



There's a temptation to build an annual report around a lot of numbers — and STARRY has plenty of those. We provided services to almost 10,000 children and families during 2011, including more than 13,000 hours of Counseling and a remarkable 20,000 days of Foster Care. Our SAFE program for runaway and homeless teens helped almost 400 families navigate through true crisis situations and the Emergency Shelter provided nearly 4,000 days of care, many for children who had been removed from their homes because their lives were threatened by abuse and neglect.

That's a lot of work from a staff of less than 50 and we are consistently amazed and blessed by their dedication, professionalism and compassion for those who come to

us for help. You can't be a counselor or a caseworker or an administrative assistant at STARRY without caring deeply about each child and each family that faces problems ranging from bullying to uncertain parenting skills to lack of motivation.

Yes, it's easy to get lost in numbers. But each number has a name and a face and an all-too-real problem. Like Joshua, age 3, who wound up in Foster Care because his parents were habitual drug abusers. Or Aimee, just 9 months old, who came to us in dirty clothes, undernourished and with a black eye. Or 14-year-old Jessica and her mother, who had lost the ability to communicate with each other. Or Scherrie, a remarkable adoptive mother whose story you can read here.

Helping children and families like these is our mission. It gives us the privilege of being the hands of Jesus in their lives, touching them in ways that make their lives better and giving them hope for the future.

None of our work would be possible without the prayers of individuals, families, churches and organizations who support what we do. As we minister to those who are emotionally and sometimes even physically broken, whose hearts are aching, and who seem lost in a world so much bigger than they are, we are blessed to provide help where it is needed most and hope where it does the most good.

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Scherrie Jones always knew she would work with kids. "But I had no idea it would look like it has," she explained.

Eight years ago, Scherrie opened a home day care in Waco. Her very first infant at the day care was 12-week-old Britany.

"Britany's mother was very involved in the beginning," Scherrie said, "but when Britany's dad got out of prison everything changed. Mom became less involved, and the baby became more and more neglected." The birth of Britany's younger sister, Catye, was only step two in the parents' downward spiral. Eventually, their mother had two more children and their living situation only became worse and worse.

Scherrie became a staple in the girls' lives. Soon after Catye's birth, the sisters were removed from their home and placed with their stable caretaker... Miss Scherrie. This would be the first of many times the children would shift back and forth between the custody of their biological parents and Miss Scherrie.

After she moved to Leander, Scherrie traveled frequently to Waco to see the children until their parents chose to relinquish their rights rather than clean up their lives.

With help from STARRY, Scherrie became a foster parent and applied to adopt the children. Last summer, Miss Scherrie became "Mom" when she adopted Britany (8), Catye (5), Ben (3), and Brianna (1). Today she is raising four beautiful blond-haired children in a loving, well-kept home.

"All of this is normal to my kids," Scherrie shared. "Going to court didn't change anything for us. We've been a family their whole lives."

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2011 MINISTRY SUMMARY

COUNSELING

Children Served	1,747
Average Age of Child (in years)	12.5
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Asian - 1% Black - 15% Caucasian - 52% Hispanic - 25% Other - 3% Unreported - 4%	
Information/Referral Services	1,351
Individual Casework Counseling	
Youth and Children	947
Number of Hours	4,688
Family Counseling	
Individuals Participating	4,834
Number of Hours	6,609
Specialized Groups	
Individuals Participating	135
Number of Hours	1,071

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Children Served	133
Total Days of Care	3,921
Average Age of Child (in years)	11
Average Length of Stay (in days)	43
Clients Receiving Counseling	89
Counseling Hours	505
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Asian - 1% Black - 33% Caucasian - 33% Hispanic - 29% Unknown - 4%	

FOSTER CARE

New Foster Homes Verified	19
Total Foster Homes Licensed	52
Children Served	130
Adoptions	21
Total Days of Care	20,071
Average Age of Child (in years)	6
Average Length of Care (in months)	8
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Black - 24% Caucasian - 32% Hispanic - 25% Mixed - 16% Other - 3%	

SAFE (Shelter Alternatives & Family Empowerment)

Residential Case Management	38
Community Case Management	431

2011 MINISTRY TOTAL

Total served	9,708
Emergency Shelter Care	133
Foster Care	130
Counseling	7,663
SAFE Community	431
Information/Referral	1,351
Total Counseling Hours	12,873
Religious Decisions	48

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HELP IN LIFE'S DARKEST HOURS

2011 OPERATING STATEMENT

UNAUDITED YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

Revenues

Individual Gifts	\$25,624	<1%
Church Gifts	13,939	<1%
Reimbursement for Care	2,215,303	70%
Foundations & Corporate Gifts	141,863	5%
Children At Heart Foundation	438,898	14%
Other Revenues	322,958	10%
TOTAL	\$3,158,585	100.0%

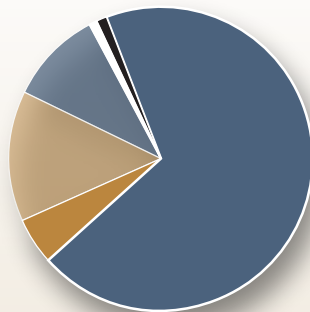
Expenses

Emergency Shelter/SAFE	864,257	29%
Counseling/Non-Residential Services	999,401	33%
Foster Care/Adopton	835,362	28%
Management & General*	299,057	10%
Fundraising*	0	0%
TOTAL	\$2,998,077	100.0%

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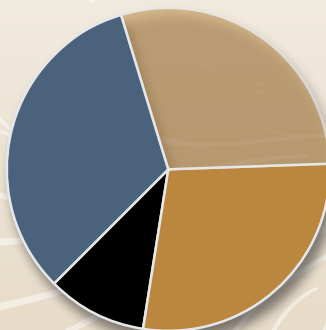


Revenues



- Individual Gifts - <1%
- Church Gifts - <1%
- Reimbursement for Care - 70%
- Foundations & Corporate Gifts - 5%
- Children At Heart Foundation - 14%
- Other Revenues - 10%

Expenses



- Emergency Shelter/SAFE - 29%
- Counseling - 33%
- Foster Care/Adoption - 28%
- Management & General - 10%
- Fundraising - 0%

*The Children At Heart Foundation provides funding for all Fundraising and Management & General Expenses, allowing 100 percent of current donations to support direct program services to children and families.