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care hope success goals
protecting support home
consistent healing strong
nurturing *preparing* love

Annual Report
2015-2016



HomeSafe

Preventing | Protecting | Preparing

Our Mission

Creating safer, more productive lives for
infants, children 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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Brevard Family Partnership	Eckerd Community Alternatives Hillsborough
Center for Family & Child Enrichment	FamiliesFirst Network
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ChildNet, Inc.	Family Support Services of North Florida
Children's Home Society	Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community
Children's Network of Southwest Florida	Heartland for Children
Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County	Kids Central
Children's Village	Palm Beach County
City of Boca Raton	Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network
City of West Palm Beach	St. John's County Board of Commissioners/Family Integrity Program
Community Based Care of Central Florida	Victims of Crime Act
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Chief Executive Officer



Dear Friends,

Thank you once again for taking the time to read about the valuable work HomeSafe has been doing this past year in our community. We are very proud of our accomplishments and the clients we serve. Please know, none of this would be possible without help from donors like you!

Here are some highlights:

- 🏠 **FY 2015-2016 was the best financial year we have had in the last decade! Our bottom line increased by approximately \$1.2 million!**
- 🏠 **The Classic Rock and Roll Party rocked it again - raising \$330,000 for our programs!**
- 🏠 **Our Independent Living Facility, HomeSafe at Pond Place, became a reality and is set to open in the fall. It will serve foster care youth aging out of the child dependency system.**
- 🏠 **Our focus on safe sleep continues to be a priority. Last year, we gave out 267 free Pack 'n Plays. We must stay vigilant, working together to educate parents and prevent sleep-related tragedies that continue to plague our county.**
- 🏠 **Our residential census increased and is the highest it has been in the last decade, 95%. We continue to be there to meet the ever-changing, ongoing needs of this vulnerable population.**
- 🏠 **Lastly, in a year where the focus was on domestic violence, HomeSafe quietly continued to serve more than 250 children, teens and adults who were traumatized by a perpetrator.**

By partnering with HomeSafe and supporting the work we do, you can feel confident knowing that you have made a difference in the life of someone in need. Together, we are creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children and families.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ladika
Chief Executive Officer

Locations

Bernstein Family Foundation Campus

680 Ipswich Street
Boca Raton, FL 33487

West Palm Beach

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

Sylvester Family Campus

4888 North Haverhill Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Belle Glade

2990 North Main Street
Belle Glade, FL 33430

Simon C. Fireman Foundation Campus

2840 Sixth Avenue South
Lake Worth, FL 33461

HomeSafe at Pond Place Bernstein Independent Living Campus

3889 Pond Place
Palm Springs, FL 33461

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Healthy Beginnings



- 🏠 Healthy Beginnings conducts free developmental assessments for all children under the age of five throughout Palm Beach County. During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, more than 2,500 children were screened for their behavioral and social/emotional health to ensure they are kindergarten ready.
- 🏠 The agency provided 267 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.
- 🏠 During the last fiscal year, 17,355 babies were born in Palm Beach County. Our hospital liaisons screened 98% of the moms after delivery for risks including postpartum depression and bonding.
- 🏠 174 families participated in Growing Smart - a voluntary, two-year program that teaches parents about developmental stages and gives parenting tips. A child's development is monitored by the developmental support specialist who will provide a referral, should a concern be discovered.
- 🏠 This past fiscal year, 2,812 families were referred for services to ensure their children had what they needed to thrive.

Thank you Ms. Ana for all your help. The Growing Smart program showed me how to help my son. With your tips and the sit-to-stand walker you gave me, he finally began to walk.

– Martina H.

SafetyNet

It has really helped me talk about my feelings.

– Teen participant

- 🏠 250 children, teens and adults either received limited services or were enrolled in SafetyNet's weekly therapeutic support groups and services for victims of domestic violence. The average length of participation in the program is 4-6 months.
- 🏠 79% (89 of 112) of teen and adult clients demonstrated an increase in adaptive coping and resiliency skills as evidenced by pre- and post-assessment scales.
- 🏠 The SafetyNet Program staff did 12 presentations throughout the community to approximately 1,141 children, teens and adults.

This program liberated me from abuse. It has helped me be more self-sufficient and I am very appreciative and thank you for caring for my children.

– Parent participant



Residential Group Care

LifeSkills™

- 🏠 During fiscal year 2015-16, a total of 93 girls and boys, ages 8–17, received full-time care and treatment services at five safe group homes in Boca Raton, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach. The agency increased its census average by 7% compared to last year. With a program capacity of 48 beds, the agency was able to maintain an average of 45 filled beds throughout the year. This in turn allowed for an increase in program income.
- 🏠 On average, clients remained in the program 10 months before being discharged to a higher or lower level of care; this is an increase in length of stay by two months compared to last year. Of the 51 clients discharged during the fiscal year, 28 were planned discharges, with the client stepping down to a lower level of care (either to another residential program or being reunited with family members, aging out, being adopted by a foster family, or being placed with a foster or group home). 24 of these clients were in care for at least 6 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, maintaining personal hygiene, shopping & cooking, doing laundry, educational planning, using community services, and applying for a job. Clients are tested pre- and post-trainings. This fiscal year, clients consistently increased their scores by an average of 60%. This is a noticeable increase over last year's average post-assessment increase of 46%.
- 🏠 On the last day of school, of the 47 clients in our residential program, 98% of them were promoted to the next grade level. 81% of the total residential population that attended school throughout the fiscal year maintained a 90% attendance rate for the school year (which meets DCF standard).
- 🏠 100% of the 13 clients who have aged out of care, but continue to receive guidance and assistance from our Independent Living Supervisor, are currently attending school and/or employed. Nine clients are enrolled in college.



My supervisor, my counselor and the staff are great at what they do – amazing! HomeSafe has molded me into a young man.

– Residential client

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2016

Unaudited

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 848,267
Accounts receivable	662,780
Pledges receivable, net	249,394
Prepaid expenses	1,607
Deposits	6,985
Investments, at market	2,620,891
Split interest agreements, net	337,923
Property, plant and equipment, net	7,680,436
Total Assets	\$ 12,408,283
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payables	154,508
Accrued compensation	390,304
Total liabilities	544,812
Total net assets	11,863,471
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	\$ 12,408,283

Statement of Financial Activities

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Unaudited

Revenue and Support	
Program services	\$ 7,030,342
Grants	537,737
Contributions	1,672,927
Special events revenue, net	368,187
Other Income	3,577
Investment income/loss	17,432
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 9,630,202
Expenses	
Program services expenses	\$ 7,390,430
Management and general	674,584
Fundraising	367,283
Total expenses	8,432,297
Change in net assets	\$ 1,197,905
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 10,665,566
Net assets, end of year	\$ 11,863,471

Expense Allocations



4%
Fundraising

88%
Program Services

8%
Administrative

The Classic Rock & Roll Party

It was another fabulous night of music and fun at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for our 2016 party! Featured entertainment *Lowrider Band* had our 350 guests rockin' on the dance floor!

\$330,000 was raised for HomeSafe programs and services thanks to the tireless dedication of Chairmen Debora Kellogg & Jayne Malfitano and our Host, Nicko McBrain.



(L to R) Debora Kellogg, Nicko McBrain and Jayne Malfitano

Don't miss our 2017
Classic Rock & Roll Party
Saturday, February 4
Featuring
Legendary American Southern
Rock/Country Rock Band
The Marshall Tucker Band



Jump for HomeSafe

The Palm Beach International Equestrian Center and the Winter Equestrian Festival are the site for this annual event that partners the equestrian community and HomeSafe.

Our 6th annual event was co-chaired by local competitive riders Lillie Keenan, Hannah Patten, Samantha Wight and Emma Heise. The evening included a silent auction, dining and premier ringside seating for the world-class "Battle of the Sexes" competition. \$36,000 was raised for HomeSafe programs.



Board President Val Perez thanks the party co-chairmen



(L to R) Karen Roderman and Cherie Copenhaver

Join us for a great night of family
fun at the 7th Annual
Jump for HomeSafe

Saturday, January 14, 2017

HomeSafe at *Pond Place*

Our Independent Living Housing Program

In October 2015, HomeSafe purchased a 12-unit complex of one-bedroom apartments in Palm Springs about two miles from HomeSafe's Lake Worth campus. The complex is within walking distance of Palm Beach State College, grocery stores, bus lines and local businesses for job opportunities. Over the last year, major renovations have been made to the apartments, as well as the entire property.

This complex will be home to our new Independent Living Housing Program, which will provide safe, affordable housing for clients who have "aged out" of foster care. As long as the client attends high school, vocational school or a state or public college that is eligible with the Bright Futures scholarship program, they are eligible for Postsecondary Education Services and Support (PESS) stipends of \$1,256 a month.

In return for an apartment, clients will make a low monthly contribution. This will cover water, TV and internet access. Basic furnishings and kitchen set-up are also included. Clients will pay for electricity. Each month, a portion of the contribution will be put into a savings account for the client's future housing needs. Clients must maintain their PESS eligibility and follow HomeSafe's rules to be able to receive housing through this program. Clients can be between the ages of 18 and 23.

A licensed Clinical Therapist, along with the Independent Living Supervisor, will work with clients on an individualized treatment plan. In addition, clients will receive guidance on financial literacy, employment connections and health care services.

HomeSafe is excited to have our first clients move in at the end of October.

One thing I want you to know about HomeSafe. We're not quitters. We don't quit on the kids and we didn't quit on the dream we had to provide a loving place for kids who had to leave group care at the age of 18. This new residence will be available to all kids who age out of care at HomeSafe and other foster care in Palm Beach County.

– Matt Ladika, CEO