




WHALEY CHILDREN'S CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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It has been nearly three years since I walked into Whaley Children's Center with ideas on how I could make change. With ample social work experience under my belt, I knew what needed to be done and the goals that I wanted to achieve. Ideas and goals are always wonderful, but what I didn't realize is the different children that I would meet along the way. Each child came into my life and reshaped my ideas of what the Center should look like. From our littlest tot, all the way up to the 18 year old young man I said goodbye to this year, each one has made me rethink my original goals and visions for the Center.

Whaley Children's Center is so much more than a place to live for foster children. It is my whole heart and all of my passion. There isn't a moment that I am not thinking about how I can make the Center more of a home for the 42 children who reside there. My number one goal has shifted so much since that first day. Now, I just want all of the kids to know what it feels like to simply be a kid.

“Together we can be the change in a child's life. We are the difference makers and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else.”

For so many years, our children have had to worry about things that kids shouldn't have to worry about. Whether it was when they would have food next or if their next home would be safe for them and their siblings, they were preoccupied with thinking about these things and had to grow up far too quickly.

So I remind my staff everyday, how important it is to allow our kids to just be kids. It is a long, hard journey for so many of the kids I see everyday, but I know, with the help of my wonderful staff and volunteers we can help every child enjoy their childhood and create wonderful memories. Together we can spend the extra time to read a good night story, take another trip down the slip n' slide or have a random dance party. All to ensure that our children can have the care free experience that they deserve. Together we can be the change in a child's life. We are the difference makers and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else!



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MISSION

Whaley Children's Center provides tools to children and families who have experienced trauma to reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

Through dynamic leadership and dedicated staff and volunteers, Whaley Children's Center will be a source of hope, care and treatment to Michigan's abused, neglected and at-risk children and families.

OUR VALUES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We have the total commitment to treating all children and families with fairness, dignity and respect regardless of race, age, creed, ethnicity, orientation or ability.

STAFF SERVICES

We embrace and encourage strength-based relationships through the sharing of experiences and the celebration of multiculturalism in a supportive atmosphere.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We strive to be leaders in the treatment of at-risk children and their families and creating an environment that fosters positive change and growth.



CARF International has awarded Whaley Children's Center the highest accreditation honor.

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In 2017, **74 children** found a place of love, hope and belonging at Whaley Children's Center. Thirty-seven of these children were boys and thirty-seven were girls. Our children come from **28 different counties** throughout Michigan.

At the average age of **12 years old**, they were all scared, nervous and confused. Each child wondering where they would be going next, considering each of them had been to approximately four to six foster homes before finally getting placed at Whaley.

In total, they have been to **348 placements** before coming to the Center.



Most of the children who come to live at Whaley Children's Center have fallen victim to more than one type of child abuse. The horrific trauma our children have experienced is shocking.

72%
neglect

56%
physical
abuse

37%
sexual
abuse

31%
witnessed
substance abuse

27%
domestic
violence

However, because of the dedicated staff, volunteers and donors of Whaley Children's Center, these statistics do not have to define our children's futures. Through our CARF accredited program and services, we work to transform their lives and create futures for Michigan's most fragile youth. Through extensive therapy and life skills training, the 40 children who live at Whaley are well on their way to having the happy and healthy life every child deserves.

2017 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

TUX & TENNIES GALA AND AUCTION

Nearly 350 of Whaley's most generous supporters got together to celebrate the agency's achievements on May 6, 2017. Guests enjoyed the sounds of the Blue Water Kings, created a little friendly competition in the live and silent auctions and joined together to help make our children's dreams come true.



SECOND ANNUAL ROOF-SIT LIVE

From August 2-4 our President and CEO, Mindy Prusa lived on the roof of McDonalds in Grand Blanc to raise funds for the Center, along with radio DJ Pat from Cars 108. Together, they braved some of the hottest and rainiest days of the year and raised over \$17,000.



WHALEY GOLF CLASSIC

The 32nd annual Whaley Golf Classic at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club on September 11, 2017 was a great event filled with premier golf, great celebrities and a variety of entertaining golf games. All of our golfers and their guests enjoyed a wonderful day and came together to surpass our monetary goal!



WORLD'S GREATEST OFFICE PARTY

The World's Greatest Office Party on December 7, 2017 was a record-breaking success. Guests danced the night away in a Moulin Rouge themed event featuring wonderful entertainment including the Brena Band, and a DJ from Black Tie Productions. It was a party with a purpose that guests will never forget.



2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



2017 Revenue:
\$5,650,853

Investments:
\$3,382,271

2017 Expenditures:
\$5,261,959

Land, Building, Equipment
(Net of Accumulated Depreciation) :
\$1,103,912

Cash & Cash Equivalents:
\$158,075

Liabilities:
\$1,480,332

Accounts Receivable/Agency Funds:
\$676,296

Total Assets:
\$11,563,388

Others Assets:
\$6,242,834

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At Whaley Children's Center, our children come to us at one of the lowest points in their lives. As victims of neglect, as well as physical, emotional and sexual abuse, they are scared, nervous and confused. With our residential and clinical programs, we build them up—giving them a place to belong and a place to call home. At our Center we help our children grow into strong, confident and resilient young adults. With the help of our staff, donors and volunteers, we are transforming lives and creating futures.



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