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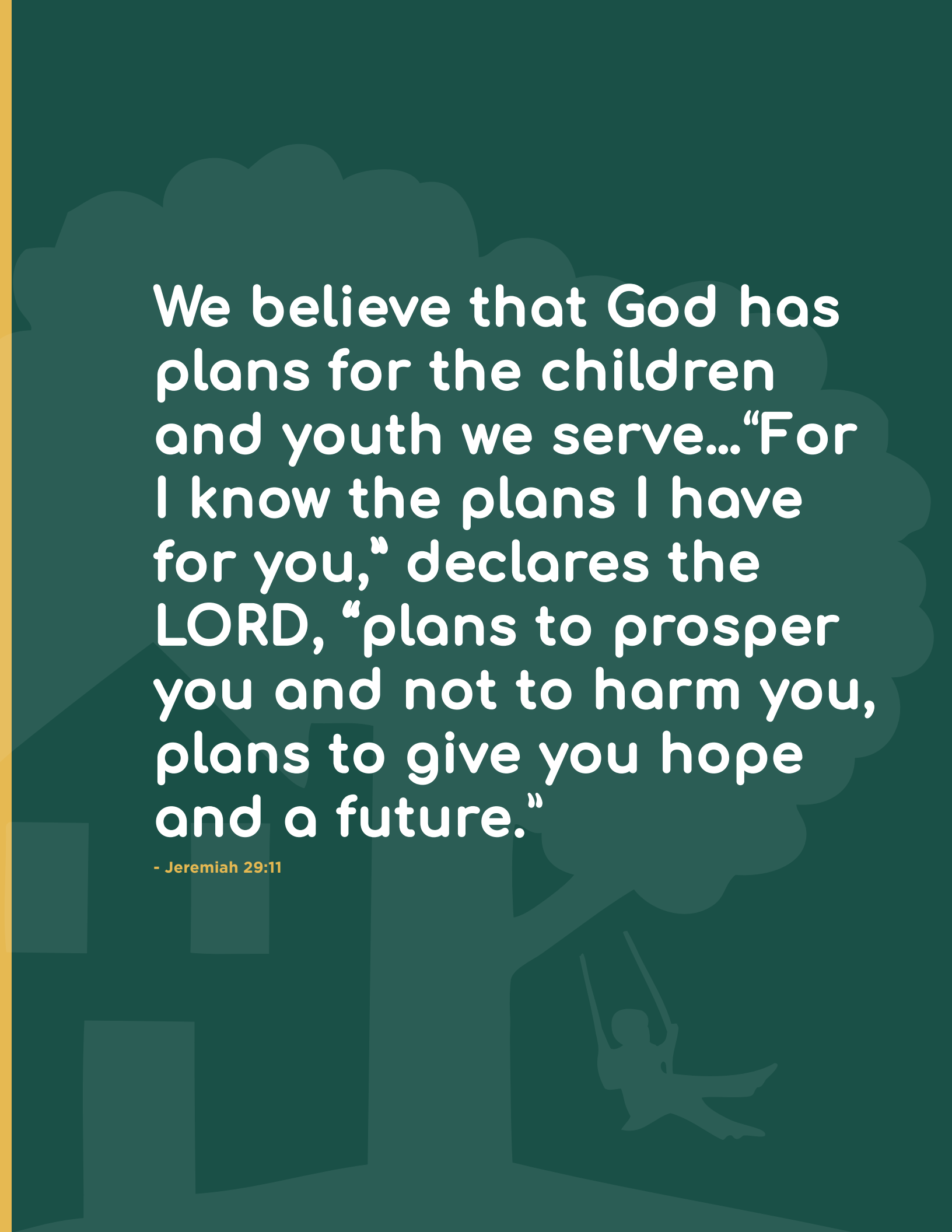
We believe that God has plans for the children and youth we serve..."For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11



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On behalf of the children, youth and families served by Southern Christian Services, thank you for your generous support in 2017. Because of you, we were able to demonstrate the unconditional love of Christ to thousands of Mississippians. The following report summarizes our on-going efforts to have a positive, recognizable, and long-term impact on all children in our care. We believe every child is precious and should be provided professional, compassionate, and cost-effective services so they may become mentally, physically and spiritually healthy.

For 29 years our mission has been clear. It is in response to the love of Christ that Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc. serves and equips vulnerable children and youth, assisting them in the process of becoming self-sufficient and contributing members of society.

As we begin our 30th year of operations, we see a great need for therapeutic and community-based services throughout Mississippi. Children and youth are burdened with trauma, homelessness, addiction, and injustices like never before. We believe it is our duty to strengthen the fainthearted; help the afflicted; and care for the abandoned. We believe that it is our responsibility to advocate and affect change within the human services spectrum as it relates to children and youth we serve. We believe no child or youth is defined by their painful past and above all else, we believe there is always hope.

We are thankful to our dedicated Board of Directors and compassionate staff for all that has been accomplished this year. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our donors, community partners, and volunteers. Together with God's help, we are rebuilding broken lives.

With a grateful heart,

Amanda W. Annison

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Our Mission

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Our Vision

To be an organization that has a positive, recognizable and long-term impact on ALL children in our care by providing professional, cost-effective and timely services.

Programs:

P.R.E.P.A.R.E.

1375 Youth Served

3533 Duplicated Services

Therapeutic Foster Care

Total Children - 97

Percentage rate of children staying with the same family - 71% Finalized adoptions - 16

Completed home studies - 35

Total Wendy's Wonderful Kids -28

Adoptions through Wendy's Wonderful Kids - 7

Heart Gallery

Total children served - 54

Pre-adoptive status - 13

Group Homes:

PALS Home - 9

Rowland Home for Boys - 20

Harden House Home for Boys - 12

Partners in Permanency

Client's Served – 6,064

Respite – 113 Families

242 Children

Our Services

Therapeutic Residential Care

Therapeutic group homes provide family style living for children and youth who are unable to remain in their own homes because of abuse, neglect, serious behavioral, and/or emotional challenges.

- **Harden House Therapeutic Group Home for Boys (Fulton)**
- **Joe Rowland Therapeutic Group Home for Boys (Grenada)**

Therapeutic Foster Care

Licensed TFC homes provide a temporary family for children and youth who are unable to remain in their own homes because of abuse, neglect, serious behavioral and/or emotional challenges.

Adoption

Families who can make a permanent commitment to children and youth with special needs are trained and equipped to provide homes through adoption.

Independent Living - P.R.E.P.A.R.E.

Providing Resources Education and Preparation to Adolescents Reaching Emancipation is a statewide, community-based program that provides life skills training to older youth who are in Mississippi's foster care system.

Respite Care

Trained respite families offer foster and adoptive parents the opportunity for a break in times of crisis.

Partners in Permanency

Services include information and referrals, adoptive/foster parent and youth trainings, family and teen support groups and respite care services.

“We believe in second chances.”

FINANCIALS

2016-2017

Preliminary Statement of Activities

October 1, 2016—September 30, 2017

REVENUES

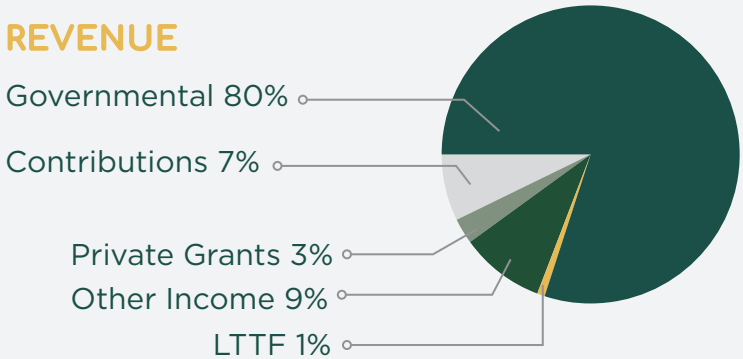
Governmental Agencies	$4,130,977
Public Support	$756,842
Other Income	$295,932
Total Revenue	**$5,183,751**

EXPENSES

Programs	$4,540,262
Administration	$420,169
Development	$125,890
Total Expenditures	**$5,086,321**

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS $97,430

REVENUE



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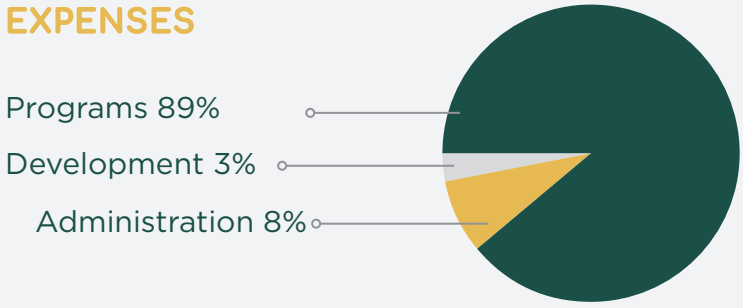

The Labarre Family Story

In 2014, Susan and I had a 5-year-old son, Noah, and it was just the three of us. We had always wanted and planned for two children but were unable to have another biological child after Noah. As we would soon come to realize, the Lord had different plans for us.

Susan had always wanted to adopt and had mentioned it over the years even before having Noah. The turning point for us was when I was loading Noah into his car seat one morning to take him to school, and he asked me, "Daddy, why doesn't God want me to have a brother?" I just looked at him and did not know how to respond. Noah loves kids and it broke my heart that we were not able to give him a sibling. I had never really been passionate about adoption but was never dead set against it either. I thought about Susan and Noah and their desire to have another child in our family and also thought of all we had to offer.

Fast forward a year and we had completed all of the steps to become certified foster parents through Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth. We set some fairly strict criteria, as we trusted the Lord to send us the child that was meant for us. On April 4, 2016, we got the call we had been waiting for. They told us about a 3 ½ -year-old little boy named Alex who was currently in Therapeutic Foster Care but would likely lead to adoption. They asked if we would be interested in taking him into our home. We prayed about it and two weeks later Alex came to stay with us for a weekend visit and never left. We were warned that he was oppositional defiant 24/7, still in diapers at 3 ½ years old and was also known as "the runner." This was because he would run off into parking lots, busy streets or wherever he could get away.

Alex came home to us with just a garbage bag of clothes and the clothes on his back. That was a sobering experience for us. We will never forget the first night with Alex in our home. The four of us bonded instantly and we just knew that he was meant to be our son. He started calling us Mom and Dad after the first weekend, was fully potty-trained within just a few weeks and is no longer known as "the runner". We finalized his adoption on February 7, 2017. We are so blessed to have Alex as a part of our family. Noah now has the sibling he always wanted and the two are rarely apart from one another. Alex is a smart, loving, outgoing and selfless little boy. He is defying the odds and will continue to do so. We are forever grateful to Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth for bringing Alex to us.

Save the Dates

May 8, 2018
Sonny Fountain Memorial Golf Tournament
Annandale Country Club

June 20-22, 2018
Lookin' To The Future Conference
Natchez Convention Center

September 25, 2018
30th Annual Bottom Line for Kids Dinner and Auction
Country Club of Jackson

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