



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Greg
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Alexander
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
n/a
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Methodist Children's Home Society (MCHS) Family of Services – The Fowler Center
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
2315 Harmon Lake Road, Mayville, MI 48744
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
The Fowler Center
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Greg Alexander | District 98
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. The proposed \$1,000,000 investment in The Fowler Center's new inclusive playground and Therapeutic Recreation and Activities Center provides significant public benefit and represents a sound and appropriate use of taxpayer funding.

Located in rural Mayville, Michigan, The Fowler Center—part of the nonprofit MCHS Family of Services—serves over 950 individuals annually, primarily youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and emotional impairments (EI).

This project directly supports the health, independence, and inclusion of a historically underserved population by creating equitable access to outdoor recreation and therapeutic programming. Outdoor play and inclusive activities are proven to enhance physical health, cognitive development, emotional well-being, and social skills. Additionally, data from Harris Interactive shows that physically active individuals with disabilities experience higher employment rates and job satisfaction, emphasizing the broader societal benefits of accessible recreation.

The project provides long-term infrastructure that complements existing programming such as archery, ropes courses, horseback riding, and water sports, ensuring that every visitor—regardless of ability—can fully participate in and benefit from outdoor experiences.

MCHS is actively raising upwards of \$1,000,000 to support this effort and has already secured \$325,000 in private donations and grants. This demonstrates strong community buy-in and a shared financial commitment to the project's success. State funding would leverage these private contributions and accelerate the timeline for construction and delivery of services to the community.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it addresses a clear public health and accessibility need, aligns with state priorities for equity and inclusion, and strengthens Michigan's network of community-based supports for people with disabilities. It also stimulates regional economic activity through increased visitation and programmatic expansion.

The funding request is compliant with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution. It is not a grant or loan to a private individual or entity but a direct investment in a nonprofit organization that provides broad public benefits. The Fowler Center is a mission-driven nonprofit that operates for the public good, and the improvements will remain publicly accessible to eligible individuals from across the state.

In summary, this project exemplifies responsible stewardship of public funds, creating a high-impact, inclusive space that promotes health, accessibility, and community—while leveraging private investment and remaining fully compliant with constitutional requirements.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

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11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

n/a

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

Start - as soon as money is awarded | End - 2-3 months after start

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



MCHS
FAMILY OF SERVICES



Everyone Should have the Chance to Play!

SEEKING \$1,000,000 IN PARTNERSHIP

ABOUT US

Tucked away in the heart of Michigan's Thumb, in the village of Mayville, lies The Fowler Center of MCHS Family of Services. As a 200-acre, fully accessible camp, we exist to empower independence and personal growth through barrier-free outdoor learning and fun.

OUR COMMITMENT

We are dedicated to making outdoor play and recreation accessible for all. To this end, we're **replacing the outdated playground** at The Fowler Center, recently removed for safety reasons. The new playground will be designed to support our campers' diverse needs, featuring accessible, sensory-rich, and developmentally appropriate equipment. It will complement existing activities like climbing walls, archery, watersports, horseback riding, high ropes courses, and fishing—ensuring that all 950+ campers who visit each year can fully experience and enjoy the outdoors.



THE REASON

Accessible outdoor play significantly benefits individuals with disabilities, enhancing their physical, mental, and social well-being. For

children, inclusive play promotes cognitive and emotional growth and social skills through positive peer interactions. Adults with disabilities also experience improved health and life satisfaction through outdoor activities. A Harris Interactive survey shows that physically active individuals with disabilities enjoy higher employment rates and job satisfaction, underscoring the importance of accessible environments for the disability community.

ADDITIONAL PLANS

We are also thrilled to announce the construction of a state-of-the-art Therapeutic Recreation and Activities Center. This facility will be instrumental in transforming The Fowler Center into an innovative hub for care and outdoor recreation for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (IDD) and Emotionally Impaired (EI) community throughout Michigan.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

If you want to see a place where children and adults of all abilities can turn their dreams into reality and reach new heights, please support The Fowler Center today.

Kevin Roach

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OUR PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE



CHILD WELFARE

- Foster Care
- Licensing
- Adoption
- Treatment Foster Care



HOUSING

- Independent Living
- Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS)
- Supervised Independent Living
- My Friend's Place



COMMUNITY

- Senior Programs
- The Fowler Center
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Unaccompanied Children



MENTAL HEALTH

- My Safe Space - Crisis Mental Health
- Mental Health Services



RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

- Residential Care
- Aftercare Services
- Clinical/Case Management



EDUCATION

- Fostering Leadership Academy (FLA)

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TO SCHEDULE A TOUR,
LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUR FAMILY OF SERVICES,
AND DISCOVER HOW YOU
CAN JOIN THE FAMILY!**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS ON THE BACK!



COMMUNITY

Senior Programs

With our Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs, we partner with hundreds of local organizations, where senior volunteers give back and provide intergenerational support to youth through volunteerism, mentorship, and meaningful relationships.

The Fowler Center

We serve children and adults of all abilities through barrier-free summer camps, weekend respite camps, equestrian programming, and travel adventures.

Child Abuse Prevention

Through prevention services, we aim to develop and improve the quality, safety, and security of home environments and our communities, including supporting parents to learn and develop new and effective parenting skills for safer and happier futures.

Unaccompanied Children

We support refugee children through home studies, case management services, language and legal support, and long-term foster care.



MENTAL HEALTH

My Safe Space (MSS)

Serves young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. We provide crisis stabilization services to ensure our young people get the support they need to recover and stabilize quickly.

Mental Health Services

Offers personalized and individualized treatment to young people and their families by developing unique treatment plans that empower individuals to work toward healing and personal growth.



EDUCATION

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Our K-8 public charter school is dedicated to equipping students with academic and social-emotional skills essential for achieving academic success and reaching their full potential.



CHILD WELFARE

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Adoption

For children who are unable to reunify with their families, we find safe and loving forever families, enabling them to achieve their fullest potential.



HOUSING

Independent Living Plus (ILP)

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Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS)

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2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

The Power of Community



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Our Core Values

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We work collectively together and through partnerships to provide the best care possible.

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We make a positive impact on our communities.

Our Family of Services

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The Heartbeat of Community

Everyday Heroes

Emma and Andrew's journey brought them to our foster care program, where they found compassion with their maternal aunt and uncle, who welcomed them with open arms. While their mother sought healing, she made the heart-wrenching decision to release her parental rights, knowing Emma and Andrew needed stability. Their aunt and uncle then stepped forward, offering a forever home filled with love. This past year, their adoption was finalized, solidifying their place in a family built on sacrifice and care—just like so many of our dedicated foster parents.



A Graduate's Journey

At MCHS, high school graduation is more than a milestone—it's a celebration of resilience and the promise of a brighter future. Noah, one of our Independent Living residents, walked the stage with determination and triumph, having dedicated his senior year to finishing strong. He earned good grades, participated in activities, and enjoyed prom. Graduation was a testament to his perseverance. Now, driven by ambition, Noah is working at a local nonprofit supporting youth. As he carves out his place in the world, we're here, cheering him on every step of the way.

A Young Man's Determination

For the last several years, Michael has been taking riding lessons at The Fowler Center, where he's shown a natural talent for riding. Michael also has Down Syndrome, and in 2020, he experienced a stroke that impacted the right side of his body. Our dedicated

equestrian team worked closely with him to rebuild his riding skills. Last fall, after nearly two years of hard work, Michael accomplished something incredible—his first independent trail ride! The joy on his face as he guided Rosie along the trail was a true testament to his perseverance. Way to go, Michael!



Second Chances

"Tommy" was a 23-year-old expectant father without stable housing or a high school diploma. His future was uncertain until he found My Friend's Place, where a dedicated case manager helped him turn things around. Through the program, Tommy joined Detroit Youth Build, a construction pre-apprenticeship that offered him not just a job but a path to a career. With temporary housing, life skills training, and parenting classes, Tommy gained the tools and confidence to build a better future for himself and his growing family.

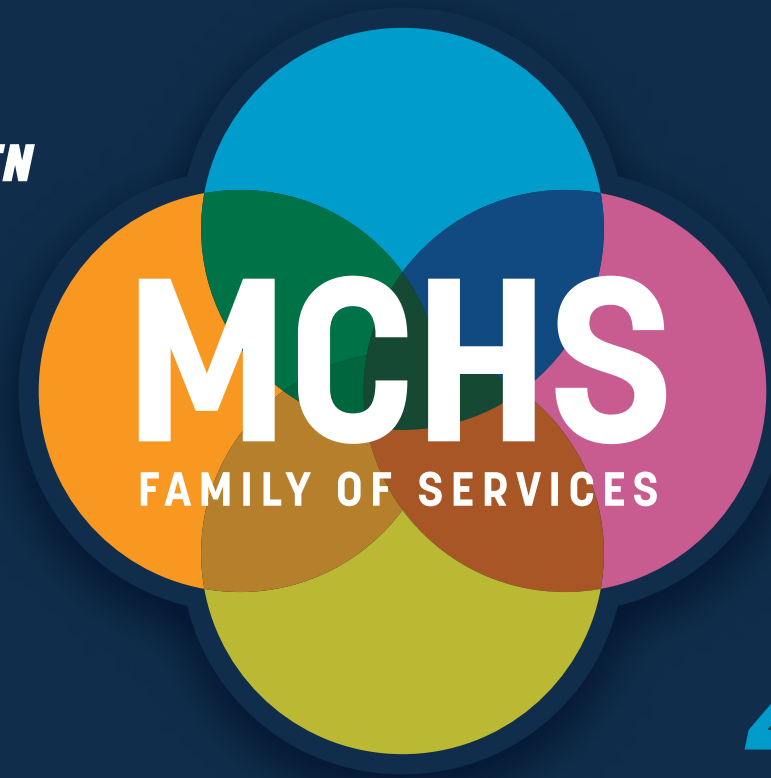


The Power of Two

In our Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS) community, a remarkable moment unfolded. Early one morning, a young mother went into labor in her apartment. Ms. Evans, a Resident Advisor, called EMS to transfer the young mother to the hospital, but quickly realized she faced the imminent arrival of the newborn before EMS could arrive. With calm composure and 911 guidance, Ms. Evans safely delivered the baby boy. The bravery of both the young mom and Ms. Evans truly embodies the strength and determination that define our TIPS family.

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45 CHILDREN SERVED AT
TEEN INFANT PARENTING SERVICES

139 YOUTH SERVED IN
FOSTER CARE

701 CAMPERS SERVED AT
THE FOWLER CENTER

60 YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH
ADOPTION SERVICES

166 YOUTH SERVED THROUGH
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

2,278 UNIQUE
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

389 UNIQUE FAMILIES SERVED AT OUR
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

786 UNIQUE
DONORS

177,254 SERVICE HOURS BY
OUR SENIOR ADULTS

37,715 NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED BY
OUR FOSTER PARENTS

660 UNIQUE
VOLUNTEERS

47 YOUTH EXITED FOSTER CARE THROUGH
ADOPTION PLACEMENTS

4,018 NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED FOR
YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

250 MCHS STAFF MAKING
THE MISSION HAPPEN

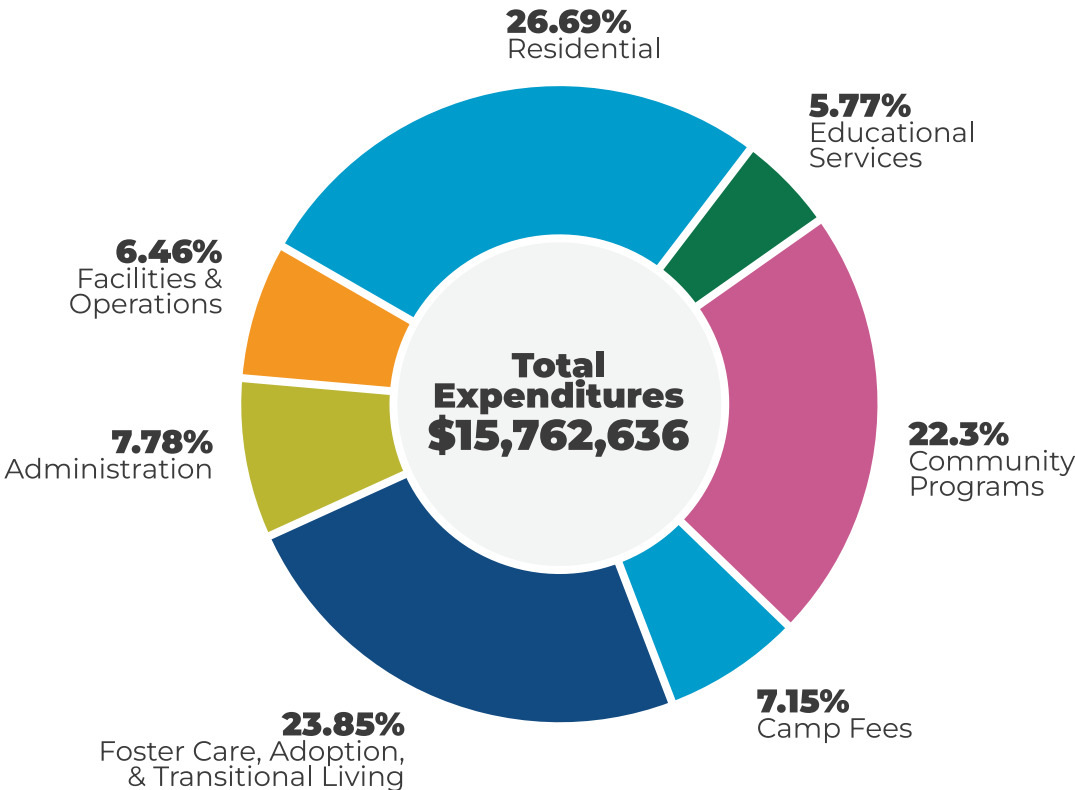
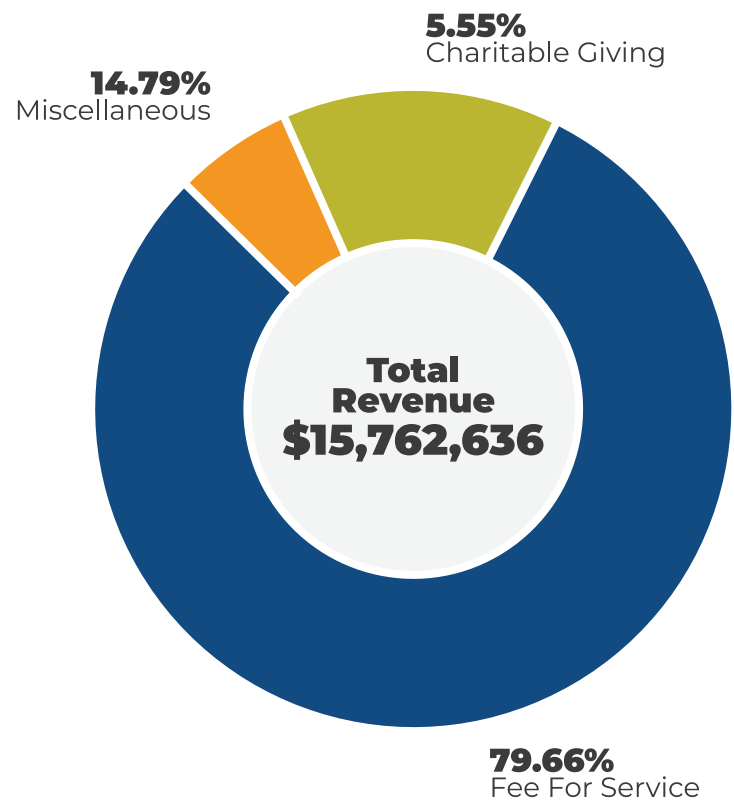
516 CHILDREN SERVED THROUGH OUR
INFANT RESOURCE CENTER

243 SENIOR
VOLUNTEERS

MCHS Financials

MCHS Family of Services is committed to upholding the highest accounting standards, as reviewed and verified through independent audits, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the American Camping Association, AmeriCorps, the Department of Education, and the Council on Accreditation.

For more information, please feel free to contact our development team at rsulaiman@mchsmi.org.



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Anna Kendall, Board Member and Donor

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Join the Community

The Power of Community

The true **Power of Community** shines through the kindness and compassion of each unique individual who join in a shared mission—to care for the vulnerable, amplify the voices of the unheard, and provide a safe space for the marginalized. When we come together, our collective impact grows exponentially. One person's dedication can change a life, but together, we can change the world.



We are a community of changemakers. Here's how you can get involved!

Schedule a Tour

Together, we are creating brighter futures and safer communities. Join us in celebrating the expansion of our services across our Michigan campuses. Schedule a tour today to see firsthand the impact of your support!

Make a Donation

Your generosity, whether through monetary or in-kind gifts, makes a world of difference by providing essential resources to those who need them most. Together, we're turning our vision into reality—creating brighter and safer futures for every child and family in our community. We are dedicated to ensuring your contribution has the greatest possible impact, reaching the programs and services you care about most.

Leave a Legacy

Making a planned charitable contribution is a great way to 'give back.' It allows you to invest in a cause that is deeply meaningful to you. There are many options for legacy giving, including a direct contribution of cash, appreciated stock, or property. Other methods for legacy contributions are making us a beneficiary of a retirement account or special charitable trust. We are here to help ensure that your charitable intentions are honored and create a lasting impact in your community.

Take Action Through Volunteering

Our community of volunteers is as diverse as the community we serve, so we create unique experiences and opportunities for individuals and groups ready to get involved.

Here are just a few ways you can take action:

- Gather a group for a service project such as campus clean up.
- Donate holiday items such as Easter baskets, Halloween costumes, wish list gifts, etc.
- Host an enrichment activity for our children or families.
- Share your expertise and experience by mentoring the next generation.
- Join us in making preparations for one of our annual events, like the Big Giveback or our Light the Way Gala!



Become a Foster Family

Welcoming a child in foster care into your heart and home is transformative—for them and for you. Through fostering or adopting, children find hope, support, and belonging.

Start your foster care journey today by reaching out at **fostercare@mchsmi.org**. Our team is here to guide you through the process and answer any questions you might have about foster parenting.

Connect

There's a lot happening at MCHS Family of Services, and we don't want you to miss a single opportunity! To stay up to date with our news and events, sign up for our monthly emails and connect with us on social media.

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We work collectively together and through partnerships to provide the best care possible.

We give voice to our youth and families who do not have a voice.

We commit to results.

We make a positive impact on our communities.

Our Family of Services

CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

Foster Care

Provides safe havens for hundreds of children removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. We support children by helping them find secure and loving homes, with the ultimate goal of achieving permanency and safety.

Adoption

For children who are unable to reunify with their families, we find safe and loving forever families, enabling them to achieve their fullest potential.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

My Safe Space (MSS)

Serves young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. We provide crisis stabilization services to ensure our young people get the support they need to recover and stabilize quickly.

Mental Health Services

Offers personalized and individualized treatment to young people and their families by developing unique treatment plans that empower individuals to work toward healing and personal growth.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Residential Treatment

More than just being a home, our services span a wide range of healing and restorative practices for the children and their families.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Senior Programs

With our Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs, we partner with hundreds of local organizations, where senior volunteers give back and provide intergenerational support to youth through volunteerism, mentorship, and meaningful relationships.

The Fowler Center

We serve children and adults of all abilities through barrier-free summer camps, weekend respite camps, equestrian programming, and travel adventures.

Child Abuse Prevention

Through prevention services, we aim to develop and improve the quality, safety, and security of home environments and our communities, including supporting parents to learn and develop new parenting skills for safer and happier futures.

Unaccompanied Children

We support refugee children through home studies, case management services, language and legal support, and long-term foster care.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Fostering Leadership Academy (FLA)

Our K-8 public charter school is dedicated to equipping students with academic and social-emotional skills essential for achieving academic success and reaching their full potential.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Independent Living Plus (ILP)

We support young men who are aging out of foster care. Our programs provide mentorship, life skills training, financial literacy, education assistance, workforce development, and much more, so they have the confidence and resources needed to succeed.

Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS)

We serve young parents experiencing homelessness. Families receive housing, case management, life skills training, and workforce development so they have the skills and resources needed to thrive.

Supervised Independent Living (SIL)

Serving both male and female teenagers with a history of delinquent behaviors, trauma, and mental health issues, our youth receive extensive skill-building, employment, recreational, and case management services.

My Friend's Place (MFP)

For young people experiencing homelessness, we provide transitional housing and rapid re-housing services for up to 24 youth at a time. Our young people receive housing, resources, case management, and therapeutic services as they work toward the life they want.

The Heartbeat of Community

Everyday Heroes

Emma and Andrew's journey brought them to our foster care program, where they found compassion with their maternal aunt and uncle, who welcomed them with open arms. While their mother sought healing, she made the heart-wrenching decision to release her parental rights, knowing Emma and Andrew needed stability. Their aunt and uncle then stepped forward, offering a forever home filled with love. This past year, their adoption was finalized, solidifying their place in a family built on sacrifice and care—just like so many of our dedicated foster parents.



A Graduate's Journey

At MCHS, high school graduation is more than a milestone—it's a celebration of resilience and the promise of a brighter future. Noah, one of our Independent Living residents, walked the stage with determination and triumph, having dedicated his senior year to finishing strong. He earned good grades, participated in activities, and enjoyed prom. Graduation was a testament to his perseverance. Now, driven by ambition, Noah is working at a local nonprofit supporting youth. As he carves out his place in the world, we're here, cheering him on every step of the way.

A Young Man's Determination

For the last several years, Michael has been taking riding lessons at The Fowler Center, where he's shown a natural talent for riding. Michael also has Down Syndrome, and in 2020, he experienced a stroke that impacted the right side of his body. Our dedicated

equestrian team worked closely with him to rebuild his riding skills. Last fall, after nearly two years of hard work, Michael accomplished something incredible—his first independent trail ride! The joy on his face as he guided Rosie along the trail was a true testament to his perseverance. Way to go, Michael!



Second Chances

"Tommy" was a 23-year-old expectant father without stable housing or a high school diploma. His future was uncertain until he found My Friend's Place, where a dedicated case manager helped him turn things around. Through the program, Tommy joined Detroit Youth Build, a construction pre-apprenticeship that offered him not just a job but a path to a career. With temporary housing, life skills training, and parenting classes, Tommy gained the tools and confidence to build a better future for himself and his growing family.

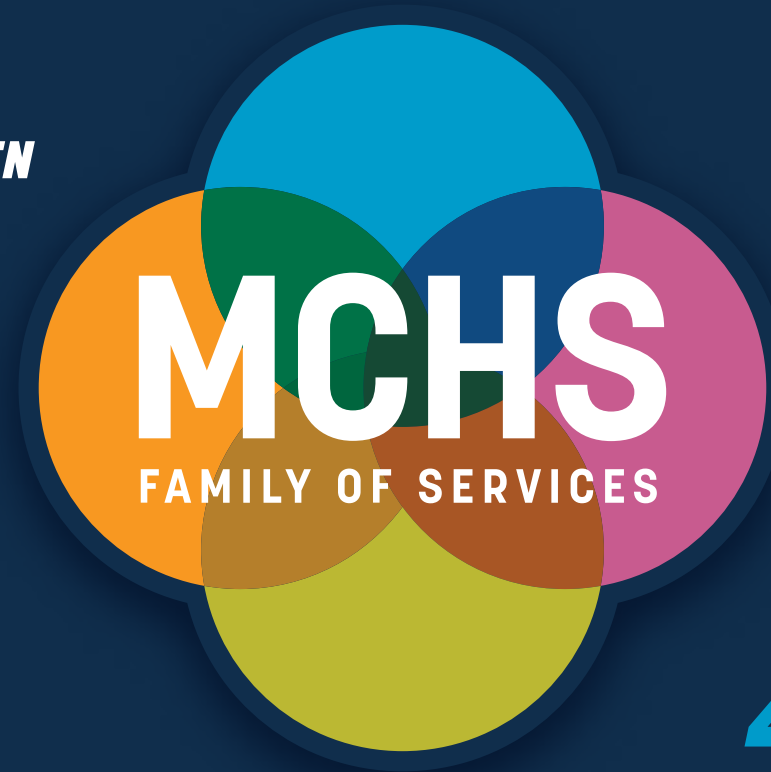


The Power of Two

In our Teen Infant Parenting Services (TIPS) community, a remarkable moment unfolded. Early one morning, a young mother went into labor in her apartment. Ms. Evans, a Resident Advisor, called EMS to transfer the young mother to the hospital, but quickly realized she faced the imminent arrival of the newborn before EMS could arrive. With calm composure and 911 guidance, Ms. Evans safely delivered the baby boy. The bravery of both the young mom and Ms. Evans truly embodies the strength and determination that define our TIPS family.

The Power of Community

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45 CHILDREN SERVED AT
TEEN INFANT PARENTING SERVICES

139 YOUTH SERVED IN
FOSTER CARE

701 CAMPERS SERVED AT
THE FOWLER CENTER

60 YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH
ADOPTION SERVICES

166 YOUTH SERVED THROUGH
UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

2,278 UNIQUE
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

389 UNIQUE FAMILIES SERVED AT OUR
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

786 UNIQUE
DONORS

177,254 SERVICE HOURS BY
OUR SENIOR ADULTS

37,715 NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED BY
OUR FOSTER PARENTS

660 UNIQUE
VOLUNTEERS

47 YOUTH EXITED FOSTER CARE THROUGH
ADOPTION PLACEMENTS

4,018 NIGHTS OF CARE PROVIDED FOR
YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

250 MCHS STAFF MAKING
THE MISSION HAPPEN

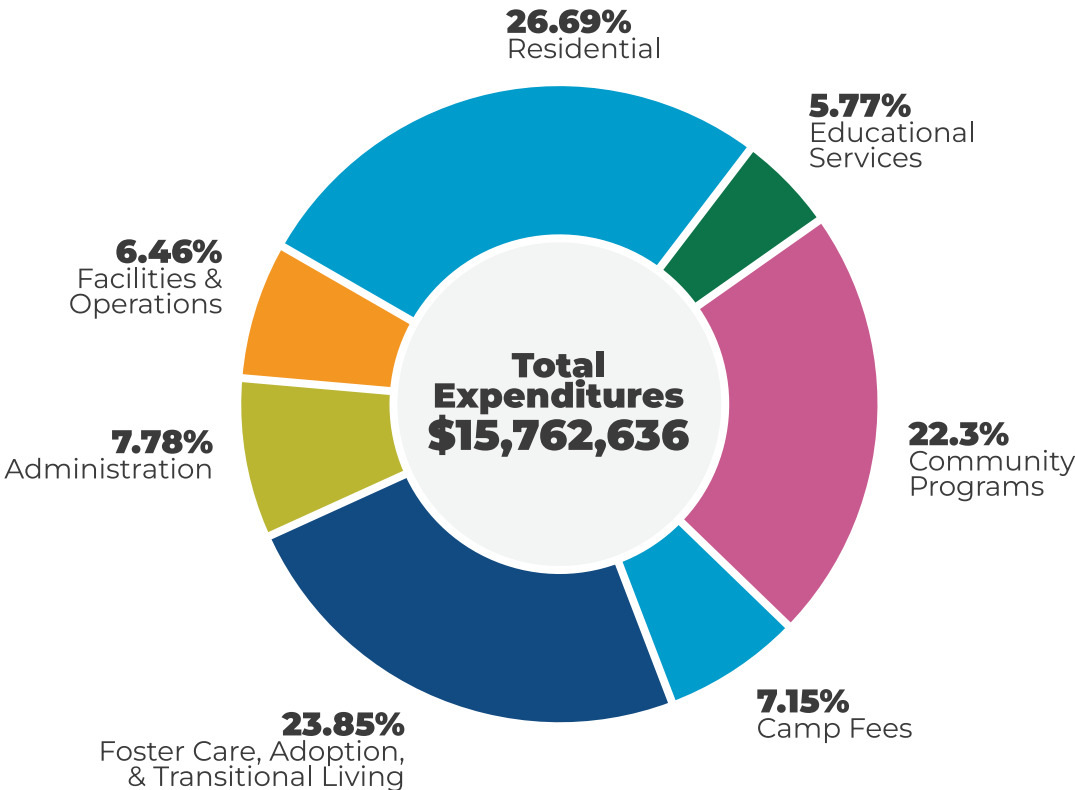
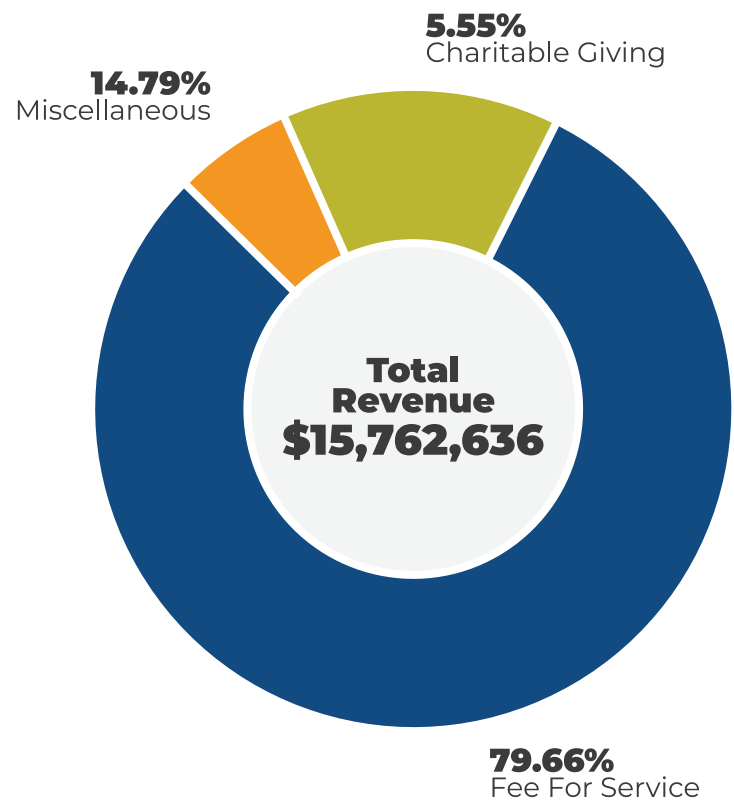
516 CHILDREN SERVED THROUGH OUR
INFANT RESOURCE CENTER

243 SENIOR
VOLUNTEERS

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MCHS Family of Services is committed to upholding the highest accounting standards, as reviewed and verified through independent audits, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the American Camping Association, AmeriCorps, the Department of Education, and the Council on Accreditation.

For more information, please feel free to contact our development team at rsulaiman@mchsmi.org.



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The Power of Community

The true **Power of Community** shines through the kindness and compassion of each unique individual who join in a shared mission—to care for the vulnerable, amplify the voices of the unheard, and provide a safe space for the marginalized. When we come together, our collective impact grows exponentially. One person's dedication can change a life, but together, we can change the world.



We are a community of changemakers. Here's how you can get involved!

Schedule a Tour

Together, we are creating brighter futures and safer communities. Join us in celebrating the expansion of our services across our Michigan campuses. Schedule a tour today to see firsthand the impact of your support!

Make a Donation

Your generosity, whether through monetary or in-kind gifts, makes a world of difference by providing essential resources to those who need them most. Together, we're turning our vision into reality—creating brighter and safer futures for every child and family in our community. We are dedicated to ensuring your contribution has the greatest possible impact, reaching the programs and services you care about most.

Leave a Legacy

Making a planned charitable contribution is a great way to 'give back.' It allows you to invest in a cause that is deeply meaningful to you. There are many options for legacy giving, including a direct contribution of cash, appreciated stock, or property. Other methods for legacy contributions are making us a beneficiary of a retirement account or special charitable trust. We are here to help ensure that your charitable intentions are honored and create a lasting impact in your community.

Take Action Through Volunteering

Our community of volunteers is as diverse as the community we serve, so we create unique experiences and opportunities for individuals and groups ready to get involved.

Here are just a few ways you can take action:

- Gather a group for a service project such as campus clean up.
- Donate holiday items such as Easter baskets, Halloween costumes, wish list gifts, etc.
- Host an enrichment activity for our children or families.
- Share your expertise and experience by mentoring the next generation.
- Join us in making preparations for one of our annual events, like the Big Giveback or our Light the Way Gala!



Become a Foster Family

Welcoming a child in foster care into your heart and home is transformative—for them and for you. Through fostering or adopting, children find hope, support, and belonging.

Start your foster care journey today by reaching out at **fostercare@mchsmi.org**. Our team is here to guide you through the process and answer any questions you might have about foster parenting.

Connect

There's a lot happening at MCHS Family of Services, and we don't want you to miss a single opportunity! To stay up to date with our news and events, sign up for our monthly emails and connect with us on social media.

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