



PALMER HOME
FOR CHILDREN



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2023 IMPACT REPORT

DEAR FRIENDS,

I am incredibly grateful for another year of growth at Palmer Home! Faithful supporters like you rallied around our mission, and together we were able to serve more than 280 children and families this year.

Across our four service lines we celebrated birthdays, reunifications with family members, foster family placements, adoptions, and graduations. We welcomed 31 new children who are already making strides in their journey at Palmer Home. Our goal is to provide a safe home for children, along with opportunities that allow for physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational transformation. Every step of the way, you were with us, making these opportunities possible with your gifts and prayers.

Our Campus work program continues to evolve, now offering children the opportunity to discover new interests and learn the importance of hard work. Children ready for permanent family placement are beginning a new chapter with the wonderful Foster families we recruit, train, and support. Young adults in our Transitional program are engaged in school, new jobs, and learning to live on their own.

Finally, our ministry to serve incarcerated mothers brought peace and comfort to families navigating the challenges of separation.

As we celebrate 128 years of service, we reflect on the remarkable progress of Palmer Home from a single building orphanage to a multifaceted ministry with four care settings, a dedicated staff, and a national reach. This year alone, we served children from 12 different states. Despite the changes, our mission remains the same: to provide superior care to vulnerable children while introducing the love of God through our service to each individual child. Children, like the recent graduate pictured here, who enrolled in college to pursue his dream of becoming an entrepreneur.

Thank you for being part of this progress and growing with us. We are grateful for God's sovereignty and protection of this mission, and we look forward to serving more children in the years ahead.



Drake Bassett
President & CEO



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MISSION *statement*

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NONPROFIT WITH
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CHILDREN WHILE
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THROUGH OUR
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INDIVIDUAL CHILD.**



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CAMPUS
CARE



FOSTER
CARE



FAMILY
CARE



TRANSITIONAL
CARE

OUR APPROACH TO CARE



Palmer Home provides superior care to children who have been impacted by childhood adversity and trauma. Our trauma informed, holistic, and relationally-centered approach to care, called Whole Child Initiative, is built around four core principles: Whole Story, Whole Child, Whole Team, and Whole Caregiver. Whole Child Initiative seeks to help vulnerable children overcome trauma and thrive in home, school, and community life.



WHOLE STORY

Children's needs are best understood and met in the context of their history and the impact it has on their life. Taking into account their full story allows us to insightfully respond to the effects of early life adversity.



WHOLE CHILD

Children with a history of trauma have unique physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual needs. Each of these must be addressed for the healing process to begin.



WHOLE TEAM

A collaborative team of caregivers, staff, community professionals, and the child's family members come together to develop a trauma responsive plan of care.



WHOLE CAREGIVER

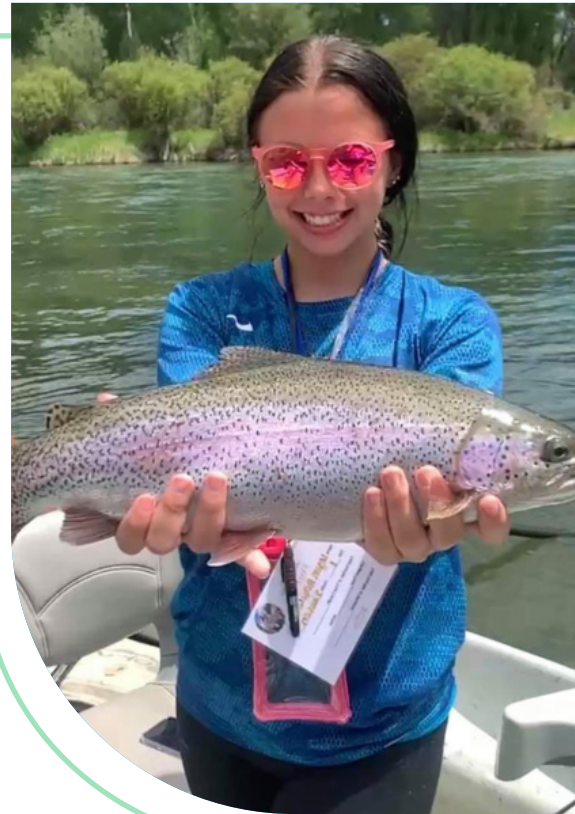
Healthy relationships with children require healthy caregivers. We equip our caregivers with regular training, relevant resources, respite and ongoing support.

Because we believe in equipping the Whole Team, Palmer Home partners with churches, schools and community organizations serving this special population—helping to ensure children experience restorative environments wherever they are.

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TRUST THEIR LIVES
TO JESUS.”**

DRAKE BASSETT
PRESIDENT & CEO





EVERY CHILD *matters.*

OUR TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM PROVIDES YOUNG ADULTS WITH THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AS THEY LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE ADULTHOOD.



EVERY STORY *matters.*

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, OUR TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM ALLOWS YOUNG ADULTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.

2023 *highlights*

286
CHILDREN SERVED

22
REUNIFICATIONS

6
ADOPTIONS

5
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES

7 COLLEGE
STUDENTS

4 YOUNG
ADULTS
SERVING
IN THE
MILITARY

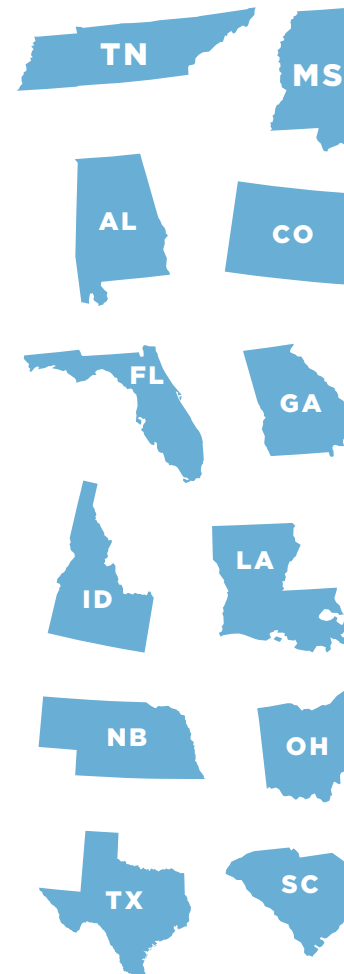
177
TUTORING HOURS

14
SIBLING GROUPS

1025
THERAPY HOURS

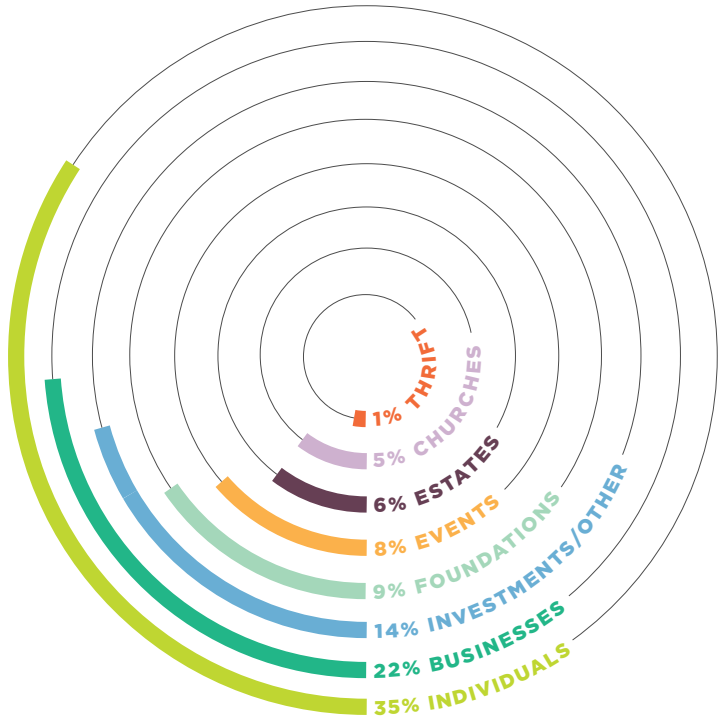
100%
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION RATE

12
STATES SERVED



FUNDING FOR THEIR *future*

CONTRIBUTIONS & INVESTMENTS



PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES



“MY DREAM IS TO BE A SOCIAL WORKER, AND AFTER I GRADUATED FROM NORTHWEST, PALMER HOME HELPED ME FIND A GREAT SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM SO THAT I CAN PURSUE MY DREAM.”

OLIVIA
TRANSITIONAL CARE



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FAMILY CARE: CHANGING A FAMILY'S TRAJECTORY

Behind every number in this report are stories of hope and changed lives. We are especially proud of one of the mothers in our Family Care program, Katie*. Over the past five years, Katie's family has become part of our own.

Like many of the women we serve, Katie was first introduced to Palmer Home Family Care while incarcerated. "I had gotten into some trouble and ended up getting pregnant with twins while I was on the run," says Katie. "I turned myself in, and was sent to prison on Thanksgiving Day." Susan Moffitt, our Director of Family Care, was volunteering at the prison for the holiday, handing out baskets to the women.

"Susan noticed I was pregnant and asked what my plans were for the babies," says Katie. "I told her that I was praying and hoping for the best, but I was super scared. I didn't have anyone to care for them while I was in prison."

"Palmer Home had regular meetings at the prison where we could learn more about the Family Care program," says Katie. "Susan would come visit any time she could. At one of the meetings, she told me she'd found a great family who could care for the twins while I served the remainder of my sentence."

Katie's plan was to partner with the caregiver family, but at the last minute, her sister ended up volunteering to care for the twins after their birth. "After a while, my sister couldn't watch them anymore," says Katie. "Susan was so flexible and understanding. She stepped back in with the original caregiver family from Palmer Home."

"The caregivers were so good about keeping me in touch with my babies. We had video calls once a week and they helped me however they could," Katie says.

At one point, it looked like Katie might be able to be released from prison early. Susan drove two hours to attend Katie's court date, but ultimately the judge ruled that Katie had to do more time. "The caregiver family agreed to keep watching my babies as long as needed," said Katie. "It was a huge relief."

Katie was ultimately released from prison when the twins were eight months old. Our Family Care team helped Katie get a room at Renewal House, a nonprofit that helps women and their children get back on their feet. "The caregivers drove out with the twins, and Susan and case managers from Palmer Home brought me groceries to get us started," says Katie. "It was such a blessing."

Today, Katie's twins – a boy and a girl – are four years old. Katie is enrolled in school, working full-time, and saving money to buy a home for her family. Katie also has a 15-year-old son, who she says was also served by our Family Care staff. "They never excluded him and helped with him however they could," she said.

"I am so appreciative of all the support Palmer Home provided and everything they do. I don't think I would've made it without them."



DR. HUGH FRANCIS, JR. WELLNESS CENTER

In May of 2022, we opened the doors to the heart of our home for the first time. Since its opening, the Dr. Hugh Francis, Jr. Wellness Center has served more than 350 children through academic support, clinical counseling, and medical care. With classrooms, counseling suites, therapy rooms, and recreational areas, the Dr. Hugh Francis, Jr. Wellness Center provides a space for hope and healing in accordance with our Whole Child Initiative.

What the kids have to say:

"It was jaw-dropping when I first walked in. I like the pool and the gym a lot."
LILA, 9

"I like to do art, and I like having a place where I can do more."
JOSIAH, 6

"I am thankful for my teacher and the library."
ARLO, 11



THE HEART OF OUR *home.*



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Welcome NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We were honored to welcome three new board members this year:

- Amy Brown of Hernando is Senior Vice President, Legal Compliance Counsel at Sedgwick in Memphis, a leading global provider of technology-enabled risk, benefits and integrated business solutions. Amy and her family are long-time supporters of Palmer Home's mission and serve as a foster family.

- Tim Edmondson of Vardaman, Mississippi helps lead Edmondson Farms, a diverse family farming operation. The company is an innovator in the production, packaging, sales, and shipment of sweet potatoes, growing and selling more than 100 million pounds of sweet potatoes each year, among other crops. Edmondson Farms has supported Palmer Home and its regional events for years, including Tailgate for Palmer at Mississippi State University and Ole Miss University.

- George Sousoulas of Memphis is Managing Director, Assistant Regional Director, Branch Manager of Stephens, a leading family-owned investment firm. George and his family are long-time supporters of Palmer Home.

“AMY, TIM, AND GEORGE BRING VALUABLE SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO THE PALMER HOME BOARD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE LEADERSHIP AND VISION THEY WILL BRING TO OUR MISSION AS WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND.”



KAREN CARLISLE
BOARD PRESIDENT





“FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PALMER HOME HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS, AND EACH DOLLAR THAT OUR FELLOW MISSISSIPPIS HAVE GIVEN CONTINUES TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN CHILDREN AS THEY FIND THEIR SAFE HAVEN IN PALMER HOME.”

KIM DILLON
PRESIDENT & CEO
SUPERTALK MISSISSIPPI MEDIA

CELEBRATING A DECADE-LONG PARTNERSHIP WITH SUPERTALK MISSISSIPPI



120+
HOURS ON AIR

\$2.4
MILLION RAISED

COUNTLESS
CHILDREN IMPACTED





PALMER HOME FOR CHILDREN
DISCOVERY CAMP 2023

60

DISCOVERY CAMP
PARTICIPANTS

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

Help sustain our mission by becoming a Palmer Home Hero. There is no gift too small. Monthly giving is an easy and consistent way for you to help make lives whole and be a part of a dedicated group that provides a sustainable impact. Visit palmerhome.org/donate to learn more.



BECOME A MENTOR

These powerful, rewarding relationships bring hope for children in our care, impacting their lives for the better. As a mentor, you serve as an extended network of support for a child - sharing in birthday parties, holidays, and church activities; attending events like ball games and recitals; teaching a teen to drive; and so much more.



HOST A FUNDRAISER

Involve your community and get started in your own personal fundraiser! For example, on your birthday, you can ask for donations in lieu of gifts. You can also organize an event with proceeds going to Palmer Home.



PROVIDE RESPITE CARE

Make an impact in the lives of both children and houseparents! Being a Respite Caregiver means providing short-term care (1-3 nights) for children at Palmer Home. Respite Caregivers commit to serving once a month or every other month to ensure they are building relationships with the children they care for and the caregivers they support.

WAYS TO GIVE:

A pledge card and envelope are enclosed. If you wish to donate by check, please complete the card and send your gift today.

If you are interested in legacy gift options or the MS Children's Promise Act, please reach out to development@palmerhome.org.



Simply scan the QR code to give.

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THE IMPACT *continues.*



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