



ANNUAL  
REPORT

# A DOOR OF HOPE

FOSTER CARE  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



FY 20/21 EDITION



## 9 CHILDREN EVERY DAY

More than 9 children in crisis are removed from from their homes everyday in our region of Florida.



## NOT ENOUGH HOMES

With the ongoing shortage of foster homes, many children end up sleeping in offices or group homes.



## IF THE CHURCH STEPPED UP

The problem would be solved if 1 family from each church in our region opened their home to 1 foster child.

**THE NEED** >>> **PROBLEM** >>> **SOLUTION**

# A HOME FOR EVERY CHILD

## OUR VISION

To provide a Christian home for every child in crisis.

## OUR MISSION

To provide hope for children in crisis by fulfilling the spiritual mandate to care for the modern-day orphan.

## OUR GOAL

300 Christian foster homes by 2023.

## OUR CORE SERVICES

### RECRUIT

We constantly seek out and screen potential new Christian foster families.



### TRAIN

Starting with info sessions through parenting classes we prepare each family to foster.



### LICENSE

From home visits to extensive paperwork we license each foster home.



### SUPPORT

This is our heartbeat. We personally care for and pray with each family.



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### GODLY DANIEL

Stories are vital. Whether it's the story of a foster child hearing the Gospel for the first time, a story of life transformation, or the story of a family that responds to the need with a call from God to love kids in crisis and provide them with real hope.

With this being our tenth anniversary year, these pages tell you the story of what happens when the church takes up the call to love the modern-day orphan as the Father loves them. I pray this update encourages and inspires your faith and gives you a brighter hope for the many kids in crisis in our community.

Because of your support and generosity, we have provided hope to 1,588 children

since 2011. Amazing! 427 in just the past year alone! Incredible!

I am so grateful for our faithful families and partners who made it possible to recruit, train, license, and support a total of 383 foster families. Of which 182 are currently active providing love and hope for over 200 children right now.

As you read this report, please join me in thanking God for all He has done in the past ten years and rejoice about lives that have been transformed, some eternally.

As we look forward together, I am filled with hope and gratitude to partner with you to accomplish this vital mission.

## THE BOARD

Chuck Ammons  
*Teaching Pastor, Overflow Church*

Cynthia Lake Farrell  
*Executive Director (retired), Children's Dream Fund*

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*Foster Parent*

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*Partner, Ellison | Lazenby*

IMPACT AT A GLANCE  
FY20/21 AND TOTAL

**LAST YEAR**      **SINCE 2011**

CHRISTIAN FOSTER HOMES

**182**                      **363**

52 OPENED IN FY20/21

FOSTER CHILDREN SERVED

**427**                      **1588**

CHILDREN ADOPTED

**35**                        **151**

FOSTER PARENT INQUIRIES

**324**                      **1670**



# WHERE WE WORK FY20/21

## START

In 2011 we started in the tri-county Tampa Bay area.

## NOW

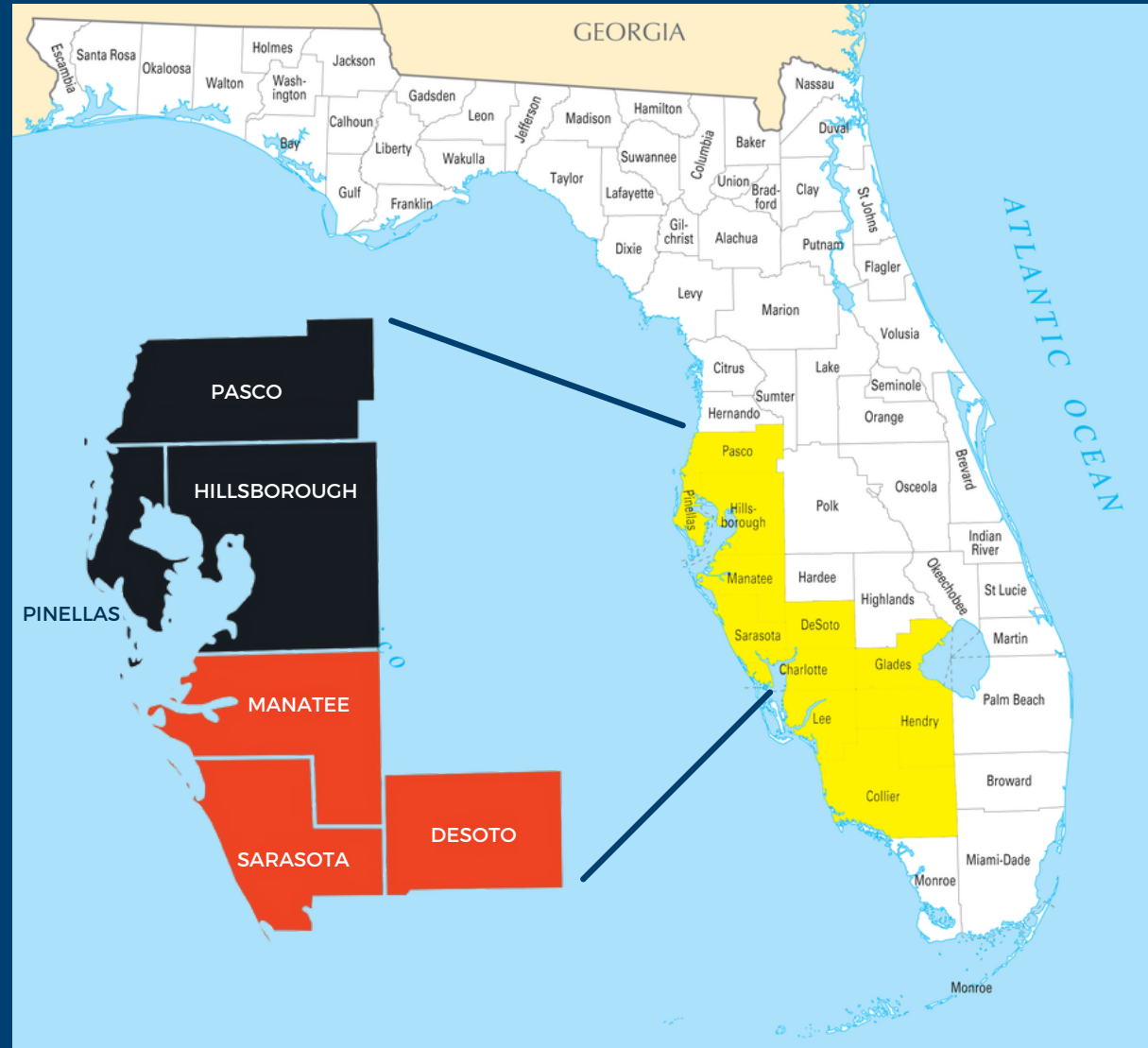
In 2020, God opened the door to expand into Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties.

## FUTURE

Our hope and dream is to cover the entire Suncoast region of Florida.

### FLORIDA'S SUNCOAST REGION

*Has the highest removal rate in the state.*



SOURCE: Florida Department of Children and Families. Removal of children from their homes .

# SIBLING GROUP HOMES

The Slaviks are one of our outstanding sibling group homes. In four years they have had an incredible impact:

- With mom staying at home they provide emergency daycare to help our local state agency for kids who suddenly come into care. Otherwise, these kids would sit in offices. Now these kids experience a safe, loving place to play, eat, and nap while Jolene shares the love of Jesus with every one of them.
- They also serve as a short-term respite home providing fellow foster parents a much-needed break or vacation.
- So far they've clearly seen two children come to know Jesus.
- Many kids have been reunified with their parents.
- They currently have two children they hope to adopt.
- Recently, when their landlord decided to sell their rental home our community acted with a new home and movers. Amazing!



## TRANSFORMING LIVES

This true account is from a bio mom about one of our foster moms who operates a sibling group home

"My son has autism and she is WONDERFUL with him. My kids LOVE being with Ms. J. I appreciate the hard work and dedication she gives to my children during a time that I needed help. She is a GREAT foster mother. She goes over and beyond to make sure that the children in her care have EVERYTHING they need. When we have our visits, they always tell me how much they love her."

This story has a happy ending. Mom and kids are all back together and they've all been introduced to our heavenly Father thanks to A Door of Hope foster mom, Jenna.

Jenna's home has room for 5 high-needs kids. She took a step of faith in 2019 and left her well-paying job to love and care for these kids because she knew God was calling her to do this full time. God is providing through us - His people - The Church.



# PROVIDING LOVE AND HOPE



## Matt and Christina Eben, 4 years

Christina: "Even though it's stressful. If I don't do it, who will? Sometimes I know I still have the fight in me to do it for these kids. They can't do it for themselves. They don't have the power to be heard."

Matt: "I've had co-workers ask me, 'Why do you put the stress on your family and help a child that's not yours?'" Christina: "When a little one shows up at your door 10:30 at night and is giggling and laughing and cuddling. That's why you do it."

Matt: "It sheds a whole new light on these children. They're not just a child on the news that sleeps in an office or wherever. They are children that need to be loved. We have the ability to do it. We have been called to do it and we keep pushing forward and see who we can bless any way we can."

## Darren and Liz Agüero, 9 years

Darren: "One of the biggest questions I always hear from people is, 'I could never give them away. How do you give them away?' Well, we're kind of the mindset that our job is to take care of them and to love them for the moment and to prepare them for their forever family. Whether that family is back with their parents or anybody else. Our job is to just love them."

"I also get guys that ask me all the time, 'Is it hard on you? Is it hard on the family?' It is. We cry when they leave. But as soon as one leaves, there's **another one that needs our love and attention**. So I would just challenge all of my men out there. Take a leap of faith. You can handle it. You've been through a lot with your own kids. And **you've got enough love to give to somebody else**. Just take a leap of faith and do something good for the community."





*"Both of us have a calling. Even at a young age God has called us to have many children. What we've felt God stirring up in us over the past few years is to bring those children to your family whether it's a short period of time or forever. Jesus calls us to die to self. That's been one of the big things in our home is to die to self. As I'm dying to self how am I doing that?"*

**Paul and Trudy Loots, new foster parents**



**Danika and Garin Knutson, 4 years**

Danika: "I said, 'Just come to an orientation with me. Let's just go and see what you think.' We went to the orientation and he saw how great the need was. After that Garin said, 'Let's do this.' Since then it's been a wild ride and totally worth it."

"We are making a difference not only for the children who come into our home, but for the children's bio parents, their families, our family members who have not been exposed to foster care. It's just like when we want to spread the Gospel, it starts out where we're finding an area that needs healing. Who's a better healer than God? We have a great opportunity here to show these families who are going through hurt, going through pain, why we do it. It's because God called us to do it and show them the same love God shows us."

**Andrew and Colleen Legg, 2 years**

Andrew: "Foster care is definitely a ministry on multiple levels. Praying with them at night. You're doing bedtime routines and baptizing them at church. You're just saturating them with your love for God."

"It's not only ministry to the child themselves, but then you have the whole side of co-parenting and being involved with the whole family. We've been able to have really intense Gospel conversations with not only them, but other family members. Meeting extended family and being able to invite them to church and have them come out. Their siblings come to youth group. It really is a local mission field."



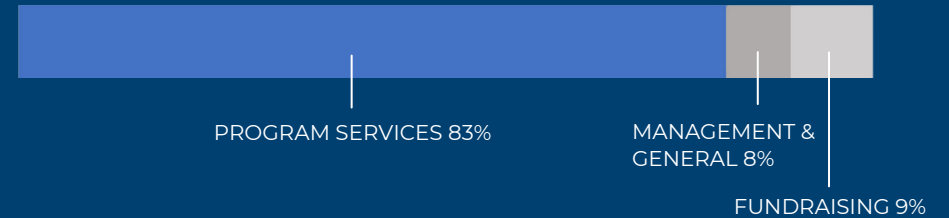
# FINANCIALS

FY20/21

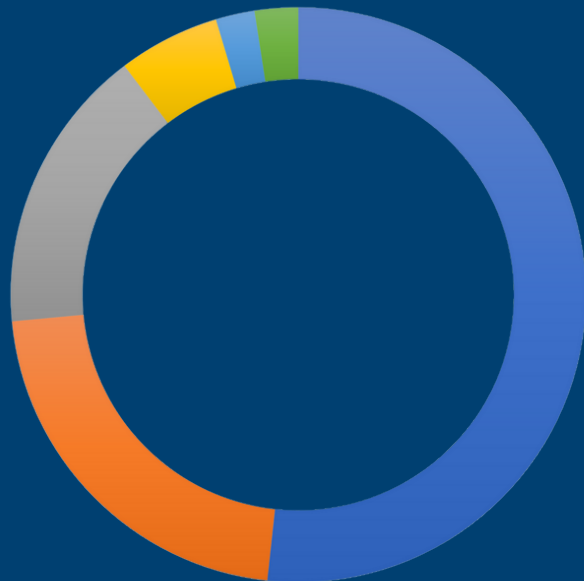
## TOTAL REVENUE

**\$1,476,498**

## EXPENSE ALLOCATION

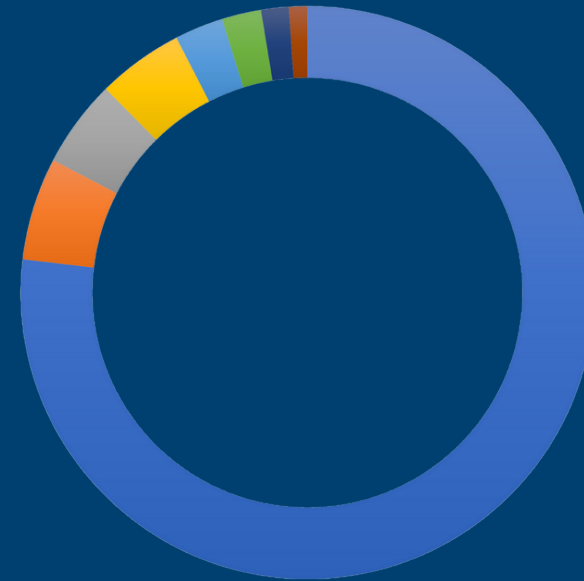


## REVENUE BREAKDOWN



- STATE FUNDING 52%
- GENERAL GIFTS 22%
- EVENTS 16%
- GRANTS 6%
- CHURCHES 2%
- OTHER 2%

## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



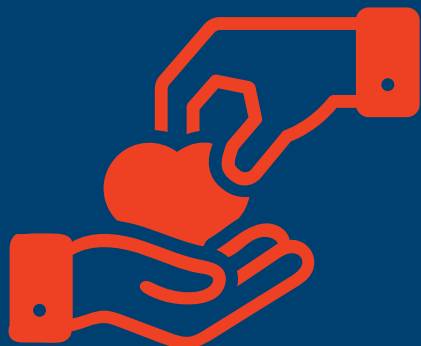
- STAFF COMPENSATION 76%
- PROFESSIONAL FEES 6%
- EVENTS 5%
- SUPPORT SERVICES 5%
- OFFICE EQUIP. & SUPPLIES 3%
- TRAVEL & MEALS 2%
- MARKETING 2%
- RENT 1%

*Our mission is accomplished by our dedicated staff for kids in crisis.*

## GET INVOLVED

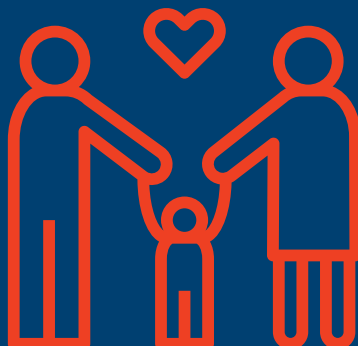
Join us in providing hope for kids in crisis

### GIVE



- Become a Monthly Protector
- Sponsor an event
- Become an advocate

### FOSTER



- Become foster parents
- "Adopt" a foster family
- Volunteer

### PARTNER



Become a...

- Church partner
- Business partner
- Prayer partner

## GET IN TOUCH

### PHYSICAL ADDRESS

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"And I will make the Valley of Trouble a door of hope." Hosea 2:15