



Our Mission. Our Strength. Our Hope.

Childhood is meant to be a time of innocence, safety, learning, and happiness. Sadly, this is not the case for many of the children entering the care of Orchards Children's Services. At Orchards, our purpose is to help those children and families that are struggling to find, within themselves, the resilience and strength to change their situation for the better. It is because of **YOU** and your amazing support; we can pursue our mission: **Strengthening the community through quality services to children and families.**

Because of **YOU** and your support, we keep more families together. Through our community-based family preservation programs we have kept over 2,400 families safely together, reducing risk inside the home and creating a healthy and safe environment for families.

Due to your support, more children have a forever home! Everyone deserves to grow up feeling loved and safe; sadly, many children in our community do not. At Orchards, we strive to place each child in a safe home to be loved and cherished. This year, we can proudly announce 98% of our adoptive families remained intact.

Your support of Orchards Children's Services gives us hope for happier and healthier lives for those in our community. **Our hope is graduation.** Every child should have the opportunity to learn, study, and explore what fascinates them. Because of **YOU**, we are able to provide free early childhood education through ParentChild+, and college scholarships through our Promise Scholarship program. **YOUR** generosity provides life changing education, future opportunity and success for those who may not have otherwise had the chance to further their education.

Our hope is happiness. Because of **YOU**, Orchards children will have a magical holiday season; by providing over 1500 children with holiday gifts and Thanksgiving dinners. Because of **YOU**, we can provide children with summers of excitement, including sending kids to summer camps and providing them new bikes. Your generosity provides a summer of smiles and happiness for those who need it most.

Our hope is a brighter tomorrow, but we need your help today. With your support, we can ensure all children in our community have the ability to be the best versions of themselves. **YOU** provide opportunity. **YOU** elevate our mission. **YOU** provide strength. **YOU** provide hope to the most vulnerable in our community. Please continue with us on our mission. Change a life today by making a gift to Orchards Children's Services.

Always for children and families,
Michael E. Williams
President & CEO

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This is What **STRENGTH** Looks Like

At Orchards Children's Services, our strength lies in our clients and their amazing triumphs. With the help of Orchards Children's Services social workers, we see our clients, both children and adults, pull themselves from difficult situations and write their own, happier story on a regular basis.

Ken has been working with our ARC program for a few years. Forming a close bond with his case worker Annie, Ken was able to graduate high school and was accepted into college. Before starting his first semester he revealed his dream of moving out of Michigan to live with his mother's side of the family. While other agencies were previously unable to locate Ken's mother's family, Annie was successful. Ken's mother had escaped a domestic violence relationship and was living a happy and successful life. Through Ken's resilience and all of his hard work, he was able to stay in college and is well on his way of making his dream of living with his family come true.



Sharron's case was opened because of domestic violence. Sharron was placed on house arrest due to an incident involving her previous partner. This was her first CPS case and she was unfamiliar and very guarded while starting services. However, Orchards was able to engage her in a discussion about past experiences and her own personal goals for the future. Since completing services, Sharron is successfully off house arrest and all charges have been dropped. She is completing therapy and has maintained only safe relationships while building up her own self-esteem. She was able to evaluate previous traumas to increase her ability to maintain a healthy relationship with not only her next partner, but her children and her self as well. Through Sharron's strength, she was able to change her own situation to make life better for her and her family.



7 kids were found during a drug bust in a home. All were near death! Two of the boys had global developmental delays, and physical and emotional delays. They had never really gone to school. After making contact with Orchards, John and his little brother Adam were placed with an amazing and supportive foster family. After a failed adoption through another agency; the foster parents and Orchards allowed John and Adam

time to heal from the disruption. With Orchards and the foster parents rallied around them, giving them new experiences and working closely with Orchards mental health professionals; the boys were able to grow emotionally. After two years and multiple setbacks, the foster parents ultimately adopted Adam. Due to John's needs, he was placed in a residential facility. John is still supported by his foster family and gets to visit Adam frequently. John and Adam are in close contact with Orchards staff. Through John and Adam's determination and hard work, their future is bright.

Our Mission. Our Strength. Our Hope... is to leave a legacy.

Ensure tomorrow's mission by making a planned gift today. A planned gift to Orchards Children's Services guarantees your impact is felt for years to come.

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**SCAN TO
CHANGE A LIFE**



At Orchards...

ADOPTION RESOURCE CONSULTANTS (ARC)

and Orchards Adoption Department have **ensured 111 children achieved permanence** through adoption and 2 permanencies through guardianship.



ORCHARDS POST ADOPTION RESOURCE CENTERS (PARC)

served 96 families; resulting in **98% of adoptive families remaining intact** while engaged in services.

ADOPTION RESOURCE CONSULTANTS (ARC)

served **168 children** who are eligible for adoption without prospective adoptive parents identified.



GROUP-BASED PARENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



Since 2019, **189 parents have completed the 18 sessions - 92% showed an increase in understanding** and using nurturing parenting skills as a replacement for abusive parenting techniques.

TRU (TRUST | RENEW | UNDERSTAND)

2,467 hours of mental health services have been provided to 364 individual clients - 98% of those referred have remained actively engaged in mental health services.



FOSTER CARE

42 children have been safely reunified with their families of origin.



FAMILY PRESERVATION

Over **5,000 children** engaged in Family Preservation services during the fiscal year - **96% remained safely in the home** without experiencing a recurrence of abuse or neglect.



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