



2025 Impact Report

Tori's Story A Home. A Diploma. A Future.

At 17, Tori was carrying responsibilities that no high school student should have to shoulder. She worked full time while finishing her senior year, paying for her own food and figuring out how to get to school every day. After work, she would stop at the grocery store to fill her backpack with what food she could afford, then ride her bike three miles home. Without reliable laundry facilities, she often scrubbed her clothes by hand in the sink. Every day was about survival.

When a school counselor told her about ECH's Steppingstone program, she didn't believe it. The idea that someone would provide her with an apartment, a living stipend, life-skills coaching, and the ability to focus on school instead of simply getting by sounded "too good to be true." But she decided to trust her counselor, and that decision changed the course of her life.

Tori still remembers walking into her ECH apartment for the first time. The first thing she noticed was her brand-new bed. More than the furniture, it was the feeling that stayed with her. For the first time, she had a clean, safe place that was truly her own. She no longer had to worry about coming home to uncertainty. Instead, she could focus on building a future.

With the stability that Steppingstone provided, Tori graduated from high school – an accomplishment she isn't sure would have been possible without ECH. Today, she is the first in her family to attend college and is completing her nursing training through a St. Louis community college. She is preparing for clinicals and is excited to



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Every Day

become a licensed practical nurse, knowing it will open doors to a career filled with opportunity.

Along the way, Tori says ECH gave her more than housing and financial support. It taught her to trust, helped her grow in confidence, and surrounded her with people who believed in her. Staff members became the people she turned to before exams, during difficult moments, and while celebrating milestones. "It's good to know they're always in my corner," she says.

Today, the future that once felt impossible feels wide open. Tori dreams of continuing her education, earning her bachelor's degree in nursing, traveling, and building a career where she cares for others. Looking back, she sees ECH as the turning point that allowed her to stop worrying about surviving and start believing in everything she could become.

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"I feel proud of being able to have my own apartment with the help of ECH. I feel proud of being able to graduate high school, because my senior year I was going through so much. I don't think without ECH and the resources, I don't know if I would have been able to do that by myself. And I definitely feel proud of being a first generation college student."



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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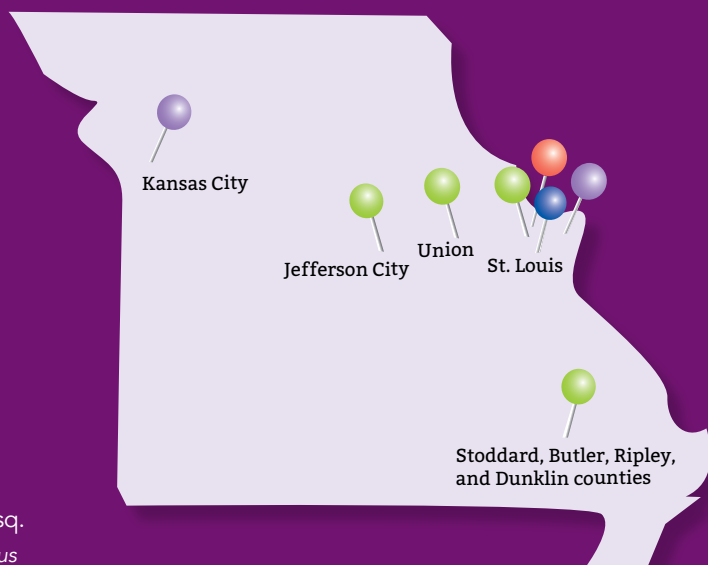
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“When I look at my life, ECH gave me one thing and that was hope that everything would be okay. You’re going to fall. I fell so many times. I still picked myself up and dusted my knees off and continued on no matter what. And it’s always because of the hope that I got from here that I would be successful, that I would be a good parent, that I would have my own family. I will always be in debt to ECH. I am where I am today because of this place.”

– Larry, former participant in ECH residential program

2025 Highlights



Total clients served: **2,250+**

Foster Care Case Management served **1,150 CLIENTS** who were an average age of 8.7 years old. We created **138 PERMANENT FAMILIES**.

Our Family Solutions For Kids program served **318 CLIENTS** who were an average age of 11.4 years old. Of those youth, **74% SHOWED IMPROVEMENT** in their psychological and social functioning scores.

Our Outpatient Psychiatric Services program served **503 CLIENTS** who were an average age of 14.3 years old. Of those youth, **82% SHOWED IMPROVEMENT** in their psychological and social functioning scores.

The ECH School served **77 STUDENTS** in grades 5-11 with an average age of 15 years old.

Our Residential Treatment Program at the Dill Center served **85 CLIENTS** who were an average age of 15.7 years old, staying an average of **152 DAYS**.

Our Transitional Living Program served **99 YOUTHS** in Kansas City with an average age of 19, staying an average of **148 DAYS**.

Our Transitional Living Program served **41 YOUTHS** in St. Louis with an average age of 19.7, staying an average of **340.7 DAYS**.



“Serving as Board President of Every Child’s Hope is both an honor and a reminder of what is possible when compassionate people come together. **Every day, I am inspired by our team and the resilient children and families we serve across Missouri.** As we put our new strategic plan into action, we are guided by a bold vision for the future, one that expands our impact, strengthens families, and creates even more opportunities for children to heal and thrive. Thank you for being a part of our mission.”

Shari Smith, ECH Board President



“As we embarked on 2025, one of our main initiatives was to complete a five-year strategic plan that would go through 2030. Our plan is bold and robust, asking each staff member to participate in implementing it. **We’ve committed to a focus on four major goals that we anticipate will be vital as we embark on impacting lives across Missouri.** These goals will impact those we serve and those who serve with major emphasis on expanding services and funding streams, maintain or improve positive outcomes for all we serve, promote operational efficiency via evaluation and technology, maintain good stewardship to carry forth our mission, and ensure our employees feel valued to retain and attract the best people.”

Julia Adami, MS, LPC, Chief Executive Officer

2025 Financials

