

Christ's
HAVEN
For Children

2021
ANNUAL
REPORT





As part of Christ's Haven's Family Model of Care, we recognize the benefits and believe in the importance of sibling groups living together.

In traditional foster care, it is estimated that more than 70% of siblings are separated from one or more of their siblings.*

In 2021, there were seven sibling groups living at Christ's Haven, with 95% living with at least one sibling.

*Casey Family Programs

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



We saw tremendous growth across all areas of our organization in 2021. Our Residential Program for youth ages 0-18 averaged 95% capacity. Our College and Career Readiness Program for young adults ages 18-24 included the largest group we've ever had in the program. And a dream that was fully launched, Christ's Haven's Family Resource Center, served 2,026 individuals in our local community in its first year.

Cassie McQuitty
Christ's Haven For Children
CEO

The good news is that while we saw increasing need and demand for our services and programs, our donors came alongside to make that happen. 2021 was a record-breaking year for donations. I hope you will take some time to review all of these measurable outcomes from 2021 on pages 4-7 of the Annual Report.

While the measurables are incredibly important to see trends, needs, and areas to improve, the intangibles and moments that you can't measure will be what I most cherish about 2021. Every day I get the absolute honor of seeing kids thrive on our campus.

I love seeing their faces beam with pride as a teen girl tells me about the 3-point shots she continuously knocks down, or the young man about to graduate who is working at a local restaurant and about to get his first car. I get to show up at the local elementary school and watch one of our second graders receive the character award for his class while his sisters sit in the audience with wide grins.

These everyday moments reflect the moments of families around our community. It is in these moments that I know we are doing the work well, our children are experiencing normalcy. Not just surviving, but thriving.

Cassie

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It is an incredible honor to begin my term as Christ's Haven's Board Chair, and I step into this role as someone with a lifelong connection to the mission. My grandfather, Cecil Samsill, worked closely with the founders, Mr. & Mrs. Steadman, as the organization was established 68 years ago. Christ's Haven has been part of my life since I can remember.

Darrin Lewis

Christ's Haven For Children
Board Chair

Joining the Board of Directors a few years ago and now serving as Chair is a wonderful way for me to honor the past while continuing the incredible mission into the future. As you read through the 2021 Annual Report, you can see why I am excited about all that is ahead.

2021 was a year of growth in many ways with our special events and fundraising. At the same time, our programs--Residential, College & Career Readiness, and Family Resource Center--all had tremendous growth as well. As hard and difficult as it is to hear, that tells me that the need

to serve displaced youth and their families remains critical.

I'm grateful for the vision the Steadmans had years ago and proud of the involvement the Samsill Family has had since the beginning. I am very honored to continue that legacy. But even more important is that we help provide a legacy of hope for the youth we serve at Christ's Haven.

Whether you've supported Christ's Haven for decades or are new to the organization, your support is essential. I look forward to meeting you and serving together.

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Darrin Lewis

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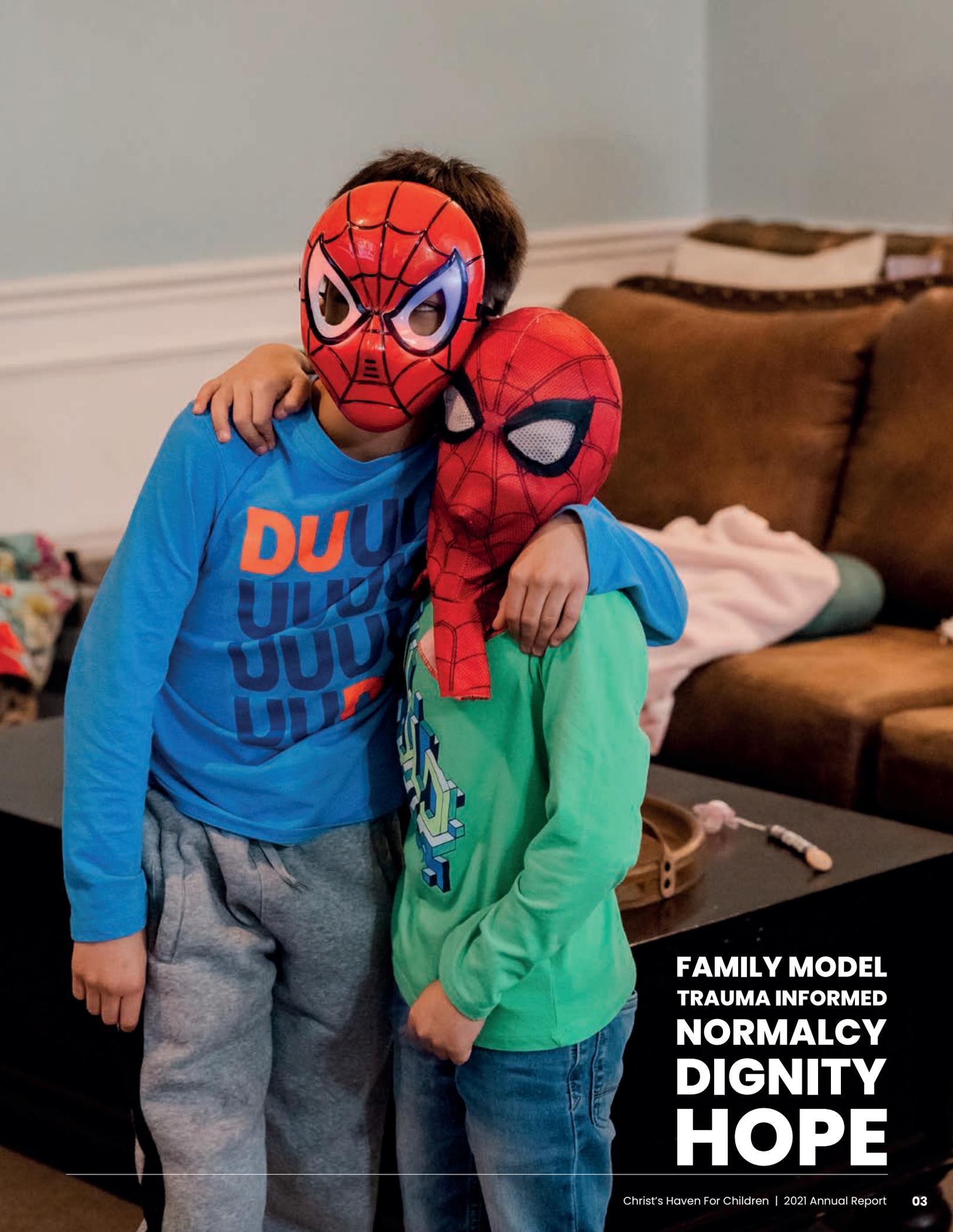
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2021 OUTCOMES

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM (YOUTH AGES 0-18)



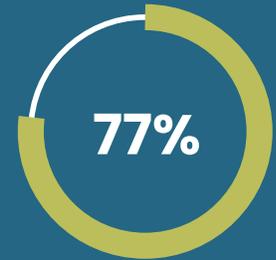
Average age a child comes to Christ's Haven is **age 11**



95% of sibling groups live with at least 1 sibling



57% of sibling groups all live together



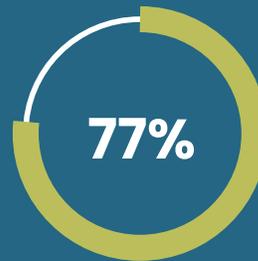
77% of youth have a mentor, totaling 1,100 hours together



Median length of stay at Christ's Haven – **24 months**



89% of teens say they have a trusted adult they can call in the middle of the night if needed



77% of teens say they know how to fill out a job application



90% of teens can talk with their houseparents about spiritual issues



393 total hours of counseling provided



826 hours of staff & caregiver trauma-informed training provided



98% of normalcy goals achieved: extracurricular activities, sports, friends over, etc



89% of teens say yes or mostly yes that they feel part of a family



90% of teens say their family feels church experiences are important

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PROGRAM (YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-24)



100% maintain a bank account



89% obtained driver's permit or license



92% graduated from high school



92% have gainful employment



92% have health insurance



OUR COMMUNITY



2,069 volunteers provided **8,065 hours** of volunteering



Social Media following grew by **18%**



65 churches partnered with Christ's Haven

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

A defining moment for Christ's Haven in 2021 was the launch of the Family Resource Center. The early initiative began the summer of 2020 but then came to fruition in 2021 after being selected as a grant recipient of the Fort Worth Crime Control and Prevention District to develop and fund our Family Resource Center (FRC).

The FRC was created to stand in the gap for families in need. Families can find a range of services – from parenting classes, to counseling, to food boxes, and more – all in one place.

Our goal is to serve families in our community who are in crisis, including families at risk of placing their children outside of their homes or going into foster care. We aim to provide whole family care and wrap-around support to the biological families of children in our residential program. We also want to support and come alongside families who are pursuing reunification.

As Christ's Haven grows, we continue to stay committed to our mission and core values of providing normalcy, dignity, and hope to displaced children, teens, and young adults. We are grateful for these new opportunities to further expand that support and meet needs in our community.

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378 food boxes
distributed, totaling
26,000 lbs of food



2,026 individuals
served



97 hours of FRC
counseling provided

200 individuals attended parenting education webinars:



Child Abuse
Prevention



Navigating Special
Education



Digital Parenting
& Social Media



Self Care
for Caregivers



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

CHRIST'S HAVEN FOR CHILDREN

2021 CHRIST'S HAVEN AWARDS

We want to celebrate the volunteers and partners who went above and beyond to make 2021 such an incredible year. Your dedication to Christ's Haven is vital to providing **normalcy, dignity, and hope** to displaced youth.

Congratulations and thank you to our 2021 award winners:



Outstanding Individual Volunteer:
Staci Ragsdale



Outstanding Corporate Partner:
McAdams Corporation



Outstanding Philanthropic Group:
NCL North Tarrant



Outstanding Church Partner:
The Grove Church



Outstanding Resale Shop Volunteer:
Susan Augustus



Outstanding Educator:
Susan Mackey
Trinity Meadows Intermediate



Mason Award:
Hana & Haley
Fisherkeller



Youth Spotlight:
Antonio & Anna

SPECIAL EVENTS

2021 was an incredibly successful year with Christ's Haven's annual special events. The Golf Tournament and Fashion Show both sold out. The Fashion Show achieved its highest amount raised at over \$100,000. We look forward to building on the success and continuing to grow these events as a way for our community to support the mission of Christ's Haven.

Join us in 2022!



**29th Annual Christ's Haven
Golf Classic**
April 29, 2022



Volunteer Work Days
April 2 & September 17, 2022



Fashion Show & Brunch
November 5, 2022



Open House
November 12, 2022

IN-KIND DONATIONS



\$40,000 in gift cards were donated



\$270,000 worth of in-kind goods or services were donated

2021 FINANCIALS

2021
REVENUE
\$2,603,197



2021 EXPENSES





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Sharon & Kelby

"As a parent, I coached every sport for my sons any opportunity I had. There's nothing I jump at faster than serving kids. And there's nothing more important than serving kids who hurt and have had a hard life," Kelby Pope, Christ's Haven outgoing Board Chair, said.

While Kelby has shared his passion for serving kids with different organizations, Christ's Haven has been the one constant the past 16 years.

Through several Christ's Haven connections with friends from church and college, he was asked to serve on the Board of Directors in 2006 and stepped into the role of Board Chair in 2018.

"Every one of the Board members I've served with is near and dear to my heart. They are so thoughtful and have impressed me with how much they put into their role. It has encouraged me to do the same," Kelby said.

He says he has grown to appreciate the importance of the administrative aspect of the Chair role, but the most meaningful moments have been on the ground playing and interacting with kids at Christ's Haven.

"Playing Gaga Ball, shooting hoops...that's my wheelhouse," Kelby said. "While I love playing with kids, I also want them to know I'm on their team. I know there have been adults who have failed them, but I'm not one of those. I want to be their biggest cheerleader."

Kelby's wife, Sharon Pope, said Kelby has been involved with Christ's Haven 16 of the 25 years they have been married since their own two sons were little.

"It has been a beautiful thing for me to see his consistent, servant leadership come through over the years. Our boys have grown up always knowing about Christ's Haven and knowing a way that their dad loves God is by

serving others," Sharon said.

When asked about his proudest accomplishments while serving on the Board, Kelby said the sale of the Steadman Farms property in 2012 and the hire of the current CEO, Cassie McQuitty, in 2019.

"Deciding as a Board whether we should sell the property was a very emotional decision with a lot of sleepless nights and prayers wondering what is the right thing to do," Kelby said.

Looking back, he knows what a good decision it was and how much opportunity it provided by creating an endowment supporting ongoing operating expenses.

The Christ's Haven Board was then faced with the responsibility of hiring a new leader as Dwight Robarts retired from the role in 2019.

Kelby said Dwight was such a great leader that finding an adequate replacement for him was a daunting task as the Board Chair. Through an extensive search, they came to the decision to hire Cassie McQuitty, who would become the first female CEO at Christ's Haven.

"Cassie checked every box that Christ's Haven needed. Plus, she checked boxes we didn't even realize we needed. She has energized the Board like we never anticipated. God's provision in that important hiring decision was more than we ever dreamed. She made me an even better Board Chair," Kelby said.

While Kelby transitioned out of the Chair role at the end of 2021, he continues to serve on the Board of Directors and looks forward to more time back doing what he loves most, getting to mentor and be part of the kids' lives at Christ's Haven.



Jennifer

"I've always been the caretaker for everyone. I never had a lot of time to find self-care, so I did hit a lot of bumps in the road."

Living in the Keller area for many years, Jennifer had driven by Christ's Haven often but never really knew much about the organization. When a situation came up with Child Protective Services, she was referred to Christ's Haven. Without family nearby, Jennifer said she needed help and decided to place her son in our family model of care.

"From the very beginning Christ's Haven was a great fit for my son and my family," Jennifer said.

Jennifer worked very closely with the houseparents taking care of her son along with Christ's Haven Case Manager, Jaimee Kraft. They formed a wonderful partnership filled with mutual respect and support for the period of time he lived at Christ's Haven.

"I'm so proud of Jennifer. I told her that we have her son taken care of, this is time she can work on herself. She was so strong in doing what she needed to do so they could stay together," Jaimee said.

For some families the outcome may be reconciliation while the child continues to live at Christ's Haven. For some families like Jennifer's, the family is able to establish reunification. Whether a child lives at Christ's Haven 6 months or 16 years, we love them as our own providing Normalcy, Dignity, and Hope in their lives.



Wade

When a child comes to Christ's Haven, it is imperative that we care for the whole child. That includes their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. One important part of that is connecting each child or teenager with a volunteer mentor.

Wade Strzinek became a mentor in 2018 when he learned about a group of teenage brothers who had recently come to live at Christ's Haven.

We know that mentors can make an impact on a young person's life. At-risk youth who have a mentor are less likely to use drugs or abuse alcohol, and more likely to attend college and develop trust in relationships.

"It's understandable to think you can't make a difference against all the daunting challenges we face in our world.

For me, making difference is just a matter of being intentional in my community, which is why I volunteer as a mentor at Christ's Haven For Children. I may not be able to remove any of the challenges these kids face, but I can be a positive presence and remind them that there is someone who is always in their corner. And hey, if we can squeeze in a Dallas Mavericks game at the same time, then even better!" Wade said.



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- Ariana Abrahams
- Kelly Dossey
- Hana Fisherkeller
- Haley Fisherkeller
- Chloe Hull
- Sabrina Jefferys
- Samuel Jefferys
- Savannah Jefferys
- Marisa Kipp
- Madie McQuitty
- Marlie McQuitty
- Kaitlyn Reynolds
- Celeste Rhoades
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- Neal Rhoades
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