Annual Report

Goals

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All figures in this report are based on the Fiscal Year from 7/1/18 to 6/30/19.
Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian organization that was formed by the consolidation of Medina Children’s Home (est. 1958) and Boles Children’s Home (est. 1924). This partnership holds over 155 years of combined experience in caring for the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of children and single-mother families. Although both organizations were originally created to serve as homes for orphans, Arms of Hope has expanded to serve the growing needs of at-risk children and families. Arms of Hope offers residential and outreach programs for children and single-mother families, who are fleeing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking.

The Board of Directors of Arms of Hope operates with a high level of commitment to provide leadership, guidance and finances for the organization. Under the mentorship of the board, Arms of Hope’s leadership team is in constant pursuit of improving program quality and increasing the number of poverty stricken and desperate children and single-mother families that we serve throughout the state of Texas and beyond. All employees are committed and directed to limiting administrative expenses and follow a detailed and well thought out line-item budget to ensure that every donor dollar is spent to best benefit our residents.

Arms of Hope’s annual budget is $8.5 million and the organization depends almost entirely on private monetary and clothing donations from generous individuals, corporations, and foundations.
foundations and churches for funding these invaluable services.

Most of the residents in Arms of Hope’s programs are from Texas and 91% come from the urban areas and contiguous counties of Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The children and single mother families we serve are from all ethnic backgrounds with 47% being Hispanic, 36% African-American and 17% Caucasian. Children and young adults participating in Arms of Hope’s programs range in age from birth to early twenties. The largest population of children in Arms of Hope’s care are twelve years old and younger with 48% being 5 and under. Less than 3% of Arms of Hope’s residents come from homes with two parents. Most placements are a result of poverty, failed adoptions, family members who can no longer take on parental responsibility, single-parent homes filled with abuse and neglect and placements by a Juvenile Probation Office. Arms of Hope helps each resident succeed by having them follow an in-depth “plan of service” that measures a variety of different areas in their life such as health and wellness, emotional stability, social skills and education. 90% now receive better grades in school than when they first arrived in our care with an amazing 32% now on the Honor Roll. 84% of Arms of Hope’s school-aged children are now able to participate in extracurricular activities due to the support and resources provided by our programs and staff. 67% of all AOH residents either experienced positive reunification with their family or graduated from one of our programs. Most of the single mothers and their children who come to Arms of Hope are considered to be homeless and all are poverty stricken. Arms of Hope is truly making a difference in the lives of those in desperate need by providing programs that offer physical, emotional and spiritual transformation.

**20-30 Arms of Hope program participants become new followers of Christ each year.**
All campus residents receive professional therapy. In Fiscal Year 2019, 6,600 hours of professional therapy were utilized by Arms of Hope residents.
The Residential Child Care Program meets disadvantaged children’s physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs in a warm family-like atmosphere, where house parents function as mother and father figures. Residents range in age from 5 to 18 and live in cottages with eight to ten children. Arms of Hope provides for children’s basic daily needs including shelter, food, clothing, counseling, supervision and education.

The Together Program helps motivated single mothers and their children transition into successful, independent futures by providing counseling, accountability, parenting skills, career training and a home in a peaceful and safe environment. These mothers are fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse or have lost sustainable support when a death, incarceration or divorce have occurred and there are no other means of provision.

The College and Career Program provides assistance for Arms of Hope high school graduates with support through college, trade school or into their first job and often includes accommodations for graduates, who have not yet found a place to call home.

The Right Start Program helps expectant single mothers prepare for motherhood, while providing shelter, necessities and skills needed to care for their newborn babies. It serves as an entry point for women coming into the Together Program, who desire to be a parent and learn how to establish a healthy family environment for their children.

Family Outreach Centers provide physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to underprivileged children and families in their own neighborhoods, which are some of the most financially distressed urban areas in Texas including Dallas, Denton, Houston and San Antonio. Arms of Hope provides short-term immediate assistance to prevent homelessness, hunger and disconnected utilities. Invaluable long-term resources are also offered to help change a person’s future, such as in-depth case management, needs assessments, counseling and family workshops. All clients receive prayer, Bible study and church referrals. For those suffering from extreme abuse, Arms of Hope residential campuses become their new home.

Arms of Hope strongly believes in evangelism and discipleship. Through spiritual opportunities including regular church services, campus devotionals and Christian camps, 20 participants in our Residential Child Care, Together and Family Outreach Center programs became new followers of Christ in Fiscal Year 2019. All residents are given daily opportunities to grow in their faith by encountering house parents, case managers and counselors that show unconditional love and respect. Each campus has a dedicated minister specifically for residents’ spiritual needs and the Arms of Hope-Director of Ministries oversees all spiritual activities and devotional curriculum.

| Problem Areas Upon Admission to Residential Programs |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Emotional Abuse| Homeless       | Major Problems in School |
| Neglect        | Physical Abuse | Human Trafficking |
| Sexual Abuse   | Legal Issues   | Drug/Alcohol Abuse |
| 86%            | 77%            | 62%             |
| 36%            | 56%            | 35%             |
| 18%            | 23%            | 23%             |
| 39%            | 48%            |                 |

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How You Can Help

Volunteer - Arms of Hope welcomes over 60 groups per year for week long mission trips and weekend retreats. To bring your group to Arms of Hope, please inquire online at ArmsOfHope.org.

Monetary Donations - All general donations support the programs of care provided by Arms of Hope and can be one time gifts or can be scheduled as recurring gifts. Donate online at ArmsOfHope.org.

Planned Giving - Discover new ways to make a gift that also takes into consideration your personal circumstances and the needs of your heirs including Wills, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts, etc. Explore the value of charitable gifts that require a little thought, but pay off in big benefits to you, your family and Arms of Hope. Send inquiries to PlannedGiving@ArmsOfHope.org.

Scholarships - Many of the children and single-mother families that we care for have the desire, ability and need to further their education. Sometimes the only missing ingredient is the necessary resources. You can help Arms of Hope make certain no one in our care is ever deprived of a quality education by providing funding for scholarships for our residents.

Sponsor a Child or Family in Our Care - Taking care of needs like clothing, food, school supplies and household items is essential. The children and families in our care benefit immensely when you show you care by financially supporting the procurement of items essential to them. Sponsorship programs are available for all giving levels.

Learn more about how you can help at ArmsOfHope.org

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Organizational Goals for 2019

❖ Continue to remodel older residences (some more than 50 years old) for children and single mothers.

❖ Expand and enhance a formal health and wellness program for all residents that has seen significant results concerning nutrition, exercise and eliminating addictive behaviors.

❖ Implement a formal ministry program in our Family Outreach Centers that concentrates on spiritual outreach and discipleship.

❖ Work with existing partner churches to create opportunities for congregations to visit a campus and have deeper knowledge of programs and residents.

Do You Want to Make A Difference by Volunteering?

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View a brief video about volunteer opportunities by scanning this QR:

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