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 Giving God's Children a Faith, a Family, a Future

YEAR IN REVIEW

Last year – 2011 – was a very significant one for us and will have an impact on our Home for many years to come, enabling us to serve more people in our primary areas of activity, Adoption Services and our Southwest Center for Higher Independence.



Fundraising Success is Growing Our Programs

In 2011, we reached the end of the first phase of our *Generations of Promise* capital campaign, which put us on target with \$3.8 million for the renovation of three transitional housing facilities – the SCHI dormitory, Maternity Center and the Oasis Home – and added almost \$1 million to our endowment at Methodist Mission Home. We are now embarking on Phase 2, with ambitious goals of raising

\$5.5 million in gifts and pledges for campus renovations and \$1 million toward our endowment. Phase 2 priorities are renovation of campus structures to meet the needs of MMH and our Genesis Cooperative partners who are working together to increase the activities on – and the vitality of – our campus.

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We are excited about the potential these renovations offer, one of which was in clear evidence when we completed improvements to the Oasis Home, an eight-bed group home on our campus, to provide additional vocational, life skills training and counseling to recent SCHI graduates who need extra help.

Phase 2 funds will help us expand the cafeteria and training kitchen and allow our partner, the San Antonio Food Bank, to enhance the culinary arts program that gives our young people entrée to a career in food service. These funds will also help us renovate the dormitory that houses women in the LIGHT program recovering from substance abuse who live on our campus with their young children. The funds will also allow the realization of another dream – the construction of a greenhouse and garden for a horticulture training center. This project will help campus residents with an interest in horticulture learn how to produce saleable crops, as well as provide important therapeutic



benefits. We also hope to improve the gymnasium to have additional classrooms and offices to develop a health and wellness program for campus residents and possibly members of the community.

MMH Expanded Range of Adoption Services

While adoption services have declined from peak levels of the 1970s, we still enjoy considerable activity, thanks to the reputation that comes with more than a century of placing babies and children successfully in permanent, loving homes. We are also thankful to the many adoptees who have maintained strong ties with Methodist

Board Chairman Kent Leighton and Executive Director Jennifer Sample take a moment to tour the upgrades to the maternity center made possible by Phase 1 of the MMH Capital Campaign.
(Photo by Ashley Lopez)



Mission Home over the years, speaking so positively of their experience and supporting us financially.

With the addition of embryo adoption last year we now offer the full range of adoption services: domestic infant, international, older child and embryo adoptions. We work with Nightlight Christian Adoptions to facilitate the connection between adoptive families and embryo donor families. Our role is the mandatory home study required by the state and the supplemental embryo adoption education. We are excited about this addition, which gives adoptive families a new dimension in being able to experience pregnancy. It is also a wonderful option that gives peace of mind to families of the estimated half million embryos frozen in clinics throughout the United States.

[Embryo adoption gives adoptive families a new dimension in being able to experience pregnancy and peace of mind to families of the estimated 500,000 embryos frozen in clinics in the U.S.](#)

We were pleased to serve 127 pregnant teens and young women exploring adoption. Of these, 46 enrolled as birth mothers, seven lived in our maternity center and 33 percent of them placed babies with loving, adoptive families. In all, 22 babies and children were placed with families in 2011.

Our outreach and education provided adoption information to close to 1,600 families, at-risk youth, health care professionals, teens and young women. We also provided post-adoption services to 455 adult adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and other relatives, making for a very busy year for our adoption team.

Southwest Center for Higher Independence Program Strengthened

Some of the best news of 2011 is that we approached full capacity in our 50-bed dormitory for young adults who are deaf and young adults with disabilities who come here from across the state for vocational and life skills training to help them achieve a higher level of personal independence. We are able to offer them a growing variety of options in their quest to become employable. In addition to the training kitchen, we also have a computer lab and a laundry training station that facilitate development of life skills.

Our collaboration with the San Antonio Food Bank is one of our most successful programs to increase job opportunities for young adults with disabilities. Last year, eight students chose to complete the 16 week basic culinary training.

In all, we provided transitional education, including life and vocational skills, to 119 young adults with disabilities, helping previously dependent young people overcome barriers and achieve their personal level of independent living. Six of our young graduates today live in our Oasis Home, an option that was not available a year ago, and receive the extra vocational and life skills training they need to be more capable of living on their own or, if necessary, moving into a permanent group home. It is a confidence-building

transition for them and a much needed interim step that is wonderful to be able to provide.

Genesis Cooperative on Campus

Through conversation and outreach, we have been raising visibility for, and awareness of, our Genesis Cooperative, where our goal is to create an incubator of ideas to enhance shared services. The benefits for the people living on our campus include readily accessible services, such as horticulture training, health and wellness counseling, dog care instruction, substance abuse counseling and adoption education. People who may have felt shut out now find they are welcomed and included in the MMH interactive campus community.



The development of an increasingly vibrant community on our campus comes through the addition of such organizations as the San Antonio Food Bank; HandsOn, which serves deaf and/or blind adults with severe mental retardation; Northside Independent School District's life skills program for teens with disabilities transitioning from high school; and Volunteers of America's LIGHT, a residential substance abuse recovery program for mothers with young children. There are many side benefits, present and future, to this effort to collaborate and share resources with compatible nonprofits on our campus – sustainable programs, enhanced fundraising, program productivity, expense reduction, improved client services and more clients served.

[We are seeing the development of a vital, fun-loving community once again on the MMH campus.](#)

The result is to everyone's advantage, more communal events and activities and the development of a vital, fun-loving community once again on the MMH campus.

As we move into this first quarter of 2012, it is great to know we are almost one third of the way toward our endowment goal for Phase 2, with more than \$273,000 raised, and that we have more than \$1.7 million in hand against our \$5.5 million campus renovation goal. It is a great way to start the year, and we know that none of these successes would be possible without your continuing support and interest. I deeply appreciate your confidence in us and want to assure you we will continue to earn your trust as we work to transform lives and reshape futures.

Sincerely,

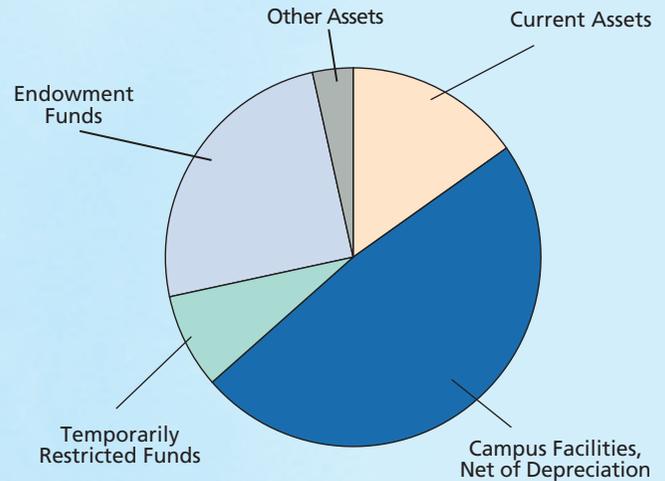
Jennifer Sample, Executive Director

FINANCIAL REPORT

Summary of Operations for Year Ended December 31, 2011

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Revenues | \$4,238,737 | \$3,721,2278 |
| Operating Expenses | 3,482,989 | 3,113,221 |
| Non-operating Income (Expenses) | 1,364,580 | 1,277,878 |
| Interest and Depreciation | 384,553 | 232,921 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$1,735,775 | \$1,652,963 |
| Current Assets | \$1,637,838 | \$1,185,511 |
| Campus Facilities, Net of Depreciation | 5,197,338 | 4,870,791 |
| Temporarily Restricted Funds | 873,844 | 585,969 |
| Endowment Funds | 2,677,023 | 2,339,770 |
| Other Assets ¹ | 374,832 | 374,832 |
| Total Assets | \$10,760,875 | \$9,356,873 |
| Current Liabilities | \$454,059 | \$472,225 |
| Long-Term Debt | 561,221 | 874,828 |
| Net Assets | \$9,745,595 | \$8,009,820 |

2011 Asset Composition



Sources of Revenues and Expenses

Contributions²

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Texas | \$71,148 |
| Southwest | 90,777 |
| Northwest Texas | 22,940 |
| North Texas | 22,720 |
| Central Texas | 37,025 |
| New Mexico | 7,323 |
| Rio Grande | 1,056 |
| Church Total³ | \$252,989 |
| Individual Gifts/Board | 737,554 |
| Foundations/Corporations | 79,838 |
| Bequests | 0 |
| Total Contributions | \$1,070,381 |

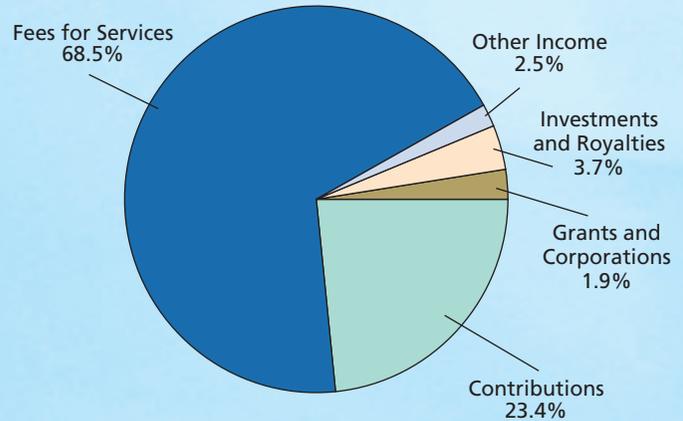
Sources of Revenues

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Fees for Services | \$2,900,711 | 68.5% |
| Contributions | 990,543 | 23.4% |
| Grants and Corporations | 79,838 | 1.9% |
| Investments and Royalties | 157,729 | 3.7% |
| Other Income | 105,212 | 2.5% |
| Total Revenues⁴ | \$4,234,033 | 100.0% |

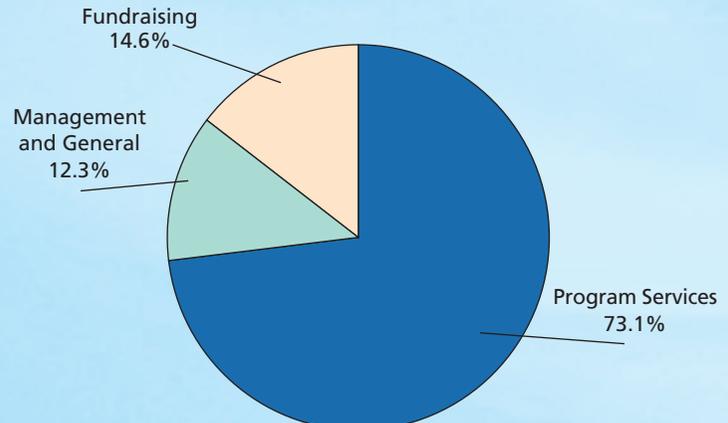
Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Program Services | \$2,580,695 | 73.1% |
| Management and General | 435,833 | 12.3% |
| Fundraising | 515,048 | 14.6% |
| Total Expenses⁴ | \$3,531,576 | 100.0% |

Revenues



Expenses



(1) Includes Medicaid contract rights

(2) MMH does not receive apportionments

(3) Church donations by Conference

(4) Includes \$161,032 Revenues & Expenses for Capital Campaign

OUR STORIES



Birth Parents Give Their Daughter the Gift of a Loving Family

Abortion was the immediate first reaction for both Ian and Denetrice when they found out she was pregnant. Both were very young, without jobs and not ready to raise a child. As the weeks wore on, however, Denetrice grew less and less comfortable with her decision.

"I wanted to be the best mom, but I didn't want to raise her on food stamps and welfare because that's how I was raised," she explained. The idea of an abortion weighed on her mind, and Ian could see it.

"I could tell she was feeling bad about it and knew we needed to come up with another solution," he said.

To their surprise, as they researched adoption online, they found open adoption allowed them, as birth parents, to choose the adoptive parents. They learned that with an adoption plan, they could have occasional updates and photos of the baby, and possibly yearly visits.

"At first I thought adoption meant I would give my baby away and always wonder about her," Denetrice said. "I didn't want her to think I chose adoption because I didn't love her. I wanted her to know I felt adoption was the best thing I could do for her."

At Methodist Mission Home, Adoption Services Director Helen Huff helped them find a family who would be open-minded, creative and comfortable raising their daughter to know about her biracial background. She also helped them understand that the process of adoption was not as complicated as they thought it would be.

In May last year, Denetrice gave birth to a little girl and agreed to place her with a young family from Lewisville.

"We made the right decision," Denetrice said. "She can grow up now with the parents she needs."

Helgados Return to Methodist Mission Home for Their Daughter

While they were waiting to adopt their second child, adoptive parents, David and Denise Helgado, heard a sad story about an adoptive family where, at the last moment, the birth mother decided to parent her little girl. Their hearts went out to the adoptive family since they knew, having adopted their son, Samuel, several years earlier, how painful that would have been for them.

"I said prayers for them and the birth mother, and I also said prayers for the baby girl," Denise said. "I just prayed to God that the best thing was going to happen for the baby."

Five months later, when the birth mother realized she could not handle raising a child on her own, she returned to Methodist Mission Home to re-contact the adoptive family. MMH asked the Helgados if they would be interested in adopting the then five-month-old child, letting them know the earlier couple had finally conceived and were parents of a three-week-old baby.

"It was so amazing," Denise said. "I had been praying for this baby, not knowing one day she would come to us, not knowing I was praying for my own daughter." She said it was through God's work that baby Angel Grace came into their lives.

"I really felt like God was looking down on us saying, 'OK, I'm going to do some things behind the scenes.'"

Denise urges other adoptive parents to start their adoption journey by finding their strength through prayer and said they should always keep the birth mother in their thoughts.

"Birth mothers do what is best for their babies," Denise said. "It's a very unselfish act to know you want something better than yourself for your child. They truly show their love by placing their babies." *(Continued on back page.)*



Vocational and Life Skills Training Give Nicholas Williams Confidence

Today Nicholas Williams, 20, is looking forward to his first job, hopes to find an apartment and learn how to drive. He has friends and is a popular student. But it has been a struggle to get there.

Born deaf and with cerebral palsy, Nicholas grew up totally dependent on his parents. He enjoyed elementary school, but, as he grew older, he found his high school peers picked on him. He also had a difficult time with English and Math.

"There was a lot of drama in high school," he said. He graduated from MacArthur High School, still needing to learn how to be independent and get a job and apartment. Eventually, he found his way to Methodist Mission Home, where life became a lot clearer. He understood what he needed to do to move on to the next chapter in his life. He learned about bank accounts and budgets.

"Before, I would spend my money," Nicholas said recently. "But now I don't spend as much. I've learned how to save money for

the things I need, like an apartment and a car."

He doesn't have his driver's license yet, but he's setting goals for himself. He knows he will learn to drive and he's hoping for a job at Target as a stocker. He's also working out at the YMCA to get in shape. He's also learned how to keep an apartment.

"I didn't know how to clean my room before I came here," he said. "It always looked like my room was hit by a tornado, but now my room is very clean."

He sees a great improvement, as do his parents and teachers. "I'm happy, and more independent," he said. "And I'm a lot more confident."



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