



Help in life's
darkest hours



Every year, STARRY participates in the lives of thousands of children and families.

It's easy to get lost in the swelling stats and the dutiful data collection. There's no doubt that numbers help quantify the breadth and depth of the work being accomplished through the dozens of staff and interns, not to mention the stellar support of Children at Heart and the STARRY Board.

Behind all of the numbers, however, live a grove of stories, some just planted, some budding and some sprouting into full, breathtaking bloom.

Every child we serve has a story, has meaning, has value and has STARRY to help navigate through the pain of the past, to help hold their balance in the confusion of the present, and to help nourish their growth for the radiant blossoming of the future.

Recently one youth has flourished to the point that she's been able to join in a process of giving back to other children whom STARRY serves.

This Positive Youth Development approach allows children to not only receive a service, but to grow and thrive to a degree that allows them to participate in the stories of other children.

What a testimony of the resiliency and power of faith and love in action!

Each year our staff writes a new chapter in their own stories as they pour themselves, heart and soul, into the work of inspiring, guiding, healing, helping, loving and sharing.

This capacity for seeing and sharing the love of Christ is profound.

It marks the hope that glimmers in a sometimes very dark world, a shimmer of promise that there is more to life than the meandering moments of the ordinary, that there is something truly extraordinary happening, something God-shaped and beautiful – a story, a divine story that God composes for every child, especially the ones who hurt the most.

RICHARD SINGLETON
Executive Director • STARRY

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At 18, Mila found herself with a baby and no job, no house, no family, no friends and no other means of support. It was then that she turned to the only constant thing she'd known in her young life: foster care.

Mila first went into foster care when she was six years old. She was placed in a stable foster home for about four years, but problems began when she was moved to another home. For the few years following, Mila was considered a runaway, bouncing from home to home and living with friends. And then she found out she was pregnant.

Realizing she couldn't provide a stable home for herself or her child, she requested to be put back into foster care and was referred to the STARRY Emergency Shelter. "Foster care was her only avenue to provide the best life for her and her baby," said Mila's Case Worker.

Once placed with a family, Mila began to really connect with her foster mom, who says she had received a firm foundation in parenting from her own mother. "My mother helped build within me the skills that make me a good and loving mother today," she said. "It is our hope that Mila will experience family relationships that will build her up and allow her to function successfully in our world today."

While her foster parents helped her with basics like getting her GED and opening her first bank account, Mila is also learning how to raise a child on her own.

When she struggles with doubts and second-guessing herself, Mila looks into her daughter's smiling face and remembers that she is her driving force to succeed. With the support of her foster parents and her own determination to succeed, she has a clear path to being able to achieve her goals and accomplish her dreams and guarantee a good future filled with opportunity for her child.



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2012 SERVICES REPORT

COUNSELING

Children Served	1,773
Average Age of Child (in years)	11
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Asian - 2% Black - 14% Caucasian - 48% Hispanic - 24%	
Mixed - 3% Unreported - 5% Other - 4%	

Information/Referral Services	1,386
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Individual Casework Counseling

Youth and Children	623
Number of Hours	3,167

Family Counseling

Individuals Participating	4,713
Number of Hours	6,017

Specialized Groups

Individuals Participating	161
Number of Hours	76

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Children Served	95
Total Days of Care	3,118
Average Age of Child (in years)	12
Average Length of Stay (in days)	38
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Black - 35% Caucasian - 32% Hispanic - 28% Mixed - 3% Unknown - 2%	

FOSTER CARE

New Foster Homes Verified	25
Total Foster Homes Licensed	49
Children Served	126
Total Days of Care	21,937
Average Age of Child (in years)	6
Average Length of Care (in months)	6
Racial Heritage of Clients:	
Asian - 1% Black - 37% Caucasian - 19% Hispanic - 18%	
Mixed - 23% Unknown - 2%	

Adoptions	7
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SAFE (Shelter Alternatives & Family Empowerment)

Residential Case Management	47
Community Case Management	830

2012 MINISTRY TOTAL

Total Served	9,707
Emergency Shelter Care	95
Foster Care	126
Counseling	7,270
SAFE Community	830
Information/Referral	1,386
Total Counseling Hours	9,260
Religious Decisions	4

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2012 OPERATING STATEMENT

UNAUDITED YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

REVENUES

Individual Gifts	\$88,408	3%
Church Gifts	17,688	<1%
Reimbursement for Care	2,167,975	67%
Foundations & Corporate Gifts	71,609	2%
Children At Heart Foundation	571,329	18%
Other Revenues	307,150	10%
TOTAL	\$3,224,159	100%

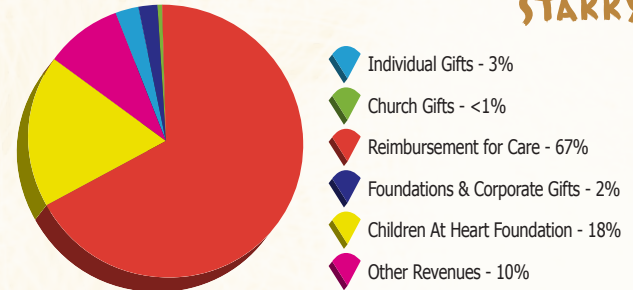
EXPENSES*

Emergency Shelter/SAFE	914,247	29%
Counseling/Non-Residential Services	993,307	32%
Foster Care/Adoption	935,915	30%
Management & General	267,613	9%
Fundraising	13,995	<1%
TOTAL	\$3,125,077	100%

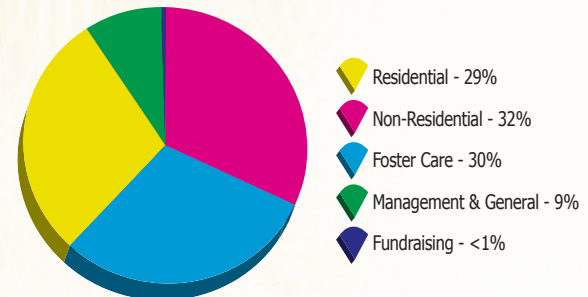
*STARRY benefits greatly by its affiliation with other ministries of Children At Heart. Texas Baptist Children's Home & Family Services provides all land and buildings at no cost. Children At Heart Ministries supplements administrative, accounting, human resources, and information technology services at no cost. The Children At Heart Foundation provides additional fundraising and communications services at no cost. These affiliate arrangements allow STARRY to significantly control general administrative and fundraising costs, which maximizes donor gifts for direct care of children and families in need.



Revenues



Expenses



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