



HOLSTON UNITED METHODIST  
HOME FOR CHILDREN

# 2018-19 Annual Report



**H**olston United Methodist Home for Children's mission: to provide hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.

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# Christian Life at Holston Home



*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:  
to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep  
oneself from being polluted by this world.*

James 1:27 (NIV)



# What Do The Children Say?

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“Holston should keep doing what they’re doing. It works good.” *J’veynne*

“The best thing about Holston is the support system and having people around that give unconditional love. I love Holston!” *Sarah*

“The best thing about Holston is they made me feel at home.” *Travon*

“Holston has straightened me up. It has changed me. This is a good place to be.” *Jacob*

“The best thing about Holston is the relationships that staff have with youth.” *Devon*

“Holston helped me learn to overcome my anger issues. I have also learned to be more respectful to my peers and other adults.” *Tyson*

“Holston is a great place. It taught me a lot of things. They have good food and helped me stay out of trouble.” *Andres*

“At Holston, I learned to manage my anger problems. I learned how to live in the community and get along with others.” *Justin*

“The best thing about Holston is having people to look up to like my counselor and mentor and having people who are proud of me.” *Alaina*

“At Holston, I learned skills that I can take with me like respect, responsibility, and accountability.” *Ziya*

# What Do The Parents Say?

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“Holston has great people caring about troubled kids in a troubled world.” *Dewey and Benjamin’s Mom*

“The most helpful thing about Holston’s services was the way they listened and worked with us.” *Shannon’s Grandmother*

“We have seen huge developmental strides in both our kids. Everyone is always so friendly and helpful. They truly care about our children, and we couldn’t be more thankful for them.” *Preschool Parent*

“Our granddaughters love their teachers, and we do too. They learn so much there that helps them be prepared for school. The kids’ end of the year portfolios show how hard the teachers work with the children. We are forever grateful for the teachers!” *Preschool Grandparent*

“Holston staff helped my family better ourselves.” *Trevor’s Dad*

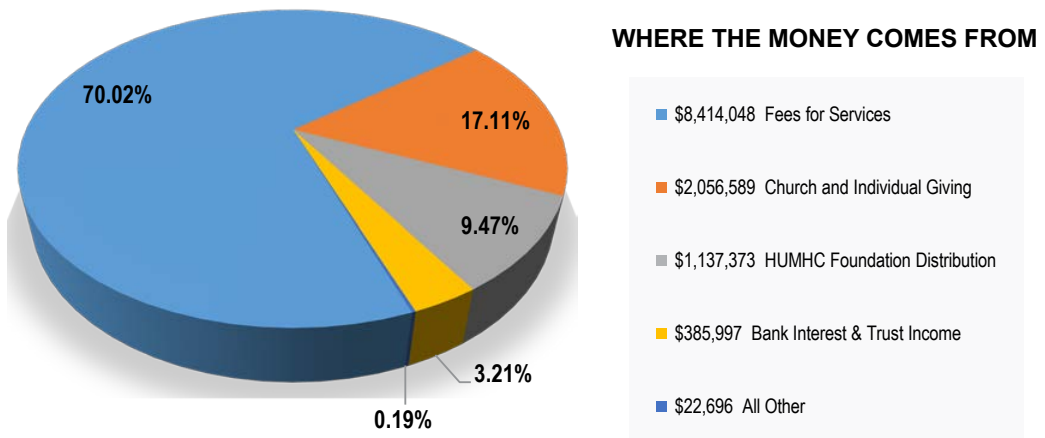
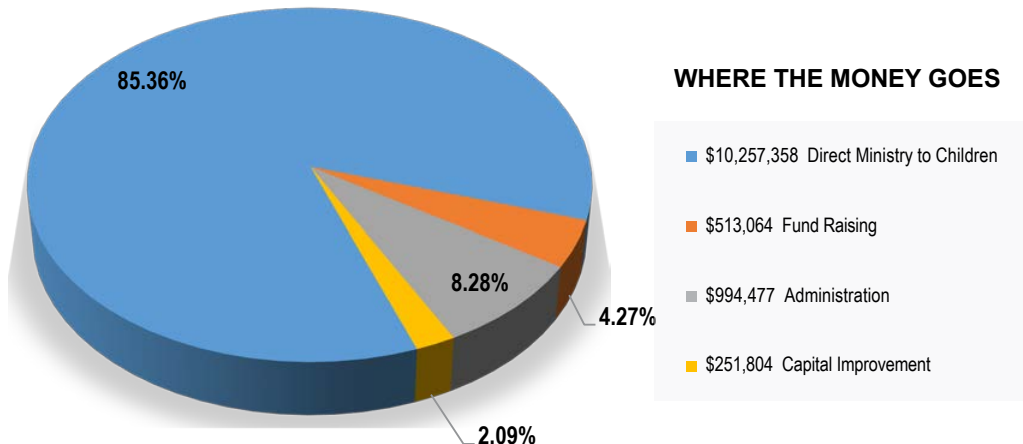
“Holston’s services helped teach my child the most important things in life.” *Matthew’s Mom*

“The most helpful thing about Holston’s services was that they taught my son right from wrong, responsibility, and to be honest and trustworthy.” *Evan’s Mom*

“Holston helped her get her life together and helped her know how much she is worth and loved. Holston is a wonderful place, and we are so thankful she was there.” *Ashley’s Parents*

“My son developed many helpful coping skills and learned structure that will greatly benefit his future.” *Austin’s Mom*

# Financial Report 2018-19



## SPECIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

From time to time we receive special gifts and bequests for the benefit of Holston Home. These special gifts and bequests are not part of or reported in the operating budget as they are received directly into the Endowment fund. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide funding, in perpetuity, to the Home to ensure the continuance of its mission.



# Our Services

**In 2018-19, our services touched the lives of 662 children in Tennessee & Virginia.**

The services that Holston Home provided are identified below.

**BRUMIT CENTER** provided preparation for adult living services to 24 youth who were aging out of the foster care system and facing the challenges of adulthood.

**RESIDENTIAL CARE** provided nurture, care, education and treatment for 233 adolescent boys and girls. These centers provide the most intensive services in our continuum of care for youth who may have been abused, may have emotional or behavioral problems, may have made poor choices in the past, or find themselves struggling with negative influences at home.

**HOME-TO-STAY PROGRAM**, provided up to four months of family counseling services to successfully reunite 54 children and youth with their families.

**BEACON SCHOOL**, our accredited on-campus school, served 14 special education day students from area school systems and provided education for 251 of the youth in our residential and Brumit programs.

During 2018-2019, 21 youth earned high school diplomas and 18 enrolled in college or technical school.

**FOSTER CARE** provided loving care in a family setting for 174 children and youth. Of these, 101 children were served through our three Family Service Centers in Tennessee and 73 children were cared for through Southwest Virginia. Another 12 of our foster children were adopted by their foster families. Intercountry Adoption Program had 7 placements. Our staff also assisted 29 other families in completing adoptive home studies.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS** served 210 preschool children. Both of our centers received the highest rating of Three-Star by state officials.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE** remains a foundation of all our services. Last year, 53 of our youth made first-time professions of faith and 37 were baptized.



Each of these youth were encouraged to grow as individuals through WORSHIP, EDUCATION, WORK, and RECREATION. These are our Four Cornerstones of Care for all of our services.



## Our Licensing and Accreditations

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Holston Home operates under the following licenses in Tennessee and Virginia:

- Tennessee Department of Children's Services (Child-Placing and Child-Caring Agency)
- Tennessee Department of Human Services (Child Day Care)
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities (Mental Health Outpatient Services, MR Residential Rehabilitation)
- Tennessee Department of Education (Private School; General and Special Education)
- Virginia Department of Social Services (Child-Placing Agency)
- Philippines Inter-Country Adoption Board (Adoptions)

These accreditations demonstrate our commitment to best-practice professional standards:

- National Council on Accreditation of Services for Children & Families (COA)
- Hague Accredited (COA)
- Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families
- United Methodist Health & Welfare Ministries (Faith-Based)



*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28 (NIV)