2022 AAHNS PLACE ANNUAL REPORT

Your donations help our team to provide the best care possible for all of the children that come to Aahn's Place. Contributions from our donors in 2022 totaled $22,980 and goes directly towards the enrichment of the lives of the children that we serve every day. While these children are going through a challenging season we hope to bring some light and hope to their lives.

EXPENSES

Operations 89.9%

Programming 10.1%

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 🟡 African American or Black
- 🔴 American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 🟢 Asian
- 🔵 Hispanic or Latino
- 🟣 White

36 Female
32 Male
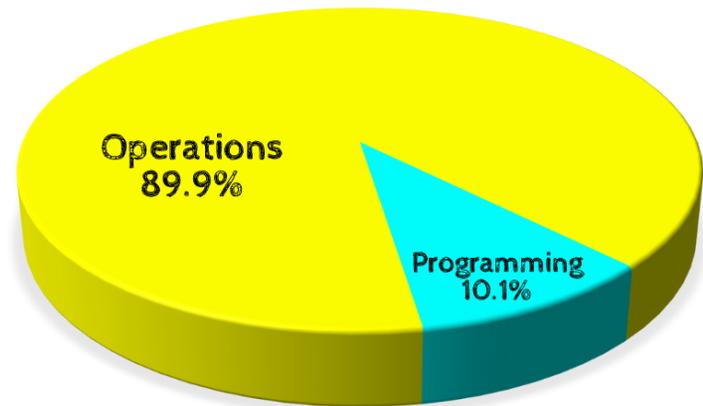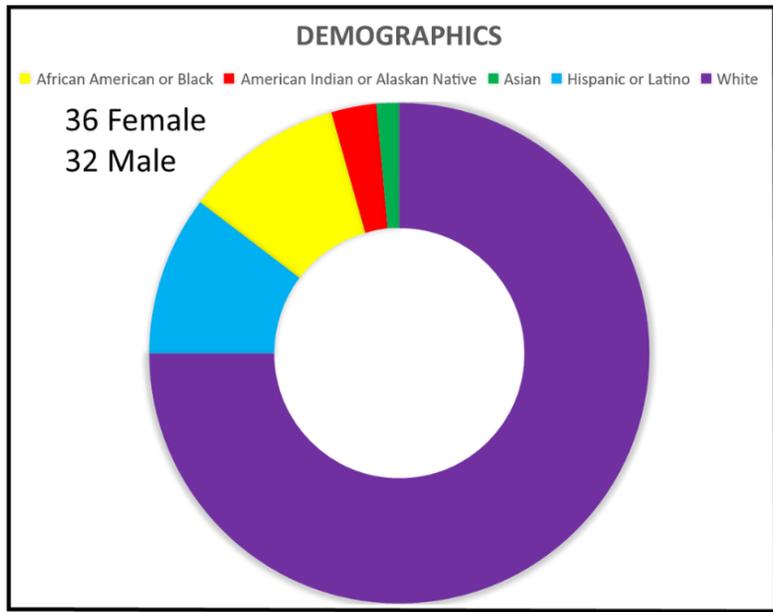
Sixty-eight children in foster care from 38 counties in Kansas walked through the doors of Aahn's Place in 2022. We're thankful to have the opportunity to help teach our children how to take pride in themselves and to help restore hope in each of their lives. The children we serve are boys and girls ages 10-17 and attend the public schools in Wellington.
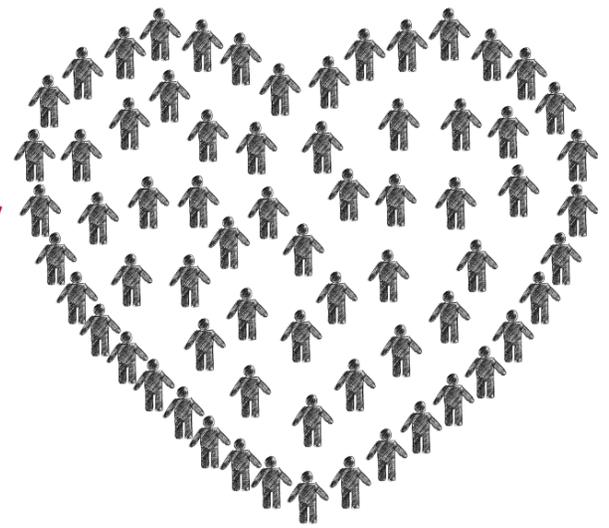
A note from our Director,

Teaching pride and restoring hope is more than just a mission statement to Aahn's Place. To our Qualified Residential Treatment Facility this mission statement is our daily reminder that there is always work to be done. Aahn's Place was founded only five short years ago and the purpose has always been to serve youth in need of treatment services while adding meaningful employment opportunities to the community and surrounding areas.

Aahn's Place is a residential program that offers around the clock supervision and programming to the youth in our care. Our home serves both male and female youth ages 10-17. Community members and other interested parties commonly ask what our daily work consists of and what we accomplish in this treatment facility. The answer is not a simple one. Since we are constantly developing new ways to reach the youth that we serve as well as continually training our dedicated staff on approaches that can best support a youth in need, we are always moving forward.

When youth come into our home, they are viewed as a human. We concentrate on the positive attributes that each youth can bring, and we develop personalized treatment plans that will assist in their needs. The most recent development of programming is the work that is happening in the Independent Living Course. The Independent Living Coordinator involves youth in age-appropriate courses. These courses are broken up into two groups. We offer daily living groups to address younger youth or those youth in need of hygiene assistance, interpersonal skills, and courses that work on basic coping skills. The older youth in the home are entered into independent living courses. These are classes such as cooking class, job preparation, receiving state identification, filling out resumes, searching for colleges, and giving back to the community by offering donated hours. One local business that we commonly donate hours to is the Sumner County Humane Society. Through this collaboration, we can also teach work preparation and employee/employer communication and expectations.

Teaching pride and restoring hope can come in many ways. It is best served when we work on what the youth needs to feel valued, cared for, and safe. We recognize to treat the needs we must address the trauma that each youth has endured. This is accomplished by having an in-house therapist that delivers independent therapy and conducts weekly therapy groups. The work of a treatment facility is never done, and it is a continual balance of nurturing the development of the youth to teach pride and restore hope to their lives.

To all the placement agencies that help us accomplish our work, we could not do it without you. To our friends and families that we have developed through the community in these five years, we thank you for all your donations and help. To local law enforcement, fire/EMS and emergency room staff, you have truly been there for our facility in very important times. We thank each person and organization that has had a hand in our five years of dedication to the youth that pass through these doors.

Please keep cheering us on while we move into our 6th year of work. There is so much more to come…

Electra Knowles
Director of Programming