## CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## Mission Statement: "Children's Village is a Christian home that provides hope and healing for abused and neglected children."

**Agency Description:** Since 1980 Children's Village has served abused, neglected, and homeless children of East Texas. Our beautiful campus features two residential cottages where our cottage parents and children reside. We hire married couples to live in our cottages and serve as full-time parents for children living at Children's Village. They provide a loving and nurturing environment for children; as well as a structured program that teaches children social skills that will benefit them throughout their life. Our campus also includes our business office, Little Red School house, and multi-purpose duplex.

Children's Village has evolved throughout the years as the needs of the foster care system have changed. During our first twenty years, we primarily served children from ages 10 to 18. In 2004, we learned there was a greater need for young children. We shifted our programming and have primarily served children under the age of 10 for the past twenty years. Throughout our forty years, regardless of the age of the children, we have focused on serving sibling groups. In the traditional foster care system, siblings are often separated due to no other reason than them being of mixed genders and ages. We believe brothers and sisters should remain together and have established homes where our cottage parents provide surrogate families for sibling groups regardless of their ages or genders.

Children's Village is a Christian organization. However, we have no specific church affiliation. Our cottage parents choose their home church and involve the children in Sunday school and traditional church activities. Our children, who rarely have any knowledge of the Bible, learn basic Biblical principles and are raised in an environment that models traditional Christian philosophies and values.

What Makes Children's Village Unique: Children's Village has been a privately funded organization since our beginning in 1980. While we serve children in the Texas Foster Care system, we do not accept financial support from state or federal organizations. We also serve children who are placed privately by their families without requiring the families to provide financial support. Our funding comes through donations from Individuals, Businesses, Civic organizations, and Churches; Fundraising; and Grants written to private foundations.

Aftercare: Children's Village continues to stay in touch with children and their families who have returned home or been adopted, offering moral and emotional support as well as training to families when needed. Children who have completed the program and have graduated from high school are eligible for college assistance.

**Recent Accomplishments:** The primary goal for Children's Village throughout 2023 was to serve more children. Each day a child spends at Children's Village is a "day of care" provided. We are happy to report that we provided 1477 days of care in 2023, which is the most days of care provided since 2017. As we continue to put the pandemic years behind us, we will strive to serve more children and provide more days of care in 2024.

Year	Children Served	Days of Care Provided	
2023	9	1477	
2022	10	1284	
2021	2	170	Campus vacant 9/18/2020 through 10/8/2021
2020	2	522	Campus vacant 9/18/2020 through 10/8/2021
2019	12	982	Campus vacant 7/25/2019 - 11/7/2019
2018	18	918	
2017	12	2557	

## **Executive Director:**

Wade "Matt" Rogers

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Financial Information - YE 12/31/2022				
Revenue				
Contributions & Grants	\$	412,775		
Investment Income	\$	24,544		
Other Revenue	\$	51,078		
Total	\$	488,397		
Expenses				
Program	\$	642,383		
Administrative	\$	65,249		
Fundraising	\$	3,390		
Total	\$	711,022		
Assets				
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$	1,865,371		
Net Assets End of Year	\$	1,642,746		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		(222,625)		

