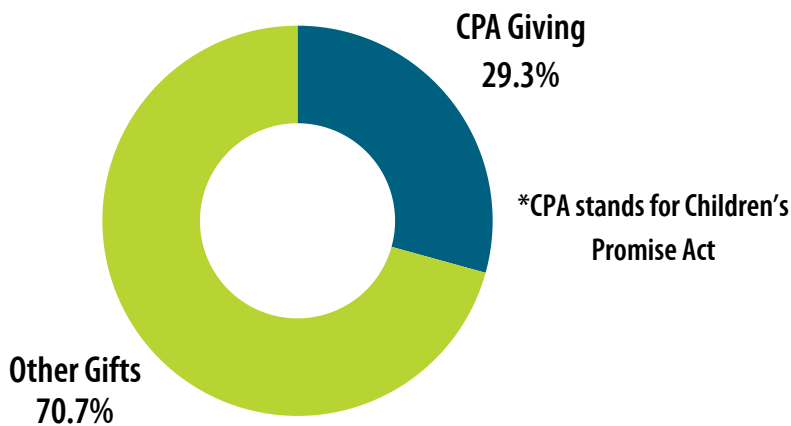
\$8,330,707
**Revenues from Services
provided, interest
income, leases, etc.**

Total Giving 2014 - 2024



Note: Corporate Giving to Methodist Children's Homes was down in 2024, while individual giving increased.

2024 Gifts:



\$783.92
2024 Average Gift Amount

Human Resources

Overview

Methodist Children’s Homes of Mississippi’s Human Resources Department has worked diligently in 2024 to improve employee retention and to provide training opportunities for employees. Training helps our employees better serve the youth who live on campus. Below is the 2024 summary of statistics from our Human Resources Department.

2024 Employment Statistics:

- Beginning Number of Employees: 77
- Ending Number of Employees: 66
- New Hires: 46
- Turnover Rate: 43.6% which is down from 53.8% in 2023
- Employee Training hours: 28.75 hours/employee
- New hires complete a total of 54.5 hours of training
- 3 employees completed TBRI Practitioner Training* in June 2024.
- 15 Employees received the Amazing Grace Award, our Employee Recognition award.

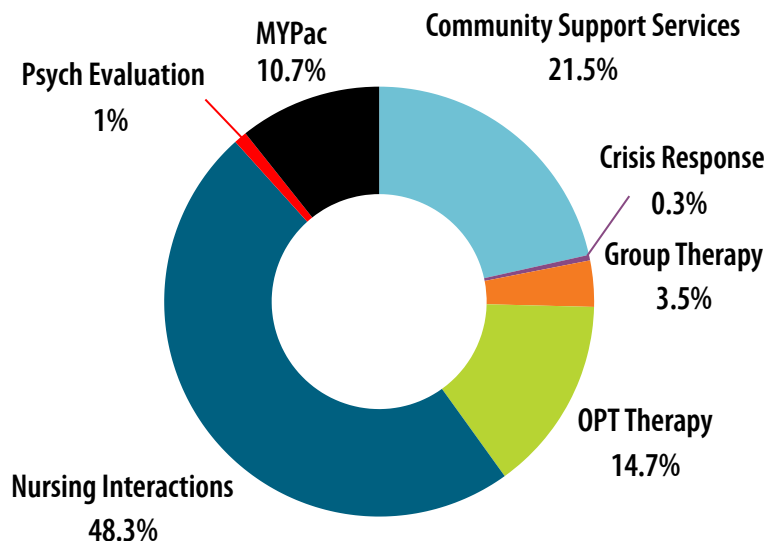
*NOTE: TBRI stands for Trust-based Relational Intervention, which is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children

Magnolia Youth Services Overview

Methodist Children’s Homes of Mississippi has an on-site Counseling and Therapy clinic called Magnolia Youth Services (MYS). Magnolia Youth Services provides counseling and therapy to the youth on our campus and in the surrounding community. The MYS Clinic is certified through the Department of Mental Health to provide Crisis Services, Wraparound Care, Outpatient Services, and more.

STATISTICAL SERVICES

- Total Youth served in 2024: 89 youth/children
- Total Therapeutic Interactions: 7,032 units
- Total Nursing Interactions: 3,603 units
- Total Psychiatric Treatments: 73 units
- Total billable Therapeutic Interaction: 10,918 units





Looking Forward: 2025 Strategy

It has been a pleasure to lead MCH through 2024. I consider this the pinnacle of my career and am incredibly blessed to have an opportunity to work with amazing people on behalf of some terrific kids.

As we embark on 2025 and the years ahead, I am delighted to report the Board of Managers have developed a three-year strategic plan that will strengthen MCH's ability to serve children and families in Mississippi. This plan will make MCH a more effective tool for Christ, while also prioritizing the care and support of our dedicated staff and foster families.

Among our objectives for 2025:

- Dramatically increase recruitment and training of foster families who feel called to serve teenagers—creating launch pads for teens in our care
- Transition to a new level of care called Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs), allowing us to provide the best evidence-based treatment modalities to our kids
- Strengthen partnership with Mississippi's Department of Child Protective Services to meet the needs of the state's most vulnerable and traumatized teens
- Enhance the self-care program for MCH staff—who are the hands and feet of Christ as we serve our youth
- Seek continued guidance and support from the Board of Managers as we prepare for MCH's 130th anniversary in 2026.

Gretchen Cook

CEO of Methodist Children's Homes

Donate in 2025

In 2025, Methodist Children's Homes has a goal to raise \$1,555,500.00. We hope and pray that you would help us not only in reaching this goal, but also in exceeding it. In addition to meeting our donation goal, we have a goal to increase our monthly donor members from 68 to 100. Because of you, we get to help these children and youth discover what the Lord God has planned for their lives. It is a joy to watch them grow and move on from past traumas and use their testimonies for the Lord. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of our children and youth. Will you continue to join us as we seek to bring hope and healing to the lives of children and youth in Mississippi?

To join us in reaching our goals of raising \$1,555,500.00 and increasing our monthly donor membership, donate by scanning the QR code below or visit www.mchms.org/ways-to-give/donate-now/

You can also mail your donation to....

Methodist Children's Homes of MS
805 N Flag Chapel Rd
Jackson, MS 39209

Use the camera app on your phone to scan the QR Code!

