

2022

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend and Valued Supporter,

Reflecting on 2022 and the impact we have had supporting children and families in foster care, I am excited to share some news with you.

Last year, we expanded our Foster & Adoption Program (FAP) by providing post-adoption services to our children and families. The reality for adoptive families is that all the support they receive leading up to adoption ceases once the adoption is complete. However, thanks to our new program, The Settlement Home is now able to provide ongoing services to families after adoption, which increases the chances that the adoption will be successful and permanent.

As we observe a growing need for residential care in Texas, we are excited about the possibility of increasing the number of youth we can house and serve. Thanks to a generous donation from the Northwest Sertoma Club of Austin, we were able to purchase a home adjacent to our main campus that we plan to remodel with hopes of converting it into a home for seven teenagers.

Trying and challenging times like those we have all experienced in the last few years make us strong, and it is our relationships and connections that keep us moving forward. The community of support that exists in and around The Settlement Home makes it possible to keep going and growing, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Thank you for being part of this important work. We simply could not do it without you!

My best, Darcie Deshazo



Located in Austin on a 10-acre campus, The Settlement Home for Children is a licensed nonprofit that helps children in foster care access the support they need to restore and preserve a permanent sense of well-being.

Our mission is to promote healing and growth in children, young adults and families by providing a continuum of care, support and resources.

We serve individuals who have experienced severe emotional trauma, abuse and neglect.

Our vision is to end the cycle of child abuse.



How we help children in foster care heal and grow.



# **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER**

Our Residential Treatment Center (RTC) provides 27 beds for girls and young women ages 11–21 in a highly structured environment with 24-hour therapeutic support. All residents at The Home come to us with urgent, critical needs. Our RTC is a safe and nurturing environment that enables them to begin trusting the healing process.

## **GROUP HOME PROGRAM**

Our Group Home Program (GHP) provides 23 beds for girls and women ages 11–21 in a home-like setting with 24-hour therapeutic support. The goal of the GHP is to create a family-like environment while giving our residents the opportunity to practice independent living skills that help them prepare for adulthood.

#### **TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM**

Our Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides 11 efficiency apartments on campus for young women 18 and older who are not quite prepared to live on their own. Residents receive case management and therapy and build independent living skills.

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# **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOL**

Our on-campus University of Texas Charter School serves students from sixth through 12th grades and provides special education services, credit recovery and tutoring. The school serves between 25 and 35 students each day.

## **FOSTER & ADOPTION PROGRAM**

Our Foster & Adoption Program (FAP) works with Child Protective Services to provide either a temporary or permanent home for boys and girls of all ages who can no longer remain in their current living situation. Our FAP trains foster and adoptive families in trauma-informed care, supports them through the foster and adoption process and provides post-adoptive services such as therapy and resource referrals.

## **AFTERCARE SERVICES**

Our Aftercare Services supports current and former residents, connecting them to resources in the community and helping them prepare for increased selfsufficiency as well as educational and professional success.









#### 22,115

safe nights were provided to chi our residents, meaning they adul were safe while in our care our a

children and young adults served through our Aftercare Services

**51** 

#### 55

children served through our Foster & Adoption Program

#### 100%

of students in our UT Charter School advanced to the next grade level



530,760

hours of therapeutic

care were provided

to our residents

83

children in our

residential programs

(RTC, GHP and TLP)













WHO WE Serve			
Ages		Ethnicities*	
9%	0-5 years old	32%	White
3%	6-13 years old	40%	Hispanic/Latino
52%	14-18 years old	18%	African American
6%	19+ years old	10%	Other/Not Report

\*These ethnicity titles are used by the Texas Department of Family and Protectives Services.





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