

Sunflower House

2017-2018



ANNUAL REPORT



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

"Everyone was so nice and welcoming. It really made me feel like I was able to let my guard down a little. Felt good to know we're not alone." - Parent of a child here for a forensic interview

"In this age of growing technology and changing family dynamics, we felt that our students needed additional education on personal safety and this program did not disappoint. In addition to learning safety awareness, these presentations prompted several conversations both with trusted adults at school and in student homes regarding specific incidents of concern with regard to safety and alleged abuse. In some of these cases, action was taken through the Department of Children and Family Services to seek services and provide further investigation to ensure student safety. We greatly appreciate this program and the resources offered to children and families through Sunflower House."
- SMSD Elementary School Social Worker



Michelle S. Herman
President and Chief Executive Officer

I can't think of a better way to sum up Sunflower House's accomplishments during the 2017-18 fiscal year than with these words of gratitude and appreciation for the services that are provided by my staff. Many different people, including volunteers, donors, and staff, contributed in many different ways to give hope, safety, and support to 554 children who came to us after an allegation of abuse and educated over 18,000 children in Wyandotte and Johnson County schools about personal safety. With your help, more children were seen for forensic and advocacy services in 2017-2018 than we have seen since 2010. Sunflower House could not have done it without you.

From the individuals who bravely take action to report suspected abuse, to the receptionist who cares for the families during their stay with us, to the family advocates who help caregivers find resources and soothe their concerns, to the generous donors who help keep the lights on and staff paid – it takes all of you to change and save lives.

Thank you for making 2017-2018 another year of providing hope and help through Sunflower House.

With gratitude,

Michelle S. Herman
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2017-2018



REVENUE

Government Grants	\$718,788.00	46%
Foundations and Corporations	\$217,444.00	14%
Contributions	\$316,361.00	20%
Special Events	\$196,982.00	13%
United Way	\$58,793.00	4%
Fees and Other Incomes	\$37,645.00	2%
Interested Income	\$18,566.00	1%

Total Revenue \$1,564,579.00

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$864,462.00	56%
Operations	\$258,851.00	18%
Other Program Costs	\$255,786.00	17%
Depreciation/Other	\$94,383.00	6%
Bad Debt	\$9,041.00	1%

Total Expenses \$1,482,523.00

ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	\$271,664.00
Accounts & Grants Receivable	\$142,120.00
Pledges Receivable	\$75,158.00
Endowment and Investments	\$339,715.00
Other Current Assets	\$20,315.00
Net Fixed Assets	\$1,851,937.00

Total Assets \$2,700,909.00

LIABILITIES

Total Current Liabilities \$70,301.00

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,143,456.00
Restricted Net Assets	\$487,152.00
Total Net Assets	\$2,630,608.00

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$2,700,909.00



SUNFLOWER HOUSE CHILD ASSESSMENT TEAM

Staff at Sunflower House are often asked, "Isn't it hard to work each day around such heartbreaking stories and circumstances? How do you do it?"

The answer is simple. "Each day, we focus on the good being done rather than on the struggle of those we help," says Cindy Riddell, Director of Child Assessment. "Instead of only hearing their tragic stories of abuse, we soak in their smiles and honor the connection being made and the courage it takes for each child to tell his or her story. We listen and then we help."



Cindy Riddell

Child Assessment Program Director

2017-18 was a difficult year for the team. An astounding 554 children were referred to Sunflower House for a forensic interview with a few very difficult cases handled that made an impact on the staff. 49 percent of the cases were from Johnson County, 47 percent from Wyandotte, and 4 percent from elsewhere. Three out of four were females and they ranged in ages from three to 18 years old.

77 percent of referrals were based on allegations of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, 15 percent severe physical abuse, and eight percent having witnessed a violent crime.

Partly what keeps our staff going is having the opportunity to see children come back to Sunflower House for therapy because we know that this means that these children have hope for their future. They have a fighting chance to get past the abuse they have endured. In this past year, 272 therapy intakes were completed and 2400 hours of therapy provided through a contract with PACES that is made possible by the federal Victims of Crime Act grant.



Bev Turner

Education Program Director

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SUNFLOWER HOUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION TEAM

While we are very proud of the work that we do for children and their families following their report of abuse, we feel strongly that just as important is educating the community about child abuse to ensure that reports are made sooner and children are taught that they have a voice and the power to speak up.

The Sunflower House prevention education program has been looked to for our expertise in child abuse prevention for more than 30 years--often being called on to present at state and national conferences. The Happy Bear play continues its important work by educating children -- more than 12,000 in the last school year -- about recognizing an unwelcome touch and about not keeping secrets from trusted adults. And we are getting more and more opportunities to follow up with children at other ages when they are vulnerable to sexual abuse, and help professionals learn how to recognize and report abuse.

In 2017-18, Sunflower House continued to work toward its goal of reaching 11,000 parents in our community with the message that child abuse is preventable and it is our responsibility, as adults, to protect the children in our lives. We have been doing that through our Child Protection Project presentation, where our staff will come out to any group of adults to provide this free one-hour presentation that was developed using solid research-based prevention tips along with the stories from local families who have experienced the trauma of the sexual abuse of their children.



554

Children

were served by the
Child Assessment Team

587

**Forensic
Interviews**

were conducted at
Sunflower House

463

Adults

received advocacy and support
services at Sunflower House

2,400

Hours

of trauma-focused therapy were
conducted at Sunflower House

18,810

Children

were educated about personal
safety at Sunflower House

438

**Personal Safety
Presentations**

were provided for youth in
our community

2,323

Adults

were trained on reporting abuse
at Sunflower House

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THANK YOU TO OUR MAJOR DONORS!

Sunflower House is extremely grateful to all of the donors and volunteers committed to the protection of children from abuse in Wyandotte and Johnson counties. The following foundations, corporations and individuals made significant contributions to Sunflower House from July 2017 through June 2018.

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