



HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST
HOME FOR CHILDREN

2020-21 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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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?

“The best thing about Holston was getting help controlling my anger.” *Caitlin*

“At Holston, I made new friends and got to see my mom more and more. I also got to go to church and gave my tithe to the church as well.” *Jake*

“The best thing about Holston was finding staff that love you even with all your garbage.” *Aryannah*

“I have gotten to meet the most amazing staff and learned so much.” *Haley*

“The best thing about being at Holston was having the opportunity to work on myself and having Holston staff supporting me.” *Dylan*

“The staff treat me with respect and understand my situation. They also tend to the needs of other youth or even other staff respectfully.” *Nicholas*

“Keep doing good!” *Anna*

What Do The Parents Say?

“Everyone at Holston was very helpful. Kelly is so blessed to have been there.”
Kelly’s mom

“Our family service worker helped us with rehab services and resources. They spoke up and advocated for us.” *Jay and Corry’s dad*

“Holston is full of comfortable and sweet people. My son was well cared for.” *Isaiah’s mom*

“The staff at Holston showed sincere caring and love for my son. The love was the basis for a faith based and disciplined program that gave him tools to succeed.” *Asher’s mom*

“Holston has been a great influence on my child’s outlook and worked very well with us during difficult circumstances.” *Dylan’s mom*

“I love Holston. They have done so much for us.” *Autumn’s mom*

“The staff is very friendly. I always feel welcome during my visits.” *Nicholas’ mom*

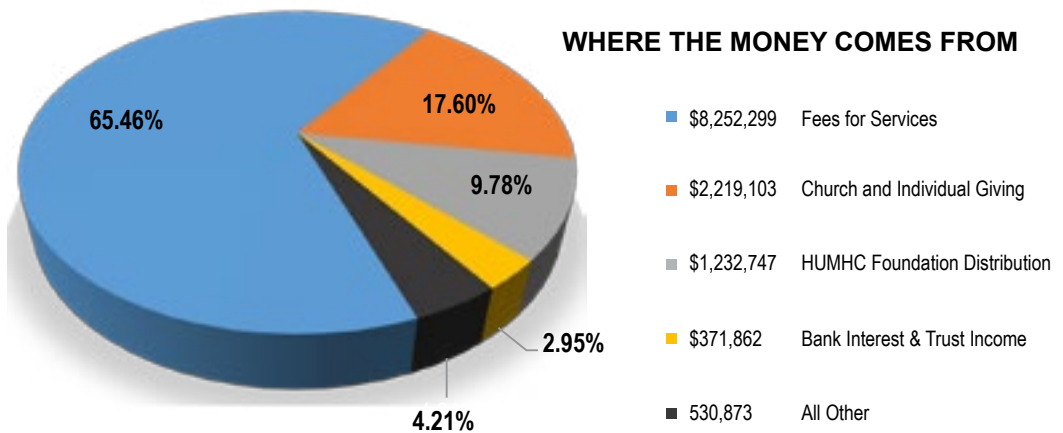
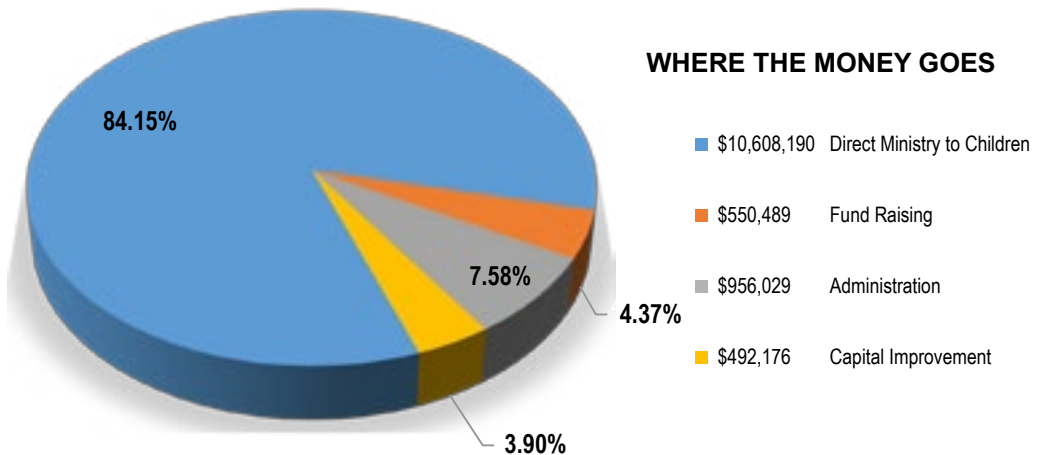
“It is comforting to know my child is well cared for while I am at work.” *Daycare parent*

“The staff always responds quickly and never makes me feel like I am inconveniencing them when I have questions.” *Daycare parent*

“Thankful to the daycare staff. They are wonderful, gracious, and caring people that cared for and taught my son so much!” *Daycare parent*

“The teachers and staff are amazing. I am so thankful the daycare remained open during the pandemic.” *Daycare parent*

Financial Report 2020-21



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 2020–21, our services touched the lives of 586 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 217 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 31 children and youth with their families.

RIVER ACADEMY, our accredited on-campus school, served 7 special education day students from area school systems and provided education for 231 of the youth in our residential and Brumit programs. During 2020–21, 18 youth earned high school diplomas and 16 enrolled in college or technical school.

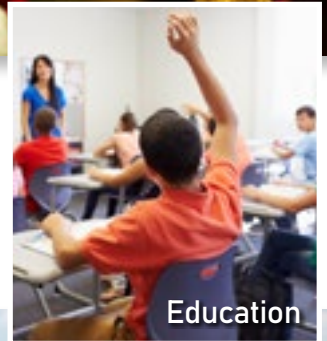
FOSTER CARE provided loving care in a family setting for 158 children and youth. Of these, 84 children were served through our three Family Service Centers in Tennessee and 74 children were cared for through Southwest Virginia. Another 6 of our foster children were adopted by their foster families. Intercountry Adoption Program had 2 placements. Our staff also assisted 37 other families in completing adoption services.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS served 179 preschool children and infants. 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, 57 of our youth made first-time professions of faith and 49 were baptized.



Worship



Education



Work



Recreation

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)
- GuideStar Platinum Transparency
- Charity Navigator



*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)