



Annual Report 2016-2017



HomeSafe

Preventing | Protecting | Preparing

Our Mission

Creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

Who We Are

Since 1979, HomeSafe has been a nationally accredited nonprofit organization protecting Palm Beach County's and South Florida's most vulnerable residents – victims of child abuse and domestic violence.

HomeSafe provides comprehensive programs *preventing* new cases of violence, *protecting* victims of child abuse and domestic violence, and *preparing* children and families for safer, more productive lives. Annually, HomeSafe serves more than 16,000 infants, children and families.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to get caught up on what HomeSafe has been up to this past year. It truly was one of the most exciting we have had in a while!

We operationalized HomeSafe at Pond Place on the Bernstein Independent Living Campus. This campus now houses twelve young adults who have aged out of foster care and are working

toward completing their next level of education. The addition of Pond Place allows HomeSafe to extend its continuum of care to a subset of the population that urgently needs it. At HomeSafe, we are committed to improving the lives of children and families. We pride ourselves in being leaders in proactively meeting the needs of the community through innovation and responsive services.

During this past year, our residential programs witnessed a change in the population served. The kids entering the programs have experienced a greater amount of trauma than ever before. The resulting behaviors have been difficult to manage. We have employed new training techniques and reduced the census for safety concerns. The decrease in census unfortunately had a negative effect on our year-end financials. However, our first and foremost concerns continue and will always be, the safety of our kids and staff. Now, more than ever, your support is needed. Please consider making a donation before year end.

For the new fiscal year, we have partnered with MoreVisibility to increase our exposure on the web and on social media. HomeSafe has always been one of Palm Beach County's best kept secrets. Please help us get the word out about HomeSafe by sharing tweets, liking posts and having just some good old-fashioned conversation about what HomeSafe has been up to.

Together, we are creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Ladika".

Matthew Ladika
Chief Executive Officer

Locations

West Palm Beach

1720 East Tiffany Drive, Ste. 101
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Bernstein Family Foundation Campus

680 Ipswich Street
Boca Raton, FL 33487

Sylvester Family Campus

4888 North Haverhill Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Simon C. Fireman Foundation Campus

2840 Sixth Avenue South
Lake Worth, FL 33461

Belle Glade

2990 North Main Street
Belle Glade, FL 33430

HomeSafe at Pond Place Bernstein Independent Living Campus

3889 Pond Place
Palm Springs, FL 33461

Residential Group Care

During fiscal year 2016-17, a total of 111 girls and boys, ages 8 – 17, received full-time care and treatment services at five group homes located in Boca Raton, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach. Clients not only came from Palm Beach County, but from 14 other districts in the state, including as far as the Panhandle.

This year, the agency saw an increase in the number of clients served with greater levels of trauma. The agency responded with an increased focus and effort in training our staff to work with this increasingly challenging population. All of our residential clinical staff attended and began certification in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT) an evidence based practice that will be a valuable tool in helping them to better work with this population.

With the more severe trauma seen this past year, we saw a reduction in our average length of stay as some of the children required placement at a higher level of care. Consistently we have seen that when the children we serve are able to remain in our homes for greater than six months there is a greater likelihood of success. In this fiscal year, there were 26 planned client discharges, with the client stepping down to a lower level of care (either to another residential program or clients can be reunified with family members, age out, be adopted by a foster family, or be placed with a foster or group home). 20 of these clients were in HomeSafe's care for at least six months and completed 75% of their treatment plan goals.

Our LifeSkills program is provided to all clients living in residential group care. Twice a week, clients attend group trainings that provide them with the knowledge and tools they will need for independent living – keeping a clean room, personal hygiene, shopping and cooking, how to do laundry, educational planning, using community services, and applying for a job. Clients are tested pre- and post-trainings. This year's post-assessment average was 80%.

One hundred percent of our clients attended appointments for their annual dental, vision and medical check-ups.

On the last day of school, of the 35 clients in our residential program, 94% of them were promoted to the next grade level. 82% of the total residential population that attended school throughout the fiscal year maintained an 80% attendance rate for the school year.



Healthy Beginnings



During the last fiscal year, our hospital liaisons visited 14,723 new moms before they were discharged from the hospital. Helpful information about post-partum depression, bonding, and child development were provided.

The agency provided 126 portable cribs for free, to parents in need to ensure their child had a safe place to sleep. Along with the cribs, each family received educational material to help inform them of the practices of safe sleep. Additionally, 32 free car seats and instructions on how to install them properly, were provided to families in need.

3,354 families were referred for services to ensure their children had what they needed to thrive.

SafetyNet

- 453 adults, teens and children either received limited services or were enrolled in SafetyNet's weekly therapeutic support groups and individual therapy for victims of domestic violence.
- 82% of adult and teen clients demonstrated an increase in adaptive coping and resiliency skills as evidenced by pre- and post-assessment.
- 80% of participants completed the program. The average length of participation in the program is 4-6 months.
- A teen client of the program, Karla, was awarded a \$500 college scholarship by the Domestic Violence Council of Palm Beach County. She was nominated by SafetyNet staff for her character, diligence and hard work in school and at home, despite being a witness to domestic violence for many years.
- Volunteers and interns are an invaluable resource for the SafetyNet program. This past year, we had four interns from a variety of schools – FAU, Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Barry University. These interns volunteer 10-12 hours a week and provide assistance for all aspects of the program.
- Our nine regular SafetyNet volunteers assist in preparing and serving meals to our children and teens prior to their group therapy sessions. They also provide childcare to the children under six years of age while their parent and siblings attend their support groups.



- 291 clients completed the Growing Smart program - a voluntary, two-year program that teaches parents about developmental stages and provides parenting tips. A child's development is monitored by the developmental support specialist who will provide a referral, should a concern be discovered.
- More than 6,494 children were screened by HomeSafe for their behavioral and social/emotional health to ensure they are kindergarten ready. Healthy Beginnings conducts free developmental assessments for all children under the age of five throughout Palm Beach County.



HomeSafe at Pond Place

HomeSafe at Pond Place on the Bernstein Independent Living Campus has taken root since our ribbon cutting in November 2016. As we had hoped, the location in Palm Springs provides safe, affordable housing for clients, ages 18 -23, who have “aged out” of foster care.

The 12-unit complex of one-bedroom apartments is within walking distance to Palm Beach State College, grocery stores, bus lines and local businesses for job opportunities. The complex is also within two miles of HomeSafe's Lake Worth campus.

For 2016-2017 we are happy to report:

- Our first resident to Pond Place moved in December 2016. By end of the fiscal year, June 30, we had seven clients living in the apartments – two males and five females.
- All clients in the program were enrolled in a qualifying educational program – two in high school, three in college, one working on their GED, and one in a vocational program.
- All clients meet on a regular basis with a licensed clinical therapist and have a treatment plan and ongoing support as they integrate into adulthood and the community.
- All seven clients have a bank account in good standing.

The program continues to thrive and more clients are entering the program in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.



Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2017

Unaudited

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 659,133
Accounts receivable	942,552
Pledges receivable, net	136,671
Prepaid expenses	2,420
Deposits	6,985
Investments, at market	2,653,110
Split interest agreements, net	142,195
Property, plant and equipment, net	7,710,142
Total Assets	<u>\$12,253,208</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payables	97,884
Accrued compensation	422,002
Total liabilities	519,886
Total net assets	<u>11,733,322</u>
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	<u>\$12,253,208</u>

Statement of Financial Activities

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Unaudited

Revenue and Support	
Program services	\$ 7,023,828
Grants	474,058
Contributions	427,217
Special events revenue, net	312,381
Other Income	-
Investment income/loss	95,734
Total Revenue and Support	<u>\$ 8,333,218</u>
Expenses	
Program services expenses	7,465,764
Management and general	694,490
Fundraising	520,867
Total expenses	<u>8,681,121</u>
Change in net assets	\$ (347,903)
Net assets, beginning of year	11,980,848
Net assets, end of year	<u>11,632,945</u>

Expense Allocations



86%
Program Services

8%
Administrative

6%
Fundraising



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+ morevisibility =

more
eyes
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Over the next year, HomeSafe will be working with Boca Raton-based MoreVisibility to improve and expand our digital presence. We received generous support for this project from a long-time donor looking to the agency's future.

In business since 1999, MoreVisibility is a full-service, interactive marketing agency that takes a comprehensive approach to creating a company's online strategy – a strategy focused on measurable results.

Since July, MoreVisibility has been helping us optimize our posts on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn and increase our audience reach through paid strategies. You'll soon see updates to our website design and content, an interactive advertising campaign on social media about HomeSafe and our upcoming events, and a new look to our agency emails.

Visit our website. Follow us on your favorite social media site. Share our posts with your friends so we can continue to spread the word about HomeSafe. We're so excited we recently reached 1,000 followers on Facebook and we want to keep growing!

 **HomeSafe**
August 28

Abuse is not just physical! Verbal abuse is just as dangerous as physical abuse.



Signs Of Emotional Abuse:

- 1. They humiliate you, put you down, or make fun of you in front of other people.
- 2. They regularly demean or disregard your opinions, ideas, suggestions, or needs.
- 3. They use sarcasm or "teasing" to put you down or make you feel bad about yourself.
- 4. They accuse you of being "too sensitive" in order to deflect their abusive remarks.
- 5. They try to control you and treat you like a child.
- 6. They correct or chastise you for your behavior.


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