

## A DECADE OF HOPE

*OUR MISSION: We are a transitional home that serves mothers and their children who have fled dangerous and abusive lives by providing transformation through education, nurturing community, and programming.*

In 2017 Magdalena House celebrated 10 years of service to women and children fleeing dangerous and abusive lives. Our families' successes are largely possible thanks to the behind the scenes support of our Community Staff. **Rossi Flores and Cathy Guidry have been part of the Magdalena House Community Staff since we opened our doors in 2007.**

Community Staff provide consistency and stability for both mother and child. Their greatest gift is to make possible tangible healing through around the clock nurturing and unconditional love. They become the family many here do not have.

Rossi shares that moms tell her over and over again that at Magdalena House they "learn of genuine love." Community Staff learn of the hurts and hurrahs of daily life. She believes "a listening and caring ear is a great way of showing we care... They know they are safe." She has seen that their biggest challenges are to learn to trust again and live within boundaries. She has witnessed, "whether they are with us a short time or long time, every mom succeeds. They learn to believe in themselves. Fear of failing a class becomes joy when they pass; they arrive with heads down and discouraged and leave with their heads up and proud."

Cathy shares, "My relationship with God led me to MH to let his light shine through me to provide a stable, loving and caring presence in this community. I have been through similar circumstances and have an empathy that is needed." Their confidence slowly overcomes fear and they believe in themselves again. "Children feel safe as they see their mother calm their fears. They become happy again and



start to excel in school again. Their life has become stable." says Cathy. Her sweet puppies have shared love and helped children overcome their fear of dogs. Cathy has volunteered by cooking over 120 Family Meals since we opened this home.

"I have been extremely blessed. They bring great joy to me. They see me as a grandmother and show me love and respect!"

These ladies are the constant presence that makes a shelter a home, and creates a future full of hope.

*"They are my extended family and will be forever in my heart."  
Cathy Guidry, Community Staff*



### 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Served our 31st family (76 mothers and children)!
- Three mothers were invited to join Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society this year.
- Mothers spent 186 hours meeting with our Program Director, LPC, and private counseling off-site.
- Mothers spent over 100 hours with MHM parenting coaches.
- Construction of our new secure neighborhood was completed.
- We constructed House 2, 3 and our Family Wellness Center thanks to grants from Estate of Gloria Burns, Impact San Antonio, Valero, Spring Creek UMC, Moody Methodist Church Permanent Endowment, Myra Stafford Pryor Charitable Trust, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Dote Foundation, and countless building subcontractors!
- Volunteers contributed over 3000 hours serving families.
- 74% increase of In-Kind gifts which largely provided much-needed diapers and items for our new facilities. Thank you!
- Largest attended Gala on record!
- Held 10 Year Reunion with former families of Magdalena House!

Drawn by 5 year old at Magdalena House

"Our new home has lots of windows!"



# OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In the fall of 2017 we celebrated completing our neighborhood infrastructure and front gates with a grand ribbon cutting!



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> home and Family Wellness Center are completed and families move in Feb. 1! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> home is scheduled for completion in less than a week. Once we fill these homes we will triple our capacity. Thank you for making this long-held dream possible! Stay tuned for more information on House Blessing this spring.



Connie and Shadow, the therapy dog



Freddie, Jerry, Randall and David of Spring Creek UMC ready to work!



Taylor, now a freshman in college, began volunteering in Middle School!

# OUR VOLUNTEERS

- 2017 Gala Committee's dynamic Co-Chairs, Vicki Kennedy and Erin Burrows and Auction Chairs, Celeste Hayes and Sara White along with 78 volunteers raised \$375,000 (net) and gave 1300+ hours of time!
- 8 Enrichment teachers, 43 childcare providers (and 1 therapy dog!) shared weekly life-giving classes to both moms & kids.
- Work teams from churches, businesses, youth & college groups volunteered 435 hours to improve our grounds and fix things on our To-Do list! Work teams keep our facility maintained & operational.
- Every Tuesday volunteers arrived from area churches or community groups to provide a home cooked meal or childcare. Moms are on cloud nine. (We also have a birthday cake lady - Carol Bryant!)
- For the fifth year in a row, awesome men & women ran the Texas Bowties Car Show and provided much needed spring funds for our operations. To date they have contributed \$100,000 towards changing the lives of vulnerable women and children.

## 2017 PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY

<b>Contributions &amp; Revenue</b>	
Individuals, Foundations & Corporations	\$150,481
Fundraising & Special Appeals (Net)	\$421,377
Grants & Fdns (includes released restricted funds for operations & construction)	\$631,790
Donated Professional Services & In-Kind Donations	\$45,756
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,249,404</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Shelter/Home, Program & Development & Growth of Services	\$371,880
Donated Professional Services & In-Kind Donations	\$45,756
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$417,636</b>
Total Other Income (Unrealized investments & interest)	\$47,246
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$879,014</b>

## 2017 BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

Current Assets	\$569,412
Fixed & Other Assets	\$2,458,965
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,028,377</b>
Total Liabilities	\$440,912
Total Equity	\$2,587,465
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$3,028,377</b>

Detailed financials available.

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