



Protecting Children. Supporting Families.

2013 Annual Report
October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013





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Formerly Children Shelter of the Upstate
and Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home

*Our mission is building
stable, healthy families
and providing children a
safe place from abuse
and neglect.*

In Fiscal Year 2013, Hope
Center for Children served:

2,393 Children

1,051 Parents

3,444 TOTAL
individuals in
Upstate SC

Dear Friends,

During 2013, Hope Center for Children brought stability and safety for 2,393 children in our community! This year of change and excitement resulted in Hope Center for Children, the new name after a merger between the Children Shelter of the Upstate and the Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home. As a merged entity we have a full continuum of care that is able to meet children and families where they are; this means preventing child abuse and neglect before it occurs, offering families support so that their children can thrive, and intervening with safe shelter and teaching when the tragedy of child abuse takes place.

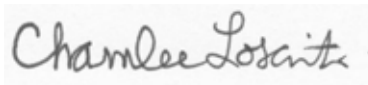
This year we were delighted to add a new, vital program to our service array: Transitional Living! For young adults formerly in foster care, 36% had at least one episode of homelessness by the age of twenty six.* Our Transitional Living program seeks to beat these odds by providing guidance, community connection, shelter and by working on key independent living skills that will help them transition successfully between the ages of 16 and 22.

Thank you for your partnership in our mission: building stable, healthy families and providing children a safe place from child abuse and neglect. As you read this report, take note of the many outcomes or results that were achieved this year. It is because of these outcomes that our board, our staff and so many in our community continue to invest so generously!

Sincerely,



Lou Lindsey, 2013 Board Chair



Chamlee Loscuito, CEO

*2011 Chapin Hall Longitudinal Study on Children in Foster Care

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS



Faucette House

Trained staff at our emergency shelter provide around-the-clock care and stability for children ages birth to 18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect.

165 children served in FY13

100% were safe from abuse/neglect while in care

86.2% were discharged to a less restrictive environment or permanent family setting

93.4% visited regularly with appropriate family



Anchor House

This program provides longer-term care for girls ages 11 to 21 in a safe, home-like environment where they can heal from abuse and neglect and learn valuable skills to help them thrive.

32 girls served in FY13

96% had measurable improvement in one major life skills area

97% visited regularly with appropriate family

100% attended school regularly



49 families served in FY13

99 youth

56 parents

Family Strengthening

Our Family Strengthening program serves families experiencing extreme stress, including parenting children with severe emotional or behavioral disorders. Caseworkers provide in-home, intensive support for the whole family, including skill building, parent coaching and crisis intervention. This program utilizes the evidence-based Teaching-Family Model and Positive Parenting Program (Triple P).

100% of children served had no new substantiated cases of abuse/neglect

93% of families who completed services showed an increase in healthy family functioning

92% of families using Triple P could, by program end, demonstrate effective and appropriate strategies for mediating their children's behaviors

Empowering Families

Our Empowering Families program provides home-based prevention services when there are known risks in the family that could lead to child abuse or neglect. Caseworkers assess the risk and protective factors in the home and help to connect these stressed and isolated families with resources and a greater support system.

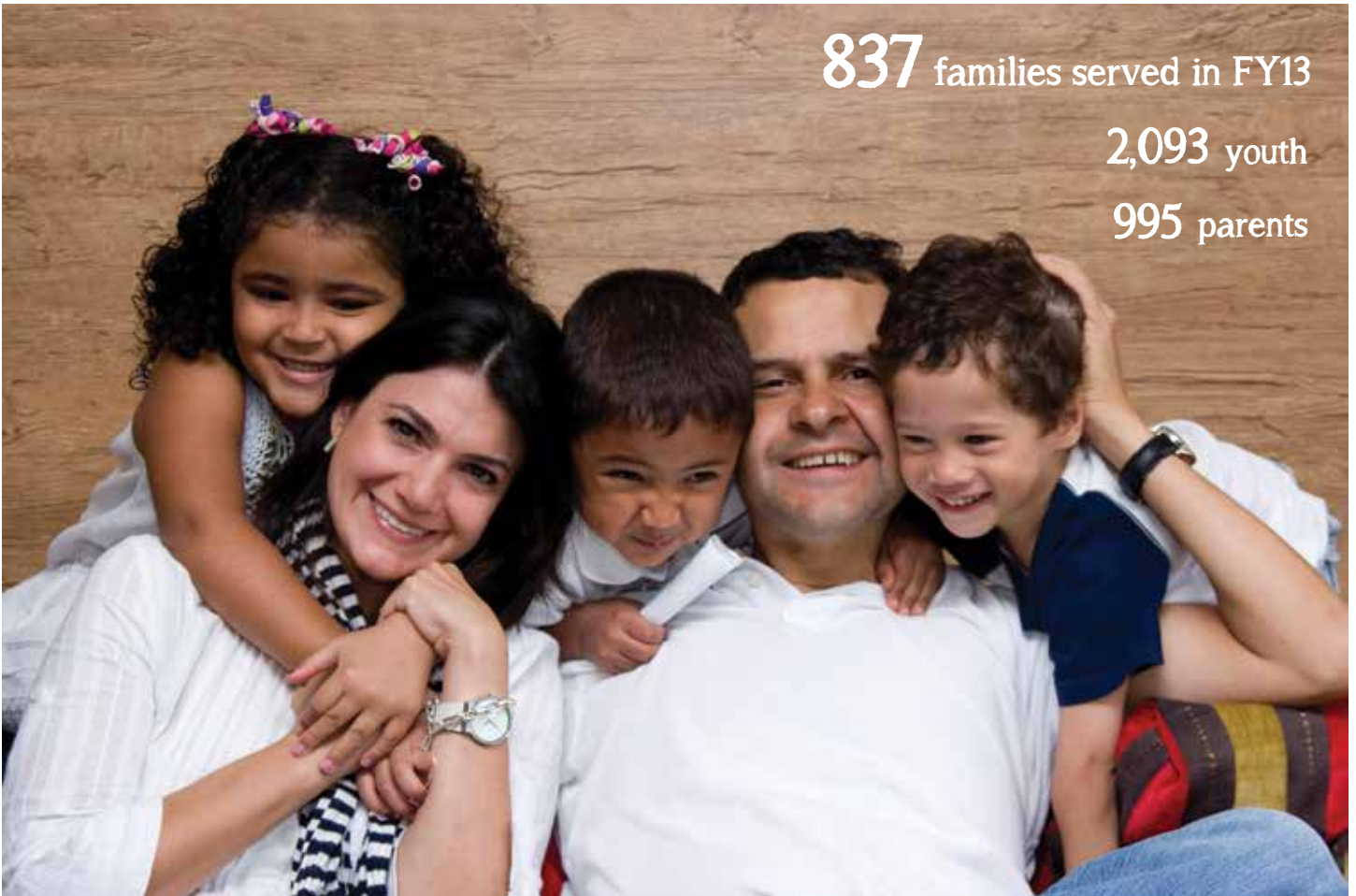
100% of families who completed services showed an increase in healthy family functioning

95% of families who successfully achieved their goals at closure had no new substantiated child maltreatment cases

837 families served in FY13

2,093 youth

995 parents





Transitional Living

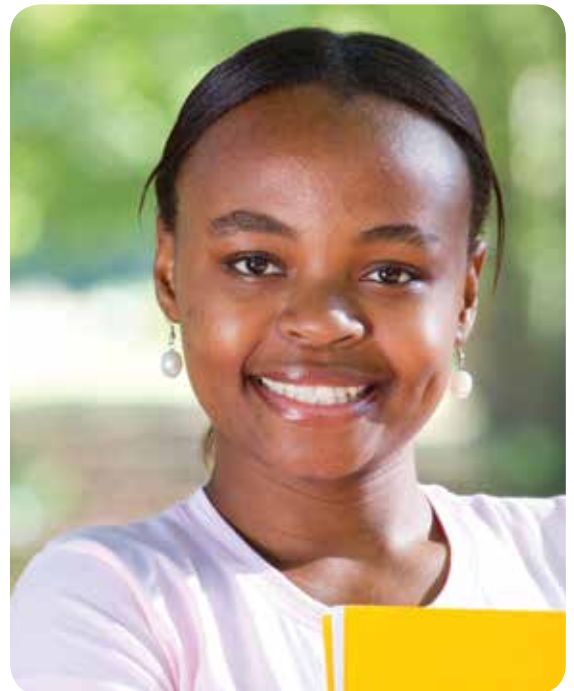
In August 2013, Hope Center for Children launched this program to serve youth between 16 and 22 years old who are aging out of foster care and have no safe place to live or support as they move into adulthood. Data shows that youth who age out of foster care are at great risk for homelessness.

Here, youth gain access to guidance and support as they gain skills needed to live independently and finish school or seek a full-time job.

Approximately 12 - 15 youth will be served annually.

All youth in the program:

- » have access to staff 24/7
- » set individual long-term goals
- » participate in weekly life skill development workshops
- » receive comprehensive case management
- » have access to job search and training services
- » are encouraged to have a job and earn a GED or enroll in college classes
- » are encouraged to volunteer regularly



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Tammy experienced tragedy during her childhood, including the death of a parent. She dealt with a lot of emotional issues that caused her to turn to drugs as a way to escape all of the pain and sadness in her life.



During her time at Hope Center for Children, Tammy found other ways to cope with her feelings and learned to believe in herself. She set positive goals for herself, including obtaining her GED, getting a job and managing a checking account. With the support of staff, she achieved her goals. Tammy has now reconnected with a supportive family member and was able to leave Hope Center for Children to stay with a relative. She continued to do well with this relative and that

became "home" to her. She later enrolled in college. When Tammy recently stopped by the office to visit, she stated:

"You know, I didn't realize it at the time how much I needed Hope Center for Children. It really made a difference in my life and who I have become. It felt like home and I really miss that. But in the moment when you have so much going on in your life, it is hard to see all of the positive stuff."

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FAMILY SUCCESS STORY

The Parker family had a lot of stressors in their home; Louise, a single mother, felt overwhelmed and hopeless. She felt like there was no point in trying to achieve any of her goals and believed it just wasn't going to happen for her. She felt like nothing she tried with her kids worked; the children were angry about their father not being around and they didn't listen to her.



A Hope Center for Children case-worker helped to motivate Louise to take steps toward reaching goals she had set for herself and her family. She learned alternatives to physical discipline with her children. The caseworker referred Louise to

parenting services and helped to involve her children with the Big Sister/Brother program where they could connect with mentors. Louise worked on a budget for her family and with the staff's support, she has taken some wonderful steps towards a brighter future for her family.

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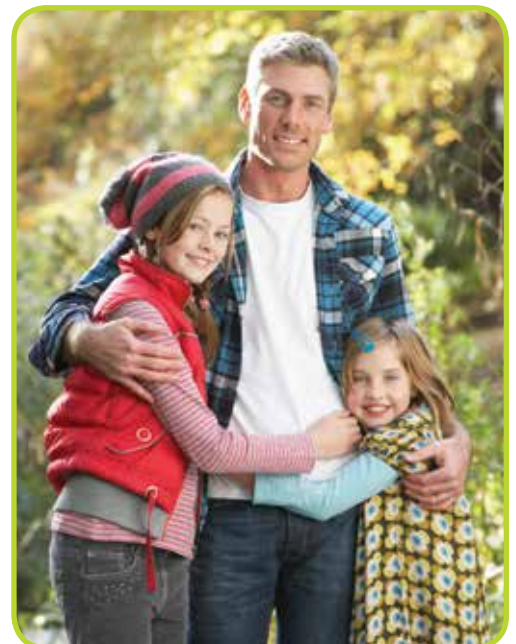


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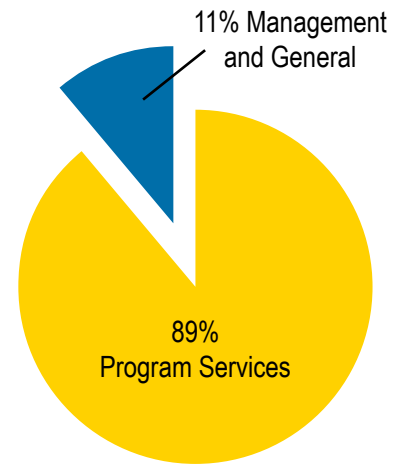
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
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Spartanburg, South Carolina

2013 Audited Expenses

Percentage of Expenses
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We have audited the accompanying statements of financial statements of Hope Center for Children (a non-profit organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2013 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flow for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hope Center for Children as of September 30, 2013 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Gosnell Menard Robinson Infante CPA's, PA
Spartanburg, SC

February 11, 2014

2013 Audited Financials

Hope Center for Children Statement of Activities Year Ended September 30, 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support and Revenues			
Residential			
Department of Social Services	\$ 600,910	\$ -	\$ 600,910
Contributions	183,595	93,540	277,135
Fundraising	54,631	46,105	100,736
United Way	89,974	-	89,974
Grants	65,741	-	65,741
Spartanburg County	46,800	-	46,800
Capital gain	8,050	-	8,050
Gain on investments	50,168	-	50,168
VOCA	31,082	-	31,082
United States Department of Agriculture	21,832	-	21,832
Medicaid Family	5,420	-	5,420
Miscellaneous income	4,441	-	4,441
Empowering Families			
SAFY	480,669	-	480,669
Contributions	90,830	-	90,830
Fundraising	26,726	-	26,726
United Way	18,326	-	18,326
Grants	13,979	-	13,979
Gain on investments	20,220	-	20,220
Strengthening Families			
Grants	64,110	-	64,110
Contributions	75,419	-	75,419
Fundraising	43,581	-	43,581
Medicaid	40,784	-	40,784
United Way	13,242	-	13,242
Gain on investments	8,392	-	8,392
Miscellaneous income	2,581	-	2,581
Transitional Living			
TLP Grant	49,483	-	49,483
Gain on investments	12,347	-	12,347
Contributions	11,192	-	11,192
Fundraising	6,932	-	6,932
United Way	3,779	-	3,779
Grants	2,598	-	2,598
Net assets released from restriction	137,171	(137,171)	-
Total Support and Revenues	2,285,005	2,474	2,287,479
Expenses:			
Program services - Residential	1,110,626	-	1,110,626
Program services - Empowering Families	512,317	-	512,317
Program services - Strengthening Families	230,853	-	230,853
Program services - Transitional Living	62,643	-	62,643
Management and general	225,084	-	225,084
Total expenses	2,141,523	-	2,141,523
Change in net assets	143,482	2,474	145,956
Addition of assets from merger	2,444,590	-	2,444,590
Net assets at beginning of year	757,862	7,300	765,162
Net assets at end of year	\$ 3,345,934	\$ 9,774	\$3,355,708



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