

The Children's Place
and
Conitor's Nursery, Inc.



Celebrating 40 years

Annual Report 2018-2019



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support throughout an amazing year here at HomeSafe. Our programs continue to provide unwavering support to Palm Beach County, reaching more than 14,000 members of our community because of your belief in our mission and our determination to prevent, protect and prepare our most vulnerable residents.

Our programs continue to grow and change, hand in hand, with the needs of the community. During the past year we transitioned our Enhanced Behavioral Health Overlay Services program to an additional Specialized Therapeutic Group Care facility, as demand has increased for that specific type of placement. We continue to look for replacement properties since the sale of the Sylvester Family Campus, with one property secured and a second location being sought out. Our executive team was successful in negotiating rates with our Community Base Care agencies, and HomeSafe was able to give all Youth Development Professional (YDP) staff a well-earned increase in wages. The YDP staff are the direct care givers, caring for our clients who suffer every day from the trauma of their abuse.

HomeSafe's Healthy Beginnings program will be expanding over the next year to include positions that operate in conjunction with *The Thirty Million Words Initiative*. TMW is an evidence-based intervention program designed to help narrow the language gap between children from lower-income families and those in wealthier households. HomeSafe will be working with mothers and newborns at St. Mary's Hospital and, if the program resonates, will expand to other hospitals in Palm Beach County.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported HomeSafe through monetary or in-kind support. Your contributions have led to one of the most successful years for the agency since I started at HomeSafe in 1998. Together we continue to provide exceptional services to children and families who need it the most. This year, HomeSafe celebrates 40 years of service to Palm Beach County, and it's our supporters who have allowed us to continue to operate, grow and help heal those who are suffering.

We look forward to the next 40 years of creating safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ladika
Chief Executive Officer

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.

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HomeSafe is proud to be celebrating its 40th year of providing services to children and families in Palm Beach County. Through the years, the staff has provided unconditional care that has made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of children and families needing help.

The board of directors and staff remain committed to providing the best possible programs and services that continue to create safer, more productive lives for infants, children, young adults and families.

Here's a history of key events that have helped shape the agency over the last 40 years.

1970s

1979 - The *Council on Child Abuse & Neglect of Palm Beach County* is started by a group of concerned citizens who band together to prevent child abuse and neglect.

1980 - The Council opens *The Children's Place* program, offering a six-bed program offering daytime respite care for young children. Two years later, the program begins accepting overnight stays for children thanks to support from the United Way Community Chest & Health & Rehabilitative Services (HRS).

1980s

1988 - The agency purchases three small homes on Ponce de Leon Ave in West Palm Beach and converts them into offices and living spaces for children.

1990s

1990 - The Council opens *Connor's Nursery*, the first shelter in the entire state of Florida to exclusively serve children with AIDs or who are HIV positive. A year later, the "Family Cottage and Sibling Shelter" is opened to provide temporary housing for children whose parents are in rehab.

1992 - The Council merges with Connor's Nursery & formally becomes known as *The Children's Place and Connor's Nursery, Inc.*

1993 - The Junior League of Boca Raton helps the agency open the "*Children's Place South*" in Boca – a 12-bed shelter for abused children.

1998 - The agency begins serving the abused population – children ages 10 - 17, opens three additional group homes, and starts providing foster home services. The agency also merges with Home Safe of Palm Beach County and changes name to *The Children's Place at Home Safe, Inc.* The SafetyNet domestic violence program becomes a part of the agency.

2004 - The agency takes a bold step in opening the first two specialized therapeutic group homes in Palm Beach County. The homes, located in Lantana, serve eight girls and six boys.

2000s

2005 - The Connor's Nursery program successfully comes to an end due to the advances in medical care for those afflicted with the HIV virus.

2006 - Construction is completed on the Sylvester Family Campus – 10 acres of land on Haverhill Road – thanks to the support of the Harcourt M. & Virginia W. Sylvester Foundation and many generous donors. This campus serves 24 boys through two Specialized Therapeutic and Enhanced group homes. The agency's administrative offices are moved to the Lake Worth office off Sixth Avenue South.

2009 - The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County launches the *The Healthy Beginnings Program* and Home Safe becomes the exclusive entry agency for children entering the system between the ages of birth through five. The agency also adds four new locations across the county to meet the demand for prevention services.

2010s

2011 - The agency becomes known as *HomeSafe*.

2016 - *HomeSafe at Pond Place* on the Bernstein Independent Living Campus opens in November, providing 12 one-bedroom apartments for young adults who have aged out of foster care.

2017 - In October, the Haverhill campus was sold to MorseLife Health System. Proceeds from the sale are being used for the purchase of new property and the building of state-of-the-art facilities to serve clients.

2019 - Representatives of HomeSafe, the Children's Services Council and the University of Chicago met on a monthly basis to plan for the Thirty Million Words (TMW) program coming to Palm Beach County. Office space was secured and a program supervisor was hired. TMW is designed to help narrow the language gap between children from lower-income families and those in wealthier households. HomeSafe will be working with mothers and newborns at St. Mary's Hospital.



HomeSafe at Pond Place

Young adults ages 18 -23 who have aged out of foster care can access affordable housing through our Pond Place program.

Of the **15** clients, ALL were enrolled in school – **10** at Palm Beach State College and **5** at local high schools

9 clients worked full-time or part-time AND were a full-time student

4 clients graduated high school. **1** client graduated Palm Beach State College and transferred to Florida Atlantic University to complete their bachelor's degree

40 years

SafetyNet

Domestic violence victims break free from the cycle of abuse with immediate intervention and prevention services through the SafetyNet program.

335 domestic violence victims received crisis intervention services in either English or Spanish.

Of those, **112** adults, **31** teens and **37** children enrolled in group and/or individual therapy.

88% of adult and teen clients demonstrated improved coping and resiliency skills.

11 volunteers helped serve meals to the children prior to weekly group sessions, and provided child care to the children under age 5.

5 interns from both Florida Atlantic University and Barry University helped co-facilitate groups and provided supervised individual therapy to clients.



Residential Group Care

Our residential program provides a safe haven for abused children ages 7-17 who have been removed from their homes and require therapeutic treatment for their trauma.

101 girls and boys received full-time care and treatment services at **5** group homes located in Boca Raton, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach

The agency continues to serve clients who have greater levels of trauma. This fiscal year saw **67** client discharges –

18 moved to another program or aged out
13 moved to a foster home or were adopted
9 were reunified with their family
27 were stepped up to a higher level of care

81% of the clients who attended school throughout the year maintained an **80%** attendance rate.

On the last day of school, of the **35** clients in the program, **100%** were promoted to the next grade level.

Healthy Beginnings

Through this program funded by Children's Services Council, our team screens and assesses children ages newborn to 5 and helps parents provide their children a healthy start.

14,539 new moms were visited by our team before they were discharged from the hospital and given helpful information about post-partum depression and child development.

209 portable cribs were provided for free to parents in need to ensure their child had a safe place to sleep.

1,924 children under the age of 5 were screened for their developmental and social/emotional health to ensure they are ready for kindergarten.

Maternity hospitals in our county were educated on becoming "**Safe Sleep Certified**" which is special recognition for demonstrating leadership for best practices and education on infant sleep safety. **West Boca Medical Center** was the first to become certified.

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2019

Unaudited

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 1,121,972
Accounts receivable	634,923
Pledges receivable, net	260,224
Prepaid expenses	394,961
Deposits	21,417
Investments, at market	8,794,912
Split interest agreements, net	144,734
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,207,946
Notes Receivable	3,500,000
Total Assets	\$18,081,089
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Accounts payables	103,192
Accrued compensation	467,590
Other Liabilities	5,993
Total liabilities	576,775
Total net assets	17,504,314
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	\$18,081,089

Statement of Financial Activities

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Unaudited

Revenue and Support	
Program services	\$ 7,724,839
Grants	760,586
Contributions	311,558
Special events revenue, net	441,203
Other Income	112
Investment income/loss (net)	322,722
Total Revenue and Support	\$13,918,681
Expenses	
Program services expenses	7,712,062
Management and general	702,742
Fundraising	527,057
Total expenses	8,941,861
Change in net assets	619,159
Net assets, beginning of year	16,885,154
Net assets, end of year	\$17,504,313

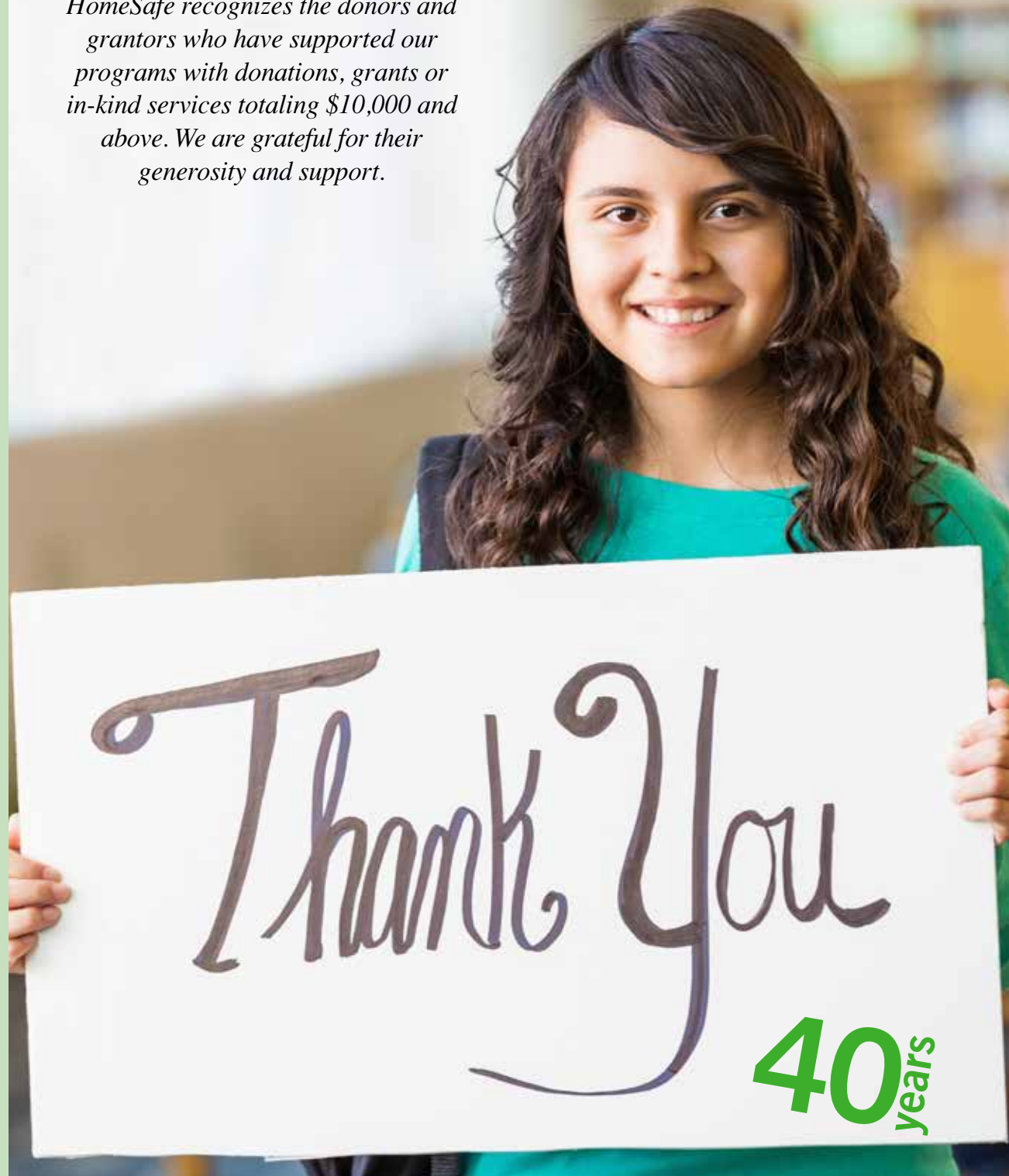
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Locations

Simon C. Fireman Foundation Campus

2840 Sixth Avenue South
Lake Worth, FL 33461
(Main Campus)

Sylvester Family Campus

4888 North Haverhill Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33417

West Palm Beach

1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, Ste. 720
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

4631 N. Congress Ave, Ste. 204
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Belle Glade

2990 North Main Street
Belle Glade, FL 33430

Wellington

10115 Forest Hill Blvd #105
Wellington, FL 33414

HomeSafe at Pond Place

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Cover photos top row from left: First Lady Barbara Bush at Connor's Nursery in 1990; Sarah Ferguson (Sarah Duchess of York) speaking with board member Scott Hawkins in 1992; The facility at Ponce de Leon Ave. in WPB; Center row from left: Gloria Pierson, Helen Ballerano, Harcourt Sylvester & Logan Pierson at the Boca campus in 1993; 2004 groundbreaking at the Sylvester Family Campus in WPB—Steve Bernstein, John Scarpa, Charlie Rutherford, Mark Foley, Carol Roberts, Dan Marino, Howard Olshansky, Laura Sylvester, Harcourt Sylvester, Jayne Malfitano, actress Kim Alexis, and John Mulhall III; 2007 ribbon cutting at the Sylvester Family Campus—Mike Nichols, Matt Ladika, Jayne Malfitano, Laura Sylvester and David Layman; Last row from left: Classic 2008 chairmen - Daniel Schwimmer, Bill Berger, Clarence Clemons, Gary Press and Rex Kirby; Celebrity Host Nicko McBrain and Co-chairmen Jayne Malfitano and Debora Kellogg at the 2016 Classic Rock & Roll Party; Opening of HomeSafe at Pond Place 2016—Matt Ladika, Randy Scheid, Jeff & Aggie Stoops, Laura Sylvester, Jayne Malfitano, Steve & Janessa Bernstein, Abby Bernstein-Henderson; First Lady Melania Trump visits in 2017

HomeSafe All Staff Meeting - May 2019: Tracey Benson Photography



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