

United Methodist Home for Children, Inc. (UMHC)

The United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) began in 1917 as an orphanage located on Main Street in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The house quickly filled to capacity. In 1926, the children were moved to the current location, then a working farm. Over the next fifty years, children who were orphaned, homeless, neglected, or abused found refuge at UMHC. By the 1970s, society had drastically changed nationwide and orphanages were being replaced by foster care and adoption. The number of social service programs steadily increased, and, unfortunately, so did the number of troubled children.

Today, UMHC is *the home away from home* for male and female adolescents ages 12-20 who for various reasons cannot live with their families or in foster care. Many have experienced trauma no child should have to face and are severely emotionally troubled. Youth are referred by county children & youth services agencies and/or juvenile probation offices from 9-13 Pennsylvania counties. UMHC provides safe housing, clothing, healthy food, individualized treatment planning, counseling and therapy, psychological services, drug and alcohol treatment, and support for life skills and educational attainment 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



FY2018 Program Snapshot	
Residential Program Services	77 Individuals
Service Mix	Female 55% Male 44% Other 1%
Average Age of Residents Placed	15.7 Years
Average Length of Stay	123 Days Males 165 Days Females
Range of Stay	1-844 Days
Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN)	34 Unit of Service Referrals
Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14 (SFP)	25 Individuals
Independent Living Preparation Program (ILPP)	36 Individuals

Fiscal Year 2018
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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Philanthropy Snapshot

- *100th Anniversary Gala, October 28, 2017
 at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg
- *Jim Young Memorial Golf Tournament, May 21, 2018
 at the Carlisle Country Club
- *3,351 Contributions from Individuals, Businesses, Churches,
 Ministry Groups, Foundations, and Service Organizations
- *978 Volunteer Hours



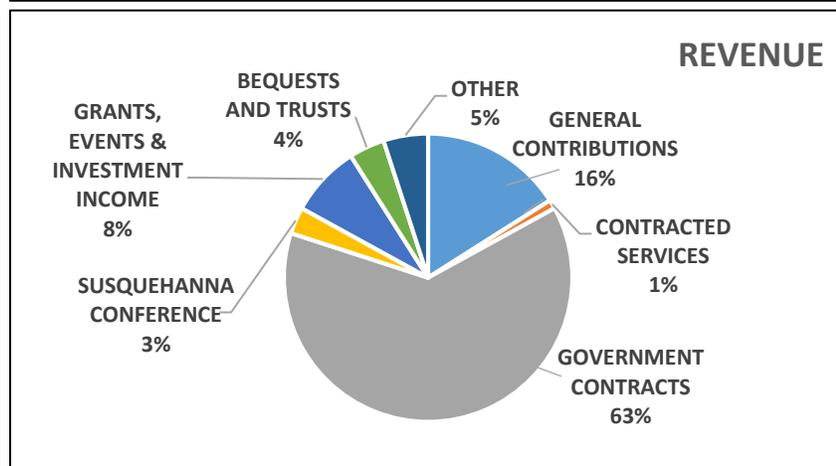
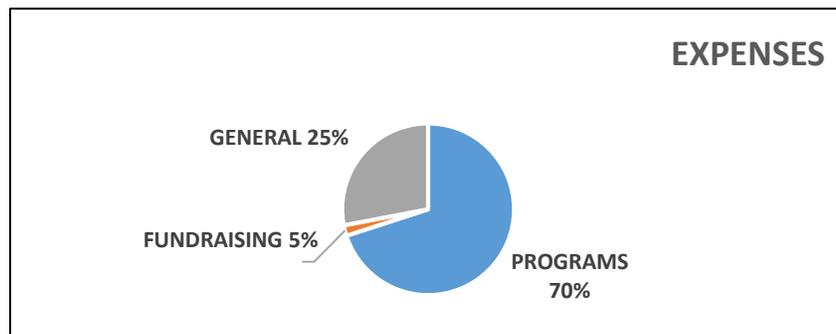
According to a client survey

100%
Feel Safe at UMHC

96%
**Excellent Overall Stay
 at UMHC**

Financial Snapshot

In FY2018, UMHC's total assets were \$8,675,933. The annual functional expenses were \$4,823,121.



UMHC and BCC = WE

All plans are on track for the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) to become a program of the Board of Child Care (BCC) effective January 1, 2019. BCC is a not-for-profit organization based in Baltimore, MD that shares UMHC’s tradition of serving children and families through the social justice ministry of the United Methodist Church. UMHC will remain at its location in Mechanicsburg, PA and will be known as the United Methodist Home for Children, a program of the Board of Child Care.

In 1917, a group of Methodists recognized the need for a safe place to live and care for the large number of orphaned and neglected children in and around Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The original ‘Christ House’ was located on Main Street in Mechanicsburg and soon filled to capacity. Large farm acreage was purchased between the boroughs of Mechanicsburg and Shiremanstown and several gray stone cottages and other buildings were constructed on the property. In 1926, the kids moved in and UMHC has been at this location ever since.



From left: Guy Everhart (BCC), Laurie Anne Spagnola (BCC), Jeff Glass (UMHC), and Amy Mathis (BCC) at the Jim Young Memorial Golf Tournament.

In 1874 Thomas Kelso, a Baltimore businessman, started the Kelso Home for Girls. The Women’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened the Swartzell Methodist Home for Children in Washington, D.C. in 1912 and in 1924 the Strawbridge Home for Boys began in Eldersburg, MD. The Board of Child Care (BCC) was created by the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in 1943 to supervise the Kelso, Strawbridge and Swartzell homes. In 1960 BCC established its permanent home and current location in Baltimore, MD with locations also in Denton, MD; Pasadena, MD; Washington, D.C. and Martinsburg, WV.

Currently, UMHC provides a campus-based Residential Care Program for males and females ages 12-20, including two Independent Living (IL) units. Other UMHC services include an Independent Living Preparation Program (ILPP), which prepares older youth (ages 14 years to 18 years) to successfully age out of the child welfare system; permanency services (adoption) for younger adolescents in the child welfare system who want to be adopted into other families; and the Strengthening Families Program (SFP), which is open to the public and works with families with at-risk children ages 10-14.

*If you want to go fast,
 go alone.
 If you want to go far,
 go together.*
 -African Proverb

BCC provides Residential Services at three locations – Baltimore and Denton, MD and Martinsburg, WV with four community group homes in Maryland and three in West Virginia. Education services include the Early Learning Program in Washington, D.C., Strawbridge School on the Baltimore Campus, and the Youth Reporting Center (Martinsburg Campus School). An Outpatient Mental Health Clinic for youth ages 3-18 is located in Pasadena, MD. BCC also provides Adoption Services and Treatment Foster Care in Maryland.

Today's UMHC Snapshot

On-Campus Classroom - Helping the youth who live at the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) obtain their educational goals has always been one of the most important aspects of our program. Many of the youth come to UMHC with some level of learning disability or need supplementary emotional support. To address this need, UMHC now has an on-campus classroom to provide a more intensive and longer evaluation period for the majority of our residents. The classroom, which follows the local school district schedule, opened at the beginning of the current school year (September 2018) and is staffed by teachers and aides from the nearby Intermediate Unit. An Educational Support Specialist from UMHC is also in the classroom on a daily basis to provide continuity and emotional support to the kids. Many of UMHC's youth are able to attend public school but we are glad to be able to supply this alternative resource so each adolescent can obtain his or her learning goals.

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) – For many years UMHC has used a level system as a behavior management tool but is now moving toward implementing PBIS, which is widely used in residential care facilities, schools, and classrooms. PBIS is client focused, individualized, and mirrors life situations, prepping the youth for their future. It helps build relationships with the youth and helps them foster a sense of hope and confidence. The first step at UMHC was to form a PBIS Leadership Team. The team surveyed each youth and staff to get their five most important qualities that would be used to create a campus motto. And the survey says...**RAISe** - At UMHC we strive for **Respect, Accountability, Independence, and Safety** for everyone! - was selected as the campus motto. Currently the PBIS Leadership Team is developing the behaviors matrix which outlines specific manners each youth is to follow in particular areas such as life skills, meal time, appointments, and in their cottage (living unit). When the youth properly follow the matrix behaviors, especially problem behaviors, they will earn paper currency to spend at the 'campus store'. The PBIS Team is currently designing the name and look of the paper currency from suggestions submitted by the youth and staff. Once all these components are completed, UMHC will begin to phase out the current level system and begin using PBIS.



Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

Matthew 19:14

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