



HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST
HOME FOR CHILDREN

2022-23 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.

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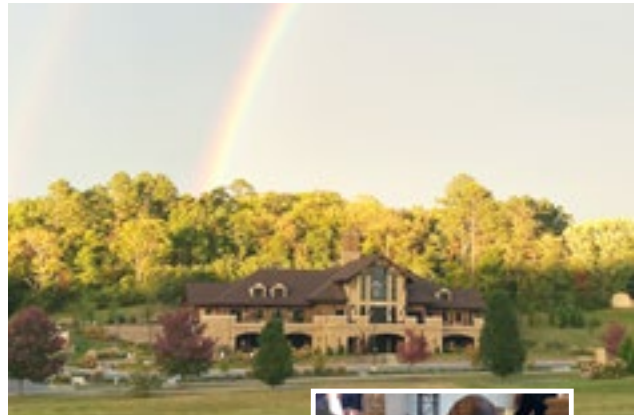
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Christian Life at Holston Home



Baptisms



Worship Services at the Rock



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?

“At Holston you learn to love yourself and that no matter what you’ve done or what has happened to you you’ll always be loved and cared for.” *Alina*

“The best thing about being at Holston is that they help you grow into a better person.”
Kendall

“Holston feels like home. It’s fun and easy to learn here.” *Jordan*

“The best thing about being at Holston is all the places I’ve been and all the people I’ve met on my journey.” *Joshua*

“The staff at Holston are like family. They show you love through any and all circumstances. They help you learn valuable life skills.” *Avery*

“Staff at Holston listen to our problems and care about how we feel.” *Hannah*

“The best thing about being at Holston is that you have fun, and they give you more than what you need. They give you love, and they are on top of it for whatever you need and want.” *A.J.*

“The best thing about being at Holston was building relationships, learning new things, having people support me and teach me what’s right.” *Nevaeh*

“The best thing about being at Holston is that they help me when I need it, and they make me feel safe.” *Darrell*

What Do The Parents Say?

“The most helpful thing about Holston’s services was having someone to talk to when I needed it.” *Hannah’s mom*

“Holston was a safe and positive place for my son.” *Bradley’s mom*

“The most helpful thing about Holston’s services was that they took their time with us. They came out and met us and helped us with anything.” *Timothy’s mom*

“Holston staff understood my son’s issues and did everything possible to help him succeed. They have transformed my son into a responsible young man.” *Ethan’s mom*

“Holston helped my son learn how to deal with his feelings. They helped make our relationship better and our communication skills have grown so much.” *Gage’s dad*

“The most helpful thing about Holston’s services was the humility and compassion shown to my child and myself. There are no words to express my gratitude for what so many staff have done for my child. I believe God put her there for a reason, and it was the best place for her. I could never thank you enough for loving my baby.” *Jacqueline’s mom*

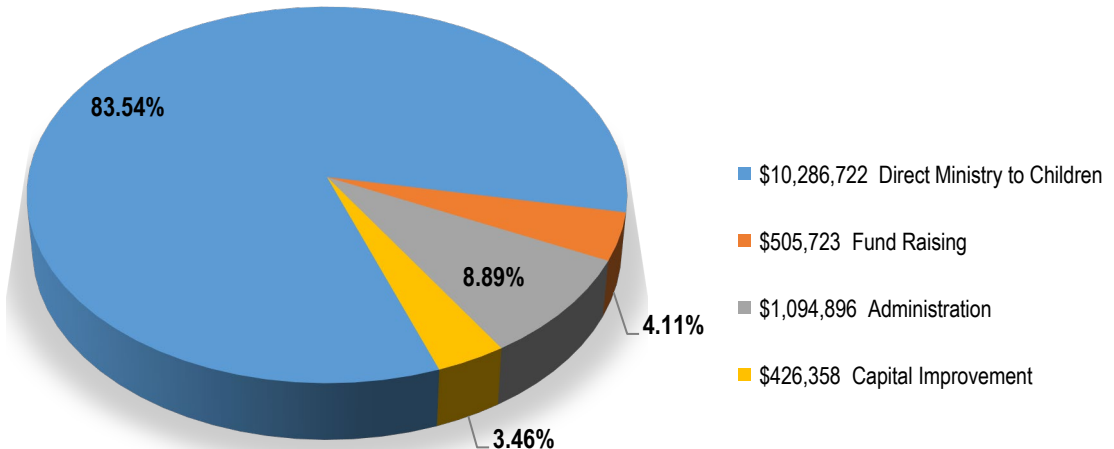
“I love how warm and inviting everyone and the classes are! My child has a hard time with new people and transitions sometimes, but the teachers make it a smooth process.”
Daycare parent

“I appreciate how much my daughter has learned this year.” *Daycare parent*

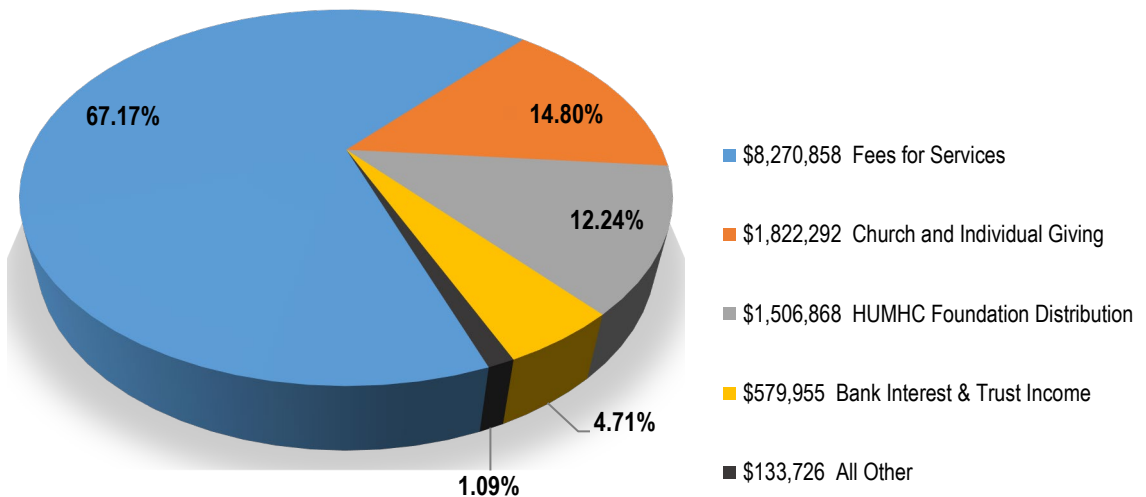
“We are very pleased with the care our child receives. There is wonderful communication, and the food is great. We love it so much.” *Daycare parent*

Financial Report 2022-23

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



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 2022–23, our services touched the lives of 531 children in Tennessee & Virginia.

The services that Holston Home provided are identified below.

CHRISTIAN LIFE is the foundation of all our services. Last year, 58 of our youth made first-time professions of faith and 52 were baptized.

BRUMIT CENTER provided preparation for adult living services to 22 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 193 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, 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 19 children and youth with their families.

RIVER ACADEMY, our accredited on-campus school, served 8 special education day students from area school systems and provided education for 201 of the youth in our residential and Brumit programs. During 2022–23, 22 youth earned high school diplomas and 11 enrolled in college or technical school.

FOSTER HOMES provided loving care in a family setting for 105 children and youth. Of

these, 42 children were served through our three Family Service Centers in Tennessee and 63 children were cared for through Southwest Virginia. Another 10 of our foster children were adopted by their foster families. The Intercountry Adoption Program had 2 placements. Our staff also assisted 13 other families in completing adoption services.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS served 213 preschool children and infants. Both of our centers received the highest rating of Three-Stars by state licensing entities.

HOPE & THRIVE ACADEMY provides educational opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and served 25 students in life skills, computer literacy, job skills, money math and personal finance.

RECOVERING HEARTS helped 28 women who struggled with addiction and 5 ladies graduated from our program. We saw 2 reunifications of children to mothers along with 20 first-time professions of faith and 15 baptisms.

“TASTE AND SEE” FOOD TRUCK ministers to at-risk communities by creating meaningful relationships that allow us to share the gospel while meeting tangible food insecurity needs. From March to June, 809 children and 446 adults were reached.



Residential Care



Hope & Thrive Academy



Recovering Hearts



“Taste and See” Food Truck

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's distinction for Transparency
- Charity Navigator's 100%
- The State's highest 3-Stars Daycare



*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)