

# Healing HAPPENS HERE



**Monroe Harding** 

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2016 Annual Report

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1. those who love and care for one another deeply 2. a group of people that support each other through challenges and are there when needed.

3. Monroe Harding



We are at an important point in the evolution of Monroe Harding. Like every successful organization, we continuously evaluate the services we offer to ensure sustainable growth and long-term viability so that we can serve the children and youth of our community for many years to come. As a result, we made the difficult decision to close our residential program for teenage boys and focus on foster care for children birth to 18 and supportive services for youth aging out of foster care.

We have intensified our efforts to identify and recruit exceptional foster parents so that we can serve more children who need loving families. We are also expanding wraparound and mental health services in order to put more youth on successful career paths.

Our commitment to offering children the chance to write their own stories of healing, happiness and hope continues. We are grateful and humbled that you are part of our healing community; your support as donors, volunteers and mentors makes it possible for our youth to move beyond trauma and build the resilience they need to live happy, healthy and productive lives.

Mary Baker

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# Z016 PROGRAM SUCCESSES

Monroe Harding's mission is to change young people's lives by fostering resiliency. Our commitment to provide trauma informed care for children who experience toxic stress has led us to build a robust therapeutic environment. Through our foster care program and residential, education, workforce development and mental health services, we provide critical lifelines for children in crisis. We are here to help them at every step along the way, from birth to 26.

4// CHILDREN SERVED 37,327 NIGHTS OF CARE

73

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS OPENED BY YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES 21 PAID INTERNSHIPS

488
INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS

45
CERTIFIED FOSTER FAMILIES



## DOING WHAT A FAMILY WOULD DO

#### FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

As an agency, we are humbled and honored to carry forward the legacy that Fannie Harding and the Presbytery of Tennessee launched in 1893. Fannie's dream was to support children and families, so with great conviction and enthusiasm, we're building upon our 124 year history to meet the needs of youth today. 8,000 children are in foster care in Tennessee, and the need for foster parents is greater than ever.

"Once they're in our home, they're in our hearts. We hurt with them the same way we do with our own children, we show love with them the same way and go through trials with them the same way and help them be emotionally strong in the same way." Christina D., Monroe Harding Foster Parent

We provide wraparound services for youth up to age 26, because you don't become an adult the day you turn 18. Monroe Harding's residential program provides a supportive and caring environment where youth can transition into adulthood. Aubrey's story exemplifies the need of youth aging out. With nowhere to live and only one semester left of his senior year, Monroe Harding staff helped Aubrey graduate from high school and apply for college. We gave Aubrey the space and the support to work through his challenges without becoming homeless. He is participating in our financial literacy classes, saving for a car, and looks forward to starting college at Nashville State.

"Monroe Harding is a great environment to get on your feet. Having a safe place to live took the chaos out of my life. Monroe Harding gives you the stepping stone for where you need to go and they help you realize your potential."

Aubrey, Monroe Harding youth

Monroe Harding is all about creating a foundation for an independent and successful future for kids like Aubrey. Our education and workforce development services help youth complete high school, enroll for college and secure jobs. We are particularly proud of our financial literacy programming, where youth are able to open bank accounts and save funds for big purchases, such as computers, cars and a down payment on their first apartment.

65

YOUTH EXITED TO PERMANENCY

18

HIGH SCHOOL AND HSE GRADUATES

\$27,000

IN YOUTH SAVINGS

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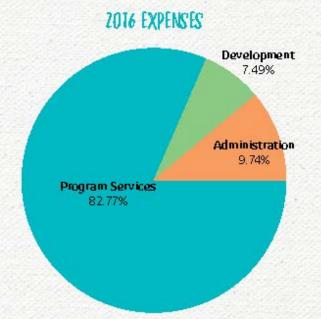
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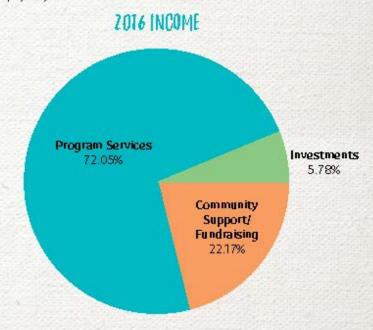
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Help our youth by being a source of support, encouragement and friendship.

#### Learn more >



#### Volunteer

Lend your time and talents by helping with special events, onsite improvements, childcare during parent training and so much more!

Learn more >



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We need foster parents
who can nurture, teach and
provide a healthy family
environment for children
ranging in age from birth – 18
years old, including many
sibling groups.

Learn more >



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