

# Thank You for Supporting Our Kids

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFT AND ASK YOU TO STAY INVOLVED THROUGH ONE OF THESE OPTIONS:

## ADVOCATE

- ▶ **FOLLOW ACH ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** Help hurting children by sharing our stories with your connections.
- ▶ **ATTEND A LEARNING LUNCH.** Find out how ACH helps children, families and the community. [ACHservices.org/learning-lunches](http://ACHservices.org/learning-lunches) to register.
- ▶ **BE A HOST.** Invite ACH to your next staff, business or community meeting to learn more about the issues and get your group involved. Call 682.432.1062
- ▶ **LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY-BASED CARE.** Learn how we're driving improvement in the foster care system at [OurCommunity-OurKids.org](http://OurCommunity-OurKids.org).
- ▶ **SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL BUSINESS VENTURE.** Belltower Chapel & Garden, a wedding venue on the ACH Wichita Campus, directly benefits the children and families served by ACH by providing revenue directly to the organization. [BelltowerFortWorth.com](http://BelltowerFortWorth.com) The Jo and Holt Hickman Center provides a historic setting for events and receptions. Contact [Julie.Brown@ACHservices.org](mailto:Julie.Brown@ACHservices.org)



## CARE

- ▶ **BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT.** To learn more, visit [ExperienceFosterCare.org](http://ExperienceFosterCare.org) or call 817.886.7140.
- ▶ **VOLUNTEER.**
  - yACH Young Professionals
  - Women's Auxiliary
  - Connections for LIFE Mentor
  - Supper Club[ACHservices.org/volunteer](http://ACHservices.org/volunteer)
- ▶ **ORGANIZE AN IN-KIND DRIVE.** We need gift cards, hygiene products, and undergarments. Call 817.886.7174



## HOPE

- ▶ **BECOME A MONTHLY ACH HANDS-ON HEROES DONOR.** You can be a hero by supporting the children we serve through a monthly gift they can count on. To join this club, and to view additional giving options. Visit [ACHservices.org/monthly-giving](http://ACHservices.org/monthly-giving)
- ▶ **SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL EVENTS.** For details on all ACH events, visit [ACHservices.org/connect/events](http://ACHservices.org/connect/events).
  - ▶ Every fall, **Hoot 'n Holler** benefits ACH residential programs.
  - ▶ **Lend A Hand Luncheon** offers opportunities to talk about the critical issues facing our youth and to join together with one voice to show how much we care during National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.
  - ▶ **Super Hero Family Fun Fest** is a free community event. [ACHservices.org/super-hero](http://ACHservices.org/super-hero)
- ▶ **BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER.** A company or community organization can offer their time, talent and treasure through volunteerism, in-kind and financial support and become a partner in fighting child abuse and neglect. Call 682.432.1062

**FOR 24-HOUR CRISIS CALL RESPONSE, CONTACT:**  
 817.335.HOPE (4673) | 888.296.8099  
[HELP@ACHservices.org](mailto:HELP@ACHservices.org)



TOGETHER WE DEVELOP SOLUTIONS THAT CREATE SAFETY, HOPE, LOVE AND THE CAPACITY TO THRIVE.

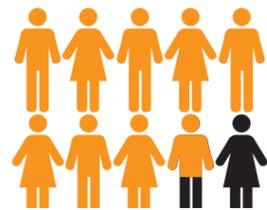


# Your Community at a Glance

DURING 2018

# 5,842

The number of children who were abused or neglected in Tarrant County - **THE FOURTH HIGHEST NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.**



Tarrant County children suffer the **4TH HIGHEST RATE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT – 10.78 per 1,000 –** above the state average of 8.75 per 1,000.



An estimated 14,981 children living in Tarrant County are homeless—**ENOUGH TO FILL 27 OF FWISD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO CAPACITY.** And over half are under age 6.

# The ACH Continuum of Care

## CRISIS INTERVENTION | When a crisis strikes, every minute counts.

▶▶ Our 24/7 hotline is staffed by skilled, bilingual professionals who can determine best course of action through ACH or through a referral to other community services. Last year, Our **ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (AIRS)** team answered 4,748 calls.

▶▶ For youth feeling unsafe or threatened, help is as close as the nearest **SAFE PLACE** site, including all area QuikTrip locations. With one call, fast help will be coming from ACH.

▶▶ Our **YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER** offers 24/7 safety and care to youth ages 10-17 who are runaways, homeless or experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation and/or trafficking. ACH works to quickly reunite them with their families or find alternative living arrangements.

▶▶ The **TURNING POINT** program at our Wedgwood residential campus provides innovative, short-term intervention and stabilization for foster youth and their families to help prevent hospitalizations and placement disruptions.



## FAMILY SERVICES | We are committed to always thinking family first.

▶▶ Last year, ACH's Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) provided 6,286 counseling hours valued at \$1,024,000 free of charge. Offering **REAL HELP FOR REAL LIFE**, Youth and Family Counseling and Skill-BUILDER Classes deal with issues like anger management, bullying, depression, reducing conflict and parenting wisely.

▶▶ When children can't live with their biological families due to abuse and neglect, ACH **FOSTER CARE** finds caring adults who open their homes and hearts to children needing a safe, family environment. **TREATMENT AND THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE** services provide the level of care needed by children with special needs or emotional/behavioral issues.

▶▶ Our **KINSHIP CONNECTIONS** program places foster children in the home of a relative or person who knew the child before he or she was removed from their home. The program is voluntary and ACH provides 24/7 on-call support, training, and support groups to help with the transition of becoming a caregiver.

▶▶ The goal of our foster care program is reunification, but when that is not possible ACH **ADOPTION** services matches children with a caring, forever-family who has been educated about their needs and embraces them into their family with a lifelong commitment.

▶▶ **FAMILIES TOGETHER** provides transitional housing for single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence. At the same time, ACH helps them heal from their trauma and develop their independence.

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES | Providing a caring, stable and safe environment during healing.

▶▶ Our Wedgwood Residential Campus features six houses and a private park where kids can attend local schools while learning to deal with their trauma. **BEHAVIORAL CARE** helps kids with moderate to severe behavior problems, ages 4-12, learn adaptive behaviors in a structured residential environment.

▶▶ The **SUMMIT** program is an innovative crisis stabilization and respite program delivered in a home-like setting for youth 10-17. Summit acts as a caring alternative to what can be more traumatizing hospitalizations.

▶▶ Wedgwood also provides the **MORRIS PROGRAM** for 14-17 year olds who are unable to live with their families. The program assists youth with family reunification and also develops life skills to support their transition to independent living.

▶▶ The **LIFE PROJECT** (Learning Independence from Experience) is a supervised independent living program for youth who age out of foster care, ages 18-21. Living and learning in a more self-directed environment, it inspires the confidence and self-sufficiency needed for youth to live on their own.

▶▶ An innovative **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER** puts some of the most vulnerable youth in the foster care system on an accelerated path to success. When these teens understand they are in a safe place with adults who can be trusted, our goal is to help heal their trauma within a year. We can then connect them to a support system before eventually living successfully in a family.

## COMMUNITY-BASED CARE | An improved approach to foster care.

▶▶ In 2014, ACH created the **OUR COMMUNITY OUR KIDS** (OCOK) division to pioneer an innovative, improved approach to foster care services in Texas. The improvements OCOK

delivered in seven North Texas counties—including keeping abused and neglected children safe, quickly finding placements within their community and keeping siblings together more

often—helped Community-Based Care become state law in 2017. OCOK continues to lead the way as the only nationally accredited community-based care contractor in Texas.



### MISSION STATEMENT

*Safety, hope and love for all children.*

*Through strength-based partnership, ACH Child and Family Services (ACH)*

*brings resources and skills to children and families*

*struggling with life's challenges.*

*Together we develop solutions that create safety, hope, love*

*and the capacity to thrive.*

