



2011 Annual Report

Fiscal Year October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011



MISSION STATEMENT:

*To prevent child abuse and neglect
and build stable, healthy families.*





Dear Friends:

There are more than 300 Spartanburg County children in foster care. If you cut out a paper doll to represent each one of these 300 children and begin to pile them up on a desk in front of you, you can see in the picture above how messy, overwhelming, and forgotten they begin to look. However, another glance and a little more time spent with each one, and it becomes clear that Susi has an aunt she misses dearly, that Taylor really wishes someone would sign him up for soccer, and that even though Keisha is lashing out at everyone who comes near her, all she really wants is to know that there is someone out there who cares deeply for her and will be there for her- no matter what.

These are children who have never had anyone to step up and be there for them in a way that is consistent. However, despite their histories, many of them are also children who *have* a mother, or a father, or an aunt or a second cousin able to meet their basic needs if someone offers a little support to them so that they may parent effectively. *Sometimes a little support early on is all it takes for a family to be successful- for a child to never enter foster care.* Sometimes a lot of support is needed because the child or parent is dealing with extreme emotional or behavioral issues.

Whether the family needs a lot of help or a little, the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home offers support. The families we serve have children at risk of entering foster care or have a child or primary caretaker at risk of being hospitalized if additional support is not provided. Those served are not *just* the families of the girls in our residential program but rather families throughout Spartanburg County who are in crisis.

Among the 75 children we served this year,

100% percent were able to *remain home safely*, and 91% of the families showed measured improvements in their abilities to function effectively and adequately support the children in their households.

In other situations, unfortunately, the family simply fails. It is then that the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home continues to be available through around-the-clock care and teaching. Our residential program for girls provides all that girls need while they are in foster care. Additionally, while in our care, we partner with the Department of Social Services to help girls find a forever home. *The exciting news is that our services don't have to end when residents leave our care.* Now, through our family work, staff are able to help girls AND their families (once a safe family is identified) adjust to their new lives together.

Thank you for your partnership in making this vital continuum a reality. We could not do it without you. Please review some of our key successes and know that you were a key part of making them happen! As we partner to end child abuse and neglect and build stable, healthy families, children are able to grow from the isolated paper dolls represented in this first picture into thriving individuals. They begin to look more like the little girl pictured above- able to make a paper doll chain that represents each family member and key loved one in her life! It takes that chain of support to build a meaningful life. Thank you for ensuring safety and meaning for many children this year!



Sincerely,



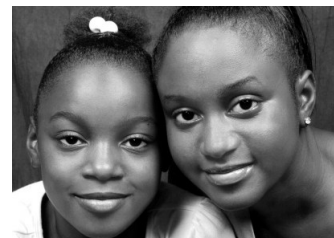



We've been known for our around-the-clock care and shelter for girls. We are here when they have nowhere else to go. We continue to offer this essential service and have seen great successes this year!

Residential Numbers Served

38 girls between 11 and 19 years of age received around-the-clock care and support in 2011.

More than 50 family members or key advocates received support to help ease each resident's transition out of foster care.



Key Outcomes

While only about 56% of children in foster care have graduated high school by the time they are 18 years old, in the last two years, 100 percent of EHS GH seniors graduated from high school and were accepted to college!

- 100% were safe!
- 90% showed measured improvements in five key life skill areas. (*Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment*)
- 97% visited regularly with a family member or other major support.
- 63% made A/B honor roll.
- At one year follow-up, 85% were either in school or working.

A caseworker says:

"Your program has really helped my client to grow. She is making better decisions, is exposed to a broad range of activities, and has great role models in your staff."

In her own words

A recent resident we will call "Peyton" called recently to share how much she grew as a result of EHS GH services. Peyton said: *"While at the Girls' Home I learned that when I make a decision, I have to take responsibility for it. I had people who cared about what I was doing and who showed concern around decisions I made. Things became less stressful for me. I felt like I was in a family, and I was surrounded by people who cared for me. I cared for them as well."*

Her story: Peyton entered foster care due to neglect and an allegation of sexual abuse. She was living with her father who was actively using alcohol and other drugs. Her mother was in assisted living and unable to care for her. After a few years in a foster home, Peyton was admitted to our residential program. When she arrived, she had no interest in school and had been experimenting with drugs. However, with the support of the teacher in our on-campus District 7 school and our around-the-clock staff, Peyton achieved A honor roll! While with us, she obtained her first job and celebrated two years of sobriety. She learned to trust adults who had earned her trust. Peyton now lives with a foster family and the family is working toward adopting her!



The scope of how we fulfill our mission now includes support for at-risk families. As we work with families, girls and boys of all ages have more access to the resources they need to thrive!

Family Strengthening Numbers Served

71 children, boys and girls of all ages, were served in 2011.

48 families, most often the mother or the mother and father of the 71 children served, were provided around-the-clock crisis support, and members or key advocates received support and learned skills that helped to improve the family's functioning overall.



Key Outcomes

In their own words

A mother served this year comments on the impact our program is making: *"Your staff has really helped my son on things like hygiene. He still struggles more on his part to do as told, but your staff hangs in there with him and is very encouraging to him and to us."* This mother has learned some new skills this year to help support her children toward school success. One child with spectrum disorder was prevented from being institutionalized and is responding successfully at home. When asked about our services, the mother also said, *"I want to say thank you so much for the back-to-school supplies; this really shows that your place cares*



about those in need. It seems now that we are really working together as adults."

This family, just like 91% of those we served this year, showed measurable success in the health and stability of the family system. The items measured indicate that we are indeed helping to break the cycle of abuse and neglect!

- 100% of the children served were able to continue safely at home or with a known relative (safely prevented from needing to be hospitalized or removed into foster care).
- 100% of families who began services completed them!
- 91% of the families served showed a measurable improvement in five key areas of healthy functioning: family environment, family safety, parent capabilities, family interactions, and child well-being.

A Spartanburg Department of Social Services supervisor says:

"I was walking down the hall today and heard lots of chatter among caseworkers. One was asking, what is the name of that new program that EHS GH is doing ... you know the one that serves families and that everyone is talking about!"

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1. Our family support services are expanding in 2012 due to increased need. Through a new program called Empowering Families, our combined programs will serve more than 1200 individuals in 2012!
2. We use an evidence-based model which is on track to be certified in Fall 2012. This is assurance that our programming really works!
3. In 2012 EHS GH is up for accreditation for the first time in our history (through CARF International).
4. A review of our 2011 finances shows transparently that the majority of money donated goes directly to impact clients served.
5. Preventing child abuse and neglect is one of the best possible ways to impact the lives of children now, and to impact future generations!



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors, Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc.
P.O. Box 1731
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We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc. (a non-profit organization) as of September 30, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc. at September 30, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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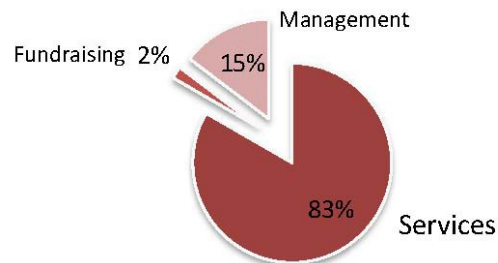
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January 20, 2012



2011 Audited Expenses

Percentage of Expenses Dedicated Directly to Services



Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc.

Statement of Activities

Year Ended September 30, 2010

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Support and Revenues | | | |
| Department of Social Services | \$ 471,369 | \$ - | \$ 471,369 |
| Department of Juvenile Justice | 20,015 | - | 20,015 |
| Spartanburg School District 7 | 28,569 | - | 28,569 |
| United States Department of Agriculture | 17,451 | - | 17,451 |
| Spartanburg County | 34,125 | - | 34,125 |
| Grants | 51,626 | 40,000 | 91,626 |
| United Way | 38,440 | - | 38,440 |
| Contributions | 38,396 | - | 38,396 |
| In-Kind contributions | 53,054 | - | 53,054 |
| Fundraising | 27,644 | - | 27,644 |
| Interest | 921 | - | 921 |
| Total Support and Revenues | 781,610 | 40,000 | 821,610 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Program services | 718,495 | 11,606 | 730,101 |
| Management and general | 113,139 | - | 113,139 |
| Fundraising | 14,603 | - | 14,603 |
| Total expenses | 846,237 | 11,606 | 857,843 |
| Change in net assets | (64,627) | 28,394 | (36,233) |
| Net assets at beginning of year | 323,116 | - | 323,116 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$ 258,489 | \$ 28,394 | \$ 286,883 |

2011 Board of Directors

Matthew Gilley, President
Jane Easler, Vice President
Jada McAbee, Treasurer
Lou Lindsey, Secretary

Emma Harrill, Chair Governance

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Jennifer Britanisky | Sheila Davis Henderson |
| Grant Calhoun | Susan Hoffman |
| Mary Ann Cleland | Carlos Johnson |
| Robyn Conner | Cheryl Lang |
| Isaac Dickson, Jr. | Leigh Anne Langley |
| Carroll Easterling | Dr. Caleb Loring |
| Wanda Greenfield | Elizabeth Phillips |
| Marianna Habisreutinger | Mitch Riese |

Management Team

Chamlee Loscuito, Executive Director
Crystal McMillan, Program Director
Tony Payne, Director of Development
Jackie Tomlin, Business Manager

Maria Barber, Strengthening Families, Program Supervisor
Beverly Harris, Residential Program Supervisor
Debbie Kaigler, Empowering Families Program Supervisor



Pictured above, 2011 Board of Directors and incoming 2012 Directors.

Patron Society

This group of high energy leaders continues to grow and has a few membership spots left. Contact Tony Payne at tony@spgirlshome.com for more information. Patron Society meets quarterly with the objective of furthering the mission and sustainability of EHS GH. This is done through a personal financial investment, through sharing with friends and colleagues the important work that we do and through planning an annual fundraiser for EHS GH: Halloween Bash.

President, Patron Society, Ken Leopard

Executive Guild

In 2011 we launched the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home *Executive Guild*. This group is made up of past Executive Committee members of Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home Board of Directors. The group meets annually but remains abreast of EHS GH happenings throughout the year and is committed to continuing to further the mission of EHS GH.

President, Executive Guild, Marianna Habisreutinger



The 2011 Halloween Bash was themed *The Horrors of Reality TV*. April and Jason Bates, pictured above, themed their costumes after the show *Say Yes to the Dress*.

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