

# Girls' Home

ELLEN HINES SMITH GIRLS' HOME



## 2012 Annual Report

*October 1, 2011-September 30, 2012*



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## MISSION

### STATEMENT:

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

Thank you for the many wonderful photos! Most of the photos in this report are children of volunteers, staff or donors who believe in and support our mission!

Dear Friends,

The best form of entertainment for children has always been their own imaginations. They can close their eyes or tell a story and be transported to another time or place—fighting monsters, exploring uncharted territory, or inventing a machine that turns vegetables into milkshakes. By putting on a coat or a mask, children can instantly transform from a student or playmate to a brain surgeon or a superhero.

Unfortunately, in some cases a child's imagination is used not for recreation, but as a coping mechanism. *When society tells children that they are not good enough, not rich enough, not normal, not pretty, or not lovable, many react to the pressure the only way they know how—by trying to become what they feel is demanded of them.* These children master the art of blending in, and this can make it difficult for parents to connect with their children and truly meet their needs.

Whether a household needs only a bit of guidance or is struggling to survive, the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home offers support. **We believe in empowering families and giving children and youth opportunities to learn and imagine in an environment that is nurturing.** We serve not only the families of the girls in our residential program, but also families in the community who have a child at risk of entering the foster care system or who have a parent at risk of being hospitalized if they do not receive proper support.

There are more than 300 children in the foster care system in Spartanburg County, over 60 in Cherokee County, and countless more in both counties who live in homes where basic needs are at risk of not being met. This year we have identified risk factors and attended to them early; potential abuse and neglect was eliminated, and stronger families were created.

**By the end of 2012, we will have served 1,814 individuals in Spartanburg County through 1,140 face-to-face home visits and 240 individuals in Cherokee County through 132 visits.** Risk factors will decrease and protective factors increase in 96% of families served in Spartanburg County, and we expect this number to be 100% in Cherokee County; in 100% of cases in both counties, the families served will remain safe.

It is not always possible to keep children in the home with their family members, which is why we continue to provide around-the-clock care in a home-like environment for girls in our residential program. *This program provides the girls with an uplifting environment where they can learn and practice skills necessary to be successful and well-rounded adults.*

Thank you for your partnership in making safe healthy families a reality. Please review some of our key successes from the past year and know that you were a part of making them happen! **As we partner to end child abuse and neglect and build stable, healthy families, children are able to take off their masks and feel loved and accepted for who they really are.** They can channel their creativity into imagining a bright future and the impact they want to have on the world, and through the support of a loving and empowered community, they can develop the tools to actually live that future. Thank you for ensuring the safety and healthy development of many children this year!

Sincerely,

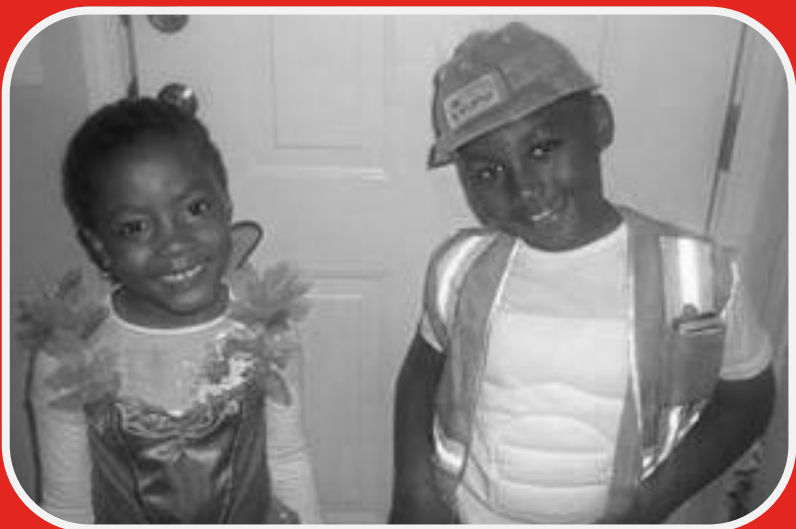
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## Residential

The Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home's residential program serves girls 11-19 years old who are victims of abuse or neglect. Through around-the-clock care in a safe, home-like environment, girls are given the space to heal and to learn key life skills needed for future success. Since 1974, ***the home has sheltered and cared for more than 1,200 girls.***

- 100% of girls served were safe.
- 90% showed measured improvements in 5 key life skills areas (*Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment*).
- 65% of residents made the A/B honor roll.
- The average dropout rate for South Carolina is 41%. In our residential program, 100% of the girls attend school and complete homework regularly. In the last few years, 100% of seniors have graduated from high school.
- At follow-up one year after discharge, 85% of girls were in school or working.

## Family Strengthening

In our second full year of the Family Strengthening program, we ***served 208 individuals.*** Through intensive, in-home visits, practitioners observed family interactions and offered tangible support and teaching. Parents gained parenting skills which work in the midst of family crisis and in parenting a child with a severe emotional or behavioral disorder.



- 88% of families served showed a measurable increase in healthy family functioning.
- 80% of families who engaged in services completed the intense family training program.
- 100% of children were safe.

## Empowering Families

Empowering Families began in January 2012. This is a partnership with the SC Department of Social Services and EHSGH serves families referred in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties. This prevention-focused program offers assessment and case management for families with stress or risks in the home environment that could increase the children's risk of abuse or neglect. ***During 2012, more than 2000 individuals were served!***



- In 100% of families served, children remained safe.
- For 100% of families, there were no new reports filed to DSS.
- In over 90% of families, risk factors decreased and protective factors increased.

# Our holistic care is making a difference!



Yvonne\* hasn't had a permanent home in years. Her father was out of the picture early on, and eventually her mother's parental rights were terminated due to abuse and neglect. Since then, Yvonne has been in constant transition, searching for a place to settle down. With a history of mental illness, aggression, and a habit of running away from her foster care placements, she grew accustomed to adults responding to her with clear frustration. She began to feel like second chances don't really exist.

After several unsuccessful placements, Yvonne found herself at the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home. It was not long before her distrust kicked in and she ran away. She managed to stay off the radar for quite some time, but her caseworker never stopped looking for her. Finally, she was found and brought back to the home—but this time she was pregnant. The Girls' Home staff welcomed her back with open arms, and other than being under closer watch and receiving prenatal care, she was treated no differently than any of the other girls. Slowly, she started to feel a little like maybe her past could truly be "in the past."

Yvonne was beginning to understand that staff at the Girls' Home really cared about her. Not only were the residential staff working with her, but a staff member from our Family Strengthening program began meeting with her ten hours a week to help her overcome some difficulties related to mental illnesses and to prepare her for motherhood as a teenager. Sometimes during this process, Yvonne's old instincts would surface. She would want to control everything around her and trust no one—she would try to run away again. Each time, Family Teachers met with her to gently explain the risk

of a teenage mom being out on her own. "You cannot just think about yourself anymore," one FT told her, "You're taking care of two now."

After one successful runaway attempt, Yvonne decided to turn herself in and return to the Girls' Home, finally realizing that it was the safest place for her to carry the baby to term, and hoping that she had not been defiant one too many times. Her caseworker got the OK to bring her back and on the way Yvonne asked, "Why do they keep taking me back?" Her caseworker told her it was because the staff really cared about her well-being. Yvonne finally began to accept this as reality. At the Girls' Home, she was not just a client, not just a case to manage—she was a family member.

The Girls' Home connected Yvonne to a doula and all of the prenatal care she needed during

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the end of her pregnancy.

Staff ensured she was able to stay in

school throughout the pregnancy and worked with the school to make sure she completed her school grade this year. A month before her due date, Yvonne was able to move in with a relative. Staff continues to stay in touch and encourage Yvonne. When her baby was born, she called the Girls' Home staff and sent pictures of her healthy child.

*\*Name changed for privacy*



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### This year dreams have been coming true for the EHS GH! In 2012...

- EHS GH became accredited for the first time in EHS GH history (through CARF International)!
- Our Residential and Strengthening Families programs became certified through the Teaching Family Association for full implementation of this evidence-based model! The model is proven to lead to positive behavioral changes for children and adults.
- We introduced a new program called Empowering Families which allows us to reach even more families with preventative care.
- We served more individuals than ever in our history- more than 2050!

Imagine how YOU can be a part in the continued success of the  
 Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home!

# 2012 Audited Financials

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors  
Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc.  
Spartanburg, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home, Inc. (a non-profit organization) as of September 30, 2012 and 2011, 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, 2012 and 2011, 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.

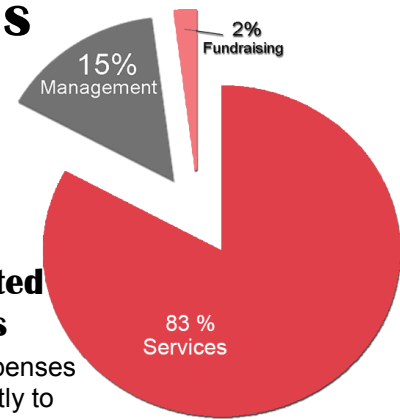
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November 25, 2012



### 2012 Audited Expenses Percentage of Expenses Dedicated Directly to Services



	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Support and Revenues</b>			
Residential			
Department of Social Services	\$ 266,706	\$ -	\$ 266,706
Spartanburg School District 7	19,825	-	19,825
United States Department of Agriculture	12,570	-	12,570
Spartanburg County	31,106	-	31,106
Grants	56,742	-	56,742
United Way	47,237	-	47,237
Contributions	56,196	7,300	63,496
In-Kind contributions	37,200	-	37,200
Fund raising	64,233	-	64,233
Interest	100	-	100
Miscellaneous income	5,494	-	5,494
Capital Gain	1,125	-	1,125
Empowering Families			
SAFY	263,405	-	263,405
Contributions	10,506	-	10,506
Strengthening Families			
Department of Social Services	17,223	-	17,223
Medicaid	58,354	-	58,354
Grants	3,000	-	3,000
Contributions	20,784	-	20,784
United Way	9,841	-	9,841
Fund raising	64,891	-	64,891
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b>	<b>1,046,538</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>1,053,838</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program services - Residential	472,295	-	472,295
Program services - Empowering Families	231,104	19,100	250,204
Program services - Strengthening Families	182,284	-	182,284
Management and general	183,449	-	183,449
Fund raising	24,105	-	24,105
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,093,237</b>	<b>19,100</b>	<b>1,112,337</b>
Change in net assets	(46,699)	(11,800)	(58,499)
Net assets at beginning of year	254,332	19,100	273,432
Net assets at end of year	\$ 207,633	\$ 7,300	\$ 214,933

## 2012 Board of Directors

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## Executive Guild

The Executive Guild is made up of past Executive Committee members of the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home Board of Directors. Guild members give to the organization annually and commit to staying in touch about EHS GH news, needs and successes!

*Marianna Habisreutinger, President*

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## Patron Society

The Patron Society is a group of community leaders who act as advocates for EHS GH and support the Girls' Home through volunteerism, giving, and event organization throughout the year.

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## Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home Management Team

Chamlee Loscuito, Executive Director  
Crystal McMillan, Program Director  
Lisa Hemond, Director of Development  
Jackie Tomlin, Business Manager  
Brandi Hamrick, Systems Coordinator

Maria Barber, Residential and Family Strengthening Program Supervisor  
Debbie Kaigler, Empowering Families Program Supervisor



## Imagine the Possibilities!

The Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home is happy to announce that on January 1, 2013, we merged with the Children Shelter of the Upstate! This will allow us to provide the most efficient continuum of care and avoid duplicating services. In this new partnership, we will continue our commitment to provide quality, individualized care to children and families and we can now do that through more avenues than ever. We will continue with our residential program for girls between 11 and 19 years old and with our programs serving at-risk families that aim to prevent abuse from ever taking place. In addition to these existing programs, the newly merged organization will also include an emergency shelter for girls and boys of all ages which provides temporary care to children while they are waiting for a permanent placement. This Emergency Shelter program is a legacy program of the Children Shelter of the Upstate.

**With these two strong organizations coming together to form one agency, we will be able to serve families more holistically as we move forward. Stay tuned for details on a new name and logo!**



The Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home/Children Shelter of the Upstate is now transitioning all operations to the legacy campus of the Children Shelter of the Upstate. This campus has three wonderful, fully owned buildings in which our community has invested generously. Our mailing address is still P.O. Box 1731, Spartanburg, SC 29304.



*Chamlee Loscuito*

Chamlee Loscuito, CEO

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