



# 2026 IMPACT REPORT

Founded in healing,  
forward in hope.





President and CEO William Clark with the Torres family at our Safe at Home Event in Amarillo.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

“Our growth is a response to the call that has always defined Saint Francis, to seek out the **most vulnerable** and **meet them where they are...**”

Eighty years ago, the Reverend Robert Mize Jr. planted the seeds of a ministry rooted in the belief that every person, regardless of their circumstances, deserves dignity and a second chance. We mark this milestone anniversary not just by recalling the past, but by celebrating a meaningful ministry that draws strength from its roots in the communities we serve.

The theme of our 2026 Impact Report – Founded in Healing, Forward in Hope – is the story of Saint Francis Ministries, renewed daily in every family we walk alongside and every community we are privileged to call home. It’s a natural theme for this, the 80th anniversary of our founding.

Eight decades of ministry will teach you something about roots. Roots are not meant to keep us locked in place, but to anchor us as we grow. And grow we have. Across the states and communities where we work, we are intentionally expanding our services to reach more children and families in need. We live and work in each community as neighbors committed to providing healing and hope from within.

Our growth is a response to the call that has always defined Saint Francis, to seek out the most vulnerable and meet them where they are, with the full range of care they deserve. New programs, deeper partnerships, and a broadened presence mean that more people in more places can access the support that changes lives.

What endures across eight decades is that the people we serve are the reason Saint Francis Ministries exists. They are the soil in which this ministry has taken root, and their stories are what move us forward.

As we begin our next 80 years, I remain grateful for the staff, partners, volunteers, and donors who perform this vital work. You make hope possible.

In hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Clark".

William J. Clark  
President and CEO, Saint Francis Ministries

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# ROOTS & REACH

## WHERE GOD CALLS US

Our yearlong 80th-anniversary observance provided an opportunity to reaffirm Saint Francis Ministries' purposeful commitment to the communities we serve and to the children and families who call them home.

We say it all the time – Saint Francis goes where we see need. That means extending our presence into communities that seek our expertise and resources. It also means expanding our services in places where we already live.

Either way, our mission is always to bring healing and hope to children and families.

Our efforts support the well-being of the individuals and communities we serve. We care deeply about and are committed to Salina, Kansas; Lubbock, Texas; Picayune, Mississippi; Hays, Kansas; Amarillo, Texas; Little Rock, Arkansas, and multiple other communities in the states where our employees live and raise their own families.

Saint Francis Ministries has roots in all of them.

The following represents just a few initiatives over the last year that highlight SFM's commitment to our communities.



*Staff members preparing to help the kids at Salina West's End of School Bash in May.*

## VOLUNTEER TIME OFF

Saint Francis Ministries kicked off its yearlong anniversary celebration on September 3, when senior leadership spent a day in service to encourage SFM volunteer hours during the organization's 80th year. Many employees already give back regularly in their local communities, and to help them do even more, SFM provided each employee with eight hours of Volunteer Time Off (VTO) for community service. Employees also pitched in on their own time, often volunteering more than once. This year, SFM staff have logged thousands of volunteer hours in their respective communities ... and we're still counting.

2,500+  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



by SFM employees  
in their respective  
communities

# KANSAS FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION AND KANSAS CONGREGATE CARE

This year, Saint Francis submitted proposals for the Kansas Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Services RFP and the Kansas Congregate Care RFP.

The FFPSA proposal focused on delivering evidence-based prevention services designed to strengthen families, address challenges before they escalate, and improve child and family well-being. By providing supports that help families safely remain together, this work advances Saint Francis' commitment to preventing family separation and minimizing the need for out-of-home care whenever possible.

The Congregate Care proposal focused on providing placement stability and supportive care for youth whose complex needs make it difficult to maintain traditional family-based placements. These services help prevent placement disruptions, reduce the need for children to move between settings, and provide a structured environment where youth can receive the support necessary to achieve greater stability and permanency. Placement stability and supportive care is critical to ensuring that children remain connected to services and relationships that promote long-term success.

Together, these opportunities support the full continuum of care at Saint Francis from in-home prevention through residential care. Applying for these opportunities was important as they enable Saint Francis to continue serving Kansas children and families across multiple levels of need while advancing our mission to provide healing and hope.

*SFM Employees at 2026's Match Madness Fundraising Event in Salina. Our CFO, Matt Fuqua, made every shot in the Freethrow Contest, winning an extra \$150 for Saint Francis Ministries. All the donations from the day totaled, \$19,622.*



# DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF POVERTY

Saint Francis Ministries hosted or co-sponsored several Poverty Simulations in Kansas and Texas, during which staff participated in an immersive experience designed to deepen understanding of the complex challenges faced by individuals and families living in poverty.

Beyond raising awareness, the simulations provide an opportunity to highlight the services Saint Francis offers to support vulnerable populations. The events also foster meaningful connections, leading to new professional relationships, including internship pathways and future workforce opportunities. SFM employees are always encouraged to participate as well.

We intend to sponsor more poverty and child welfare simulations either alone or with local partners in FY2027.



*Poverty Simulation at Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina, Kansas*

## SHARING SFM EXPERTISE WITH COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS

The Saint Francis Ministries Training Department now offers public access to 26 self-paced online courses. The courses were developed in response to requests from partners and community members seeking continuing education units (CEUs) for relicensure, as well as opportunities for professional and personal development.

Many of the courses are free, and Saint Francis Ministries never charges state partners or the families we serve. Among the paid courses, some offer CEUs, while others provide only professional training hours.

Why do we do this? Because we believe knowledge should be shared, especially with colleagues and partners who share our passion for children and families.

Learn more about the courses we offer in our Online Training Center at **[SaintFrancisMinistries.org/OnlineTrainingCenter](https://SaintFrancisMinistries.org/OnlineTrainingCenter)**.



Self-paced online  
courses offered to  
the public by SFM

# HEALTH CARE EQUITY TRAINING

Saint Francis Ministries remains dedicated to developing a workforce that is thoughtful, respectful, and well-informed in its service to others. This includes prioritizing training for all employees – from frontline staff to executive leadership – that fosters understanding of, and responsiveness to, the diverse backgrounds and life experiences of those we serve.

With that in mind, the Saint Francis training department developed a slate of courses to educate employees on the importance of health care equity and cultural humility, and on how to integrate these principles into daily practice.

As a result, SFM now offers an excellent selection of 24 courses that allow both frontline and support staff to earn a Health Care Equity and Cultural Humility Training Badge. Each course also comes with CEUs.

“This badge helps us put our values into action in the moments that matter most for children, families, and IDD adults,” said Amanda Pfannenstiel, Chief Clinical Officer.

To learn more about SFM’s commitment to Health Care Equity and our online training courses, **scan the QR code to watch Episode 8 of our “Conversations” podcast**, featuring SFM’s Chief Clinical Officer, Amanda Pfannenstiel and Director of Corporate Training, Christy Sanders.



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# WHAT WE DO



## OUR MISSION

Providing healing and hope to children and families.

## OUR VISION

Transform lives and systems.

## OUR VALUES

Rooted in faith, our values reflect an abiding respect for the dignity of every human being.



**Integrity**



**Quality**



**Respect  
& Dignity**



**Empower  
Change**



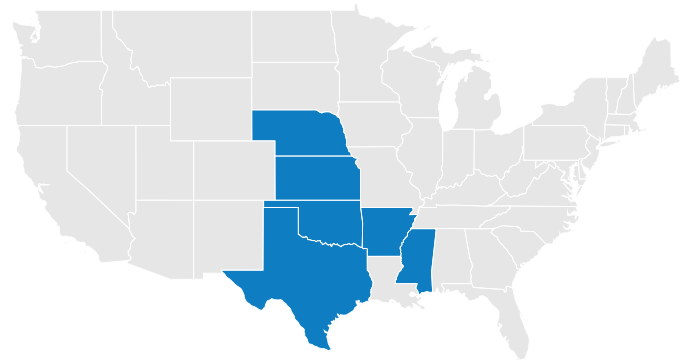
**Innovate**

## OUR PURPOSE

The story of Saint Francis Ministries begins with 12 adolescent boys 80 years ago, when the Reverend Robert Mize Jr. founded Saint Francis Boys' Home in rural Kansas. Today, Saint Francis serves approximately 8,000 children and family members per year across six states – Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas – with a full range of evidence-based programs and services. Every person we serve has dignity and worth. Each represents a story of healing and hope.

Recognizing and honoring the uniqueness of each family and individual, we don't follow a one-size-fits-all philosophy. Rather, we focus on providing the best possible care to children and families because we believe that strong families make children's lives better.

Our focus on care supports our vision of transforming lives and systems, and empowering families with the skills and tools they need to heal and regain their wholeness is the most effective way to achieve that vision. We don't just want to



*"We don't just want to keep kids safe through foster care; **we want to keep them from entering foster care** in the first place."*

keep kids safe through foster care; we want to keep them from entering foster care in the first place. The healthiest families are those equipped with the coping strategies and communication skills they need to remain safely together. Saint Francis provides them those strategies and skills.

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# HOW WE SERVE



# FOLLOWING OUR VISION: TRANSFORMING LIVES AND SYSTEMS

From our founding, Saint Francis Ministries has moved with purpose, going where the need is greatest. Every program we launch, every community we enter, is a response to a real and pressing call to serve.

Central to that call is keeping children safe and families strong, because when homes are healthy and stable, children flourish. From the moment a child enters our care, we pursue a safe, permanent future for them, one that honors their bonds with family whenever possible.

But our deepest hope is that children never need to enter the system at all. Our prevention programs are an expression of our faith in families and our belief that, with the right support, people can heal and grow. Our prevention efforts treat every person we serve with dignity, walking alongside them through recovery, renewal, and the hard work of building a better future.

Each service we provide is a tool for transformation, equipping families with the skills and confidence to remain whole, to weather future challenges, and to write new, hopeful stories. This is how we fulfill our vision – by changing the systems and circumstances that put families and futures at risk.

## Prevention Services

All prevention services ultimately have the same goal: to keep families together by helping them to work through their specific challenges. All of the approaches we utilize are evidence-based and highly effective with engaged families.

### Family Centered Treatment®

Intensive in-home therapy that emphasizes empowering the entire family unit to forge a resilient, healthy future together.

### Family Check Up® (FCU)

A brief, family-centered, and strengths-based approach to mindful parenting, tailored to family strengths and needs.

### Seeking Safety®

A treatment designed to help families dealing with substance use and trauma to recover, heal, and keep their children in the home.

### Project HEART

Designed to strengthen families while supporting economic stability for adult individuals or couples.

## Out-of-Home Services

Foster care case management involves coordinating and overseeing the care and well-being of children and their families involved in the foster care system. Case management includes assessment, placement, case planning, monitoring, support, advocacy, and planning for permanency.

## Residential Services

Our residential locations offer a wide range of services catering to individuals with mental health and behavioral challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and survivors of human trafficking.

# IN-HOME PREVENTION MODELS

Integral to our In-Home Prevention services are Family Centered Treatment® (FCT®) and Family Check Up®, evidence-based models of intensive in-home treatment that focus on working with the family to build a stable, healthy future.

Both models enable clinicians to directly observe families in their most comfortable setting – at home. Interacting with families at home makes it possible to directly intervene in unhealthy behaviors and to immediately reinforce positive, healthy choices. Saint Francis provides Family Centered Treatment® in Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, and the Texas Panhandle. Our Central Texas program utilizes Family Check Up®.

Texas Home Visiting (THV) is another in-home prevention program that serves families with children aged 5 years or younger and residing in McLennan and Bell Counties.

## SEEKING SAFETY®

Seeking Safety® is another cornerstone of Saint Francis' In-Home Prevention Services toolbox. An extremely flexible, evidence-based model designed to help individuals with a history of trauma and substance misuse.

Seeking Safety® is available in Kansas, and offers 25 treatment topics focusing on cognitive, behavioral, and interpersonal issues. Over the past year, Seeking Safety® has resulted in a 94% success rate in maintaining children at home during service delivery. During the year following referral, children remained in the home 72% of the time.



# PROJECT HEART

Saint Francis Ministries believes strong families make children's lives better – and that strong families start with healthy ones. Through Project HEART and our Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Programs, adults and parents build practical skills to strengthen their marriages, co-parenting relationships, parenting confidence, and overall family well-being. Both programs are community-based and available online or in-person across Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas.

Built on the legacy of our Fatherhood FIRE initiative, our renewed Fatherhood Program strengthens fathers, supports healthy relationships, and empowers families. This unique service provides practical tools, guided coaching, and relationship-focused education to help fathers parent with confidence and connection.

Project HEART is a grant-funded initiative for couples and individuals 18 and older that promotes healthy marriages, relationships, and parenting skills while supporting economic stability. Participants attend weekly two-hour workshop sessions, offered both in-person and virtually, covering Marriage and Relationship Education, Pre-Marital Education, Marriage Enhancement, Divorce Reduction, Marriage Mentoring, and strategies to reduce barriers to marriage – all alongside parenting skill development.



**46**  
**FAMILIES**  
**COMPLETED A COURSE**

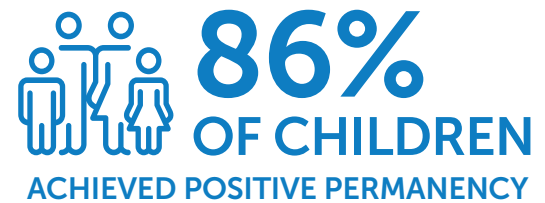


# FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGEMENT

Foster care case management involves coordinating and overseeing the care and well-being of children and their families involved in the foster care system, and includes assessment, placement, case planning, monitoring, support, advocacy, and planning for permanency.

In Kansas, Saint Francis Ministries provides comprehensive case management and permanency services to children and families through our Reintegration/Foster Care/Adoption (RFCA) programs. Local Department for Children and Families offices refer children in need of out-of-home placement. Each child and family's situation and needs are immediately assessed, and children are placed in the least restrictive environment possible while maintaining connections with family, kin, school, and home community.

In Texas, we provide stability, permanency, and safety to children and families as a Single-Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC). We work with more than 130 agencies across Texas to ensure children are placed in safe and caring placements and families are able to receive services to address the concerns which led to their children being removed from the home.



# RESOURCE HOME SPONSORSHIP

The reunification of children with their families is the end goal of every foster and kinship placement. To get there, we recruit, train, and support foster and kinship homes while delivering intensive, family-centered services that help households grow stable and strong. We work closely with community partners, the courts, and every person involved in a case to connect families with the resources they need, building independence, developing skills, and deepening community ties.

While children await that safe return, foster parents play an essential role in protecting and nurturing them. We always seek to place a child with a relative or familiar face first. When that isn't possible, we carefully match each child with foster parents equipped to meet their needs and champion their healing.





## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Accessible both remotely and in-person, Saint Francis Ministries Outpatient Behavioral Health department has offered healing and hope to individuals and families for more than two decades. Behavioral Health provides treatment and support for a wide variety of issues, including alcohol and drug counseling and outpatient services. All of our behavioral health programs are designed to meet the unique needs of both adults and adolescents.

Anchored by our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), Saint Francis provides compassionate, clinical care for children with both short-and long-term needs. Our residential services feature a range of treatment tools that include art therapy, equine therapy, and modalities. Each is designed to help youth overcome mental health and behavioral health struggles, so they can return to their families and communities to lead healthier lives.



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CLIENTS SERVED

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# WHO WE SERVE



# ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITIES WE CALL HOME

Since the beginning, Saint Francis has chosen to go to those who need help most. Over the years, our footprint has expanded and contracted based upon the needs of children and families and our capacity to meet those needs.

If we can help, we will.

When we do help, we commit ourselves wholeheartedly – to the people, to the community, and those most in need of our services.

We began with a handful of employees in the small farming community of Ellsworth, Kansas. Today, 1,250 Saint Francis employees serve in six states, providing services that heal and protect children, strengthen and fortify families, and honor the inherent dignity of human beings.

We provide programs that address the unique needs of each community in which we serve, and every Saint Francis office is staffed by people who call that community home. In other words, we're personally invested in its health and well-being.

## SAINT FRANCIS STATISTICS



**7,797**  
INDIVIDUALS  
SERVED



**1,032**  
FAMILIES  
SERVED THROUGH  
PREVENTION



**6,904**  
YOUTH  
SERVED

## NATIONAL STATISTICS

**175,008** Youth entered into foster care

**98%** Of families who completed FCT® successfully transitioned out of services

**331,747** Youth currently in Foster Care

**24%** Fewer youth in residential placement when receiving FCT® services

**46%** Of youth exiting foster care are reunited with their parents

**94%** Of families receiving FCT® services report having a “better handle on their family problems”

Who We Serve

# ARKANSAS



# PREVENTION MATTERS

At Saint Francis, our Intensive In-Home Services focus on one goal: keeping families together.

Operating out of Little Rock, we reach families across 52 Arkansas counties, equipping them with the tools and strategies they need to navigate and minimize the challenges of daily life. A cornerstone of this program is Family Centered Treatment® (FCT®), an evidence-based approach that partners with families to lay the groundwork for a stable, healthy future.

Through FCT®, families discover how to draw on their existing strengths to safeguard their children's well-being better. Nationally, 98 percent of families who complete FCT® achieve a positive placement at closure, but statistics only tell part of the story.

The true impact of Family Centered Treatment® is reflected in the families who have healed and remained whole.



☆ Office Location

## Arkansas Services

### Prevention Services

- Family Centered Treatment®
- Project HEART



*The SFM Team attends a training in Arkansas.*

 **384**  
**FAMILIES**  
SERVED THROUGH IN-HOME PREVENTION

Who We Serve

# KANSAS



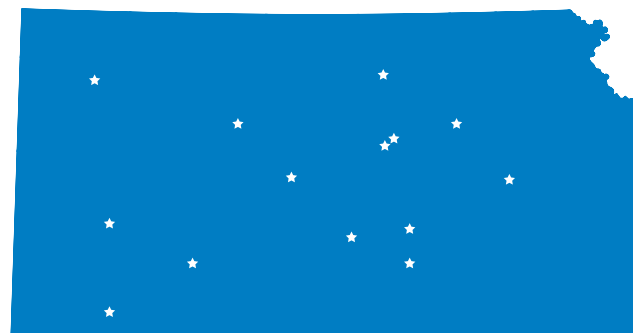
# THE ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD

Kansas has been home to Saint Francis Ministries since our founding in 1945, and it remains our largest footprint today. Our deep roots in Kansas – where Saint Francis Ministries was founded more than 80 years ago – have enabled us to build the most diverse and comprehensive continuum of services in any state we serve. Nearly every service is represented in Kansas.

Our services span a broad continuum: foster care, adoption, family preservation, behavioral health, residential programs, human trafficking prevention, Family Centered Treatment®, Seeking Safety®, Project HEART, and Independent Living for youth aging out of foster care. Every one of these programs draws on evidence-based practice and advances our vision of transforming lives and the systems that serve them. All are built around the two foundational principles of prevention and permanency because lasting change requires both.

In child welfare, permanency means more than placement. Permanency means every child has a safe, stable, and nurturing family connection that will last a lifetime, whether through reunification with parents, adoption, or legal guardianship. Belonging like that gives children the stability and sense of identity essential to healthy growth and development.

The same commitment shapes our Independent Living program, which prepares young people with the practical skills they'll need to thrive as adults. Our dedication also drives the SOUL Family Permanency option, a pathway that helps youth leaving foster care establish a permanent legal relationship with a trusted adult of their choosing, deepening their sense of identity, belonging, and connection for years to come.



☆ Office Locations

## Kansas Services

### Prevention Services

- Family Centered Treatment®
- In-Home Prevention
- Outpatient Behavioral Health / Substance Use
- Project HEART
- Seeking Safety®

### Out of Home

- Adoption
- Foster Care / Therapeutic
- Reintegration
- Case Management

### Residential

- Residential Care
- Care for Victims of Human Trafficking



In May 2026, we honored the work of the Hunter family and their commitment to foster care. **Scan the QR code to watch their story.**

 **127**  
CHILDREN  
FOUND A FOREVER HOME

 **440**  
CHILDREN  
REUNITED WITH FAMILY

 **2,333**  
CHILDREN  
IN FOSTER CARE SERVED

Who We Serve

# MISSISSIPPI



# BRIDGES TO INDEPENDENCE

Located in Picayune, our Bridgeway residential program offers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) a structured living environment with shared housing, dedicated support, employment assistance, and job exploration services, all designed to help residents build the most independent life possible. Any adult age 18 or older living with IDD is welcome to apply for residency and services.

Our Adult Day Services program in Carriere serves clients throughout Pearl River and Hancock Counties, connecting adults with IDD to meaningful, individually tailored activities held in community settings outside the home on a regular, ongoing basis.

Across all of our Mississippi programs, one commitment remains constant: respecting the inherent dignity of every person we serve. We believe that with the right support, every individual can enjoy the freedom to live and work on their own terms and to shape the direction of their own future.



☆ Office Locations

## Mississippi Services

### Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

- Residential Independent Living Program
- Supported Employment and Job Discovery
- Adult Day Services Program



*In June 2026, we celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of our Adult Day Program in Carriere with a ribbon cutting and reception.*

 **54** ADULTS  
SERVED  
IN MISSISSIPPI  
**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

Who We Serve

# OKLAHOMA



# SOONER THAN LATER

Children enter foster care from every background, every neighborhood, every corner of the state, and the foster parents who welcome them are just as varied. They all, however, share a genuine love for children and a willingness to open their doors and hearts to provide them with safety, stability, and a sense of belonging.

Through Saint Francis offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, foster parents step up to provide children with the nurturing environment they deserve, meeting their emotional, educational, medical, and behavioral needs, and offering something every child needs most: a place to call home.

Oklahoma is home to many quiet heroes making a real difference, one child at a time. One of those heroes is SFM foster care resource worker Aubrey Jung. Learn more about her on page 35.



☆ Office Locations

## Oklahoma Services

### Prevention Services

- Project HEART

### Out of Home

- Foster Care / Therapeutic



Aubrey Jung and her husband started as foster parents, and she now works for SFM. **Scan the QR code to watch their story.**



*In March 2026, SFM Oklahoma participated in the Child Advocacy Chili Cook-Off at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Sponsored by the Institute for Child Advocacy, the competition featured 34 entries, including the Saint Francis team, whose smoked tri-tip chili placed third.*

 **144**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN FOSTER CARE SERVED**

Who We Serve

# TEXAS



# EXPANDING TO SERVE

Nestled in Lubbock, our Brentwood campus serves as the hub for a wide range of Panhandle programs and services, chief among them foster care and adoption. Through our Family Centered Treatment® (FCT) model, we work alongside children and families in both Lubbock and Amarillo, bringing support directly into homes and communities. Saint Francis Ministries is honored to serve as the Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) provider across 41 Panhandle counties.

Our reach extends to Central Texas as well. In partnership with families in McLennan and Bell Counties, Saint Francis offers Texas Home Visiting (THV). This free, voluntary program connects families with at least one child aged 5 or younger with early childhood and health professionals who visit regularly at home. Operating out of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, our team delivers THV, Foster Care, and In-Home Prevention services to children and families throughout Central Texas. Our focus is always to provide permanency for kids in care.

As we continue to grow in Texas, expect the number of programs we offer and the people we serve to increase, too. Wherever families need us most, Saint Francis Ministries shows up to keep children safe and help families thrive.



## Texas Services

### Prevention Services

- Family Centered Treatment®
- Texas Home Visiting
- Project HEART

### Out of Home

- Adoption
- Foster Care / Therapeutic
- Reintegration
- Case Management



This year, we captured National Adoption Day, with a special focus on the Torres family. **Scan the QR code to watch their story.**

 **199**  
CHILDREN  
FOUND A FOREVER HOME

 **219**  
CHILDREN  
REUNITED WITH FAMILY

 **1,655**  
CHILDREN  
IN FOSTER CARE SERVED

Expanding to Serve

# OUR FUTURE



Over the next five fiscal years, FY27-FY31, Saint Francis Ministries will expand our core services to new locations, enabling the organization to increase its overall impact for children and families. We will simultaneously deepen our partnerships with stakeholders and colleagues to transform lives and improve social systems.

Additionally, Saint Francis will greatly enhance our overall employee experience, improve our internal systems and infrastructure, and significantly increase our philanthropic reach to enhance support for children, families, and our team members.



## OUR “BIG 5” PRIORITIES



### Program Delivery

#### “Why” We Exist

Healing and hope to children and families  
(Our Mission)



### Care & Development

#### “How” We Fulfill Our “Why”

Our people are the #1 strategic priority



### Culture

#### “Who” We Are – Inside & Outside

Stakeholders & colleagues transform systems



### Financial Stability

#### Fiscally Responsible

Using the resources and gifts we have received for their intended purpose



### Moderated Growth

#### Increase our Impact & Secure our Future

Thoughtful, planned, and resourced expansion

Recognized for  
**transforming lives  
and systems at the  
community, state,  
and national levels.**

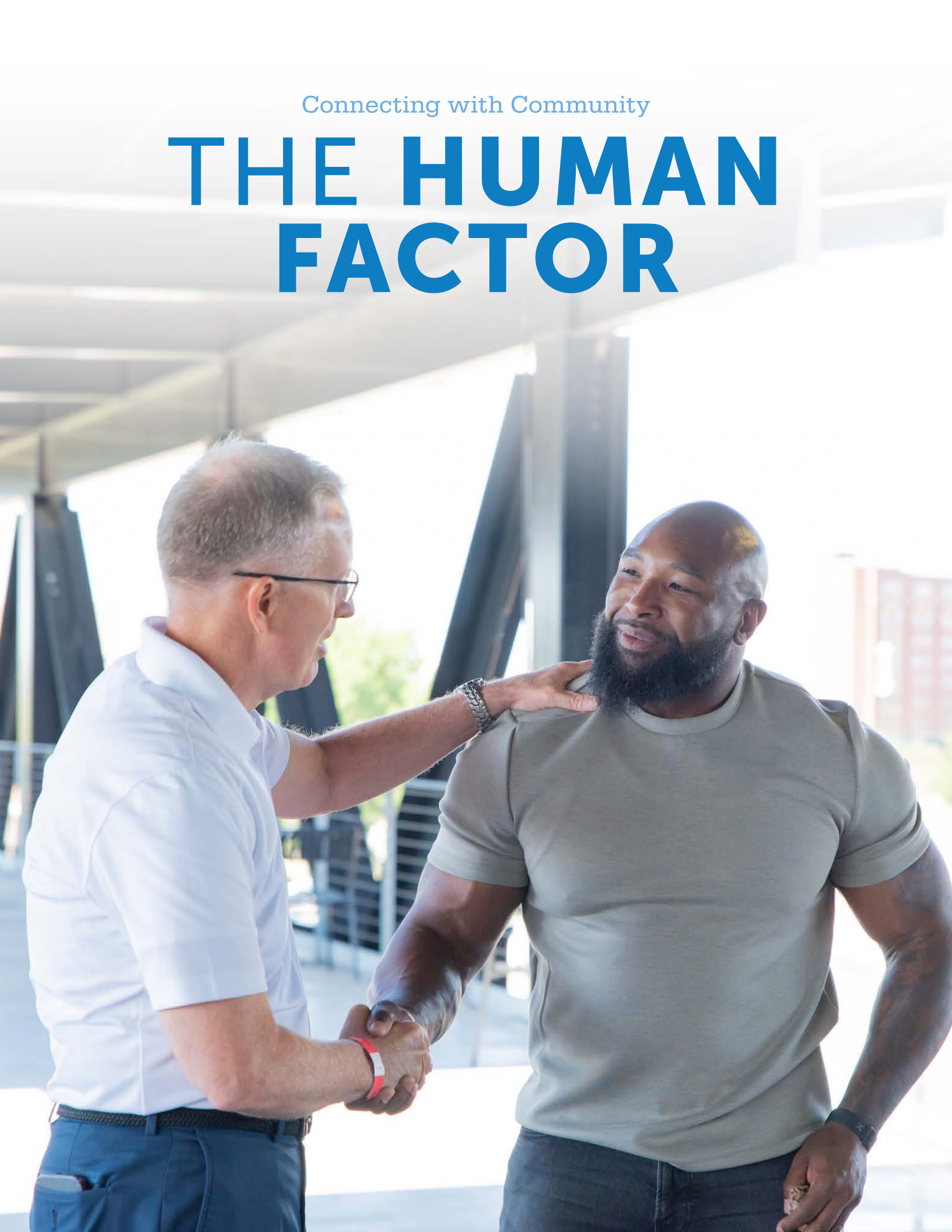
## SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES TOMORROW: OUR GOAL



**15,000+**  
People Served Annually

Connecting with Community

# THE HUMAN FACTOR



What is community but a network of relationships? Like healthy families, healthy communities depend upon the human factors of connection and common cause. Simply put, Saint Francis Ministries could not do our work well without the support and collaboration of our friends and community partners, which is why we spend so much energy building, cultivating, and maintaining relationships within the communities where we live, work, and serve.

## WACO COMMUNITY GATHERING

More than 50 community and legislative partners, employees, and members of the Saint Francis Board of Directors gathered on January 29, 2026 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco to celebrate Saint Francis Ministries' successful outcomes in the Texas Panhandle and to reaffirm the organization's commitment to bringing healing and hope to children and families in Central Texas.

The event featured remarks from William Clark, Chief Executive Officer of Saint Francis Ministries; Cristian Garcia, President of Texas for Child Welfare; and Brock Slabach, Chair of the Board of Directors. Rachel Williams, Vice President of Permanency, and Katherine May, Executive Director of In-Home and Prevention Services, also shared how Saint Francis Ministries has helped reduce the number of children entering foster care and supported families in remaining safely together through prevention programs such as Family Centered Treatment® and Texas Home Visiting.

"We are grateful to the people of Central Texas for their warmth, hospitality, and dedication to supporting their communities," said Clark. "With every new connection, we move further down the path we set three years ago, to stand alongside those facing hardship and challenge, and to offer meaningful support right where they live."



Top: SFM President and CEO William Clark speaks at the Waco Community Gathering.

Bottom: From left, Valerie Leon, Vice President of Foster Care Homes, Manuel Rosa, Human Resources Specialist, and Rachel Williams-Ehue, Vice President of Texas Permanency

At left: SFM President and CEO William J. Clark meets foster parent Jerone Hunter at Wichita's Safe at Home event.

# SAFE AT HOME EVENTS

In May, Saint Francis Ministries celebrated strong, healthy families at “Safe at Home,” held at Equity Bank Park, home of the Wichita Wind Surge.

Guests enjoyed a ballpark buffet and game tickets while connecting with SFM leaders and community partners. Fr. Andrew O’Connor, Executive Officer for Mission & Ministry, opened with a blessing rich in baseball metaphors. Speakers included Holly Osborne, SFM President of Kansas for Child Welfare; the Reverend Kelly Demo, SFM Board of Directors; and Joseph Shepard, Wichita City Council.

The evening’s highlight was a video profile of Jerone and Valerie Hunter (see page 21), Wichita foster parents who care for high-needs adolescent boys. Jerone threw out the ceremonial first pitch.



Scan the QR code to watch video highlights of **Wichita’s Safe at Home** event.



Saint Francis hosted a second Safe at Home event in June at HODGETOWN, home of the Amarillo Sod Poodles. Guests again enjoyed a ballpark buffet and time with Saint Francis leadership, as an SFM-produced video about our Texas work aired on the stadium screen three times during the game. Cat Orr, 21, who aged out of care at the Amarillo Children’s Home, threw the ceremonial first pitch. Her story exemplifies a community-based care model that engages multiple providers and programs to support child well-being. She’s currently a student at Amarillo College, studying psychology with plans to pursue a master’s degree in Trauma-Informed Practices.

Scan the QR code to watch video highlights of **Amarillo’s Safe at Home** game.



*Top: SFM Foster Parents Jerone and Valerie Hunter prepare to throw the ceremonial first pitch at the Safe at Home event in Wichita, Kansas. Center: The Torres Family with their newly adopted sons at the Safe at Home event in Amarillo, Texas. Bottom: From left; Dianne Ridgeway from Amarillo Children’s Home, Cat Orr, and SFM Community Liaison Teresa Cunningham.*

# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

This year, Saint Francis Ministries celebrates 80 years of service. That's a long time. Yet, more than the decades, what stands out to me isn't any single program or service, but the community that has carried this mission forward, generation after generation.

As both a clergyperson and a healthcare administrator, I've spent my career around people in need of healing. But healing rarely happens in isolation. Eighty years ago, Saint Francis Ministries began because a priest in Ellsworth, Kansas, chose to act on behalf of young people. That choice has been remade by new people, new partners, and new communities every year since.

Today, our community of partners – donors, churches, civic and legislative leaders, and fellow providers – continues to be the reason we can respond where a need arises, develop new programs, and remain steadfast in difficult times.

Saint Francis talks a lot about hope because we've seen what can happen when a community comes together for the sake of its most vulnerable members. Lives change. That is the foundation this ministry was built on, and the one we carry forward.

We are grateful that you have chosen to walk alongside us in this work this year and for so many before it. Your friendship and commitment to those in our care help make everything possible.

Faithfully,



The Reverend Brock Slabach  
Chair, Board of Directors, Saint Francis Ministries



*The Reverend Brock Slabach speaking at the Otis  
Campus Signing Ceremony on June 26, 2026.*

The Saint Francis

# FOUNDATION



# SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE

Like our front-line workers, our Foundation represents the public face of Saint Francis Ministries. More importantly, the Foundation staff helps ensure that children and families in our care have the resources they need to move forward in healing and hope.

## MATCH MADNESS

Over the last 14 years, Saint Francis Ministries has participated in the Greater Salina Area Community Foundation's annual Match Madness event. This event is a one-day-only giving day celebration that raises money to provide long-term support for local nonprofits. Match Madness generates gifts to endowment funds for local charities for long-term support, and Saint Francis has used the funds to support essential programs. This year, SFM raised \$19,622, which will support our Youth Emergency Shelter in Salina, Kansas.



## FOUNDER'S DAY

On February 4, 2026, our Founder Father Bob Mize's birthday, we launched the inaugural Founder's Day campaign. For this special day, we invited our friends and partners to honor our past, champion our mission, and invest in the future of the children and families we serve.

## EVERYDAY HEROES

The Foundation's annual giving campaign, "Everyday Heroes," features an appeal to donors while honoring and celebrating the "everyday heroes" who work and partner with Saint Francis Ministries. This year, the Foundation specifically honored Aubrey Jung, Oklahoma Resource Worker and foster parent with her husband, Blake.

## CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

In December 2025, we celebrated the 25th year of our Christmas for Kids campaign. The aim is to bring the hope, love, and magic of the season to every child Saint Francis serves. The simple act of making a financial gift or gift-in-kind has the power to transform a child's holiday. A toy, a game, or even a new book isn't just a gift – it's a reminder that they matter.



*From left: Foundation team members Ginny Ellis, Shayna Brown, and Xandra Bouray at Match Madness in March 2026.*

# A WORLD OF GOOD – WITH YOUR HELP

As the philanthropic arm of Saint Francis Ministries, the Saint Francis Foundation advances our mission by cultivating meaningful partnerships - across the states where we serve, within the wider Church, and alongside government agencies and nonprofit allies in child and family welfare.

Saint Francis' work would not be possible without our dedicated community partners. United by a shared commitment to improving lives, we bring healing and hope to those in our care – together.

**To join us in this life-affirming work, visit [SaintFrancisMinistries.org/Foundation](https://SaintFrancisMinistries.org/Foundation).**



**Ginny Ellis**, Executive  
Director of Development

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Every gift — financial, in-kind, or the gift of time — does a world of good. Your support helps us reach those in greatest need with programs that save, enrich, and restore lives.

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Innovate for Excellence.

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