

Letter from the CEO

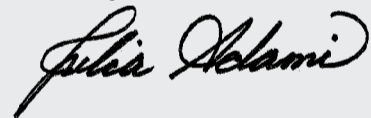
Julia Adami



Spring at ECH has truly been about new beginnings and growth! We had a joyful celebration on April 18th at our Grand Opening of the William N. Dill Youth Development Center at our St. Louis location. That day will long be remembered as we are so humbled by the hundreds of people who came to celebrate with us and thankful for the tremendous support they showed ECH and its mission. It is an exciting time for our staff, but also for the children who are housed on campus today.

This building will further our service delivery within our Qualified Residential Treatment Program and give us the opportunity to serve more children and families. For them, it will be a welcome move into the brand-new facility, with handmade blankets from our volunteers, new furniture set in a design that is optimal for congregate living, and custom-made spaces to heal. So many people had a hand in making this a reality, and we are forever grateful to all the generous souls who supported our capital campaign!

Sincerely,



Julia Adami

William N. Dill Youth Development Center Opens with Celebration



The new William N. Dill Youth Development Center was honored with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 18, 2024 that was attended by local leaders, donors, and friends of ECH. A new chapter in how ECH approaches residential care is now beginning within its walls.

Youth come to live on our campus to receive treatment for mental, emotional and behavioral health challenges related to significant trauma or abuse. They are connected with a team of professionals who wrap them in care and create a customized plan for meeting their individual needs. They heal in a safe and structured therapeutic environment. They get the tools they need to continue healing once they return to the community when their treatment is complete.

Our residential treatment program helps young people develop skills that will help them be successful for the rest of their lives. Most importantly, the program provides hope that anything is possible.



The building was named by lead donor Warren Dill, who chose to honor his father.

“The new center affords us the opportunity to provide trauma-informed care in a state-of-the-art, therapeutic environment. We are excited to be under one roof instead of several well-worn buildings.”

KIM HANDLANG
ECH's Residential Treatment Director

MORE PHOTOS INSIDE!

Make a Difference All Year Long



You can provide hope for every child ECH serves throughout the year by joining the **EVERYDAY HOPE MONTHLY GIVING CLUB**. Knowing that we can count on your support every month helps us budget and work a little more efficiently. Your kind donations go further each month to provide the critical care that can make a difference in the life of a traumatized child or family.

The easiest way to set up your monthly donation is to go to our website and select Donate on the top menu bar, or click the QR code below. You can charge your bank card or debit your bank account each month. It's quick, easy, and secure. Just set up your amount and forget it. If you do need to make a change or stop your donations, just give us a call. It's that simple.

No matter how you choose to give to ECH, rest assured that your contributions are impacting the lives of children and their families every day of the year. Thank you.



FORE! Golf tournament set for September 16th

Join us for a great day of fun and fellowship at ECH's 24th Annual Golf Classic. This year's tournament will be September 16, 2024 at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, MO. Early bird prices before August 1 are \$1,100 for a foursome, \$1,300 for a Premier team, or \$300 for an individual golfer. Proceeds support ECH programs across Missouri. Visit our website for registration details or email us at golf@everychildshope.org.



ECH Welcomes New Leaders

ECH is pleased to welcome two talented new executives to our leadership team.

IRENE ALBERRO

Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Alberro is a results-driven and resilient administrator with three decades of experience in healthcare systems. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration and her Master's in Business Administration from Monroe College in New York. She contributes to team success through advanced skills in developing and executing plans that drive efficiencies and reduce costs while maintaining best practices and quality customer service.



PETE GUIFFRIDA

Chief Financial Officer

Pete has worked in the nonprofit sector for the last 12 years holding many different leadership positions during that time. Pete earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-St Louis and also worked in the private sector for over 20 years.



Did You Know?

ECH first began serving the Kansas City area in 1978 with a girls-only residential treatment program.



William N. Dill Youth Development Center Celebration

Below: St. Louis County Councilwoman Rita Heard Days presents a proclamation and congratulates Board President Shari Smith.



Below: Visitors to the new Dill Center are greeted at a cheerful reception desk.



Right: Former CEO Michael Brennan shares thoughts on the long-term planning and fundraising efforts that led to opening the new building.

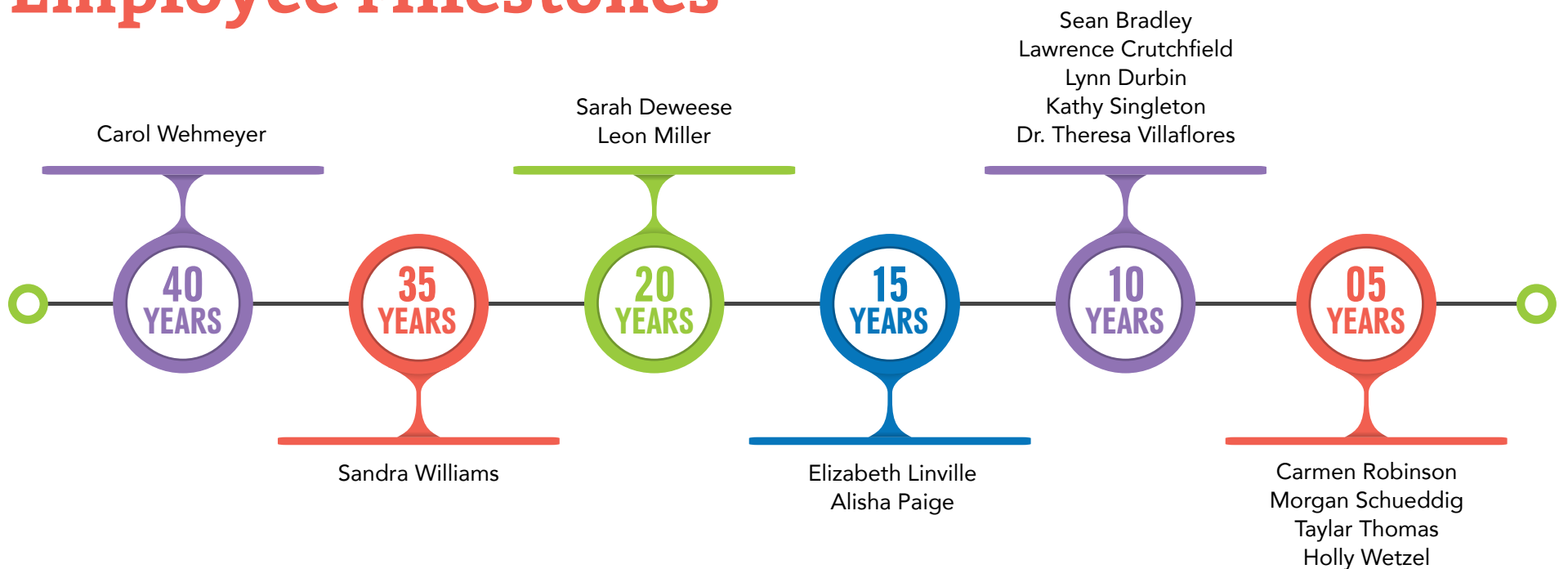


Above: Music was provided by young musicians from HEAL Center for the Arts.



Click here to see inside the Dill Center!

Employee Milestones



Donor Spotlight: Tressa Neely



Tressa Neely admits that she did not have a close relationship with her mother as a child. Even as an adult, there was a distance between them that never was completely bridged. When Tressa's mother passed recently, Tressa discovered that her mother kept journals.

While reading the journals, she learned that her mother spent three years at Every Child's Hope (then the German Protestant Orphans Home) in the early 1940's.

"I didn't know much about ECH until I read her journals and read about the work, but it was important for me to honor my mother as a way to heal our relationship. She was loved there."

"She loved it there," Tressa discovered. Her mother recounted how she played with other children in the park and traded items for bubble gum.

When asked why she makes a monthly donation, Tressa shared that ECH helped shape her mother's character which was passed on to her and my children. "I want to bring happiness to the world."

A Look Back

Look out below! Boys throw bales from the hayloft of the old barn that was on our historic St. Louis campus when it was a working farm.



Save the Date!

Join us on September 16, 2024 for the 24th Annual ECH Classic Golf Tournament!



Hope for Every Child. Healing for Every Family. Every Day.

ECH adopted this tagline over five years ago to describe our place in the world and the drive behind our mission. We are here to provide exceptional services to children and families throughout Missouri, giving them the care they need today and the hope that will carry them into a brighter future.



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2023 Annual Report

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SHARI'S NOTE

We have much to celebrate this year at ECH! From the opening of our new William N. Dill Center to the addition of talented staff, we are taking our organization into the future with the tools we need to help children and families heal. We are grateful to the donors, friends, staff, and board who believe in our mission and support our work.

– Shari Smith, Board President



JULIA'S NOTE

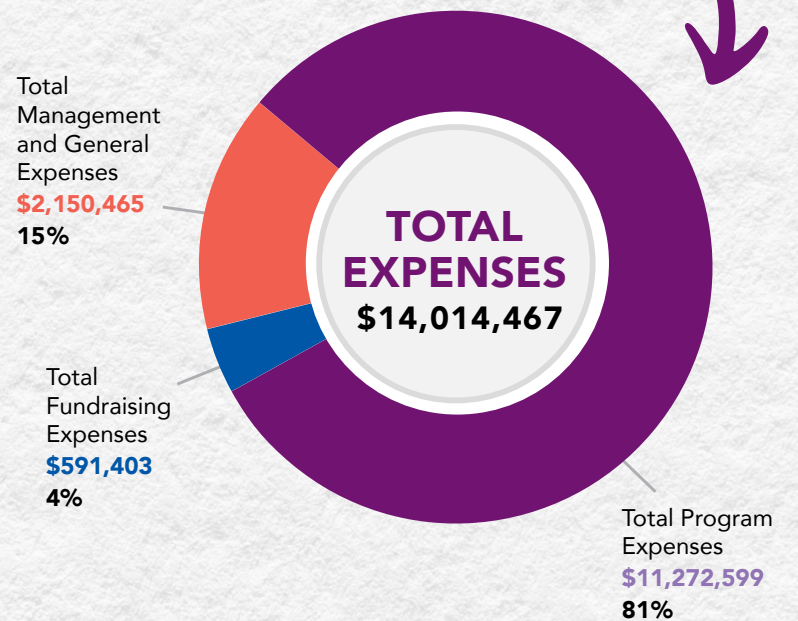
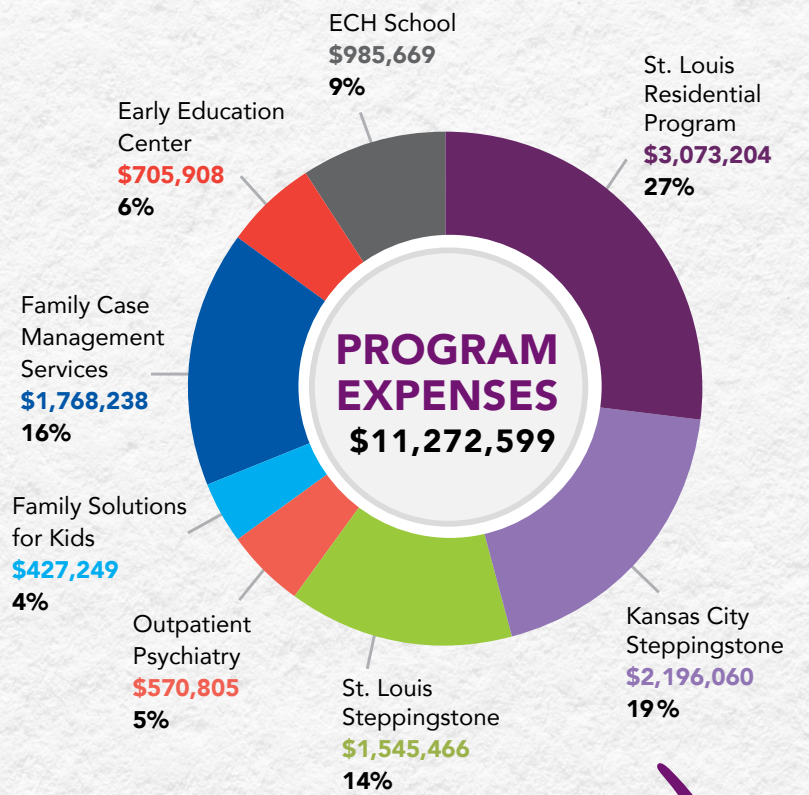
It has been an honor to lead the ECH team during my first year as CEO. The staff and the board keep youth and families at the center of everything we do, rising to meet their needs through exceptional services. I am excited by what lies ahead for us and thankful to be a part of the ongoing legacy of this organization.

– Julia Adami, MS, LPC, Chief Executive Officer



2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

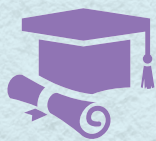
ECH is committed to using its resources in the most efficient and effective manner to fulfill our mission. We maintain the highest level of accountability to our clients, donors, partners, funders, employees, and the community.



AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS



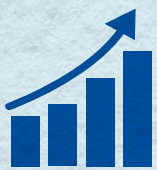
Foster Care Case Management team exceeded their goals for permanent home placement of children in our care.



The ECH School improved Wide Range Assessment Test (WRAT) scores across all subjects.

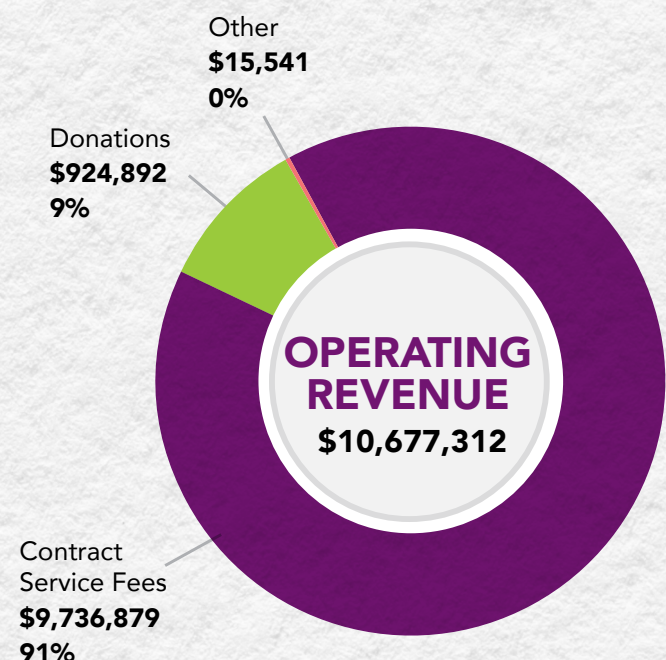
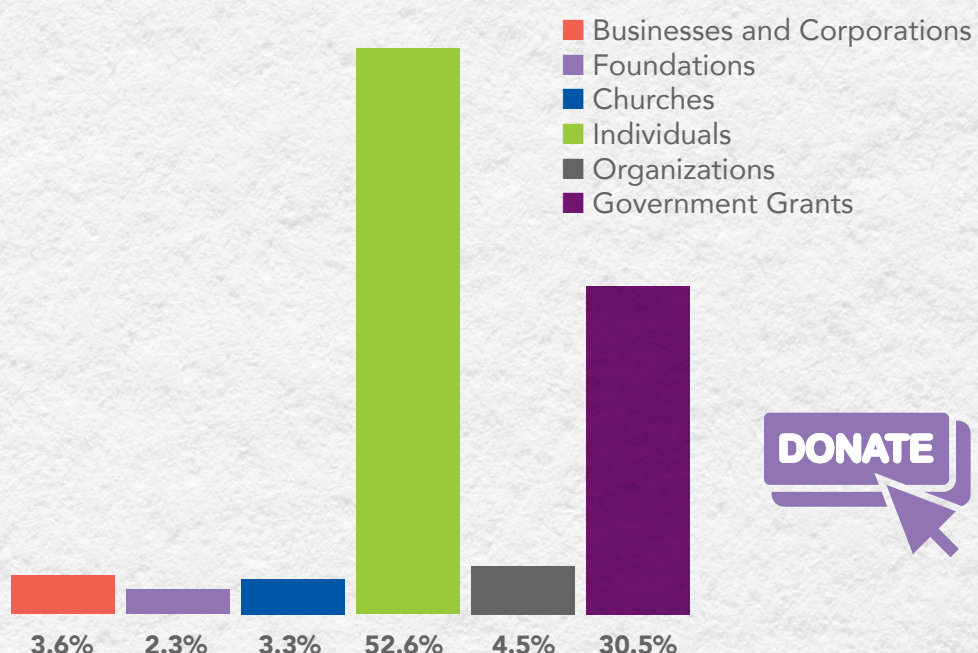


The Life Skills Hub opened on our Kansas City campus to provide Steppingstone program resources.



Our Outpatient Psychiatric Services and Family Solutions for Kids programs outperformed their Children's Global Assessment Scale (CGAS) scores that measure mental health treatment progress.

DONOR BREAKDOWN





Residential Treatment

ECH's nationally-recognized residential treatment program is licensed to provide intensive, full-time care for young people ages 6-18. Youth receive individual, group, and family counseling as well as case management and psychiatric services. During their stay with us, they find a safe place to address their unique challenges and learn skills that can help them return to family and community life.

The William N. Dill Youth Development Center was under construction throughout 2023 and will replace our existing cottages with a new setting where youth can heal.

Children served	29
Male.....	29
Female.....	0
Average age of client.....	15
Average length of stay.....	172 days



Steppingstone Transitional Living

The Steppingstone program is offered in Kansas City and St. Louis to guide youth ages 16-21 as they navigate the transitional time between childhood and independent adulthood. Services are customized to each participant's needs and can include housing, life skills training, case management, mental health services, and medical coordination. Steppingstone helps young adults gain the knowledge and confidence they need for a successful future.

STEPPINGSTONE ST. LOUIS

Youth served	43
Male clients	19
Female clients	24
Average age of client.....	18
Average daily census	386 days

STEPPINGSTONE KANSAS CITY

Youth served	69
Male clients	29
Female clients	40
Average age of client.....	18
Average length of stay.....	151 days



Education Services

The ECH School welcomes students grades K through 12 from throughout the St. Louis area who struggle in a traditional classroom as well as children who are a part of our Residential Treatment program. Grouped in classes of 10 or less, they are able to access individualized learning plans while also receiving mental health supports throughout the day.

ECH SCHOOL

Youth served	56
Average age.....	14
Grades served.....	2nd-12th



Home and Community-based Services

ECH's Home and Community-based offices are in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Union, and Dexter to assist families during their most difficult moments. Family Solutions for Kids is an in-home program that helps the whole family learn new ways to address problems and relate to one another. The Foster Care Case Management team works with families by providing them with the tools and support needed for a happy, healthy future. Outpatient Psychiatry offers access to crucial behavioral health services that are in otherwise short supply.

FAMILY SOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

Clients served	376
Average age.....	11
Average length of service.....	172
CGAS scores improved.....	89%

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT – CENTRAL REGION

Clients served	187
Average age of clients.....	9
Permanent families created	34

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT – EASTERN REGION

Clients served	161
Average age of clients.....	8
Permanent families created	23

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT – SOUTHEAST REGION

Clients served	189
Average age of clients.....	7
Permanent families created	46

OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRY

Clients served	867
Average age of clients.....	14
Average length of services	438
CGAS scores improved.....	82%

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Mission Statement

Partnering with the community to assist children, youth and families in their unique pursuit of health and wholeness through quality, professional, and faithful services.



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