



# Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services

✦ Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services opened its doors in 1903, when a mother dying from tuberculosis asked her minister to help her find someone to care for her four young children.

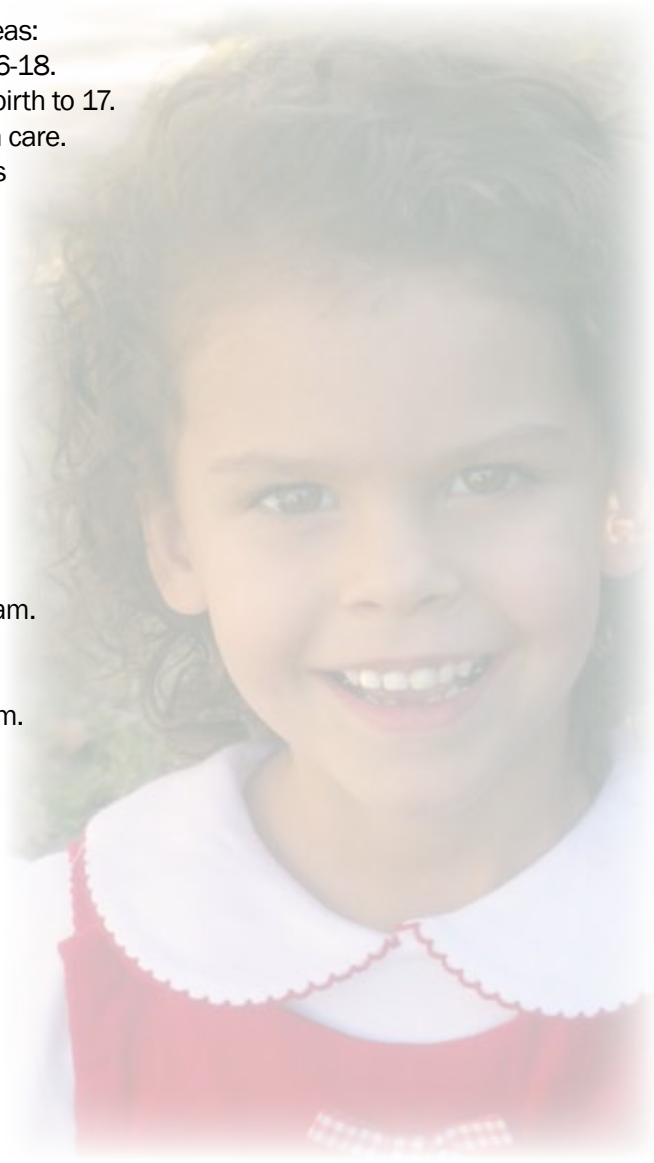
✦ Over the past century, this ministry has expanded to meet the needs of today's families. We serve children ages birth to 18 who have suffered from neglect, abuse and abandonment, or children whose families are experiencing some type of crisis, such as the death of a parent, divorce, illness, violence, homelessness, parental drug/alcohol abuse and other issues that threaten family stability.

✦ Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has 6 main program areas:

- **Group Homes:** 18 homes in four areas serve 130 children ages 6-18.
- **Foster Care:** 50 foster families care for up to 115 children ages birth to 17.
- **Adoption Services:** Offers maternity, adoption and post-adoption care.
- **Child and Family Programs:** Specialists in 17 cities help families work through times of crisis.
- **Education Program:** A focused approach to meeting the educational needs of each child in care. As kids "age out" of our care, we help them attend college, trade school or university and offer guidance and assistance through Aftercare.
- **Single Parent Family Program:** Transitional care addresses a variety of needs to help single mothers become self-sufficient.

✦ In 2010, our ministry served:

- **339 children** through our residential programs.
- **30 children** found "forever families" through adoption
- **2,161 children and 994 families** through Child and Family.
- **65 former residents** in our Advanced Education/Aftercare program.
- **135 children and families** through partnership programs.
- **19 children and 8 families** in our Single Parent Family program.
- **252 children** were assessed by our new clinical assessment team.



## Group Homes

Itasca • Waxahachie • San Antonio • Austin

## Foster Homes

DFW Metroplex • Houston • Wichita Falls • Longview • Duncanville

## Child and Family Programs

Abilene • Austin • Corpus Christi • Corsicana • Dallas  
Fort Worth • Houston • Hurst • Kilgore  
Longview • Lubbock • Midland • Odessa • San Antonio  
Shreveport • Temple • Wichita Falls

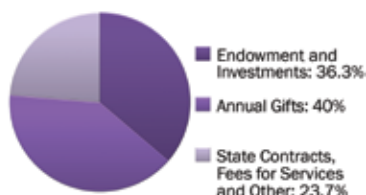
We are committed to fulfilling our mission of providing Christ-centered care and family support regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin or financial resources.

### 2011 Budgeted Expenses

Total Budget: \$12.5 million

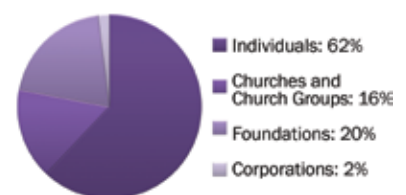


### 2011 Projected Sources of Revenue



### Sources of Annual Gifts

2011 Gifts: \$4.4 million projected (includes estates)



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How can a child or family be referred to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services?

Anyone can refer a child or family. Children and families come to PCHAS through churches, schools, social service agencies, the justice system, neighbors, child protective agencies or through any other avenue. Please call one of the toll-free numbers below to make a referral or ask any questions about our services.

**Program Office in Waxahachie: 1-800-277-4352**

**Central Office in Austin: 1-800-888-1904**

## How do I volunteer?

**In 2010, volunteers provided 10,400 hours of service. Thirteen supporting organizations and 230 other individuals participated with PCHAS in volunteer ministry.** There are a variety of volunteer opportunities at PCHAS, ranging from one-time experiences to a year-long commitment for individuals, families or groups. These opportunities include office work, outdoor maintenance, mentoring or sharing a skill with our children. Potential volunteers must undergo background checks and an application process. For information, call the the Rev. Nancy Mossman, volunteer ministries coordinator, at 1-800-888-1904 or e-mail [volunteer@pchas.org](mailto:volunteer@pchas.org).

## What is the relationship between PCHAS and Presbyterian Church(USA)?

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is an independent ministry governed by an 18-member, volunteer Board of Trustees and is in covenant relationship with the Synod of the Sun, a governing body of the Presbyterian Church(USA). However, **we receive no direct financial support** from the mission budgets of presbyteries, Synod of the Sun or General Assembly of the PC(USA). Gifts from individuals are our largest and most dependable source of funding.

## How does PCHAS provide Christ-centered care?

Many of the children and families we serve have never known the unconditional love of God. As a faith-based agency, PCHAS prefers to employ individuals who possess a Christian commitment and concern for children and families. In our residential programs, spiritual guidance and Christian nurture are provided through prayer, Bible study, and participation in a local Presbyterian congregation. Our Child & Family Specialists integrate faith into their practice with families, helping them to get in touch with their beliefs and encouraging them in their spiritual development.

## What happens to kids once they leave the care of PCHAS?

The ultimate goal of our residential programs is to reunite children with their families. Sometimes this is a biological parent, but often it is an aunt, uncle or grandparent. About 40 percent of the children who come into our homes live with us until they graduate from high school. The primary goal of our Child and Family Programs is to preserve the family. We work with the whole family to solve crises so the children do not have to be removed. After high school, many of our children participate in our Advanced Education/Aftercare Program, which provides support, guidance and scholarships to attend a university, college or technical school.

## How can I make a gift?

Donate online at [www.pchas.org](http://www.pchas.org), toll-free at **1-800-888-1904** or mail to our central office at 4407 Bee Cave Road, Suite 520, Austin, TX 78746. We welcome gifts of cash (check, credit card or bank draft); stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other assets such as real estate; or even a bequest through your will and/or naming PCHAS as a beneficiary of life insurance or IRA. Life income plans such as gift annuities provide tax savings and a guaranteed life income to you – *all while furthering PCHAS' mission of providing Christ-centered care.*

*Caring in Christ's name since 1903.*