

# 2019

ANNUAL REPORT



## Mission & Values



### Mission

EmberHope Youthville is dedicated to its mission of **sparking change to improve lives**.



### Vision

Our vision is to improve the lives of at-risk children and families by offering innovative programs rooted in faith to inspire hope.



### ICARE Values

**Integrity** - Maintain high ethical standards with honesty and reliability

**Cultural Sensitivity** - Recognize and integrate cultural differences, values, and attitudes

**Accountability** - Achieve results efficiently with fiscal responsibility and compliance with the law

**Respect** - Honor the dignity and basic rights of all people

**Excellence** - Perform all work and services with exceptional standards



### Program & Person-Centered Philosophy

The foundation of our service is trauma informed care designed to meet every client at their level of need. Persons served will provide the primary direction in guiding their services and developing their plan of care. Service is founded on the following principles:

- Services must be driven by the client.
- Services are individualized based on strengths and vulnerabilities.
- Services are delivered in a manner that reflects personal preferences and choices.
- Services are provided within the context of nurturing relationships.
- Services includes parents, caregivers, and other significant adults in a child's life, whenever possible.
- Services are developmentally, culturally, and spiritually relevant to the child and their family.

EmberHope Youthville respects the youth we serve and their families and caregivers. Our goal is to protect the rights of our clients. We will provide care in a manner respectful of personal values and beliefs and sensitive to cultural, racial, religious and other differences. We will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

## Dear Friends,

Welcome to EmberHope Youthville's 2019 Annual Report. During this past year, EmberHope Youthville has enjoyed many noteworthy achievements including strategic planning for our future and accreditation of key programs by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The agency's financial statements this past year indicate stability, sound investment practices and successful fundraising results.

I want to share EmberHope Youthville's commitment to quality is evident in every aspect of the organization. The high degree of satisfaction expressed by stakeholders, the strong sense of "team", commitment to our faith, a trauma informed practice and on-going commitment of employees and foster families contributed to our ability to care for some of the most vulnerable children/youth resulting in CARF's successful accreditation review.

This comprehensive annual report will tell the story of our successful impact in the Residential program including a partnership with the local school district, the value and importance of our foster parents in both Kansas and Texas and the importance of mental health services provided to children and families through variety of evidence based practices through our Clinical Services.

For the children and families, we serve, our mission, vision and values represent our pledge to serve them well using the best practices we have access to. For placing agencies, judges, licensing authorities and others, our programs represent EmberHope Youthville's commitment to quality ongoing improvement through its effectiveness, efficiency, service access and satisfaction. Each of which are cornerstones of the accreditation process we embraced in 2019.

For employees, the programs and services allow us to demonstrate an important set of values known as ICARE; integrity, cultural awareness, accountability, respect and excellence. For those of you who so generously support EmberHope Youthville with gifts, time, and knowledge, our program success should increase your confidence that EmberHope Youthville is an organization worthy of such generosity.

This report is a small representation of our what we do and how we impact our communities and we are pleased to share with you. It is my hope you will give it careful consideration and appreciate more than ever EmberHope Youthville's commitment to quality, and the delivery of services that truly assist children and families by sparking change to improve lives.

Blessings,



**Nickaila Sandate**  
President and CEO  
EmberHope Youthville

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# EmberHope Youthville

## 2019 Foster Care Review

### Demographics

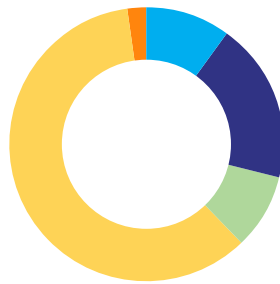
#### Race

##### Texas Foster Care



- Bi-Racial 11%
- Black/African American 14%
- Hispanic/Latino 24%
- White/Caucasian 51%

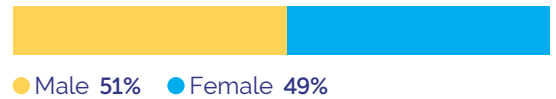
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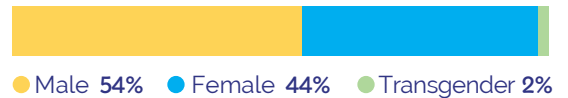
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- Black/African American 19%
- Hispanic/Latino 9%
- White/Caucasian 60%
- American Indian/Alaska Native 2%

#### Gender

##### Texas Foster Care



##### Kansas Foster Care



- Male 54%
- Female 44%
- Transgender 2%

### Safety In Placement

##### Texas Foster Care



##### Kansas Foster Care



### Successful Discharges

##### Texas Foster Care

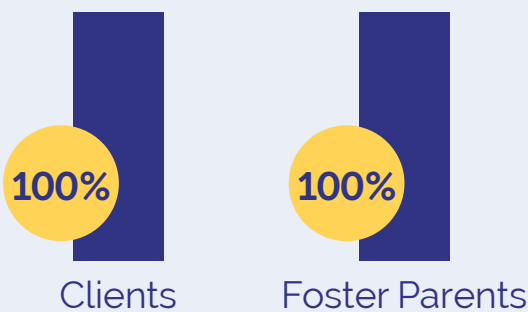


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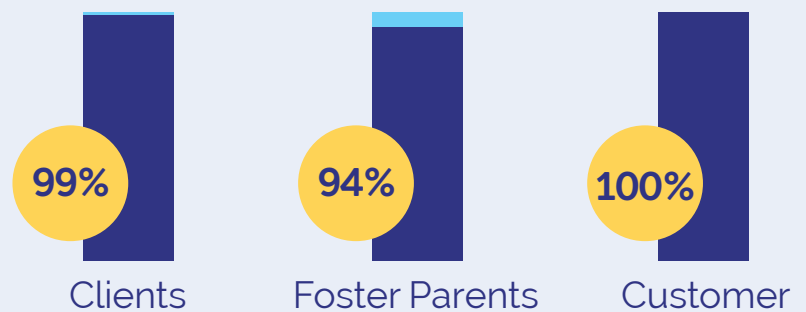


### Service Satisfaction

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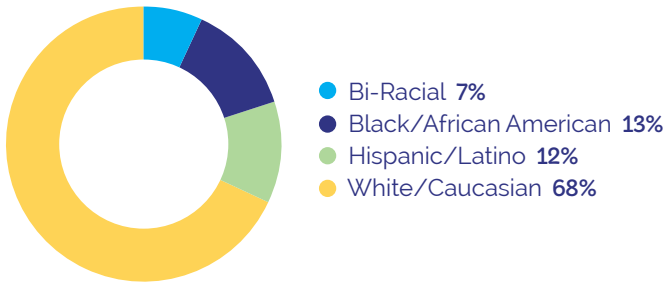
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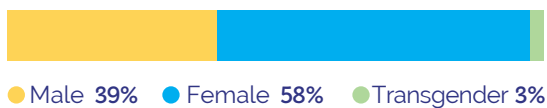
# Clinical Service Review

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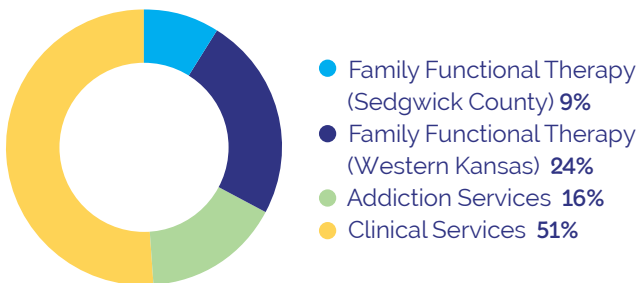
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### Gender



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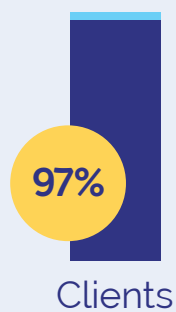


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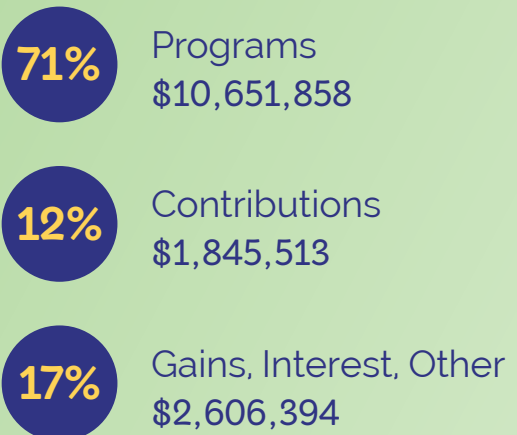
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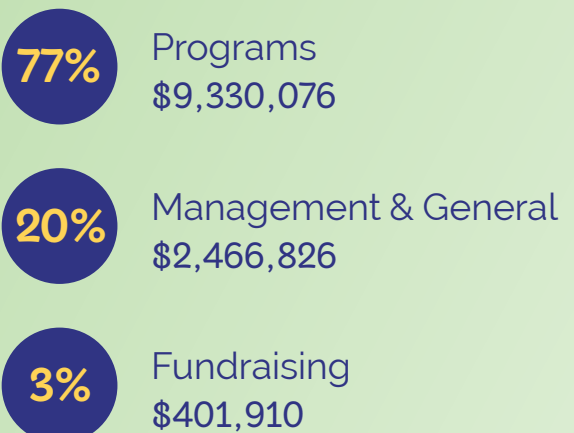
### Clinical



## Revenue



## Expenses



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## Donor Success Story The Vogts Family

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We also wouldn't be able to do our critical, life-changing work without the generous support of our donors. Two such donors, Al and Jennifer Vogts, have come alongside us for several years and have sparked lasting change in a variety of innovative ways. "We work as a team and are equally inspired, both personally and professionally, to help local organizations like EmberHope Youthville," Jennifer tells us.

Residents of North Newton, Al and Jennifer have been married 14 years, with a blended family of six children and two grandchildren. Al owns several businesses in Newton, including Vogts-Parga Construction, Vogts Construction Company, and Vogts Crushing, while Jennifer owns and operates the Wild Prairie Event Center, a wedding and event venue in Newton. Jennifer also volunteers for several organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, SafeHope, Central Kansas Community Foundation, and Harvey County United Way. In their spare time, Al and Jennifer enjoy playing pickleball, hiking, traveling, and spending time with their friends, kids, and grandkids.

Jennifer says she and Al connected with EmberHope Youthville through their work with other local nonprofits, which provided the opportunity to learn in-depth about our mission, services, needs, and challenges. "EmberHope Youthville owns a beautiful campus in our community that provides residential services for at-risk girls and offers a great educational experience through Opportunity

Academy," Jennifer tells us.

The Vogts family supports EmberHope Youthville through donations and in-kind gifts both personally and through their businesses. In addition, Al's construction work has provided him a unique opportunity to support the residential campus. "We're grateful they are active and growing, providing a much-needed resource in our community," Jennifer says. "When we can help them, we gladly do!"

Al and Jennifer tell us their partnership with EmberHope Youthville has been a reciprocal blessing, particularly because of the relationships that have developed. They feel particularly close to our Chief Advancement Officer, Lisa Capps. "Lisa works very hard on behalf of the organization," Jennifer says. "We see and feel her passion, and we're grateful for her and what has grown into a friendship."

Jennifer also says while supporting national and global organizations is wonderful, she's particularly driven to partner with local organizations because of the strength it infuses into the community. "EmberHope Youthville is right in our own backyard, and we see the difference they make firsthand," she says. "But more importantly, we see their needs firsthand. We've toured the campus and the residential homes, and we want to invest in them to make life great for the youth they serve."

## Foster Care Success Story

# The Swalley Family

At EmberHope Youthville, we're blessed to develop relationships with people and families who have a drive to make a difference. Families like the Swalley family, who've dedicated both their personal and professional lives to sparking change in the lives of foster children.

Tyler, principal of Opportunity Academy, and Jessica, an elementary school counselor in USD 259, began fostering in June 2018. "Jessica has always dreamed of being a foster parent," Tyler says. "We'd come across many foster students while teaching and felt they were a forgotten group of kids."

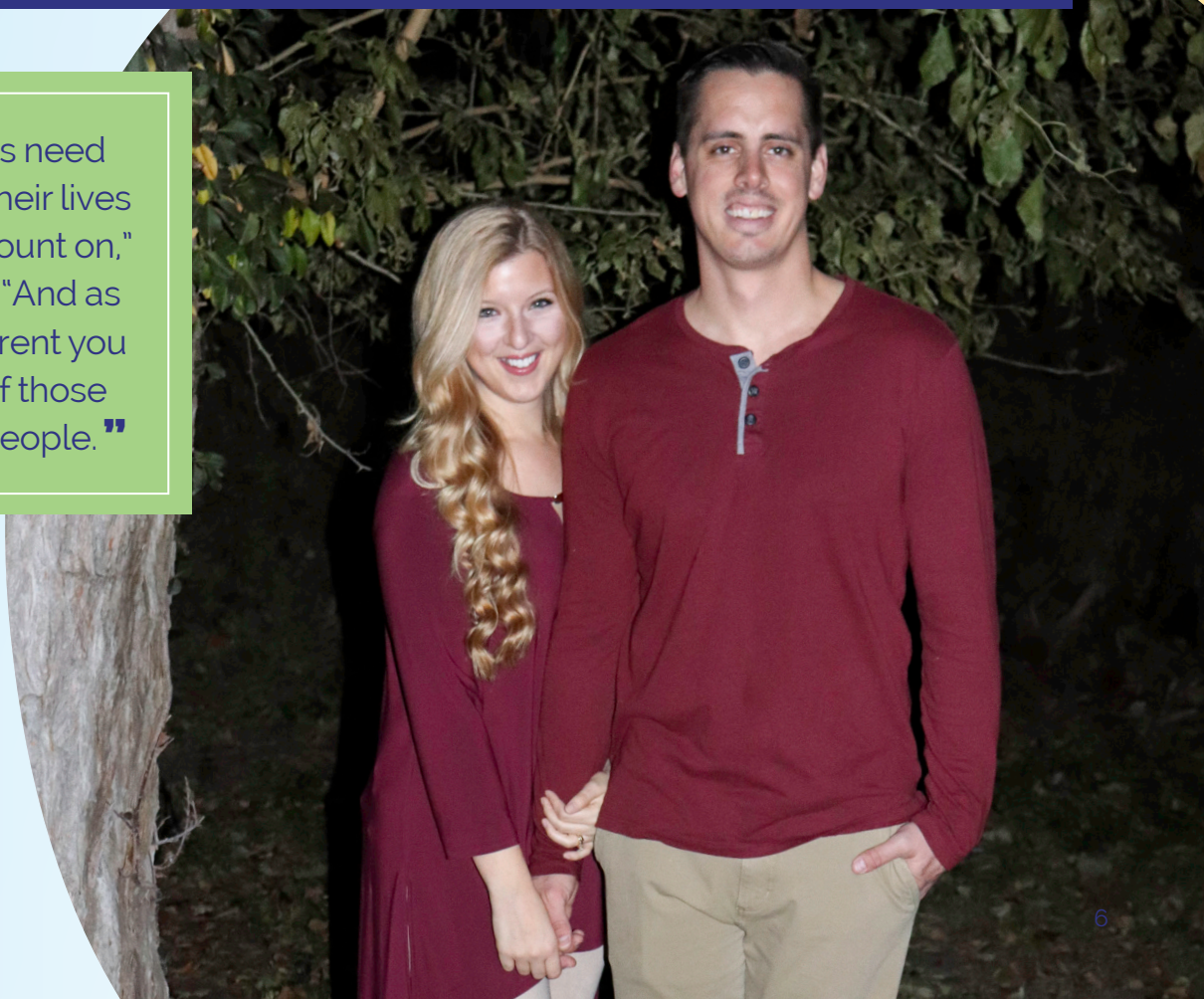
In fact, Tyler and Jessica are parents to three foster children. Their oldest is an 11-year-old boy who loves reading, social studies, math, science, and sports, particularly football and basketball. Next in line is a 10-year-old girl who's a competitive gymnast for the Northwest Saltos while overcoming Type 1 diabetes. Their youngest, a 7-year-old girl, loves school, gymnastics, and playing with dolls and the family dog. The Swalleys love their activities at the YMCA, as well as playing outside as a family, movie

nights, and special activities such as Chiefs games and Illuminations at Botanica.

In addition to his personal investment in foster children, Tyler has taken his passion in a professional direction as well with the opening of Opportunity Academy, an alternative high school serving students from both EmberHope Youthville and Newton High. Opportunity Academy features small class sizes and low student-to-teacher ratios, as well as flexible scheduling that allows students who may have missed some instructional time to quickly catch up. "Oftentimes, these foster children are passed around, fall behind on credits, and can't keep up, or their credits don't transfer from one school to the next," Tyler tells us. "Our schedule lets them earn credits for several courses over a single nine-week quarter, with the ultimate goal of ensuring they graduate."

For the Swalleys, the most rewarding aspect of working with foster children is providing needed stability. "These kids need people in their lives they can count on," Tyler says. "And as a foster parent you are one of those crucial people."

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## Partner Success Story Aldersgate UMC

EmberHope Youthville could not do what we do to spark change in the lives of children and families without the tireless assistance of area churches. One such church, with which we've partnered for many years, is Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wichita. "We believe foster parents are missionaries in our own backyard who often get overlooked," says Jordan McFall, Aldersgate's Pastor of Missions and Outreach. "So we're passionate about our partnership with EmberHope Youthville because of how vital their ministry is in the lives of vulnerable children and youth in our society."

Aldersgate supports EmberHope Youthville in a variety of ways, including providing office space year-round for case workers and staff. The church also collects backpacks each summer so children in care can start the school year with proper supplies. At Christmastime, Aldersgate members provide well over 200 Angel Tree gifts for children and youth. Aldersgate also hosts a Christmas party each December for foster families living near the church. "It takes many groups and individuals to make the party possible," says Pastor Jordan. "This past year, Cargill donated the meat, and the United Methodist

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Women prepared and served a home cooked meal. The Confirmation classes decorated and helped with serving and cleanup, as well as with crafts for children and youth, and one member even provided photos with Santa." After the party, children and families were given hot chocolate and a Christmas lights tour aboard a party bus, thanks to a donor from EmberHope Youthville, and enjoyed a dessert bar and stockings full of gifts and goodies upon their return, including brand new Nike backpacks. Leftover stockings and backpacks were donated to EmberHope Youthville to be given to kids entering care over the holidays.

Pastor Jordan believes Aldersgate's partnership with EmberHope Youthville richly blesses everyone involved. "Our connection with foster families has revealed how God brings healing in the midst of brokenness," he says. "It has also inspired members to consider fostering, providing respite care, or supporting those who serve in this capacity. Our partnership continues to reveal the Holy Spirit moving in and through people to share God's love, hope, and healing."

EmberHope Youthville touches the lives of thousands of at-risk children and families each year in Kansas and Texas through our foster care, adoption, counseling, and residential programs. Using trauma-informed, evidence-based practices, our programs focus on the needs of individuals and families to spark permanent and positive life change.

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