

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES IS THE MISSION



Providing
Healing &
Hope to
Children
& Families

**IMPACT REPORT** 



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Lives transformed. Families made whole. That's how Saint Francis Ministries defines success. It's the purpose that propels us forward. This 2021-2022 Annual Report highlights that success. Every number signifies a generational trauma overcome, a family grown stronger, or a child made safe. It's a celebration of human dignity and resilience.

We are proud that Saint Francis has never wavered in our mission of service to children and families in need. The Saint Francis spirit of sacrifice, stewardship, and servant leadership continues through the work we perform daily – as frontline social workers, therapists, support staff, foster/adoptive/kinship families, and community partners.

Today, Saint Francis Ministries is stronger than ever, both financially and as a well-led social services ministry. As we continue to adapt, create, and collaborate to meet the opportunities of a rapidly changing world, we remain ever mindful that caring for people forms the foundation of everything we do.





# CHILDREN SERVED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

### 4,261 WWW CHILDREN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

4,261 children served in out-ofhome care in 2022 in Kansas and Texas.

# 1,887 CHILDREN KINSHIP CARE

Saint Francis served 1,887 children in Kinship homes. Of those children 337 were in Nebraska, 1,159 in Kansas, and 391 in Texas.



Saint Francis served 1,295 children in foster care in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas in 2022.

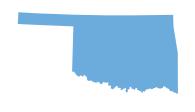
### **FOSTER CARE**



NEBRASKA
CHILDREN: 408
HOMES: 290



KANSAS CHILDREN: 715 HOMES: 477



OKLAHOMA
CHILDREN: 119
HOMES: 81



TEXAS
CHILDREN: 53
HOMES: 57



### REUNIFICATION



Our primary hope for every child in foster care is the eventual safe reunification with their family. 1,076 children were reunited with family in 2022.

### **ADOPTION**



509 children found permanency in their forever home through our adoption services.



1,385 children are seeking an adoptive family. Is there room in your family to care for our communities children?



# RESIDENTIAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS



Saint Francis' Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) in Salina, KS provides psychiatric, substance use, and sexual behavior treatment for high acquity youth.



Our Bridgeway and Cheshire Residential programs help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) live with dignity and self-determination through supervised, shared living, supported employment program, and day services.

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



Our Behavioral Health programs provide care for persons dealing with addiction, substance use disorder (SUD), trauma, and mental health issues through counseling, therapy, telehealth, and outpatient services.

# PREVENTION SERVICES

Saint Francis Ministries believes in keeping families whole through our various prevention services, which include Family Centered Treatment®, Families Seeking Safety, Fatherhood Fire and more.

### FAMILY CENTERED TREATMENT

Family Centered Treatment®, an evidence-based model of intensive in-home treatment services, focuses on working with the family as a whole to build a stable healthy future.

We partner with families to identify and build upon their existing strengths so they can provide for the health and security of their children.

Family Centered Treatment® enables clinicians to directly observe families where members are most comfortable – at home. Interacting with family members within their "natural" setting makes it possible to directly intervene in unhealthy behaviors and to immediately reinforce positive, healthy life choices. Saint Franics serverd a total of 569 families through the FCT program in 2021-2022.









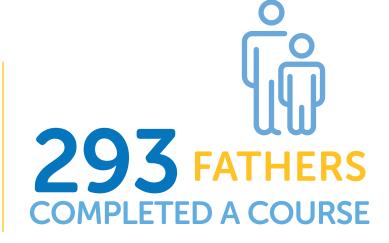
### **FAMILIES SEEKING SAFETY**

Seeking Safety is an evidenced-based therapeutic approach for treating and attaining safety for individuals or families suffering with trauma, substance use, and/or post-traumatic stress disorder.



### FATHERHOOD FIRE INITIATIVE

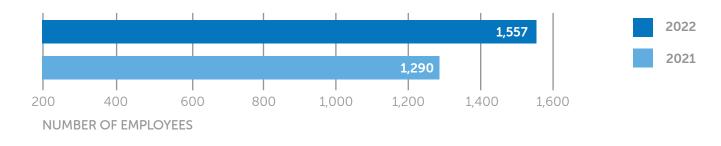
A federal grant of nearly \$5 million is helping to strengthen relationships between children and their fathers. Fathers successfully completed the Fatherhood Fire Initiative in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas in 2022.





### **EMPLOYEE DATA**

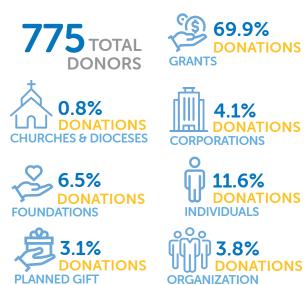
Professionals who are part of the Saint Francis team reap the rewards of knowing they are an integral part of a faith-based organization that is committed to nurturing the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of those we serve. The Saint Francis work force grew by 20%, adding 267 additional team members to our mission of service.



### **SUPPORT**

The Saint Francis Foundation is the philanthropic arm that supports the mission of Saint Francis Ministries. What you give to the Foundation — through a financial contribution, in-kind donation, or even your time — does a world of good. You can serve people with the greatest need through programs that save, enrich, and restore lives.







### **RELATIONSHIPS: ALL THE** DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Service, especially shared service, works best through meaningful relationships. Saint Francis Ministries would not be as effective in our mission without the partnerships we share with individuals, businesses, agencies, and churches within our communities. Our fellow faith-based organizations support our local networks in many ways, whether they contribute through their outreach programs or provide foster and adoptive families from among their membership.

Two special churches are St. James Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas. Here are their stories:

The Outreach Committee of St. James Episcopal Church takes its work seriously.

"When you learn about an agency and what they're doing, it's a natural instinct to want to get involved and help," says Outreach leader Judy Goodpasture.

"During the centennial anniversary of the church, we decided to have a fund drive to make repairs to the building and to fund a charitable project," she says.

"I was asked to head the project, and we selected Saint Francis Ministries We looked at several opportunities,

but finally settled on refurbishing the five family visitation

rooms (at the East Harry offices in Wichita)."

The visitation rooms provide space where children in foster care can spend time with their birth parents during supervised visits. The rooms serve an essential purpose in Saint Francis' ministry of healing by enabling families to spend quality time together and remain connected during a

difficult period.

After planning the project for a few months, they've actively worked in the rooms for the last six. So far, they've completed four of the five, all accomplished during the weekends to protect the privacy of clients. They began by painting the rooms. Then they filled them.



"We wanted books for all ages, with wholesome, educational themes and that featured children of different races and creeds," says Judy. "We also added puzzles, construction toys, like Legos, Lincoln Logs, and blocks, as well as games and educational card sets with the alphabet and multiplication tables. We decided against computer toys, anything with a battery, or toys suggesting violence."

The committee thought it important that every activity support positive interaction between parent and child. Likewise, they wanted children to feel free to take anything they might need.

After a year, one can sense that Judy and her fellow Outreach Committee members have received as much as they have given to the project.

"There are other agencies doing foster care in our state, but Saint Francis is the most significant," says Judy. "The people we have met from Saint Francis are just so down-to-earth, people who care about what they're doing, and that's impressive. Yes, we were drawn to them because it's an Episcopal organization, but also because they have a real mission, and the people seem so genuine."

The biggest beneficiaries, though, are the children and families who get to use the visitation rooms, thanks to the compassion, contributions, and energy of St. James and its people. Because of their concern, families are strengthened, and children are comforted.

#### St. Michael's

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Harriett Choffel has an affinity for children in foster care - which makes sense, since she adopted three of her children through the foster care system. That special affection guides her work on

the St. Michael's Outreach Commission in Austin. It's the reason she helped mobilize her fellow parishioners to support the children and youth at SFM's new residential treatment center in Lubbock.

"The Reverend Carissa Baldwin-McGinnis the daughter of Randy Baldwin, who was on our commission at the time," says Harriett. "A Saint Francis board member, she contacted her stepmother, Nancy, to discuss ways to get churches involved with the ministry. Carissa connected Nancy with Tiffany Lamb, who worked in development with Saint Francis at the time, and Nancy in turn connected Tiffany with our rector, John Newton. Then John, who has a really big heart, brought Saint Francis to the commission's attention, and in February 2021, we agreed to give

some of our money to Saint Francis.

Such is how relationships with Saint Francis begin.

As Harriett continues, "The second part of our mission is to build a relationship with the organizations we support; it's not just about donating money."

Tiffany had told Harriett about the new facility the ministry planned to open in Lubbock in October 2022. It would be the first of its kind, a Qualified Residential Treatment Program, in the state and would serve youth throughout the Panhandle. Renovations to several buildings on the Buckner

Children and Family Services campus would transform them into a treatment center with 21 beds for both boys and girls.

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"I did a little brainstorming with myself and asked Tiffany if she thought they would be interested in handmade or newly purchased quilts, instead of the usual institutional beddings. She checked, and it turned out that they would. So, we publicized the need in newsletter, expecting to get about five or six, and ended up getting 50 from St. Michael's. We started the project and gave them summer to collect or make the guilts."



She also met with Trinity Episcopal Church in Marble Falls and All Saints Episcopal Church in Austin, both of which have small quilting groups. Between the two congregations, she got an additional 17 quilts.

Finally, in the spring of 2022, Harriett and her husband Ken made the 800-mile trip up to Lubbock with a car loaded full of quilts. They arrived on Sunday, October 22, and delivered them the next day. Thanks to their efforts, they also got a personal tour of the facility as renovations were underway. Since then, St. Michael's Outreach Commission has continued to financially support Saint Francis Ministries Residential – Texas, deepening the relationship between the two.

But that's not all – Harriett and her family also collects and donates hats, underwear, gloves, and socks for Saint Francis youth during the holidays. Because of their relationship to foster care, it's especially meaningful for all of them.

Saint Francis' relationship with both St. James and St. Michael's serve as a reminder that one of the most vital parts of the ministry's mission is to build strong partnerships that can meet challenges and overcome them. They make all the difference in the world.



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### VISION

Transform lives and systems.

### **VALUES**

Integrity

Quality

**Respect and Dignity** 

**Empowerment** 

Innovation



