



Children's Harbor envisions a world where it is assured all children grow up and flourish in a safe and nurturing environment.



# Growing *Up* GREAT



Letter from Board Chair

## Sherry Stein



I am pleased to share with you the Children's Harbor's 2014 Fiscal Year Annual Report. This past year has been a year marked with some exciting changes and renewed strategic focus for our Agency.

Our incredibly talented Board of Directors and Executive Management Team performed a strategic and operational review of the Agency. A going forward strategic plan was developed as a result of a tremendous amount of hard work done by all.

At the end of the fiscal year we were excited to bring on board a new CEO, Dr. Elizabeth Wynter, who has a tremendous background in Child Welfare. She brings to Children's Harbor, a depth of expertise, renewed energy and wonderful contacts within the community. We are grateful to have her take over the leadership of our Agency. Shortly after, we

brought in a new development director, Ray Levi, and a new development manager, Suzanne Smith.

Our renewed energy and focus enabled us to extend our programmatic reach and develop further donor contacts and sponsors. This further enabled the Agency to weather the tumultuous Child Welfare funding atmosphere despite the increased need for children in the Child Welfare System. We work toward continuing to exceed our budgetary goals and strengthen the Agency in the coming years while fulfilling the dream of our founder to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children.

We took marked steps toward developing grant opportunities which will enable us to look to new directions of services and transform our Agency into the most effective and well known in the community.

As we look forward to celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2016, we also look back with gratitude to all our friends and supporters who have generously helped fulfill our mission, through the years. Your gifts buoy us through the difficult times and allow us to plan for the future. I invite you to learn more by reviewing the detailed fiscal information included in this Annual Report. If you have ever wondered what difference your gift makes, rest assured, it makes all the difference in the world.

On behalf of Children's Harbor's entire volunteer Board of Directors, thank you for your generous support and continued belief in the mission of our Agency.

With gratitude for your generosity and steadfast friendship,

Sherry Stein  
Chair, Children's Harbor Board of Directors





Letter from President & Chief Executive Officer

**Dr. Elizabeth Wynter**



I was honored to take over the reins at Children's Harbor in May of 2015 and I am excited to continue the great work of the organization, assuring that foster children grow up and flourish in a safe and nurturing environment.

One of my favorite quotes by Margaret Mead "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," speaks to the community's unbridled commitment to this organization. I am truly amazed at the level of support provided by Children's Harbor founders and Board of Directors, the City of Pembroke Pines, local schools, churches, and civic groups, corporate partners, and volunteers.



We will continue to depend on our supporters this year as we focus on stabilizing the organization, streamlining processes, growing the donor base, and diversifying our funding streams. With this in mind, we recently launched the Safe Harbor Society to provide donors with a means of connecting with the organization by sponsoring a child.

As Children's Harbor grows and evolves, we remain committed to our mission of keeping brothers and sisters together, strengthening families, and rebuilding lives. These simple statements come alive on our campus as we see babies take their first steps, a child learning to ride a bike, or a youth graduating from high school. Visitors see that Children's Harbor provides our residents much more than just shelter and support. We give them the love and nurturing that they need and deserve.

Next year, Children's Harbor will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. On behalf of the 250 children who have called Children's Harbor "home" and the thousands of families we have served, thank you for making a difference. Children's Harbor and the children we serve are both "Growing Up Great".

Dr. Elizabeth Wynter  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Children's Harbor

## **Mission Statement**

*To provide a safe harbor and support for at risk children, youth, and families - keeping brothers and sisters together, strengthening families, and rebuilding lives.*





## Board Officers



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# Our Programs



**Siblings** Every day children are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and abandonment. 95% of these children are part of a sibling group and sadly, close to 50% of them will be separated from their siblings when they enter foster care. Children's Harbor keeps brothers and sisters together by providing homes for siblings, aged 6 to 17. Over the past 10

years, more than 250 sibling have called Children's Harbor "home". Using a house parent model with onsite therapists and a life coach, we help these children heal from their trauma and succeed in school.

## Sara & Todd's Story

I was born with cerebral palsy. My mother and father were high school sweethearts but when my father left my mother started drinking. By age 6, I was left alone to care for my 2 year old brother. I had to have several surgeries on my back and legs during that time. My mother was drinking so much that she could not help me and I remember thinking "I have to get out of this wheelchair and walk again because I have to take care of Todd." I tried to hold things together but one day it just got to be too much. My teacher asked me why I was crying. And even though I said I wasn't crying, tears were coming down my face. I told her about my life and that night, the police took me and my brother away from the house. Coming to Children's Harbor was such a relief. I know my brother is safe and I am safe, and we have people who care about us and I don't have to be the parent. I love it here.

**Maternity** Teens in foster care have higher rates of pregnancy and childbearing than do their same age peers. Children's Harbor has provided 60 teen mothers a safe haven to learn how to care for their babies. Residential assistants, therapists, and a life coach works with these teens, teaching parenting and independent living skills, getting them re-engaged in school, and on the road to rebuilding their lives.

## Takisha's Story

I was a good kid, I got good grades, kept the house clean and cooked for the family but no matter what I did, my mother did not love me. One night, she dragged me out of bed because there were dirty dishes in the sink. She beat me and threatened to bury me in the backyard. I ran away the next day, I was 14 years old, homeless and scared. I ended up hanging out with a bad crowd and did drugs to make me feel better. At age 16, when I found out I was pregnant I reached out to my mom for help. She told me to get lost. Coming to Children's Harbor has been an answer to my prayers. Everyone is so nice and they have taught me how to be a good mother. It still hurts that my mother doesn't want to be in my life or know her granddaughter, but I am giving my daughter the love that I never got. I am completing my GED and working part time to make a better life for us when we leave Children's Harbor.



**Family Strengthening** Children and families across our community struggle with family conflict and stress. Children's Harbor offers in-home counseling services to families in Broward County. More than 3,800 families have been provided evidence-based interventions to help improve family relationships, communication, and parenting skills.

## Anthony's Story

Anthony, a 17 year old, was very angry, chronically truant and failing his classes. He had been kicked off the football team. His parents felt overwhelmed by his attitude and behavior at home and at school. The school referred him and his family for in home counseling. By working with our therapist and learning skills from the Nurturing Parenting curriculum, he and his parents were able to rebuild a trusting relationship and to work through the issues together. Anthony is now a straight "A" student and is back on the football team.





## December 2014

Winterfest



## January 2015

Sea What a Difference  
You Make Luncheon



## April 2015

Maxi's Playground  
Ribbon Cutting  
Ceremony



# Activities & Events



**March 2015**

Mardi Gras  
Harbor of  
Lights Gala



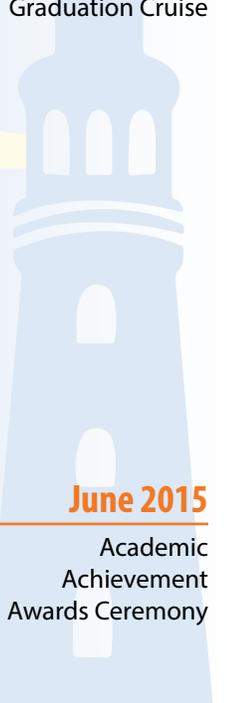
**June 2015**

Bottom Line  
Graduation Cruise



**June 2015**

Academic  
Achievement  
Awards Ceremony





# Beacon Award Winners



Each year Children’s Harbor presents the Beacon Award to corporate and individual supporters who have helped us shine a light of hope for children in the foster care system.

**Bill Mahoney** Bill Mahoney dreamed of a place where brothers and sisters in foster care could grow up together. With dream in mind and Bill’s ability to engage community partners and entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Mahoney, President of Mahoney and Associates, founded Children’s Harbor in 1996. Mr. Mahoney

was the founding chair and continues to serve on Children’s Harbor Advisory Board. Mr. Mahoney was named the 2013 Inaugural Beacon Award Winner for his long standing efforts to improve the lives of children who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected. He is truly an inspiration to everyone who seeks to make a difference.

**Per-Olof Loof** was named the 2014 Individual Beacon Award Winner. Mr. Loof, Chief Executive Officer and Director of KEMET Electronics Corporation, became a Children’s Harbor Board Member in 2001 and served as Chair from 2002-2004. His commitment to the work of the organization has remained constant over the past 15 years. Mr. Loof now serves as the Chair of Children’s Harbor Advisory Board. He has remained a strong supporter and has shown outstanding dedication to foster children in need.

**Holland & Knight** was named the 2014 Corporate Partner Beacon Award Winner. Holland & Knight has a long tradition of public service and are incredibly supportive of children’s services in our community. It began in 1998 when Marty Alexander joined the Children’s Harbor Board of Directors. Over the years, Holland & Knight has provided pro-bono legal counsel, sponsorships, and organized on-site events, back to school and toy drives for the children. In 2012, Children’s Harbor welcomed Tammy Knight, a second attorney from the firm onto our Board of Directors. This past year’s Holland & Knight “Day of Service” succeeded in beautifying our grounds and providing a day of fun for our kids. For these reasons and many more, Holland & Knight was recognized as a beacon of hope for children in foster care.



# Safe Harbor Society



## Safe Harbor Society Members

**HOME Member**  
Hein Onkenhout

**HOPE Member**  
Karla Nickell  
Elizabeth Wynter

**HELP Member**  
Ray Levi  
Debra Lage  
Greg Purdy

The Safe Harbor Society, an annual giving campaign, was launched to ensure that foster care children who come to Children’s Harbor for a “safe” place to call home during a turbulent time in their young lives, have what they need to grow up great. Over the past 10 years, Children’s Harbor has “raised” 250 children but with thousands of children entering the foster care system each year in Broward County the need is greater than ever.

Safe Harbor Society members help us close the gap in funding by sponsoring a child, sibling group, or home for a month or a year. Thanks to their contributions, ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 annually, we give children who have been abused and neglected hope for a brighter future. Throughout the year, members enjoyed networking mixers and the chance to see their donations making a difference in the life of a child.



Hear what our members had to say:

*“The Safe Harbor Society means that children in foster care can have the same opportunities for a better life that other children have. I know I am making a difference.” - Debra Lage*

*“The name says it all: as a member of the Safe Harbor Society your money is put to excellent use: to keep our children safe and together as a family” – Hein Onkenhout*

For information on becoming a Safe Harbor Society Member; please contact Children’s Harbor Director of Development, Ray Levi at 954-252-3072 x210 or rlevi@childrensharbor.org.

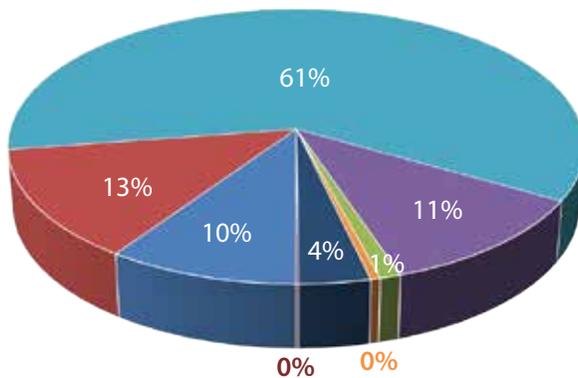
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July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015



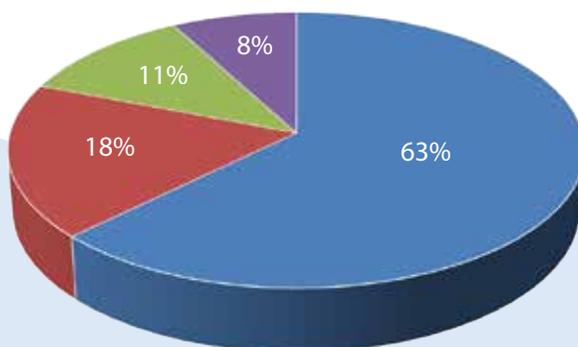
## Revenue

■ Fundraising Events	\$227,342	10%
■ Contributions and Grants	\$311,008	13%
■ Contract Revenue	\$1,443,082	61%
■ Donated Facilities	\$273,913	11%
■ In-Kind Contributions	\$25,000	1%
■ Interest Income	\$11,247	0%
■ Medicaid Income	\$84,190	4%
■ Other Income	\$2,920	0%
Net Assets released from Restriction		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,378,702</b>	



## Expenses

■ Program Services-Residential	\$1,548,928	63%
■ Program Services-Family Strengthening	\$448,933	18%
■ Support Services-Management and General	\$277,628	11%
■ Fundraising	\$195,001	8%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,470,490</b>	





# Thank you to our Supporters

## Priceless

City of Pembroke Pines  
Bill Mahoney and Mahoney Associates

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We truly apologize for any errors or omissions. Please email [rlevi@childrensharbor.org](mailto:rlevi@childrensharbor.org) so we may correct any error in our next issue.

**Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts for your love and support of the children of Children's Harbor**



# Children's Harbor Impact:

250 foster care children given a loving place to call home.  
60 teen mothers given a safe haven to raise their babies.  
3,800 children and families provided in-home counseling.



## Our Kids

At Children's Harbor we care for children from birth to age 18; from infants born to teen mothers to teens aging out of the foster care system. All of our kids have seen things that a child should never see and all of their stories are heart wrenching. But thanks to Children's Harbor, they have a place to heal and be kids again.

## Our Dream

Children's Harbor demonstrates the power of fulfilling a dream. One man's dream combined with a caring community has impacted the lives of hundreds of children. Our dream is that **YOU** will get involved in making a difference for children in the foster care system. That **YOU** will know the feeling of joy that comes from making one child's life better. Together we can ensure that children in our community grow up great.

For more information on how you can help please call Ray Levi at 954-252-3072 ext 210.

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**Harbor Lights Gala**

Saturday, March 26, 2016, 6:00 pm  
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