Thank You for Supporting Our Kids

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFT AND ASK YOU TO STAY INVOLVED THROUGH ONE OF THESE OPTIONS:

**ADVOCATE**

- **FOLLOW ACH ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** Help hurting children by sharing our stories with your connections.
- **ATTEND A LEARNING LUNCH.** Find out how ACH helps children, families and the community. ACHservices.org/learning-lunches to register.
- **BE A HOST.** Invite ACH to your next staff, business or community meeting to learn more about the issues and get your group involved. Call 682.432.1062
- **LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY-BASED CARE.** Learn how we’re driving improvement in the foster care system at OurCommunity-OurKids.org.
- **SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL BUSINESS VENTURE.** Belltower Chapel & Garden, a wedding venue on the ACH Wichita Campus, directly benefits the children and families served by ACH by providing revenue directly to the organization. BelltowerFortWorth.com The Jo and Holt Hickman Center provides a historic setting for events and receptions. Contact Julie.Brown@ACHservices.org

**CARE**

- **BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT.** To learn more, visit ExperienceFosterCare.org or call 817.886.7140.
- **ORGANIZE AN IN-KIND DRIVE.** We need gift cards, hygiene products, and undergarments. Call 817.886.7174

**HOPE**

- **BECOME A MONTHLY ACH HANDS-ON HEROES DONOR.** You can be a hero by supporting the children we serve through a monthly gift they can count on. To join this club, and to view additional giving options. Visit ACHservices.org/monthly-giving
- **SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL EVENTS.** For details on all ACH events, visit ACHservices.org/connect/events.
  - Every fall, Hoot ’n Holler benefits ACH residential programs.
  - Lend A Hand Luncheon offers opportunities to talk about the critical issues facing our youth and to join together with one voice to show how much we care during National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.
  - Super Hero Family Fun Fest is a free community event. ACHservices.org/super-hero
- **BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER.** A company or community organization can offer their time, talent and treasure through volunteerism, in-kind and financial support and become a partner in fighting child abuse and neglect. Call 682.432.1062

FOR 24- HOUR CRISIS CALL RESPONSE, CONTACT:

817.335.HOPE (4673) | 888.296.8099 HELP@ACHservices.org
Our 24/7 hotline is staffed by skilled, bilingual professionals who can determine best course of action through ACH or through a referral to other community services. Last year, Our ASSESSMENT, INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (AIRS) team answered 4,748 calls.

For youth feeling unsafe or threatened, help is as close as the nearest SAFE PLACE site, including all area QuikTrip locations. With one call, last help will be coming from ACH.

Our YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER offers 24/7 safety and care to youth ages 10-17 who are runaways, homeless or experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation and/or trafficking. ACH works to quickly reunite them with their families or find alternative living arrangements.

The TURNING POINT program at our Wedgwood residential campus provides innovative, short-term intervention and stabilization for foster youth and their families to help prevent hospitalizations and placement disruptions.

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Last year, ACH’s Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR) provided 6,286 counseling hours valued at $1,024,000 free of charge. Offering REAL HELP FOR REAL LIFE, Youth and Family Counseling and Skill-Building Classes deal with issues like anger management, bullying, depression, reducing conflict and parenting wisely.

When children can’t live with their biological families due to abuse and neglect, ACH FOSTER CARE finds caring adults who open their homes and hearts to children needing a safe, family environment. TREATMENT AND THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE services provide the level of care needed by children with special needs or emotional/behavioral issues.

**Our kinship connections** program places foster children in the home of a relative or person who knew the child before he or she was removed from their home. The program is voluntary and ACH provides 24/7 on-call support, training, and support groups to help with the transition of becoming a caregiver.

The goal of our foster care program is reunification, but when that is not possible ACH ADOPTION services matches children with a caring, forever-family who has been educated about their needs and embraces them into their family with a lifelong commitment.

Our Wedgwood Residential Campus features six houses and a private park where kids can attend local schools while learning to deal with their trauma. BEHAVIORAL CARE helps kids with moderate to severe behavior problems, ages 4-12, learn adaptive behaviors in a structured residential environment.

**Our social support program** is an innovative crisis stabilization and respite program delivered in a home-like setting for youth 10-17. Summit acts as a caring alternative to what can be more traumatizing hospitalizations.

Wedgwood also provides the MORRIS PROGRAM for 14-17 year olds who are unable to live with their families. The program assists youth with family reunification and also develops life skills to support their transition to independent living.

**The LIFE PROJECT (Learning Independence From Experience)** is a supervised independent living program for youth who age out of foster care, ages 18-21. Living and learning in a more self-directed environment, it inspires the confidence and self-sufficiency needed for youth to live on their own.

An innovative RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER puts some of the most vulnerable youth in the foster care system on an accelerated path to success. When these teens understand they are in a safe place with adults who can be trusted, our goal is to help heal their trauma within a year. We can then connect them to a support system before eventually living successfully in a family.

In 2014, ACH created the OUR COMMUNITY OUR KIDS (OCOK) division to pioneer an innovative, improved approach to foster care services in Texas. The improvements OCOK delivered in seven North Texas counties—including keeping abused and neglected children safe, quickly finding placements within their community and keeping siblings together more often—helped Community-Based Care become state law in 2017. OCOK continues to lead the way as the only nationally accredited community-based care contractor in Texas.

**Safety, hope and love for all children.**

Through strength-based partnership, ACH Child and Family Services (ACH) brings resources and skills to children and families struggling with life’s challenges. Together we develop solutions that create safety, hope, love and the capacity to thrive.