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HomeSafe celebrated the opening of the Stoops Family Foundation Grand Cottage at the Sylvester Family Foundation North campus in West Palm Beach in November 2022. Pictured are: Front Row (L to R) Tarra Pressey Moten, Jeff and Aggie Stoops, Jayne Malfitano, Laura Sylvester, Jena Smith, Bjarne Borg, Val Perez. Back Row: (L to R) Rob Vargas, Matt Ladika, Steve Bernstein, Rex Kirby, Mike Bruno.



Ashley's Life Was Saved Because of You...

Dear Friends,

One of my most cherished memories at HomeSafe happened this St. Patrick's Day when I got to spend time with a young lady named Ashley who graduated from our residential program seven years ago.

When Ashley was a teenager, her mother (who often abused and mistreated her) brought her from Indiana to Florida under the guise of visiting extended family. Soon after arriving, her mother disappeared. Feeling abandoned and unloved, Ashley went into an emotional downward spiral—acting out her anger at others and then at herself, causing harm to her body. Her relatives felt no obligation to care for her and placed Ashley in foster care where, over the next several years, she was shuffled from group home to group home.

When Ashley arrived at HomeSafe, she was lost in her anger. Over several months, through intensive therapy and a lot of love, Ashley became self-aware and in touch with her emotions. Today, at twenty-three she is a homeowner and taking college classes to work in the mental health field. Ashley told me, "HomeSafe's staff are some of the most patient and compassionate people in this community." Because of our donors' financial support, we have made significant investments to recruit, retain, and provide professional development to our team members who pour out the love to our kids every day.



Community support allows HomeSafe to create new homes where our kids can feel safe, nurtured, and valued. In April, HomeSafe opened the twelve-bed Stoops Family Foundation Grand Cottage for the boys at our Sylvester Family Foundation North Campus in West Palm Beach. Soon, HomeSafe will start construction on our fourth new residential group home, the Bernstein Family Foundation Campus in Boca Raton.

Thank you for helping to transform children's lives. Because of you, vulnerable kids like Ashley will overcome their trauma and build peaceful, productive, and happy futures.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ladika
Matthew Ladika, CEO



When new mom Daniela met with HomeSafe's hospital liaison, she decided to enroll her baby boy in our Growing Smart program. After working with our team for the past 18 months, Daniela proudly shares that her son is thriving and has hit every milestone.



Healthy Beginnings

HomeSafe is the entry agency for children birth to five to access the Healthy Beginnings System of Care which is funded by Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County.

This program promotes healthy births, identifies and prevents child abuse and neglect, and monitors childhood development up to age 5 – to ensure that every child in our community is ready and eager to enter kindergarten.

Hospital liaisons visit every hospital maternity ward in Palm Beach County to screen new moms and their babies in order to refer them to services that will help reduce stressors and decrease risk factors. Families can also be referred for safe sleep services which includes education related to best safe sleep practices and the provision of a pack-n-play so that the baby has a safe place to sleep.

15,244 mothers who gave birth in Palm Beach County were screened while in the hospital and received helpful information about postpartum depression and child development.

3,873 families received an initial intake or initial assessment for their child under the age of 5, and were enrolled in services within the Healthy Beginnings system.

1,673 developmental toys were provided to children. The toys are great hands-on learning tools that promote development.

More than 378 families received safe sleep services and were provided portable cribs for their families. Each family received educational material related to best practices for safe sleep.



Most kids want a bike or a ball. All ten-year-old Kylan wanted was a family. After experiencing a traumatic childhood and being shuffled around in the foster care system, Kylan came to HomeSafe to heal. Last year, he got his wish and moved in with his new parents.

Residential Group Care

HomeSafe's residential program provides a safe, warm, and homelike environment for abused and abandoned children, ages 7-17, who have been unsuccessful in traditional foster care placements. These kids require intensive trauma-informed therapeutic support and an experienced and compassionate caretaking team in order to heal and flourish.

At HomeSafe, our children experience educational, cultural, and recreational activities that give them a sense of normalcy. Our therapists also help the children successfully learn to manage their trauma and build effective coping skills to help them lead happy, productive lives.

84 girls and boys received therapeutic care and educational support.

22 children progressed enough to be able to step down to a lower level of care:

- **8** moved to another program or aged out
- **9** moved to a foster home or were adopted
- **5** were reunified with a family member

92% of the children who attended school throughout the year maintained an 80% attendance rate. **100%** of the kids were promoted to the next grade level. One youth graduated high school.

86% of the children in our care for 6+ months demonstrated **improved behavior and functioning** (CGAS scores).



Despite her turbulent childhood in the foster care system, Ghonelle is pursuing a dream she never thought possible: starting college in the fall. She shares, "It won't be easy, but with hard work and determination, anything is possible."

Independent Living at Pond Place

For young adults who have aged out of foster care and still need support, Pond Place provides safe and affordable housing, mentorship, life-skills training, and therapeutic support at its Bernstein Family Foundation Independent Living Campus.

All of the students participating in this program are working toward a degree in high school, college or vocational programs. Our goal is to prepare these young adults for life's obstacles as they transition into adulthood, and to help them achieve a future that is happy and self-sufficient.

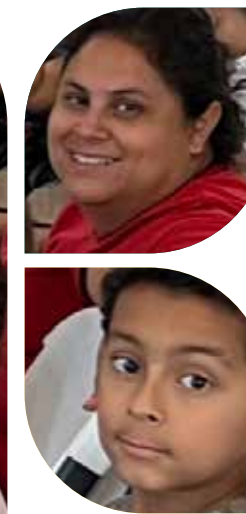
11 young adults lived at Pond Place during the year, and actively participated in our independent living housing program.

ALL were pursuing an education at a college or vocational program.

Of the young adults served:

- **8** currently attend Palm Beach State College (PBSC) – **4** graduated high school in May
- **1** currently attends Florida Atlantic University
- **1** is attending (remotely) the University of Florida
- **1** graduated FAU with a bachelor's in social work

8 of these young adults attend school and work full time.



Sofia has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the Project ReachOut support group since its inception two years ago. She has witnessed its remarkable positive influence on her parenting skills, relationships, anxiety management, and overall personal growth.

SafetyNet

For more than 25 years, SafetyNet has provided individual and group therapy, crisis intervention services, and court advocacy to survivors of domestic violence and their children. The program's goal is to break the inter-generational cycle of abuse, and to help families heal from their trauma and find a brighter path forward.

Project ReachOut is a SafetyNet program that provides support groups and critical resources to families that are at higher risk for experiencing family violence – with the goal to prevent child abuse and domestic violence before it begins.

227 survivors of domestic violence and their children received services in either English or Spanish.

81% of adult, teen and child clients **demonstrated an increase in knowledge** (evidenced by pre- and post-scale assessments) about safety planning, and how to remain free from further domestic abuse in the home.

133 clients participated in Project ReachOut, attending eight or more of the monthly support sessions provided at their residential community.

THE POWER OF PHILANTHROPY



HomeSafe's Guardian Society donors, who have made lifetime gifts of \$50,000 or more, are a unique group of philanthropists who care deeply about the well-being of our community's most vulnerable children and families. Your gifts are transforming lives and offering hope and healing to survivors of child abuse and domestic violence.

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We are proud to support HomeSafe and the great work they do. Helping young people who are disadvantaged, through no fault of their own, requires all of our support.

Jim MacCutcheon and Fern Schmidt



HomeSafe provides hope and healing to vulnerable children and families in our community. We support their life-changing work because we believe that everyone deserves the chance to lead a happy, safe, and productive life.

Bjarne and Maria Borg



I support HomeSafe because it is a great cause that directly enhances our community. All children deserve to have a safe space to live and grow. HomeSafe provides that to children and families in need.

Logan Shalmi



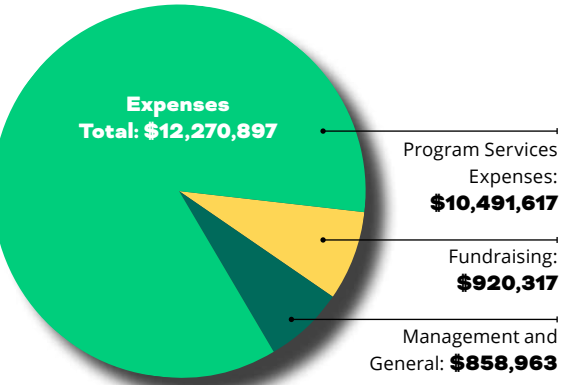
HomeSafe cares for children who come from some of the most heart-breaking circumstances imaginable. We are proud to help HomeSafe give these children a safe, loving home surrounded by people that can help them heal.

Jo Ann and Phil Procacci

Financial Statement

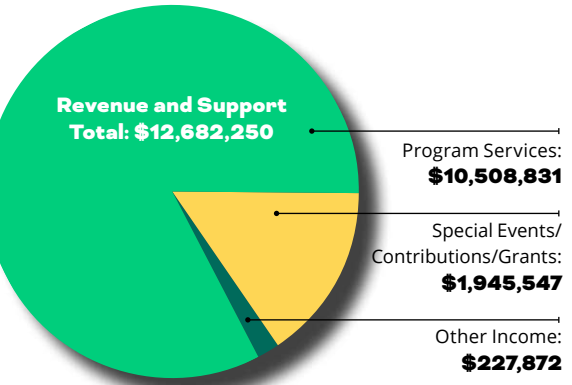
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Assets	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$4,163,624
Accounts receivable	1,222,483
Pledges receivable, net	5,596,823
Prepaid expenses	663,027
Deposits	34,333
Investments, at market	3,646,527
Split interest agreements, net	102,166
Property, plant and equipment, net . .	17,038,820
Total assets	\$32,467,803
Liabilities and Assets	
Accounts payable	146,966
Accrued compensation	384,289
Other Liabilities	748,764
Total Liabilities	1,280,019
Total Net Assets	31,187,784
Total net assets & liabilities . . .	\$32,467,803



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES As of June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

Revenue and Support	
Program services	\$10,508,831
Grants	1,095,383
Contributions	290,254
Special events revenue, net	559,910
Other income	172,395
Investment income/loss (net)	55,477
Total revenue and support . . .	\$12,682,250
Expenses	
Program services expenses	\$10,491,617
Management and general	858,963
Fundraising	920,317
Total expenses	\$12,270,897
Extra Ordinary Income	
Comprehensive campaign	2,347,637
Unrealized gains (net of exps.)	245,195
Change in net assets	\$3,004,185
Net assets, beginning of year	28,183,599
Net assets, end of year.	\$31,187,784



You Can Change a Life Today.

HomeSafe addresses the root cause of many of society’s critical mental health issues, which derive from unaddressed childhood trauma. Our compassionate, professional team members pour their love into traumatized children and families—helping them develop coping skills to manage their negative emotions and break free from the intergenerational cycle of abuse.

Former foster child, Tyrael, was referred to HomeSafe after years of physical abuse and neglect. Now 32 years old, he explains, “HomeSafe saved my life. Who knows how angry of a person I would be without them. I call and thank them all the time. I’m looking forward to the day I can come back and speak to the boys at HomeSafe and tell them that there is so much out there to live for if they put in the work.”

Many people ask how they can help HomeSafe transform children’s lives.

- Join one of our event committees or attend one of our fundraisers—the Classic Rock & Roll Party and our Charity Golf Tournament.
- Be a mentor or speak to our young adults about career opportunities.
- Make a donation to support one of our life-saving programs or the construction of safe, welcoming homes for our kids.

Every donor, at every giving level, ignites a spark of hope for our children and families, and opens up their world to new possibilities.

Please give me a call if you would like to help HomeSafe change a life today.

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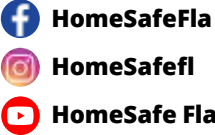
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Sylvester Family Foundation West

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West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Simon C. Fireman Foundation

(Main Campus)

2840 Sixth Avenue South
Lake Worth, Florida 33461

HomeSafe at Pond Place

Bernstein Independent Living Campus

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Palm Springs, Florida 33461

Bernstein Family Foundation

680 Ipswich Street *(Closed for Renovations)*
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

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