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2012 **ANNUAL** REPORT



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**ROOTS** *and* **WINGS** was chosen as the name of this publication because we have a deep desire to **ROOTS** to nourish and establish them, to ground them in who God says they **WINGS** that they may soar beyond whatever hinders them and achieve much

give both of these to each child that comes to us: are and to give them room to grow with a place and people who embody home; more than they have planned for themselves.

# from the chairman

Warmest greetings! Each year that passes at the Presbyterian Home for Children marks lives changed for the better through the unceasing efforts of dedicated staff members and volunteers, the generosity of our supporters and the blessings the Lord bestows on all of us. Our vision is to give every child the opportunity to succeed, and 2012 was filled with successes – some were small steps in the right direction, some were an accumulation of feats and a few were major life-changing achievements.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5:3-4 that whatever trials and tribulations befall us, suffering leads to perseverance, perseverance creates character, and character leads to hope. This is our challenge with the children we care for: we must demonstrate to them with patience and love that they are safe, they are cared for by people they can trust, and their journey through childhood can continue to character and hope.

The past year has been blessed by a successful transition to our new President, Darrin Murphy, taking over from Scott Sticksel, resulting in an unbroken continuum of excellent leadership. The past four years have been remarkable for changes in organizational structure and the board’s commitment to lengthen the time family teachers have to work with each child. In accordance with our over-arching goals, the Trustees recently voted to purchase land northwest of town. It is an exciting time in the life of The Children’s Home.

Another great milestone of this past year was the publishing of curriculum materials for the Transitional Living Concepts cottage. The printing of these workbooks to develop independent living skills was underwritten by a generous benefactor and has allowed us to become a model for group homes across the country.

I want to thank you for the generous support you have provided, both in your time and your talents. We could do little for the children we have been entrusted to care for without this outpouring of support from our community, and we are sincerely grateful. We’d love for you to come by The Children’s Home. You will see in the smiles of the children just how much difference your generosity has made and will make in the future.

**ALWAYS GROWING,**  
Chuck Kitsman, *Chairman of the Board*

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*an* unlikely gift



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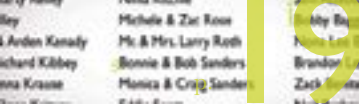
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a letter from *the* president



a *supporting* role



donations *and* financial information

**JOIN the FUN!** Somewhere in this newsletter, this symbol  is hidden. You’ll win a pizza party with the kids on campus when you’re the first to contact us with its location. *Remember, it could be any size!*

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## a side *note*

*with Office Manager,* Deanna Farnsworth

Throughout my 27 years at The Children’s Home, I have experienced the many ups and downs that come with any career. The ups we all naturally enjoy; the key is in managing the downs.

I’ve discovered that keeping a right attitude is so necessary during tough times. My outlook affects my future. It can lift me high over circumstances or leave me badly battered by what’s going on around me, depending on where I let my thoughts take me.

One of my favorite scriptures is Psalm 19:14, “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.” Some days I have to spend a lot of time meditating on those words.

Keeping my eyes on the future (Jesus) and not on the present circumstances helps me to stick it out even when things aren’t easy. Knowing that He has placed me here to accomplish His purpose helps me remember that it’s not about me when adversity comes.

God has called each of us to be agents of His love and to accomplish His will on earth where we are, even in our vocation – *particularly* in our vocation. Let us joyfully and faithfully take hold of this holy calling.



the PRESBYTERIAN HOME for CHILDREN began out of a single **DECISIVE** MOMENT.

In 1923, Dr. R. Thomsen, minister for what is today's First Presbyterian Church, and some friends were meeting for coffee at the Amarillo Hotel when they saw three children standing outside, crying. *The children were orphaned, hungry and in need of clean clothing.* At this critical point, these men **CHOSE TO ACT**: to **feed** and **clothe** the children and find them **proper care**.

# who *we* are

In 1923, God used the immediate need of three children to orchestrate His provision of care for generations of children yet to come. It would be a treasure to hear all of the conversations and know each little step and decision made between that pivotal February morning in 1923 to the day The Children's Home officially opened in March 1924.

A need was seen and a decision was made. There was work to be done. The "why" was understood: to care for children in need. The "how"... well, the "how" has, at times been uncertain. But God's hand of providence has always been at work.

Some of His providential distributions are recorded in our earliest documents: the gifts of land and a building that would serve as the original site of The Children's Home for over two decades; Amarillo Ice and Distributing Company "...furnishing, without cost to us, all ice needed"; publicity in *Western Weekly* – "free of charge"; Great West Mill "...providing us with all flour and meal, without cost...". Then, in later years, records show that, as the children's needs grew and changed, the trustees sought solutions which ultimately landed us at 3400 S Bowie.

Our understanding of how to best serve our kids continues to deepen and develop each passing year, but our mission consistently remains true to our foundation – to care for children in need. Our expectations are high for our kiddos, and, as such, for ourselves and for the care we provide.

We don't get to rewrite our children's pasts, but we do have the awesome opportunity and responsibility to help write their futures. As you view this annual report and scan our list of donors, you will quickly understand that we are not alone in caring for the needs of children. The Providence of God and good people are still at work, acting and intervening for our amazing children.

**IMPORTANT STUFF** *we want* you to know

# information *and* announcements

## **EMPLOYEE** of the **MONTH**

We're so proud of one of our girls who was just awarded Employee of the Month at Sonic! It is a well-deserved honor for this exceptional young woman. Great job!

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the first of our kids to reach the highest level of achievement in our new behavioral program. She has demonstrated outstanding behavior and leadership skills. What an accomplishment!

## A **BIG** THANK YOU

to our many volunteers who have put in a great amount of time and effort to ensure that our Roots & Wings banquet is a success. We appreciate you and look forward to enjoying the banquet together!

## **EAGLE SCOUTS**

We are excited to have been chosen, for the 4th time, as an Eagle Scout project! We are so thankful to the young men who continue to give of their time and talent to bless The Children's Home. We are honored by your desire to serve.

## **GOING PLACES CURRICULUM**

Designed to help any teen make the transition into adulthood, this curriculum, created and published by The Children's Home, is on sale now! Visit [goingplacesroadmap.org](http://goingplacesroadmap.org) to learn more or to place an order.

# wish *list*

*In-kind contributions allow you to participate in the ministry of The Children's Home through the provision of tax deductible goods, skills or services.*

- Beef & Chicken
- Digital Camera  
*Cannon EOS Rebel T3 12.2 MP with 18-55 mm Lens (or comparable)*
- Large Capacity Washer & Dryer
- Snow Blower *Garden Tractor mounted*
- Sports Equipment
  - balls (basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, etc.)
  - helmets (all sizes)
  - chains and padlocks
- Camper (16'x20' bumper pull that sleeps 4-6)
- Wallets (for our young men)
- New Bath Towels
- Wooden End Tables
- Lamps
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Large Backpacks (for girls and boys)
- Men's Pajama Pants
- Journals
- Model Car & Airplane Kits
- Art Supplies

*Thank you to everyone who had a part in fulfilling so many of the items on our previous wish list! May the Lord bless you as you have blessed us!*





WHEN YOU **BECOME CONSUMED** BY GOD'S CALL *on your life*, **EVERYTHING** will take on new meaning and significance. You will begin to see every facet of your life, *including your pain*, as a means through which God can work to bring others to Himself.

- Charles Stanley

“**YOU KNOW**, *I think that sometimes* **GOD ALLOWS US** to go through **DIFFICULTIES** so we're prepared to help others.”

## an unlikely gift

It can be difficult, embracing hardship as the hand of God at work in our lives. Blessings? Amen! Ease? Bring it on! Suffering?... There we pause, not quite willing to accept what God offers us as a... gift?

When he was a child, Jacob was mislabeled as mentally handicapped. Dyslexia wasn't well known, so he was seen as... deficient... lacking. In art, however? In art he excelled. Art helped him with his other subjects. Math and history, once elusive concepts became concrete, able to be grasped. Art calmed him, gave him a venue of expression, helped him to understand and to be understood.

Jacob was also great with kids – he LOVED working with kids – so much so that his grandmother suggested he work at Boys Ranch during his summers home from Oklahoma Baptist University. He recognized that God had placed him on a path – one determined long before, rooted in childhood difficulties and guided by his two passions, art and kids – a path to reaching kids and working with kids through art.

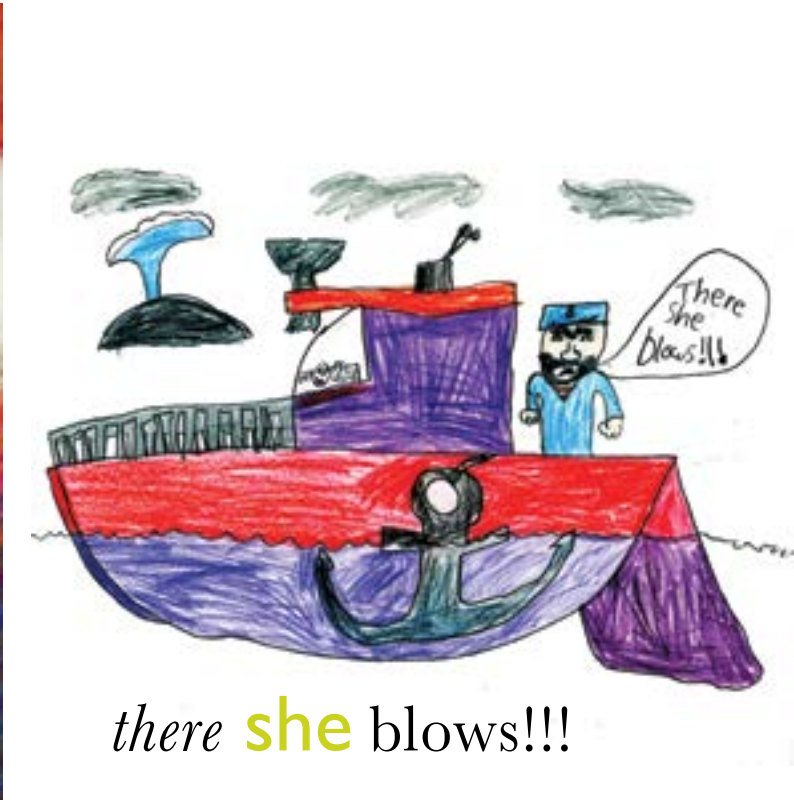
When he transferred to West Texas A&M, Jacob needed to find a full-time job that would allow him to go to school at the same time. During that transition, he visited The Children's Home to talk to Clay about volunteering. God had something better in mind. The Children's Home had a position open as a PRN – plenty of flexible hours, working with kids. It was a great fit.

This past semester, Jacob began art therapy with a few of the kids on campus. While he loved working in the homes, he finds the one-on-one of art class especially conducive to addressing heart needs and connecting more deeply. It is in this setting that Jacob really shines, in this arena where he can use, and embrace, all of his gifts.





*{ as **CHILDREN** see it }* We were heading to the canyon to go hiking, and my husband had taken a wrong turn - heading off unawares in a wrong direction as we visited away in the front seats. From the back seat, I began to hear a little voice sing-singing quietly, “I don’t think this is the way to the canyon...” “I don’t think this is the way to the canyon...” “*I don’t think this is the way to the canyon...*” It took about three repetitions for me to realize what was happening. At the same time, the hopeful little hiker could contain himself no longer and, with great urgency, cried out, “**DON’T YOU KNOW** that we’re going to **THE CANYON!!!!**”



## one of our own *by Marcy McKay*

Today, Courtney Spencer works an Assistant PRN Family Teacher for The Children’s Home, but in 2008, Child Protective Services placed her here to live. “Back then, I didn’t care...”

She had the chance to go home that first year, but chose to stay instead. “I’d never known anything about family, time management or having a clean house.” She lived at The Children’s Home through graduation and remained connected afterwards, growing into the person she is now. She sees herself in these kids and wants to teach them the skills that helped her.

## serving large

One of the many things that sets The Children’s Home apart is our unique ability to care for large sibling groups – especially those widely spread in age.

We currently have several groups of brothers and sisters on our campus, and were recently able to welcome a family of five. To see them interact – playing together, loving on each other – and know that we’re able to keep that part of their family intact has immeasurable value.

It’s beautiful to realize that, nearly sixty-four years ago, when The Children’s Home built this campus with family-style homes (a cutting-edge concept at the time), *God knew that these five children would need to stay together.*

## a blessed turn of events *by Marcy McKay*

The cover of the November issue of *roots and wings* featured one of our girls who had been at The Children’s Home about three-and-a-half years. We are eager to share with you some exciting news! In December, Tracy\* was adopted by a single mom and now lives in Maryland.

Of course, Tracy was thrilled, but nervous. She thought, “What will my mom be like? How will our home life be together?” Her worries disappeared when they spent Thanksgiving week together here in town. “My mom is so cool, and we had so much fun.”

What a special crossroads in Tracy’s life. May the Lord continue to direct her paths. \* name has been changed



ALL LABOR *that* **UPLIFTS** HUMANITY has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with **PAINSTAKING EXCELLENCE.**

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- Martin Luther King, Jr.

# friendly *new* faces

“We aren’t just thrown on this earth like dice across a table. We are lovingly placed here for a purpose.”

- Charles Swindoll



Krista Rodgers  
PRN Assistant Family Teacher



Kimber Thompson & Ben Carpenter  
Clinical Specialists



Jake & Traci Goodnight  
Family Teachers - Pickens Cottage (TLC)



Robert & Tekeela Jackson  
Family Teachers - Hardin Cottage

The Children’s Home is what it is because of our people – particularly those who are in the trenches living life with the kids. We’d like to introduce to you the newest members of our team and ask that you will pray with us for them, as well as for the rest of the staff at the Presbyterian Home for Children.

One of the greatest ways you can be involved at The Children’s Home is through praying for our staff – for strength, for wisdom, for consistency and tender compassion, for God’s heart toward the kids and each other, for energy, for family and campus unity, for joy... Please come alongside us in this manner and empower us to do great things for God’s glory.

## anniversaries

OCTOBER *through* FEBRUARY

CELEBRATING



Jacob Gillette  
1 year



Lou & Stacey Holt  
1 year



Phil & Shannon Anderson  
2 years



Krista Bryan  
8 years

significant milestones

**EVERY GIFT** given to *the Presbyterian Home for Children* provides much more than a place to stay, clothes to wear and food to eat. Your gifts are used with intention and purpose to make homes and families, to raise children into healthy adults, to provide safety nets that all teens and young adults need, to spiritually sow into lives in a way that prepares them to love on others in need. *We humbly thank you for your gifts.*

# *coming* home

by Marcy McKay

The Children's Home is a place where kids land, often wounded and ill-prepared for life – needing wings mended, courage built, skills taught. We want to protect them, shelter their growth, keep them close until we know that they are ready. But we cannot make them stay – cannot force them to wait patiently for the timing we deem best. Sometimes they *fly a w a y*.

Like seventeen-year old Kaitlyn\*, who arrived at The Children's Home two years ago because of an unstable home life. She was given the opportunity to move into a foster home, but quickly discovered the situation wasn't what she had dreamed it would be; she needed to get out. What then?

Like Tanisha\* who was twelve when she arrived in 2010, then returned to live with her mom a few months later. "Of course I wanted to go home. Most kids want to live with their families." She just knew it would be better, but it wasn't. What then?

Like 19-year-old Keisha\* who placed herself here as a senior, then got engaged and moved to Denver to be with her fiancé. When she discovered that it was a mistake, what then?

When they choose to walk away and find themselves in a situation that is not what they had hoped it would be... when they see grass greener only to find it an illusion when they get there... when they feel like they don't have the right to ask to come back, but desperately need to... **What then?**

Then, we get to be an extension of God's beautiful grace and love, thankful for the chance to welcome these kids home again, to count them among ours *again*. Grateful for the chance to say, "you matter," by making a flying trip to Denver to rescue one – to demonstrate to that *one* that we're truly here to help - that we truly care. We get to be *family*.



\* names have been changed

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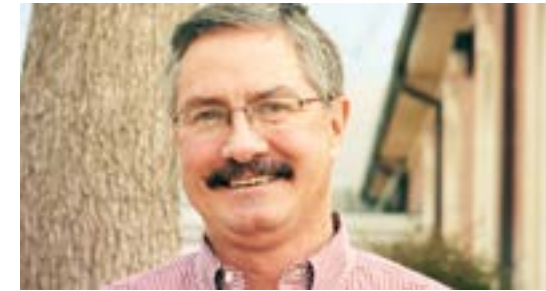


Oh LORD, our **LORD**, how MAJESTIC is your name in ALL THE EARTH! You have set your glory above the heavens. FROM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN and INFANTS you have ordained praise.” Psalm 8:1-2a

THE OPPORTUNITIES out in God’s world... you can’t manufacture them. You’ve got to be out there in it... experiencing and exploring.

- Jerry Rohane

Q and A:  
with Jerry Rohane,  
Board Member



Jerry Rohane is President of Western Builders, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the board of The Children’s Home and an outdoor enthusiast. He had the incredible experience of working for the US Forest Service as a wilderness guard during summers in college and has a deeply personal understanding of the growth and joy that comes through connecting with nature.

**Q:** How did you become involved with The Children’s Home?

**A:** My wife and I have attended Westminster Presbyterian for over 33 years. We’ve known the kids and been financial supporters. Western Builders built one of the first play-homes. We’ve gotten more and more into it over the years.

When I joined the board in 2010, I was assigned to the building committee with Dick Doyle and other board and staff members. Right away, we examined the issues with the current facility. The staff was involved in developing a “best ever” plan for the campus. It became real apparent real fast that our current site was too small. We looked at purchasing properties in the surrounding neighborhood in order to expand, but estimates showed that path to be horrendously expensive. It became obvious that the only option for improvement was to purchase land.

**Q:** What happened then?

**A:** We started looking for the ideal location taking into account access to schools, hospitals and activities as well as vegetation and changes in elevation. We nailed our dream area down to the northwest part of town – more specifically, near 9th and Soncy.

We looked at several properties, but none were just right. We were beginning to think that we would need to extend our search to the South of town when the State started planning some extreme changes to foster care. This created an uncertainty that forced us to put off making any big decisions for about a year. Finally, this past summer all the “what if’s” had been settled, and President Darrin Murphy was online – it was time to get going again. We began pursuing several different leads for funding, including some very interested donors. We heard that the Girl Scouts were selling some property and tried to chase it down only to eventually get ahold of someone who let us know we were on the wrong track, and that was over.

**Q:** So you thought...

**A:** So we thought. About a month later, Girl Scout authorities made the determination to sell 100 acres. In November we toured the site. It’s just perfect. From a construction perspective, it’s beautiful... Regarding access – it’s really nice... For the kids getting to have an outdoor experience – that’s really what it’s all about.

All of the avenues of potential funding that we had identified weren’t readily available. It just wasn’t happening. Then, all of a sudden, a large bequest came in – completely unexpected. Suddenly we had a way to go after this amazing piece of land. We made an offer on a Wednesday at 4:00. At 6:00, we got the acceptance call. The realtor told us that someone from the Girl Scouts said, “This is such a perfect fit.” We think so too.

“You can just see GOD’S HAND through the whole thing. None of us are smart enough to pull this together, to see the whole picture. The delays that held our hand from buying another piece of property... Everytime we hit a road block – looking back it’s like, “thank you, God, for that redirection” pointing us where we needed to be.”



MAY **GOD** GIVE US hearts that bleed, eyes that are wide open to see, minds that are clear to interpret God's purposes, wills that are obedient and a **determination** that is utterly unflinching as we set about the tasks He would have us to do.

- Alan Redpath

# entrusted *with* leadership



(L TO R) STANDING: Roger Castleberry, Shirley Fancher, James Austin, Dick Doyle, Chuck Kitsman, Deborah Cone, Mark Gilliland  
SEATED: Dawn Wells, Sonya Letson, Christy Kocsis NOT PICTURED: Breezy Adams, Diane Baker, Shannon Herrick, Jerry Rohane and Jean Stuntz

In His word, God teaches us that He is both a God of miracles and purpose; He is the creator and sustainer of the universe. In a surprise twist however, He chooses to use people to fulfill His will and purposes. We are both astounded and thankful for His plan to accomplish His work.

While we know of God's promises to take care of the fatherless, we are humbled at the provision He makes through His people. November the 23rd, 2012, The Children's Home lost one of its God-given provisions, Olen Wilson. Dr. Wilson was a lifetime member of the Board of Trustees at the Presbyterian Home for Children. His forethought and purposeful focus on children enriched countless lives. Through dental services, financial support and modeling, Dr. Wilson was an extension of the blessings of God.

Thank you to our Trustees, past and present, who, with resolution and a sincere sense of responsibility, have carried on the legacy of The Children's Home.

## *a letter from* Darrin Murphy PRESIDENT

Providence is a word that carries the meaning of forethought or foresight and is often associated with divine intervention and guidance. It is a word that implies a future end, a goal with a definite purpose and plan for attaining it.

Providence is a word which, in my brief tenure here, rings powerful. God's repeated provision, through His people, for the fatherless at The Children's Home is nothing short of astounding.

As you have read, the Board of Trustees has recently voted to purchase 100 acres of land in Northwest Amarillo. What I hope is abundantly clear is the guiding hand of God in all of this. What we struggled for and worked to achieve came up empty as God showed His path to provide in ways we could never have imagined.

It is tempting to forecast great plans for expansion - to tell of the amazing things we can and will do. This is the trap we, as imperfect beings, all too often fall into. God guides us in a direction and provides a glimpse of the goal, and, in our eagerness, we run ahead of Him towards the vision, grasping for what *we* want, seeking to shape what *we* desire.

At this time, it remains impossible and potentially irresponsible to say what we will ultimately do with the land, or more accurately, what God has planned for us to do. But, we see and trust His hand of providence for today, and we know it is the same hand that has guided The Children's Home from the first need of three children, to the original gift of land and a building and then to the much needed move to 3400 S Bowie.

In this role as President of The Presbyterian Home for Children, I get to join a providential journey begun 89 years ago. I have the opportunity to be a part of the next step in fulfilling the call to care for the children that God has entrusted to us. I am wholeheartedly committed to acknowledging God at work while leading and inviting others to participate as His vessels. It is a joy to be daily in this process.

We are abundantly blessed to have you by our side as, together, we carry out the call and operate as an extension of the Divine Hand of Providence.

Psalm 77: 11-12,





and ABOVE ALL, **WATCH** *with glittering eyes* the whole world around you because the greatest secrets  
are always hidden in the most unlikely places.

Those who don't believe *in magic* will never find it.

- Roald Dahl

## a supporting role by Marcy McKay

Berklye Dominguez Bonifield grew up in Amarillo, but didn't really know about The Children's Home until this past spring. As a member of the Junior League of Amarillo, she attended a presentation on the volunteer opportunities at The Children's Home for academic coaches. It intrigued her so much that she and several other women requested the assignment.

Berklye began tutoring in August, 2012, and meets one hour every Monday afternoon with her second-grade student, David\*. The two tackle whatever schoolwork he has...math, reading, carnival tricks, etc., and have fun just being together.

When Berklye first toured the grounds of The Children's Home, the experience humbled her. "I met some of the older girls and couldn't believe how responsible they are. The teens in TLC do their own laundry, they're required to have jobs, plus they're learning to manage their own money. I didn't know how to do any of those things at their age."

She's also quite impressed with the entire Children's Home staff. "David says all the time how much God loves him. His Family Teachers and everyone here are doing a great job of helping these kids build a firmer foundation." Berklye really enjoys the times when they will be in the middle of reading a book together, and David will comment "that person needs to be thinking WWJD (what would Jesus do)" then proceeds to explain exactly what that would entail.

Of course, the most charming part of their relationship is the time they spend before starting schoolwork. That's when she asks about his day, and creative and inventive "tall-tales" ensue.

In theory, Berklye is there to help him, but she swears he blesses her life so much more. "I feel almost like we're meant for each other. I have a sister a lot like David, with so much energy and sometimes not enough focus, so I understand that completely. I learn so much from him."

"I'm happy to have the chance to give back and make a difference in some way."

\* name has been changed





**DONATIONS** January 01 *through* December 31, 2012

**our donors** *are the lifeblood of the Presbyterian Home for Children.* Providing roughly 74% of our budget, the remaining 26% coming from the state, private donations are truly what allow us to exist. We are so blessed by all of you who have lovingly and generously given of yourselves for the benefit of the children at The Children’s Home.

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We are so thankful for those who include The Children’s Home in their estate planning. A **BEQUEST** is a way to continue making a difference in the lives of kids and positively impact the future of The Children’s Home. Our hope in the coming years is that more people will communicate their intentions as they plan and allow us to assist in any way we can.

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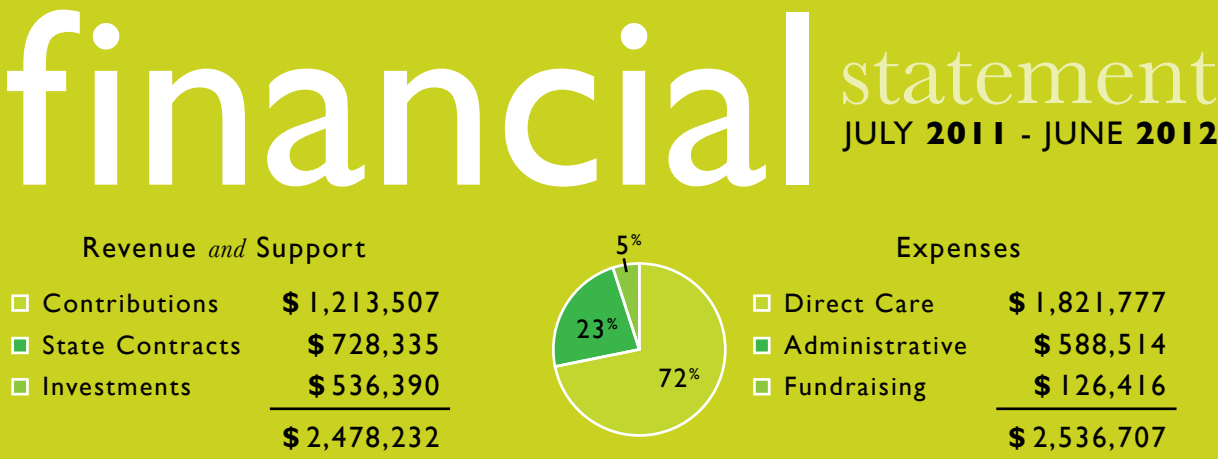
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