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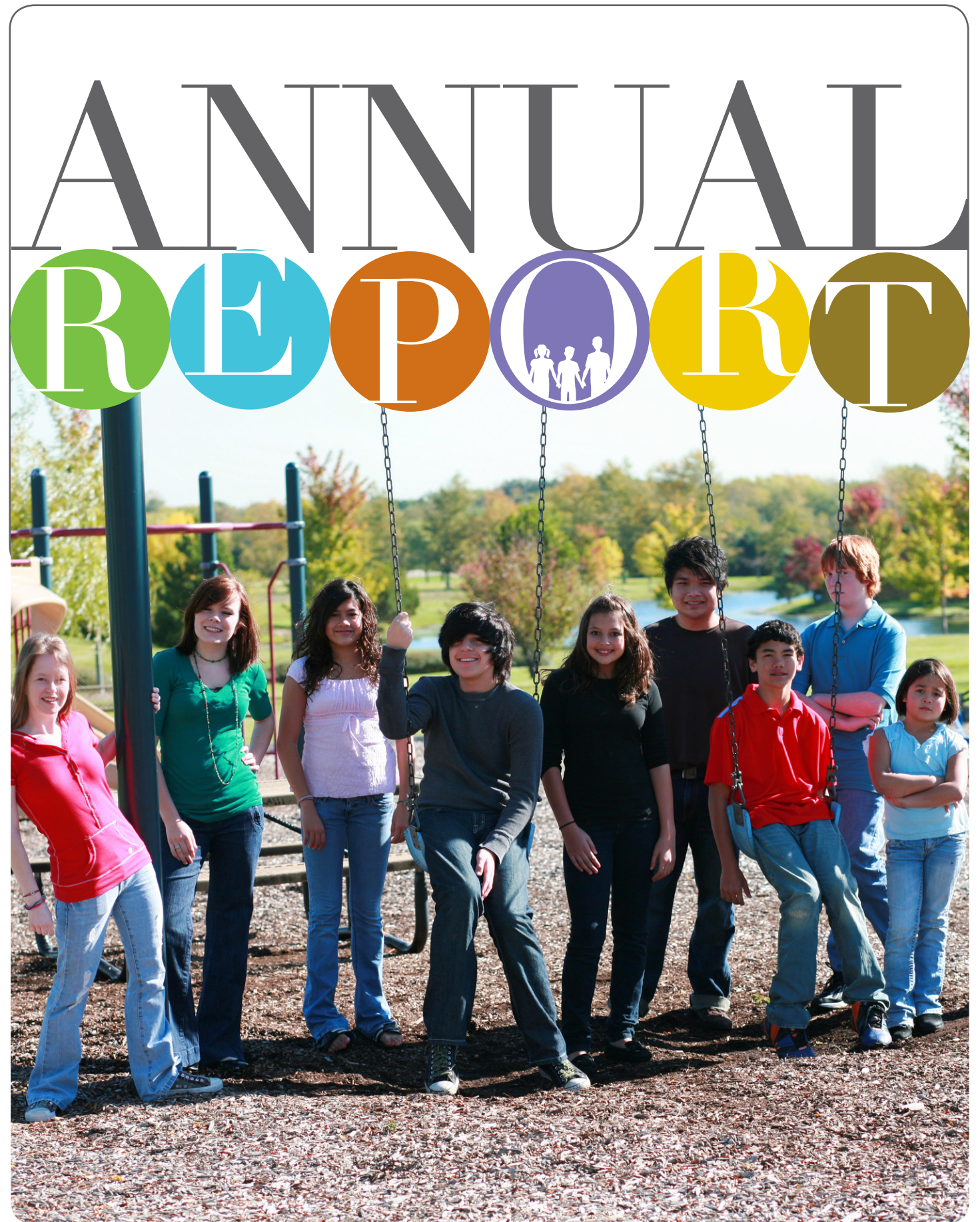
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AT ECH EVERY CHILD'S HOPE, BABIES FROM SIX WEEKS TO 21 YEAR OLD YOUNG ADULTS, AND MANY TIMES THEIR FAMILIES, COME AND GO FROM OUR PROGRAMS. SOME ARE WITH US FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME WHILE OTHERS STAY LONGER. NO MATTER WHAT THEIR AGE, THEIR NEEDS OR THEIR LENGTH OF STAY, THE STAFF OF ECH TREATS EACH YOUNG PERSON INDIVIDUALLY, WITH INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND GOALS. WE TAKE THE TIME TO LISTEN TO WHAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE TO SAY. THEY ARE MORE THAN JUST A CLIENT. THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE OUR PASSION. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

# ECH



## SARAH'S DRIVE

Sarah came to the ECH Steppingstone program with a young child in hand while she was still in high school. She needed help with parenting and graduating from high school. Sarah had plans. She wanted to graduate and go to Tennessee State. She wanted to major in Business and someday start her own agency to help teen moms.

Sarah had been adopted when she was very young. The adoption did not work out and at not quite 16 years old she became pregnant. When she came to ECH Steppingstone, she was 17 years old with a baby in her arms and needed help finding housing. That did not change her dreams, however. If anything, it made her more determined. So ECH moved her into an on-campus apartment and offered her parenting and life skills training. Always an excellent student, Sarah enrolled in high school, participated in many extracurricular activities and even held down a part time job her senior year. ECH helped her financially, and Sarah was accepted to Tennessee State. She was ready to move on.

But to Sarah's disappointment, she could not find housing for a young woman and her child at Tennessee State. With encouragement from ECH staff, Sarah decided to stay in the Steppingstone program and enroll in community college.

Today, Sarah is continuing to excel. She is on the Dean's List; her daughter is well taken care of; she has a job working for a cleaning company; and she is living in a community based apartment. Recently, the Family Finding program at ECH even helped Sarah connect with her biological family to provide more support. As part of the of the Steppingstone Leadership Team, Sarah and the others petitioned the Administration at ECH with a request for WiFi in all apartments. Sarah, as many others in her situation, found she needed to have the internet connection in order to do her school work and continue to care for her daughter. ECH made sure that all the young adults had access to WiFi in order to help them continue to succeed.

## DAVID'S MOTIVATION

David was dealing with a lot when he came to ECH at the age of 15. He and his mom were both physically abused. He had developmental delays. He was autistic. He was schizophrenic. Because of all of this, he was placed in our Social Behavioral Learning Unit and, understandably, he had trouble dealing with impulse control.

In his first few weeks at ECH, David really struggled. He was violent, tried to run away several times and the police were called for reinforcement. Despite all this, David was well liked. He was outgoing with the staff and other kids. Still, David would easily get angry. His staff diligently worked with him, teaching him coping skills and how to remove himself from a situation that would trigger his anger.

To help David, the staff decided to set up a reward system. If he could go one week without fighting or trying to run away, he would earn his favorite treat, a carton of chocolate milk. This took some doing. David was taught to go to his room and listen to music when something was making him angry. And every week that he did well, David was given the coveted carton of chocolate milk.

After two years, David was ready to move on. He has moved to a group home in Columbia, Missouri to be closer to family. He has finished school and wants to be a cook at Steak n Shake.



## ASHLEY'S HOPE

Ashley knew what she wanted. She wanted to live with her Grannie. She just didn't know how to ask for fear that no one would listen. Ashley had been in and out of foster care since 2010. She had several failed attempts to return home to her mother and was sent to live with other various relatives. She was assigned to a case manager at ECH and because of their close relationship, Ashley finally voiced her request. The wheels were in motion.

ECH supported Ashley and her Grannie. They helped Grannie become a licensed foster care provider and worked with the two as they navigated their new relationship beyond granddaughter and grandmother. Ashley was able to remain in her school and her grades began to improve. She was named the captain of the dance team and she has started to visit colleges. Ashley is looking at a career in law enforcement and wants to help other kids like her find their voice.

"I am so grateful that my case manager listened to me," she said. "I have wanted to live with Grannie for years, but was always afraid to ask."

# 2015 at a GLANCE...

## RESIDENTIAL FACTS

AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH SERVED: **15 YEARS OLD**  
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY: **159 DAYS**  
**40%** OF THE INCOMING ADMISSIONS TO RESIDENTIAL WERE FROM INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL  
**77%** OF INCOMING ADMISSIONS HAD ISSUES WITH AGGRESSION  
**50%** OF THE YOUTH DISCHARGED WENT TO A NON-INSTITUTIONAL SETTING

SERVED  
**83**  
YOUTH

## STEPPINGSTONE SAINT LOUIS

AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH: **18.5 YEARS**  
**38%** OF OUR YOUTH CAME TO ECH FROM AN EMERGENCY SHELTER  
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY: **200 DAYS**  
**79%** OF THE YOUTH DISCHARGED ACHIEVED TOTAL INDEPENDENCE

SERVED  
**68**  
YOUTH

## STEPPINGSTONE KC

AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH: **18.2 YEARS OLD**  
**29%** OF THE YOUTH SERVED CAME FROM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
**15%** OF YOUTH SERVED WERE FROM EMERGENCY SHELTERS  
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY: **143 DAYS**

SERVED  
**81**  
YOUTH

## EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

**24 BOYS AND 39 GIRLS**  
AVERAGE AGE OF CHILDREN SERVED: **3.5 YEARS OLD**  
**91%** OF THE CHILDREN ACHIEVED THEIR DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

SERVED  
**63**  
CHILDREN

## ECH SCHOOL

**34** STUDENTS CAME FROM ECH  
**66** STUDENTS WERE FROM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
AVERAGE STUDENT AGE: **15 YEARS OLD**  
**94%** STUDENTS INCREASED THEIR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN 2 OF 4 AREAS

SERVED  
**96**  
YOUTH

## FAMILY SOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

AVERAGE AGE OF YOUTH SERVED: **11 YEARS OLD**  
AVERAGE LENGTH OF TREATMENT WAS **98 DAYS**  
AVERAGE HOURS PER FAMILY SERVED: **28 HOURS**  
**99%** OF FAMILIES REMAINED TOGETHER FOLLOWING TREATMENT

SERVED  
**312**  
FAMILIES

## FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGEMENT

**47** CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOUND A PERMANENT PLACEMENT  
**40** SIBLING GROUPS WERE SERVED

SERVED  
**278**  
YOUTH

## OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

**ECH EMPLOYS THREE DOCTORS:** 1 FULL TIME AND 2 PART TIME  
**62%** OF YOUTH IMPROVED THEIR BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

SERVED  
**936**  
YOUTH



# COST OF CARING 2015

## Revenue

Client Fees	\$ 7,102,292
Government Grants	\$ 3,410,389
Contributions	\$ 997,946
Miscellaneous	\$ 32,043

**TOTAL REVENUE \$11,542,670**

## Expenses

St. Louis Residential Program	\$ 3,874,121
Kansas City Steppingstone	\$ 1,504,853
St. Louis Steppingstone	\$ 1,248,111
Outpatient Psychiatry	\$ 693,742
Family Solutions for Kids	\$ 704,587
Family Case Management Services	\$ 949,875
Early Education Center	\$ 548,005
ECH School	\$ 1,149,269

Total Program Expenses	\$10,672,563
Total Fundraising/PR Expenses	\$ 321,126
Total Management and General Expenses	\$ 1,368,211

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$12,503,700**

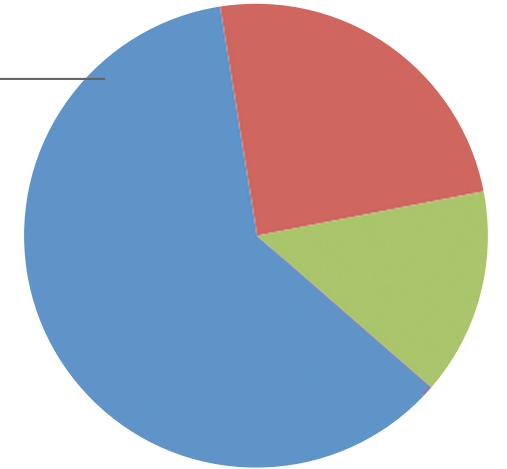
Surplus/Deficit Program	\$ (961,030)
Investment Income	\$ (583,581)
Surplus/Deficit Agency	\$ (1,544,611)
2015 Year-End Net Assets	\$25,921,239

## Expense Breakdown

Development	\$ 278,605
PR	\$ 141,800
KC PR/Dev	\$ 42,521
Marketing	\$ 69,965
General and Administration	\$ 1,298,246
Capital Expenditures	\$ 272,121



- Client Fees 61%
- Government Grants 30%
- Contributions 9%



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TOTAL FREE SERVICES FOR 2015: \$1,627,536

DONATIONS TO RESERVE FUND \$259,834

- Program Expenses 85%
- Management & General Expenses 11%
- Fundraising 4%

