



A YEAR OF GROWTH

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# MAGDALENA HOUSE ANNUAL REPORT

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2018

"This has been a year of growth unlike any other in our 12 year history. With the completion of our secure neighborhood, 2 new homes and Family Wellness Center, we have been able to fulfill our vision of serving more families fleeing violence and abuse. Our families have worked hard and navigated new beginnings. You have demonstrated your belief in them by providing the financial support required to make dreams come true and through volunteering, have enriched their lives in ways otherwise impossible. You have made this work possible and humbled and inspired us all at Magdalena House. Thank you for your kindness and service."

Rev. Denise Barker, Founder & Executive Director

# HOW WE HAVE GROWN

## SAFE SHELTER

We experienced a **200%** increase in our capacity to serve mothers and children, growing from 4 families to 12 families (from 12 to 36 mothers and children). Safe housing is a key ingredient of reversing the impact of trauma.

## PROGRAM INTEGRITY

We experienced a **153%** increase in program interactions with residents. With our growth we are committed to maintaining and enhancing our program design. With the completion of the Family Wellness Center, we have been able to provide additional staff and on-site counseling, including 2 Licensed Professional Counselors and 1 Registered Play Therapist. Families continue to participate in weekly enrichment, biweekly meetings with parenting coaches and quarterly service projects. We currently have 2 graduates from our program working with us!

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We experienced an **11%** increase in volunteer involvement which provides services during Enrichment, child care, facility maintenance and repairs. This year over 3385 hours were donated to our families. We received over \$24,000 worth of In-Kind goods.

## FINANCIAL STRENGTH

We increased our operational funding by **34%** through our annual gala, grants and individual and corporate contributions (see attached financials). Our gala alone grossed over \$450,000 led by Co-Chairs Vicki Kennedy and Sharla Bell.

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### From a mother whose 3 year old son began play therapy:

"Since starting [my son's] play therapy, I've noticed differences in the way I parent him, along with differences in how he responds to conflict and frustrations. He's learned breathing techniques that we've been implementing more often during frustrating situations that seem to be helping a lot."

### From a mother who has lived at Magdalena House for 1 year:

"I moved here lost. I have improved a lot. I found myself. Who I am – like I was before I got married. Before I married, my life was freedom. In my family every person loved me so much. They gave me all opportunities and what I needed. Like Magdalena House is doing now. Magdalena House is giving me the chance to study and is providing the shelter and support to take care of my family. . . I got back my life. Now I have my freedom . . . I am gaining confidence. I can focus."

## EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2 new residents enrolled and admitted to San Antonio College will begin their first college level courses Spring 2019.
- 2 mothers completed their Associate Degrees with GPA's of 3.36 and 3.5. One graduated as a Distinguished Scholar.
- 2 mothers were awarded United Way Childcare Scholarships.
- One resident transferred to a 4-year University and was granted over \$14,000 in scholarships.
- One mother completed ESL continuing education classes and matriculated into undergraduate classes at San Antonio College.
- One mother enrolled in Healy Murphy Center and has earned 3 High School credits and is working toward completing a High School diploma.
- 40 ESL credit hours and 113 college credit hours were earned.