



HOLSTON HOME  
FOR CHILDREN

# 2023-24 Annual Report



**H**olston Home for Children's mission: to provide hope and healing for a brighter future by sharing the love of Jesus with children and families struggling with life's challenges.

# Christian Life at Holston Home

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Baptisms



Worship Services at the Rock



*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:  
to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep  
oneself from being polluted by this world.*

James 1:27 (NIV)

# What Do The Children Say?

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“The best thing about being at Holston is getting to talk to someone and getting to learn new things.” *Skylar*

“At Holston I don’t worry about going hungry and I get the treatment that I need.” *Jordan*

“The best thing about Holston is that people actually care about you.” *Colton*

“Being able to graduate is the best thing about being at River Academy.” *Erica*

“Actually getting the help you need with schooling is the best thing about being at River Academy.” *Justice*

“The best thing about being at River Academy is they push you to have better grades.” *Adrian*

“The best thing about being at Holston is getting to work with the horses and the Adventure Based Counseling program.” *Paden*

“The help of the people here is the best thing about being at Holston Home.” *Dalton*

“The best thing about being at Holston is that they provide therapy and an amazing staff, Katelyn C.” *Zandyn*

“Everyone at Holston was good to me and my family, I made a lot of good memories here.” *Colton S.*

# What Do The Parents Say?

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“The best thing about Holston is the openness and relationship they have built with my child and myself.” *Melania’s father*

“The visits by our staff were very very helpful to my grandson and to me.” *Noah’s grandmother*

“We love our staff, Mark.” *Skylar’s mom*

“The most helpful thing about Holston Home is kindness.” *Braxton’s grandfather*

“The most helpful thing about Holston Home’s services is communication and welcoming, not profiling and judgment.” *Justice’s mom*

“The most helpful thing about Holston Home is that Dalton has done a lot better, he started saying yes ma’am and no ma’am. He is being polite and nice and has started going to church. He even wants to continue to go.” *Dalton’s aunt*

“The most helpful thing about Holston Home is staff informing me about my child’s progress.” *Morgan’s mom*

“Helping my son to mature and see his faults and helping us build a better bond are the most helpful things about Holston Home’s services.” *Alex’s mom*

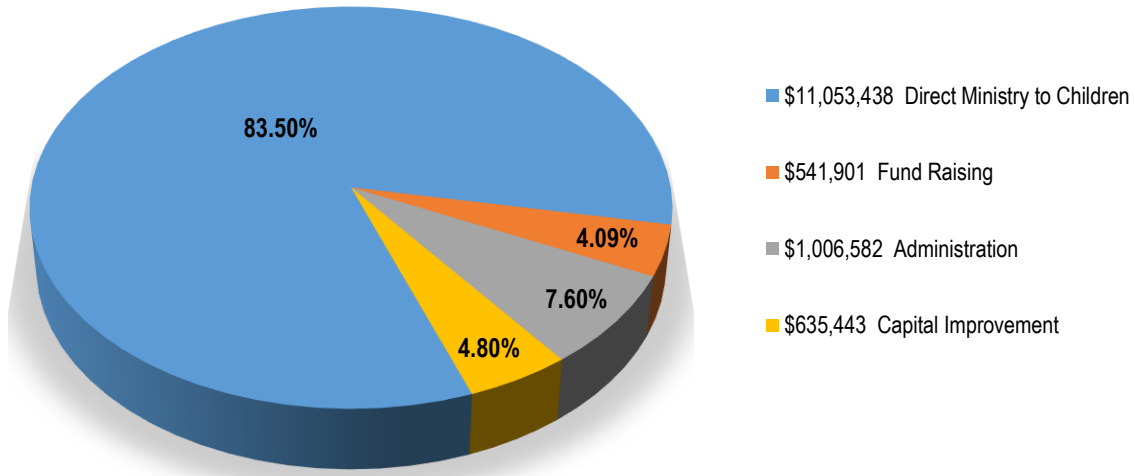
“The most helpful thing about Holston Home’s services is that everyone that we met were open and honest and I knew that my child was safe and being cared for.” *Colton S.’s mom*

“There are not really any improvements needed, Holston has been amazing.” *Thomas’s mom*

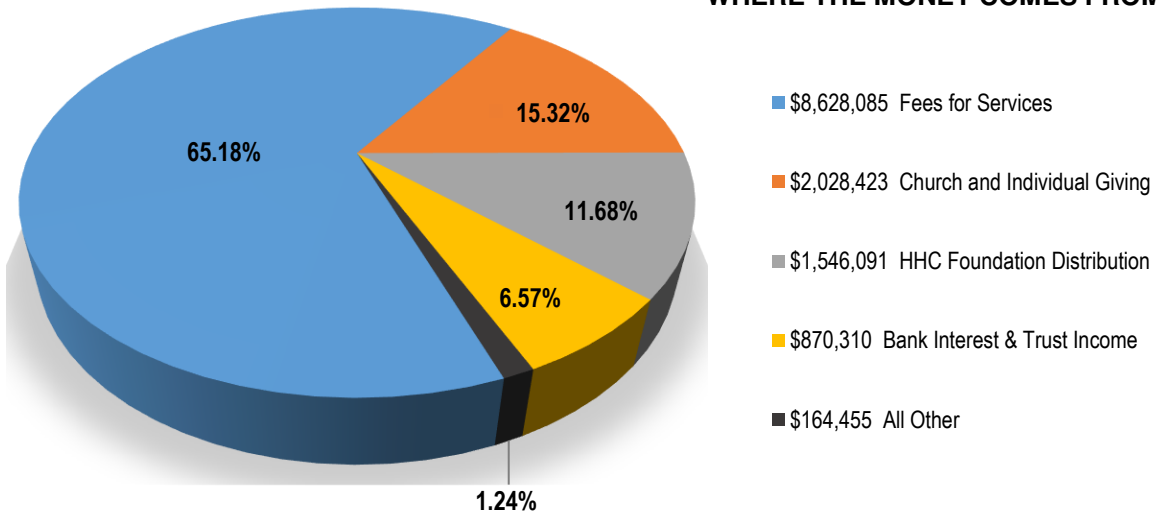
# Financial Report 2023-24

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## WHERE THE MONEY GOES



## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



## SPECIAL GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

From time to time we receive special gifts and bequests for the benefit of Holston Home. These special gifts and bequests are not part of or reported in the operating budget as they are received directly into the Endowment fund. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide funding, in perpetuity, to the Home to ensure the continuance of its mission.

# Our Services

**In 2023–24, our services touched the lives of 494 children in Tennessee & Virginia.**  
The services that Holston Home provided are identified below.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE** is the foundation of all our services. Last year, 64 of our youth made first-time professions of faith and 53 were baptized.

**BRUMIT CENTER** provided preparation for adult living services to 15 youth who were aging out of the foster care system and facing the challenges of adulthood.

**RESIDENTIAL CARE** provided nurture, care, education and treatment for 181 adolescent boys and girls. These centers provide the most intensive services in our continuum of care for youth who may have been abused, may have emotional or behavioral problems, or find themselves struggling with negative influences in their community.

**HOME-TO-STAY PROGRAM**, provided up to four months of family counseling services to successfully reunite 16 children and youth with their families.

**RIVER ACADEMY**, our accredited on-campus school, served 5 special education day students from area school systems and provided education for 193 of the youth in our residential and Brumit programs. During 2023–24, 9 youth earned high school diplomas.

**FOSTER HOMES** provided loving care in a family setting for 92 children and youth. Of

these, 31 children were served through our three Family Service Centers in Tennessee and 61 children were cared for through Southwest Virginia. Another 6 of our foster children were adopted by their foster families.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTERS** served 206 preschool children and infants. Both of our centers received the highest rating of Three-Stars by state licensing entities.

**HOPE & THRIVE ACADEMY** provides educational opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and served 29 students in life skills, computer literacy, job skills, money math and personal finance.

**RECOVERING HEARTS** helped 48 women who struggled with addiction. We saw 2 reunifications of children to mothers along with 10 first-time professions of faith and 5 baptisms.

**“TASTE AND SEE” FOOD TRUCK** ministers to at-risk communities by creating meaningful relationships that allow us to share the gospel while meeting tangible food insecurity needs. Last year, 2,190 children and 1,621 adults were reached.



Residential Care



Hope & Thrive Academy



Recovering Hearts



“Taste and See” Food Truck

**Each of these youth were encouraged to grow as individuals through WORSHIP, EDUCATION, WORK, and RECREATION. These are our Four Cornerstones of Care for all of our services.**



## Our Licensing and Accreditations

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Holston Home operates under the following licenses in Tennessee and Virginia:

- Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (Child-Placing and Child-Caring Agency)
- Tennessee Department of Human Services (Child Day Care)
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient Mental Health Services and Day Treatment)
- Tennessee Department of Education (Private School; General and Special Education)
- Virginia Department of Social Services (Child-Placing Agency)
- Philippines Inter-Country Adoption Board (Adoptions)

These accreditations demonstrate our commitment to best-practice professional standards:

- National Council on Accreditation of Services for Children & Families (COA)
- Hague Accredited (IAAME)
- Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families
- Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)
- GuideStar’s distinction for Transparency
- Charity Navigator’s 100%
- The State’s highest 3-Stars Daycare



*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28 (NIV)