



**HELPING KIDS IN CRISIS.
BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES.**





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AN ORGANIZATION YOU CAN TRUST

-  a safe place where children are welcomed night or day
-  a provider of care for 800 children each day
-  a provider of care for over 2,000 children each year
-  a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

CEDARS has been supporting children, youth and their families for over 70 years and remains committed to helping kids in crisis and building strong families.

CEDARS is accredited through the Council on Accreditation and the National Association for the Education of Young Children. CEDARS is a Charity Navigator Four Star Charity, a Top-Rated Charity with CharityWatch.org, a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity, and a Platinum Seal of Transparency holder from GuideStar.

In the last fiscal year, CEDARS consolidated agencies spent 89% of all expenditures on services for children. Percentages are based on the formula set forth by the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, whose standard recommends at least 65% of an organization's total expenses be spent on program activities.



A NOTE FROM CEDARS PRESIDENT AND CEO

Fred Rogers, host of television's long-running children's program, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," once gave the following advice to his young viewers.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

I am reminded of that advice in my daily encounters with the children, youth and families that CEDARS has the honor of serving. Many of them have experienced scary things, as Mr. Rogers would call them. The details of their stories reflect the complexities of our current world and the direness of their circumstances.

But in those details, I see the helpers. I see the caring CEDARS staff, often going above and beyond to bring therapeutic support to children, youth and families. I see our network of loving foster families who have opened up their hearts and homes to provide

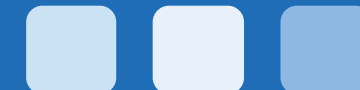
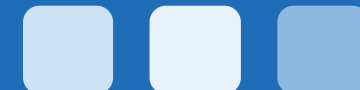
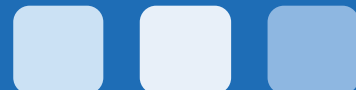
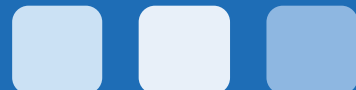


safe, stable environments for children and youth until many of them are able to be reunited with their families. I see our generous community of supporters, community partners, board of directors and board of trustees who believe in the ability of these children, youth and families to overcome the daunting obstacles in their way.

If you are like me, you are passionate about keeping kids safe from abuse, neglect, homelessness and other adverse experiences. It's a joy to see a young person and their family grow stronger together and find success. It's an even greater joy to know that you had a part in making that success possible.

Thank you for being one of the helpers that makes our world less scary for children.

James R. Blue
President and CEO



“LOOK
FOR THE
HELPERS”

CEDARS has been supporting children, youth and their families for over 70 years and remains committed to helping kids in crisis and building strong families.

The world has changed since CEDARS was founded in 1947. In fact, we’re seeing circumstances in our community that are resulting in more and more youth coming through our doors because they have no other safe place to spend the night.

But thanks to the helpers—our caring community of supporters—vital services are available to the most vulnerable in our community. CEDARS walks alongside families every step of the way. With encouragement, guidance and direction we have the honor of seeing lives change.

Here are just a few things that CEDARS and our helpers accomplished in the past fiscal year:



KIDS SERVED
last year, CEDARS served **2,088** kids in our community



EMERGENCY SHELTER
in the last fiscal year, CEDARS provided **4,783** nights of care to **175** kids in the area’s only emergency shelter



OUTREACH
last year, CEDARS made **2,989** contacts to homeless and runaway youth



SAFE PLACE
last year, CEDARS provided **86,725** nights of care to kids who had no other safe place to spend the night



WHO WE ARE & WHO WE HELP

As it was when CEDARS was founded in 1947, our mission is to help children and youth achieve safety, stability and enduring family relationships.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNABLE TO LIVE AT HOME

For those children and youth unable to live at home due to neglect, abuse, homelessness, running away, or other family crises, CEDARS provides safe places to stay that offer structure and support while working to facilitate a successful transition to a permanent living situation.

FAMILIES IN NEED OF RESOURCES, SUPPORT, EDUCATION

Family resources focus on maintaining healthy connections and helping families remain together with services designed to help the entire family. CEDARS also provides children with early and ongoing developmental opportunities in an inclusive, diverse environment to help them become better learners in nationally accredited classrooms.

YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

For youth who are at risk of, or who have committed law violations, CEDARS provides positive development programs to prevent subsequent law violations and prepare them to live successfully in the community. Youth receive support in the areas of education, employment, basic living skills, crisis intervention, and building healthy relationships.





A FAMILY TRANSFORMED

Marlena called CEDARS because she didn't know where else to turn. She felt like her family was spinning out of control. Although she had fond memories of her son Robbie when he was little, now that he was growing up, she felt disconnected from the young man he was becoming.

Marlena received a call from Robbie's wrestling coach. He had become concerned when Robbie started showing up to practice late, and now had missed several practices.

When Robbie returned home that evening, Marlena found herself yelling and making threats when really she wanted to have a calm conversation with her son. This wasn't the parent she wanted to be, and yet for some reason she was falling into patterns that had been modeled for her by her own parents.

Robbie was frustrated because he felt that adults didn't understand him.



Like many teens, Robbie wanted to fit in and have friends. But the friends he chose for company were pressuring him to start hanging out with them after school instead of attending wrestling practices. His friends told him wrestling wasn't cool, and that he'd only fit in with them if he used drugs.

Robbie didn't understand that his so-called friends were negatively impacting his grades, his relationship with his mom, and his ability to pursue the sport he loved.

When Robbie had a run-in with law enforcement, Marlena knew she needed to take action. She had heard about CEDARS and our reputation for helping kids in crisis and building strong families. Marlena gave us a call.

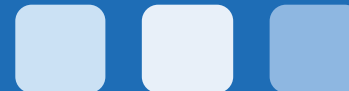
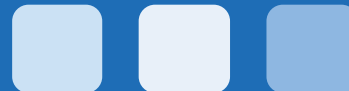
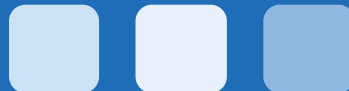
CEDARS came alongside the family with support and guidance. After assessing the family's situation, it was determined that to help repair Marlena and Robbie's relationship, the mother and son should spend some time apart. We welcomed Robbie into our care for a short time, giving the family a "cool down" period.

While in our care, our team of helpers talked with Robbie about the choices he was making and helped him understand how his friends were negatively influencing him. At first he was resistant to this advice. His friends' approval meant a great deal to him. But after thinking through his goals with our CEDARS staff and weighing the advantages and disadvantages of his decisions, Robbie decided to return to wrestling practices, even though it meant losing his friends.

At home, our team of helpers provided Marlena with appropriate parenting tools she needed to be able to better connect with Robbie without losing her cool. Our staff also helped Marlena put together her own network of support she could turn to when she needed an extra hand, or a listening ear.

With resources and supports in place, Robbie returned home. The family had an emotional reunion. Both mother and son told the other how they wanted to improve and be a better person.

As our team of helpers continues to walk alongside Marlena and Robbie, we are confident that the family is on the path to success.



THE HELPERS

The important work of helping kids in crisis and building strong families would not be possible without the generosity of our loyal donors. In addition to financial support, **these caring adults believe in the ability of the children, youth and families in CEDARS care to overcome the many obstacles in their lives.** It's this belief that is transforming lives every day in our community.

CEDARS Home for Children Foundation exists to raise funds in support of CEDARS mission. The Foundation works with donors across the nation to support the thousands of children who receive care from CEDARS each year. The CEDARS Home for Children Foundation is committed to the highest quality stewardship of the gifts of given by its donors.





Our special **Circle of Life** donors of distinction lay the groundwork for future generations by leaving a lasting legacy that will live on in perpetuity. These individuals have planned a gift to ensure that CEDARS will always be here to provide care to children in need.

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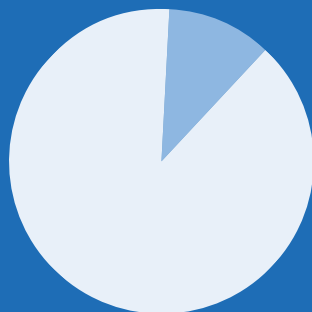
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Expenditures for CEDARS Consolidated

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019



Services for Children 89%
Administrative & Fundraising 11%

CEDARS Consolidated Financial Highlights

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Total Assets	\$ 32,891,749
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,818,167

Total Net Assets	\$ 31,073,582
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REVENUES

Contributions & Support	\$ 1,705,260
Grant & Service Revenue	\$ 9,257,412
Investment Income	\$ 1,316,288

Total Revenues	\$ 12,278,960
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CEDARS Program Expenses

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019

PROGRAM SERVICES

Out of Home & Emergency Services	\$ 5,555,140
Family Resources & Education	\$ 2,051,190
Juvenile Justice	\$ 1,105,522
Evaluation	\$ 148,837
Shared Indirect	\$ 1,664,170

SUPPORT SERVICES

Management & General	\$ 967,806
Fundraising	\$ 383,694

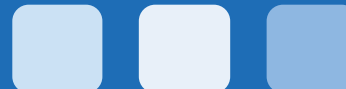
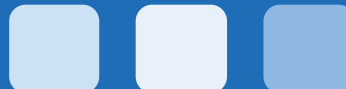
Total Expenses	\$11,876,359
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Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019



Service Revenue 66%
Grant Revenue 21%
Contributions/Support 13%



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