



HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST
HOME FOR CHILDREN

2019-20 Annual Report



Holston United Methodist Home for Children's mission: to provide hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.

Christian Life at Holston Home

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Baptisms



Worship Services at the Rock



National Day of Prayer

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by this world.

James 1:27 (NIV)

What Do The Children Say?

“Holston is doing all that they can to help kids.” *Devon*

“All the staff help me to do good.” *Hunter*

“Holston has helped me to get all my priorities right and helped make sure my future is going to be good.” *Nathaniel*

“The best thing about Holston is that they work to better the whole family’s life.” *James*

“Holston should keep doing what they’re doing. It works.” *J’veynne*

“The best thing about being at Holston is that I get to be myself.” *Emma*

“Holston did a great job, and I got better.” *Keyon*

“At Holston I learned that there are people out there who care about you no matter what you have done in the past or what your background is.” *Michael*

What Do The Parents Say?

“I think everything that Holston did helped. All the services, activities, groups, and school have been amazing! They have done a lot for my son and myself, and I’m very grateful!”
Hunter’s mom

“The counselor’s willingness to meet me at my home whenever I needed her to was most helpful. I would have had to miss a lot of work if she didn’t do that. I also thought having the animals and horses is helpful for the kids that miss their pets. The interactions with animals teach the kids to be loving and kind. I’m really happy my child was placed in a Christian organization where she was taught morals and values.” *Nora’s aunt*

“The most helpful thing about Holston was the amount of care they put into services.”
Wesley’s mom

“The most helpful thing about Holston was that they taught my son the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.” *Austin’s mom*

“Our counselor became part of our family.” *Zandon and Hunter’s mom*

“The counselor and foster mom treated us with love and respect, like family. Everyone was very professional and caring. I commend the work and services you all provide.”
Ashton and Zoey’s dad

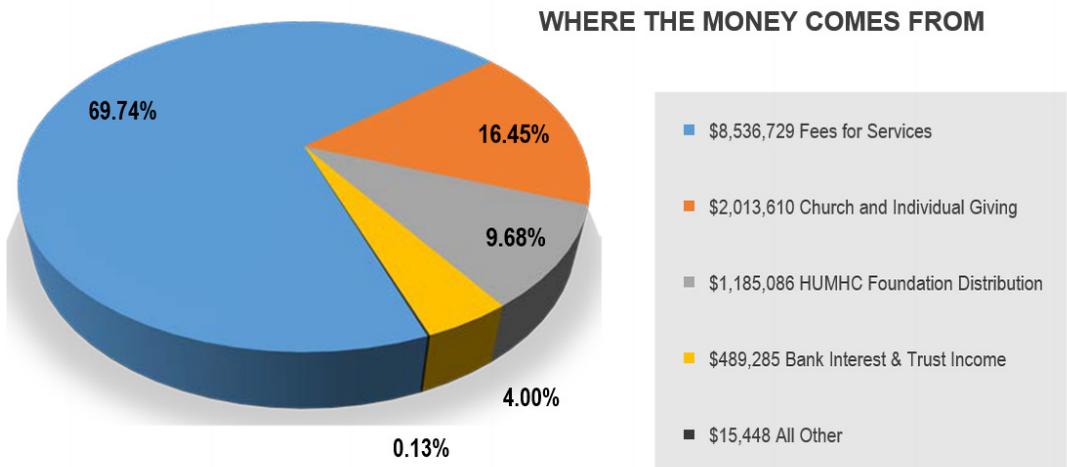
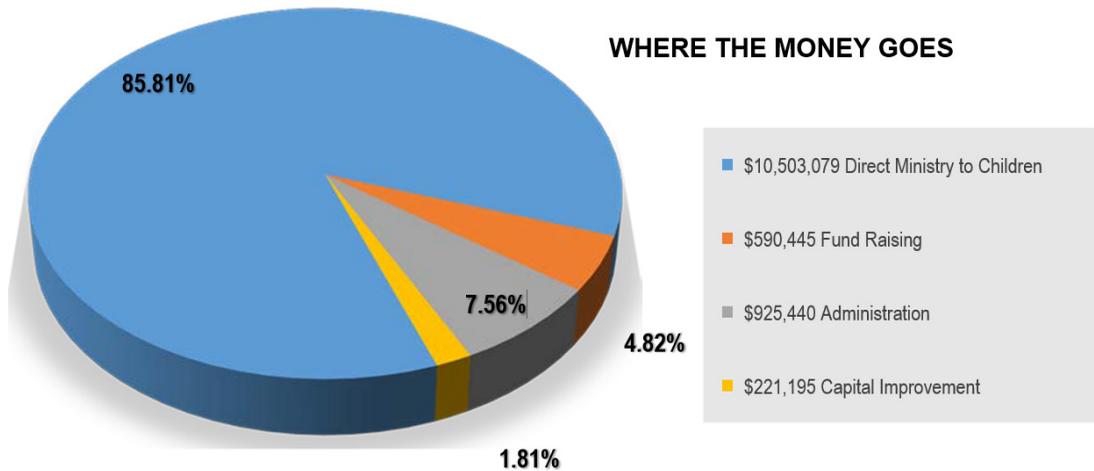
“Holston has great people caring about troubled kids in a troubled world.”
Dewey and Benjamin’s mom

“All the staff at the Children’s Center have been kind, professional, and over the top helpful! In class, my son learned, played, and grew confident in all aspects of his life.” *ECM parent*

“The teachers are amazing! You can tell they genuinely care for the children in every way. They’re open with discussions and help with questions, issues, and resolutions.” *ECM parent*

“We knew our son was in a safe, well maintained, loving facility. I had no issues dropping him off. I knew he would have a great day. I thank you for caring for him.” *ECM parent*

Financial Report 2019-20



SPECIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

From time to time we receive special gifts and bequests for the benefit of Holston Home. These special gifts and bequests are not part of or reported in the operating budget as they are received directly into the Endowment fund. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide funding, in perpetuity, to the Home to ensure the continuance of its mission.

Our Services

In 2019–20, our services touched the lives of 665 children in Tennessee & Virginia.

The services that Holston Home provided are identified below.

BRUMIT CENTER provided preparation for adult living services to 31 youth who were aging out of the foster care system and facing the challenges of adulthood.

RESIDENTIAL CARE provided nurture, care, education and treatment for 242 adolescent boys and girls. These centers provide the most intensive services in our continuum of care for youth who may have been abused, may have emotional or behavioral problems, may have made poor choices in the past, or find themselves struggling with negative influences in their community.

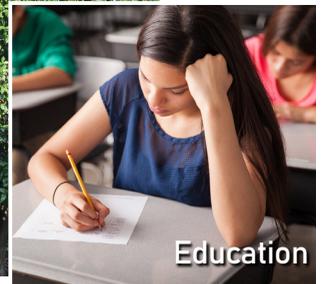
HOME-TO-STAY PROGRAM, provided up to four months of family counseling services to successfully reunite 43 children and youth with their families.

RIVER ACADEMY, our accredited on-campus school, served 11 special education day students from area school systems and provided education for 259 of the youth in our residential and Brumit programs. During 2019–20, 20 youth earned high school diplomas and 13 enrolled in college or technical school.

FOSTER CARE provided loving care in a family setting for 167 children and youth. Of these, 86 children were served through our three Family Service Centers in Tennessee and 81 children were cared for through Southwest Virginia. Another 16 of our foster children were adopted by their foster families. Intercountry Adoption Program had 4 placements. Our staff also assisted 44 other families in completing adoptive home studies.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS served 221 preschool children. Both of our centers received the highest rating of Three-Star by state licensing entities.

CHRISTIAN LIFE remains a foundation of all our services. Last year, 39 of our youth made first-time professions of faith and 98 were baptized.



Each of these youth were encouraged to grow as individuals through **WORSHIP, EDUCATION, WORK, and RECREATION**. These are our Four Cornerstones of Care for all of our services.



Our Licensing and Accreditations

Holston Home operates under the following licenses in Tennessee and Virginia:

- Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (Child-Placing and Child-Caring Agency)
- Tennessee Department of Human Services (Child Day Care)
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient Mental Health Services and Day Treatment)
- Tennessee Department of Education (Private School; General and Special Education)
- Virginia Department of Social Services (Child-Placing Agency)
- Philippines Inter-Country Adoption Board (Adoptions)

These accreditations demonstrate our commitment to best-practice professional standards:

- National Council on Accreditation of Services for Children & Families (COA)
- Hague Accredited (IAAME)
- Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families
- Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)



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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)