



CHILDREN'S HOME
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
A Legacy of Compassion Since 1859



2015-2016
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION:

*"CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE
LIVES, ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME."*



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- KAREN Y. RICHMOND

The Children's Home's roots are grounded in the North Country community. Our agency was formed 157 years ago as a result of community-minded local individuals coming together to help children in need. Since then, our partnerships with community members and organizations have continued to grow and strengthen. This past year provided exceptional examples of the tremendous level of support each of you have shown us, demonstrating your commitment to our mission of "Creating opportunities to enhance lives, one relationship at a time." Unfortunately, space limitations do not allow us to mention each and every gift CHJC has received this past year. But I hope you'll take the time to read through some of this year's valuable partnerships we were so fortunate to share, highlighted in this Annual Report. I am sure you will be amazed at the level of caring and dedication shown. This certainly does not in any way diminish the impact and significance of any other contribution. We recognize the importance and value of each gift and partnership of time, talent and treasure. Whether you helped sort a clothing donation, spoke to a friend or co-worker about a CHJC program, stuffed envelopes, directed traffic at a fundraising event, publicized an upcoming Foster Parent Information Night, dropped off holiday toys, shared your personal story of growth with Teen Center participants - or opened your heart with your wallet - you are an essential partner in the work we do each and every day to help our community's children and families. We simply can't do it without you. I look forward to continue working with you to do whatever we can together to build on, and secure these essential relationships. They will form the continued strength of our organization, and shape the successful futures of the children and families we serve. I am truly humbled and overwhelmed by your boundless generosity!

Children's Home of Jefferson County

2016

Committed Community Partners



Left to right: John Sudduth, Julie West and Dave Conklin

Dave Conklin spent much of his childhood living at the Children's Home during its orphanage days. His guiding focus became helping other children in need of a safe haven. During his 18 years of service on the CHJC Board of Directors, Dave has seen new programs added, the construction of new Campus buildings and facilities, and other new directions never before imagined. Under Dave's leadership as Board President, the recent renovations to Cottage Three have brought back the level of care our children and families so desperately need. As his tenure as President comes to a close, Dave's Children's Home legacy will remain a steadfast force guiding us safely through the unknown waters of our future.

John Sudduth has dedicated his life to helping direct youth to futures filled with promise. As Watertown High School Guidance Department Chairman, he had an impact on the lives of countless young people. John later shared his expertise serving on the CHJC Board of Directors from 1982 through 2000, including five years as Board President. During John's Board tenure, the agency underwent enormous transitions, shifting from a residential-only facility to the addition of new programs focused on treating youth in a more family focused environment. John also worked diligently to amend and update the Board's by-laws. John's personal life has also been a testament to his passion for education and empowering youth to succeed.

For the past 25 years, the Henderson Harbor Triathlon has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for area non-profits including the Children's Home and Credo Community Center. An event of such magnitude takes the driving force of many dedicated volunteers - unique and committed individuals like Julie West - with a deep desire to help others. Julie has been a member of the Triathlon steering committee since the event's inception, devoting countless hours to planning routes, recruiting other volunteers, and dealing with event logistics. Through it all Julie has kept her eye - and her heart - on the prize - raising funds to continue critical care for children and families at the Children's Home and help youth battle life threatening addictions at Credo. Through service on her local town council, she has served her neighbors well - looking out for the future of the area she grew up in and loves so deeply.

The Children's Home is very fortunate to count these three very special individuals among our most loyal and dedicated supporters.

2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Seated: E. Hartley Bonisteel-Schweitzer, Jennifer Loonan, Linda Petrie, Kate Couch (Vice President), Patti Signor

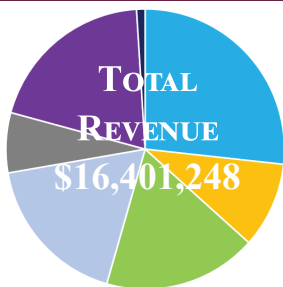
Standing: Dr. David VanEenaam, Mike Harris, Mark Waterbury (Secretary), Rob Gefell, Joe LaClair, Mike Hawthorne (Treasurer), Kenneth Baker, Dave Conklin (President)

Not pictured: Mark Purcell and Eugene Renzi

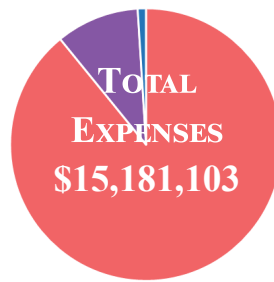
2015-2016 CHJC HIGHLIGHTS

- * **CHJC named the Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business of the Year** (Nonprofit/Not-for-Profit over 50 employees) — Award criteria included financial viability, staying power, significant contributions to the growth of the local economy and the community, exceptional customer service, and involvement and participation in professional, business and/or trade associations.
- * **CHJC achieves GuideStar Gold Participant Nonprofit Profile Level** — GuideStar is the world's largest source of information regarding nonprofit organizations, and a leader in advancing transparency in the nonprofit sector. CHJC's Gold Participant level demonstrates its deep commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability.
- * **Jennifer Barlow, Director of Integrated Services, selected as one of NNY Business Magazine's 2016 "20 Under 40"** — As an emerging leader in our community, Jenni was selected for her leadership abilities, dedication, and community involvement, and spotlighted in the December 2016 issue of *NNY Business Magazine*.
- * **CHJC Board Member, Rob Gefell, named 2016 BIZ Magazine Nonprofit Impact Award recipient** — The annual Nonprofit Awards are presented by M&T Bank and created and produced by BizEventz, Syracuse, New York. Rob was one of only 28 selected 2016 honorees, and one of only three selected this year from the North Country. He was honored for his more than 10 years of CHJC Board of Directors' service including four years as Board President, and his many leadership roles in CHJC initiatives.
- * **Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program (TCRP) extended** — Due to the exceptional success rate of the TCRP Program, governmental entities agreed to fund this critical program for another year allowing several more youth and families in crisis to receive the help they need, when they need it the most. This allows youth to remain close to home, closely involve families in treatment, and avoid in-patient hospitalizations.
- * **Post Adoption Program implemented** — This program's goal is to secure the permanency of all adoptions. It includes an Adoptive Parent Network, allowing them the opportunity to foster relationships with other adoptive parents, share experiences and expertise, discuss disciplinary tactics, learn to better address challenging behavior, and become familiar with available community resources.
- * **The CHJC Team took first place in the 25th Annual North Country Community Cup** — This event brings together local businesses and agencies to engage in friendly competition in a variety of recreational activities and promote camaraderie, team building and active and healthy lifestyles.

2015-2016 FINANCIALS



REVENUE



EXPENSES

Each year, the Children's Home undergoes a comprehensive financial audit by an independent accounting firm, presented to and adopted by our Board of Directors. Once again, the agency has been found to be in compliance within all program areas with no reported weaknesses or deficiencies regarding fiscal practices or internal controls.



MORE THAN
2500
CLIENTS SERVED

● Foster Care	27%	● Program Services	90%
● Residential and Non Secure Detention	10%	● Management and General	10%
● Medicaid	18%	● Fundraising	.05%
● Community Clinic	18%		
● Community Based Programs	7%		
● Fundraising and Grants	20%		
● Other Income	.05%		



THANK YOU FOR PARTN

Annual Holiday Fund Drive

Each year, we strive to fulfill the Christmas wishes of all our children in care, and brighten the holidays of all the families and individuals we serve. Gifts of toys, clothing, food, and monetary donations were received from all corners of the North Country. Groups from Ft. Drum, civic organizations and neighborhood churches and schools including New Life Christian, Holy Family, and Immaculate Heart Central, also helped fulfill the wishes of countless children and families. A generous donation from the annual Paul and Kathleen Carr Foundation Children's Gift and Fund Drive served as "Santa's elves" to help fill countless holiday wishes. Private families held their own toy drives in memory of lost loved ones. Through their annual *PIs 4-Xmas* drive, Ogdensburg teen sisters, Camille and Abigail Marshall, once again enabled our children in care to greet Christmas morning in snugly new "jammies." Several organizations collected new books for countless bedtime stories. Our request for monetary donations was also resoundingly heard and answered. Gifts both large and small allowed us to complete the circle of giving, and ensure no child, family or individual in our care was missed. We watched in wonder as the Children's Home transformed into a virtual "North Pole." Members of the CHJC Ladies Auxiliary stuffed Holiday Fund Drive envelopes and lovingly wrapped all the gifts so they were ready to go home with the children for their Christmas morning "Surprises from Santa!" It was one of the merriest CHJC Christmases ever!

Bright Futures Education Program

Our newest program, the *Bright Futures Education Program*, is funded by a grant from Knorr-Bremse Global Care, New York Air Brake's parent firm. *Bright Futures* is designed to break the cycle of generational poverty and prepare youth for successful careers and higher education. The program exposes students like Shannon – an 18-year-old young woman who stopped going to school because of the relentless bullying she could no longer endure; or Pete – a 20-year-old single father, determined to be the first in his family to graduate from high school and secure a successful path for his own young son's future. Now back on track to completing their high school educations, they are learning the in's and out's of real-world employment including workplace training and job ethics. Partnered with professional mentors, all *Bright Futures* students are readied for the "real world." Knorr-Bremse and New York Air Brake have taken a very personal role in the program's success and are committed to its successful outcomes. Local media partners including WWNY, Time Warner Media, the Johnson Newspaper Corporation, and Tunes 92.5 have been instrumental publicizing *Bright Futures* and other CHJC programs, expanding their reach and bringing hope to those searching for help. Working together, innovative programs like *Bright Futures* will help lay the groundwork for their success, and break the cycle of generational poverty for several years to come.



Chunkin' Pumpkins With Help From New York Air Brake

Support from New York Air Brake didn't stop with funding our *Bright Futures Education Program*. A true CHJC partner, they are committed to working hands-on to make a difference. This fall, an amazing group of New York Air Brake engineers volunteered their time and talents to help CHJC residential and Boys & Girls Club SoZo Teen Center youth, design, construct and operate a trebuchet for the annual Clayton Rotary "Punkin Chunkin" competition. The CHJC youth went on to win their age division. For the first time in many of these youth's lives, they were able to feel the pride and excitement that comes with working diligently on a project, and experiencing its successful outcome. No doubt, the valuable lessons learned from this unique experience will remain with them for each future task they tackle.

Gifts of Love and Caring

Many of our partnerships center on gifts of time and talent. For several years, the North Country Quilting Guild has lovingly created and donated beautiful hand-sewn quilts. Upon arrival into care, youth select their choice of quilt, wrapping them in an extra layer of comfort and security. The quilts are also given as cherished adoption gifts. As part of their *Caring and Sharing Outreach Project*, the Guild quilters stitch all year through, delivering bagsful of their stunning creations to the Children's Home on a regular basis.



Foster Family Fun On the River

This past September, St. Lawrence County Optometrist, Dr. Robert Saidel, felt the need to share a day of love and laughter with our youth in Foster Care, and the dedicated Foster Parents who care for them. In conjunction with Uncle Sam's Boat Tours, Dr. Saidel hosted a day for them on the St. Lawrence River. The children and families were treated to a "Two Nation Tour" on the boat line, as well as snacks and beverages. Not only did this experience provide a unique outing for the children, it gave our devoted Foster Parents a much needed day out. The shared experience also helped strengthen the bonds of these fragile families.

Creating A More Beautiful "Home Away From Home"...

This fall, "Lowe's Heroes," volunteers from Watertown's Lowe's on Arsenal Street, worked tirelessly for more than a week to completely renovate the shrub beds and front entrances of our Campus buildings. Each year, 1,700 Lowe's stores around the country participate in the "Lowe's Heroes" Program, giving back to their communities with a wide range of volunteer initiatives. Local Lowe's Store Associates selected CHJC to be this year's recipient of their efforts. The Lowe's Heroes' crews created, planted and mulched new shrub beds, stripped and painted railings and light fixtures, and repaired cement stairs and entryways. The project provided a complete makeover for the CHJC Campus buildings. Lowe's also donated all the materials needed to complete the project. "Lowe's Heroes" have become CHJC heroes! And once again, as they have for the past several years, Key Bank volunteers helped spruce up the CHJC Campus. They dug weeds, planted flowers and spread mulch, color and joy! Both of these gifts of time, materials and sweat equity helped provide a warm and inviting "home away from home" for the children and families we serve. Not only visually appealing, the beautiful environment allows them to feel more comfortable and truly cared for.



WORKING IN OUR MISSION...

Boys & Girls Club SoZo Teen Center Support

Our Boys & Girls Club SoZo Teen Center is supported totally through community funding. Loyal supporters like the Delaney Bay Foundation, United Way of Northern New York, Jane E. Deline Foundation, Northern New York Community Foundation, Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, and Jefferson County Youth Bureau, have allowed it to continue to bring cultural enrichment, tutoring, and health and wellness activities to area teens - all in a safe and well supervised environment. One of CHJC's most vital community based programs, the Boys and Girls Club SoZo Teen Center, offers a free and safe drop-in facility where area teens are offered mentoring, life skills training, homework assistance, recreational outings, and daily snacks and meals. The Center annually serves more than 350 teens. Many are at-risk and come from home environments dealing with alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, and poverty. The South Jefferson High School *Lead Your School Challenge Group* also raised funds for the Teen Center with their Frozen 5K Run. The high school student group is committed to spreading awareness of community issues and helping organizations through their volunteerism and monetary donations.



Community Volunteer and Business Owner Brings New Teen Center Fundraiser



Julie Freeman and her daughter, Mikella

After witnessing children near and dear to her heart struggle with bullying and suicidal thoughts, Julie Freeman, owner of Watertown's *Mint Julep Salon*, was looking for a way to raise awareness of teen suicide. Knowing something needed to be done in the community regarding this important issue, Julie sought out the CHJC SoZo Teen Center, where she said—"kids can be safe." The first "Stay Connected" Teen Suicide Prevention 5K Walk/Run was held on Sunday, May 22, 2016. Through the efforts of the volunteers, participants and sponsors, the event raised more than \$3,500.00 for the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country SoZo Teen Center. It also brought forth the personal stories of several families affected by teen suicide. Event activities were aimed at helping families "stay connected," including an exciting tie-dye station where participants created their own tie-dye event T-shirt. This unique activity gave parents and children the opportunity to interact in a fun way, and to open the lines of communication. Both Julie and CHJC are committed to continuing the event on an annual basis. We hope you will find time to be part of our 2017 "Stay Connected" Walk/Run.

Annual CHJC Fundraising Events

CHJC's annual fundraising events target our Community Based Programs. Over the past several years, both the Henderson Harbor Triathlon, and the Annual CHJC Golf Tournament, have gained incredible levels of community support. Working in partnership with Credo Community Center, CHJC and a team of dedicated volunteers bring this unique event to this beautiful lakeside town. This year marked the Triathlon's 25th anniversary. Throughout the years, loyal sponsors including Purcell Construction, Bolton's Pharmacy, White's Lumber & Building Supply, and many others, have helped raise nearly a quarter of a million dollars to help fund at-risk youth programs and those struggling with addictions. The event would not be possible without the support of Henderson town officials and residents, and the hundreds of volunteers who every July, willingly give up a summer Saturday to ensure the event's safety and organization. CHJC's Annual Golf Tournament also raises funds supporting critical programming. Due to the continued support of loyal sponsors like McGrann Paper Corporation, Bolton's Pharmacy, Watertown Savings Bank, Benefits Services Group, Renzi Foodservice, New York Air Brake, and countless others, this year's tournament proved a record breaker!



Webber-Espey Family Involvement

The Webber-Espey Family was one of our new major sponsors at this year's Golf Tournament. A native of Watertown, the late Barbara Espey spent summers along the Lake Ontario shore. She also dedicated her life to helping at-risk children grow up to lead happy, healthy and productive lives. When Barbara died in 2011, her loved ones created the Barbara Espey Memorial Fund to help Children's Home youth overcome their unique struggles, and triumph over trauma. This past year, due to the generosity of Barbara's partner, Dianne Webber, that fund grew substantially. It will allow Barbara's legacy to live on through the successes of countless children for many years to come. Dianne and the Espey Family have become true CHJC partners, demonstrating a clear vision of expanding CHJC's scope of service.

Support for Campus Playground



There has long been a need for a safe and sturdy playground on the CHJC Campus to provide a therapeutic environment for children in several CHJC programs. This year, we were finally able to see this dream become a reality. Through the generous support of the Jane E. Deline Foundation, and the Walker Family Foundation, children placed in our Foster Care Program, meeting with their birth parents in our Visitation Center, are now able to interact in a normal setting, allowing the bonds of healing to begin and grow. Youth in our Residential and Therapeutic Crisis Respite Programs now also have a healthy and safe outlet to work through their own mental and behavioral health issues and begin the healing process.

Community Bank Donates Much Needed Space

Another unexpected but much needed gift also arrived this year. Located on the first floor of 120 Washington Street in downtown

Watertown, Community Bank N.A. donated the space as the latest installment in their long standing philanthropic relationship with CHJC. The new space houses the Care Coordination of Northern New York program, which until recently, operated solely out of cramped CHJC offices on the first floor of the Marcy Building. Care Coordination space was in great need of a larger location. In response to the community's need for coordinated care, over the past year, the program has experienced rapid growth. It provides holistic management of health care services, and reduces avoidable in-patient admissions, emergency room visits, and repeated hospitalizations. The new convenient location provides opportunities for growth while maintaining accessibility to the community we serve.



Building families and trusted relationships...

Being There For Maddox

"Would you be willing to fly to Boston so a little four-year-old having surgery there won't be alone?" There was only one answer I could live with - "Yes." I have been employed with CHJC since May 2014 but this assignment was by far both the most challenging and rewarding. Through packing, flights, taxi rides (a first for me), and checking in at the hotel, I kept thinking, "That little one must not go through this alone." The size of the city of Boston and the Boston Children's Hospital was intimidating and a bit scary. When I finally arrived at Maddox's room, I found a very sick little boy and I was mostly a stranger to him. Each night I would tell him, "Grandma Sandy is going to get some sleep now. I'll be back in the morning." On about the fourth day when I arrived, the nurses said, "He's been asking for you." I really didn't think I was doing much - just sitting next to his crib and telling each time he woke, "I'm here Maddox."

During a second surgery needed due to a setback, I bought Maddox a teddy bear at the hospital's gift shop. But I'm not sure if I did that for him or me! I felt so helpless. I just wanted to DO something! After that, Maddox got steadily better. The day we were given permission to go out into the beautiful courtyard, he was thrilled to see bunnies scampering, squirrels darting, and birds flying all around. One day we arrived outside just in time to see the hospital's helicopter lift off from its pad. It then became a daily request to go outside. With Maddox sitting in his wheelchair, we toured the hospital aquarium, watched a large mobile, and saw all the choices for eateries. By the time we returned to his room, Maddox was often sound asleep. I will forever remember the smile on his face as he called, "Grandma Sandy!" each morning when he spotted me. If I had to do it over again, I would. It was seven weeks I will never forget!

~ Sandy Martin
Foster Care Visit Supervisor



2015-2016 saw several new
"forever families"
secured through adoption...



Through A Foster Mother's Eyes...

Our journey into Foster Care began in 2007 when we were stationed in Oklahoma. We experienced joy as we witnessed one of our placements reunited with their father, and sorrow seeing what drugs can do to a tiny newborn, as the parents overdosed and passed away, never getting the chance to meet their baby. We also experienced irritation at families not utilizing all the help given to them. But we also had cheerleader moments when some of them actually did! In Fall 2011, our PCS orders brought us to Fort Drum. We had to say goodbye to children we had been caring for, grieving so strongly, my husband and I struggled with donating baby clothes when we first moved here. Yep, we brought all our gear with us because I think in the back of our minds, we had a "just in case we do," thought. After two years, we began to realize our calling was to be of help in our new county. So I got curious and prayed. The Lord led me straight to the Children's Home of Jefferson County's website. I remember filling out an inquiry form and next thing I knew, I received a call. We were once again ready to take the plunge. We scheduled a home visit and the rest truly is history.

We have had a wonderful, positive experience with everyone from the CHJC MAPPS Trainers, to the Case Workers, Home Finders, and many others including the Visit Supervisors and Drivers. Everyone has always made us feel happy to be CHJC Foster Parents. Did I always agree with some of the stricter New York Foster Care Standards? No. But that never changed the way my family and I felt about the kindness we received. I know when I walk into the Children's Home — whether dropping off paperwork, a visit for a child in my care, or just to say hello — everyone is welcoming. There is a healthy respect for each other as individuals and partners. Although it's not always been sunshine and roses, it has been very worth it. I also know it's not always been easy on our own two children, causing them to see a harsh reality different from the life they've been raised in. For me, Foster Care changed the way I view drugs and those addicted to them. I now have more empathy than harsh judgment. Rather than "throwing away the key," I am more moved to compassion and encouragement. I want my children to also express empathy towards others and be grateful for the life they have.

As much as I am homesick for Oklahoma, I know had we not moved here five years ago, I would have missed out on all the beautiful children and families my heart has been touched by. I also would have missed out on the two boys we are now in the process of adopting. But that's the funny thing about my Faith Relationship. When I tell Him my life plans, He just laughs and says, "You think so?" So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for making this Foster Care journey a sweet one.

~ Jeannie Cooke
Foster Parent

caring and committed staff...

The Children's Home's greatest asset and commodity continues to be our staff of more than 220 caring, dedicated and highly skilled individuals. To acknowledge our outstanding employees, this year CHJC implemented an Employee of the Month and Year recognition program.

Congratulations to our 2016 Employee of the Year: Jerry Whitney, Buildings & Grounds

Jerry has been with the Children's Home for 11 years and has touched each and every department and program in some way. He is the man to see if there is anything you need done, and always willing to go above and beyond. He is known for his friendly, upbeat attitude and always having a smile on his face. His humbleness upon recognition for his contributions is what makes him truly special. Congratulations to Jerry on this well-deserved honor!



Jerry Whitney
2016 Employee of the Year

2016 Employees of the Month:

Melissa Tundo ~ Jerry Whitney ~ Sandy Martin ~ Jacob Abrams
Katherine Sutton ~ Ciyera Schnepf ~ Emily Lish ~ Dave Widrick

"Not once in five years have I heard a Case Manager/Care Coordinator say the word "no"...or the words "I can't do that." This is really important to understand because over the years I have asked them to do some pretty hard things that have required them to work outside of the box. I've asked them to do things that were probably outside their job description and many times it was outside of their scheduled work hours. But they have never failed to meet and then exceed the expectations of me or their clients. When I travel around the state talking about behavioral health services in Jefferson County I always talk about CHJC's fantastic Case Management Program and explain they are the key component and glue that keeps it all together. They have one of the most difficult jobs, and receive the lowest pay and the least amount of thanks and recognition out of any of us in the field but seem to never fail to get the job done. They make the rest of our work easier and more effective."

- Timothy Ruetten, MS, LMHC, CASAC, Former Coordinator of Mental Health, Jefferson County Community Services

AGENCY DIRECTORS

Melissa Barcomb
Finance

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Dr. B. Harrison Levine, MD
Child Psychiatrist

Dave Loomis
Buildings & Grounds

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Systems Administration

Barb Peck
Administration Services

Victoria Peck
Foster Care

Dr. R. Michael Woznicki, MD
Medical Director



B. Harrison Levine, MD, MPH, recently joined the staff at the Children's Home of Jefferson County. A Board Certified Psychiatrist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents, teens and young adults, Dr. Levine's expertise is in anxiety, and mood and psychotic disorders with a focus on clarifying diagnoses and treating debilitating symptoms. Most recently, Dr. Levine was in private practice in Denver, Colorado. He has also served as Medical Director, Psychiatric Consultation/Liaison and Emergency Services, Bridge Clinic, and Med/Psych Clinic – all at The Children's Hospital, University of Colorado at Denver. Dr. Levine is a graduate of Columbia University Medical School for International Health, Beersheva, Israel, as well as the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He completed his Residency in General Adult Psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and held a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at New York Presbyterian Hospital of Columbia and Cornell Universities, New York City, New York.

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Committed to filling unmet needs in our community, the Children's Home of Jefferson County has grown to offer 21 unique, client-centered, trauma-focused programs:

- * **AFTERCARE:** To prevent family disruption or out-of-home placement, this program is designed to assist youth and their families through the transition from Residential Treatment, Foster Care or Therapeutic Crisis Respite.
- * **ARTICLE 10:** Administered in partnership with Jefferson County's Department of Social Services (DSS), this program assists families with children at imminent risk of out-of-home placement.
- * **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ADVANTAGE AFTERSCHOOL / AYPN:** A fun and exciting afterschool program contracted through the United States Army Youth Programs in Your Neighborhood (AYPYN) meeting the needs and interests of Indian River Middle School students with enrichment activities, tutoring and recreation.
- * **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SOZO TEEN CENTER:** A safe, well supervised drop-in center for teens aged 13 through 19 where they can participate in life skills training, recreation and challenging activities, and receive homework assistance and tutoring.
- * **BRIDGES TO HEALTH (B2H):** Designed to provide community-based health care services and support to children in Foster Care.
- * **BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Designed to enable drop outs to complete their high school education while further preparing them for higher education and vocational careers. The program combines the curriculum students need to pass a high school equivalency exam, along with special assistance to meet the needs of each individual student, professional mentors and internships at local businesses.
- * **CARE COORDINATION OF NORTHERN NEW YORK:** Provides critical services to both seriously emotionally disturbed children and adults living within the community.
- * **CHJC INTENSIVE PREVENTION SERVICES (CHIPS):** In partnership with Jefferson County Community Services, this program is designed to prevent out-of-home placement for youth. By assisting clients and families achieve their health and safety needs, as well as family and youth service needs, it also reduces the risk of child abuse and neglect.
- * **CO-LOCATION PROGRAM:** In partnership with the Jefferson County Department of Social Services (DSS) co-locating a Behavioral Health Specialist within the CPS offices. The Specialist provides brief counseling, clinical/diagnostic referrals and recommendations for families, as well as staff education.
- * **COMMUNITY CLINIC OF JEFFERSON COUNTY:** An Article 31 behavioral health and mental health out-patient clinic treating a majority of Medicaid patients including adults and children. Services include screenings, interventions, psychological testing, individual and group therapy, Neurofeedback, and medication administration.
- * **CRISIS RESPONSE:** In partnership with Jefferson County Community Services, this 24-hour crisis hotline accessible to anyone in Jefferson County, provides immediate crisis triage to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. To help connect individuals to appropriate services, follow-up care is also provided.
- * **FORENSICS:** Provides mental health and case management services to incarcerated individuals. To assist in reducing recidivism, transition planning helps released individuals connect to community supports.
- * **FOSTER CARE:** Provides temporary care for children unable to live with their birth families or guardians. While receiving supportive care, counseling and supervision, Foster Children live within a family home, attend public schools and are active members of their community.
- * **NON-SECURE DETENTION:** A court ordered temporary, short-term program for youth between the ages of 10 and 17 who cannot be safely maintained in their community while they await Family Court action, placement into Foster Care, or entrance into a treatment facility.
- * **PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision):** In conjunction with the Department of Social Services and the Family Court System, this program assists in avoiding out-of-home placement and family disruption in cases of serious child misbehavior.
- * **POST ADOPTION:** To help prevent re-entry into the foster care system, this program supports families struggling after the adoption process is complete.
- * **RESIDENTIAL:** A therapeutic, structured environment for at-risk youth between ages 10 and 17 with supervision 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- * **SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS / ENTRY (SPOA/SPOE):** The process whereby children and adults in the community can be referred to the appropriate service providers to assist in meeting identified needs.
- * **THERAPEUTIC CRISIS RESPITE:** A unique short-term residential program for youth ages 10 through 17 experiencing a mental health crisis and requiring 24 hour supervision but not meeting admission criteria for hospitalization.
- * **WRAP AROUND CASEWORK (WAC):** In partnership with the Jefferson County Probation Department, this intensive program provides services including counseling to youth engaged in probation services.

PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS:

St. Lawrence County Foster Care

Total Served: 193

Jefferson County Foster Care

Total Served: 130

Indian River Middle School AYPYN Program

Total Served: 410

Boys & Girls Club SoZo Teen Center

Total Served: 300

Children's Intensive Case Management

Total Served: 123

Adult Health Home Care Management

Total Served: 360

Community Clinic of Jefferson County

Total Served: 2,000

Crisis Response

Total Served: 2,387

SPOA

Total Served: 121

SPOE

Total Served: 95

CHIPS

Total Served: 9

Residential Treatment Center

Total Served: 47

Non-Secure Detention

Total Served: 54

Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program

Total Served: 54