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here's an African Proverb that states, "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Together, this year The Village Network went far. Together, we provided care for more than 7,500 clients in our foster care, residential and outpatient programs across the state of Ohio and in West Virginia. Together, we built new partnerships and found new ways to create brighter futures.

In the following pages, we invite you to reflect with us on our 2019 milestones and celebrate the people, programs and projects that contributed to a more than memorable year.

#### Highlights include:

- Developing a new Transitional Living Program for youth about to age out of the foster care system and helping them learn work and life skills through a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Wayne & Holmes Counties.
- Creating a new partnership with the Wayne Center for the arts to enhance the art therapy program and give the youth we serve expanded opportunities, including participation in "The Art of Hope" art therapy exhibit.
- Selecting LEAP as a new partner for education services at the Wooster Residential Campus
  to ensure the youth suffering from higher levels of trauma have a more specialized academic
  environment.
- Collaborating with child service agencies throughout the state to help over 70 boys and girls
  who are in psychological and emotional crisis by providing them with immediate interventions
  and crisis care at our new Therapeutic Stabilization Center.
- Continuing to partner with 80 schools throughout the states of Ohio and West Virginia to help with their students' mental health needs.
- Advancing the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics and the Collaborative Problem Solving approach through education and training sessions provided to clinicians and staff across the state.

While we accomplished much, our ability to go far is nothing new. We've been working with others to improve treatment and compassionately support the behavioral, physical and emotional health of children and families since 1946.

Our success begins with you, and we can't thank you enough for your continued dedication to empowering youth and families to build brighter futures. Together, we'll continue to go far.

Warm Regards,



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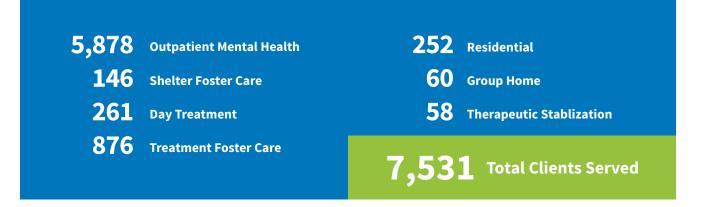
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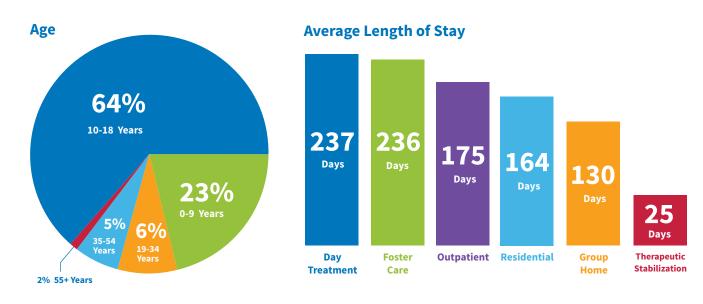


# WE SERVE YOUTH AND FAMILIES

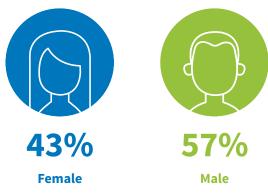
At The Village Network, we believe that every child and young adult deserves to be loved and nurtured in order to live a healthy, meaningful and positive life. Since 1946, we've been providing compassionate treatment to support the behavioral, physical and emotional health of children and their families. We accomplish this by providing outpatient behavioral health services, residential treatment, and treatment foster care programs throughout our locations in Ohio and West Virginia.

#### **Number of Clients Served**

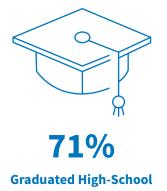




#### Gender



#### Graduation



National Average = 65%1

#### Race

63% White 28% African American 9% Other

# WE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES



Parker meets with Kiersten Cassella in the library at Toronto Junior and Senior High Scho

## Parker Makes The Grade: Integrative Team Helps Autistic Student Find Success

For many students, the short walk from J.T. Karaffa Elementary School to Toronto Junior and Senior High School might be a routine matter, but it seemed like an insurmountable journey to Parker Williamson. At the beginning of the school year, Parker was transitioning from fifth to sixth grade, which meant that he would need to get accustomed to walking between the two buildings on the Toronto, Ohio campus and get accustomed to having classes in a different facility, not an easy feat for someone with an autism diagnosis who thrives on structure and routine.

But, with support from The Village Network therapists, Parker was able to participate in a summer program and was able to visit his new school just about every day to help him prepare.

When Parker returned to school in the fall, he said the transition wasn't very hard at all, thanks to his hard work and the help of therapists from The Village Network.

#### Positive Pathways to Adulthood: Transitional Living Partners With Goodwill Industries

The Village Network's new Transitional Living Program for youth about to age out of the foster care system focuses on integrating youth into the community. It teaches them work and life skills, while also addressing their behavioral mental health needs through clinical counseling.

Through a partnership with Goodwill Industries of Wayne & Holmes Counties, the youth are learning valuable skills such as budgeting, time management and interviewing. The program is already producing positive results, with youth like Elden, who enthusiastically took many of the courses, working



Elden works with Brett Kerr, Contracts Director at the Goodwill Factory in Wooste

part-time in the Goodwill "factory," where he assembled various small projects for local manufacturers. He was later accepted to Hocking College with plans to major in music management.

"I was inspired to go to college by my mom," says Elden.
"I'm excited to be bettering myself and learning more life skills."

Elden and others like him are successfully transitioning from the program to college and finding jobs through the Goodwill partnership. They also leave The Village Network more balanced and able to deal with life stressors and emotional struggles.



#### Therapeutic Stabilization Center Serves As Turning Point In Youth's Treatment

After "Cody" struggled with suicidal ideations, tried to elude staff supervision, and made numerous attempts to leave the Wooster Residential Campus, The Village Network's clinical team decided to elevate his level of care and place him in the Therapeutic Stabilization Center (TSC).

Upon arrival, Cody tried to fight his peers and leave the building. Our TSC team began working very closely with Cody to build a relationship with him and gain his trust. Eventually, Cody shared that he wanted to leave campus so he could get high, and when he could not do that he felt trapped, and the only way out was to kill himself. That feeling of hopelessness and desperation was driving his dangerous behaviors.

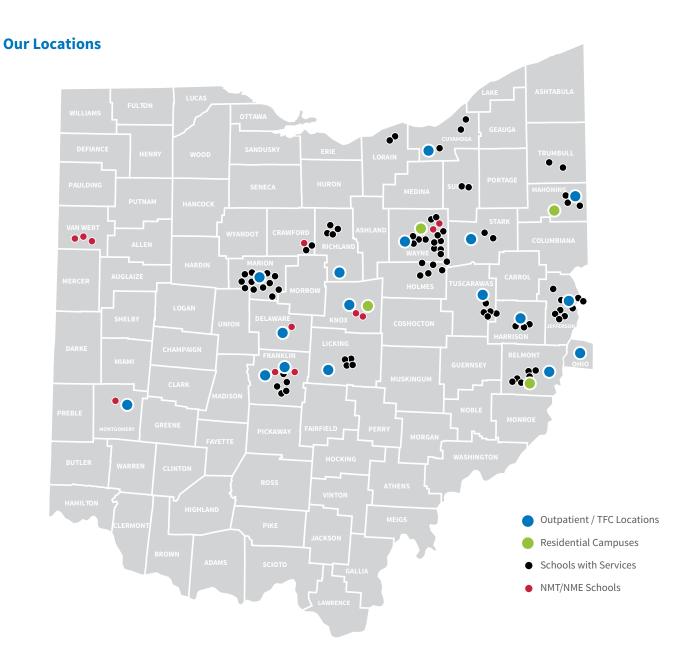
After a couple weeks, Cody really began engaging more with his peers and staff. He said he felt less anxious and was willing to try some medication adjustments. This was not easy for him, but he began to work through the changes with support. After some more time, he was laughing and joking with the kids and staff and even showing some leadership among his peers. His relationship with his mother began to improve and it was evident that Cody's success was going to occur with the close support of his mother.

The team worked with his home county to find a group home placement closer to home so his healing could continue and family therapy could happen more frequently. Cody was excited but nervous to leave the TSC. He left in good spirits, ready to move forward and focus on his sobriety and goals he had set for his future.



As our core values state, we believe quality programs are developed through partnerships with the community. That's why we are always looking to expand, improve upon and build new partnerships within the communities we serve.

We are also fortunate to have partnerships with more than 90 schools throughout the states of Ohio and West Virginia. Our goal is to collaborate with each school to improve their student's overall mental health and behavioral functioning. We accomplish this with a variety of tools and program options, from onsite clinical therapists and after-school programming to self-contained classrooms and summer camps to help maintain progress built throughout the school year. Ultimately, our goal is to improve students' functioning not only in school, but also in the community and at home.



#### The Village Network Opens The Therapeutic Stabilization Center

Partnerships were the cornerstone of our success in building the new Therapeutic Stabilization Center, a 24/7 facility to care for youth who are experiencing a severe crisis, which officially opened at the end of 2018. Since that time, The Village Network has collaborated with child service agencies throughout the state to help over 58 boys and girls

who are in psychological and emotional crisis by providing them with immediate interventions and crisis care at the center.

The 16-bed coed center helps youth step down from a more-restrictive level of care. Services provided on-site include: psychological evaluations, health screenings, NMT brain mapping, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy and case management services.



TVN staff state government officials and donors cut the ribbon to open the TSC facility last fall

#### **Putting The 'art' In Partner**

As The Village Network aims to help each youth we serve heal by treating their body, mind and spirit, we incorporate a variety of modalities in addition to the traditional mental health treatments and services,



Youth art by Lindsey, age 12

To enhance the variety of artistic options for youth to express

including art,

music therapy.

equine and

themselves, release trauma and communicate emotions, The Village Network was thrilled to work with the Wayne Center for the Arts to create a new partnership. Not only does the partnership enrich the existing art therapy program, it also provides the youth we serve expanded opportunities, including participation in "The Art of Hope" art therapy exhibit at the Wayne Center for the Arts.

# **Improving Education Services By Leaps & Bounds**

This spring, The Village Network selected LEAP as a new partner for education services at the Wooster Residential Campus to ensure the youth suffering from higher levels of trauma have a more specialized academic environment.

After a long term
partnership with our
previous service provider,
Wooster City Schools, an
amicable decision was
made to move to a more
specialized program due



to a higher level of care required by the youth.

"We are extremely grateful to Wooster City Schools and their staff members' for more than 20 years of service to our youth," said Richard Graziano, CEO of The Village Network. "Moving forward, I am excited to see how LEAP's innovative and specialized education instruction positively impacts our youth."

# WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

At The Village Network we have a long history of excellent financial stewardship and accountability.

By being excellent stewards of every dollar we receive, we can continue our important work of helping youth to rise above adverse childhood experiences and lead healthy, positive lives. It also enables us to reach more youth where our care is needed and invest in the types of treatments youth and families need.

It's this stewardship, commitment to innovation and passion for serving the mental health needs of youth that attracted Jeff and Suzanne Souers to The Village Network to establish the *Zach Souers Giving Hope Fund* in honor of the Souer's late son, Zach. The fund provides access for youth and families without the ability to pay to receive the behavioral health treatment they need.



Advancing Mental Health Care for Youth & Families



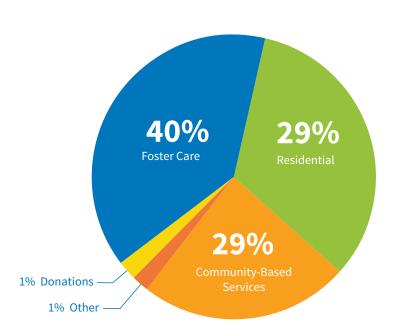
Through a year long campaign,
The Village Network successfully
increased the Zach Souers Giving
Hope Fund to more than three
times the size of the original gift.
This new vehicle will continue to
be a giving option for anyone to
support youth and families with
limited or no access to behavioral
healthcare. Learn more about
Zach's story and how you can give
by visiting:

thevillagenetwork.org/givinghope

### The Village Network & The Village Network Foundation Audited Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

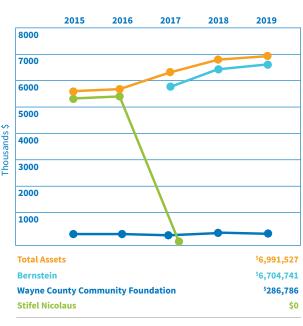
Total Liabilities & Net Assets  Current Ratio	\$32,612,083 4.08	\$34,272,4 3.
Net Assets	29,674,548	27,624,8
Long-term debt, less current portion	475,000	3,339,9
Current Liabilities	2,462,535	3,307,
Total Assets	<sup>\$</sup> 32,612,083	\$34,272,4
Other Assets	1,774,916	1,379,4
Property & Equipment	14,044,283	13,699,2
Investments	6,704,741	6,666,
Current Assets	\$10,088,143	\$12,527,2
	2019	20

# The Village Network Revenue & Donations FY 2019



\$44,356,637

# The Village Network Foundation Investments



The Village Network Foundation assets are invested in Wayne County Community Foundation and Bernstein. All assets were transferred from Stifel Nicolaus to Bernstein in late 2017 following an RFQ process conducted by Trustees. Net return for 2019 was 4.3%.



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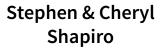






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Your donations of time, talent and treasure made 2019 a year of great success for The Village Network. Thanks to you, our team is equipped to reach at-risk youth in timely and innovative ways. Together, you donated hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless hours to create the best possible futures for our youth and their families. We look forward to working with you again.

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To work in partnerships that will empower youth and their families to build brighter futures.

#### **Our Vision**

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The Village Network is nationally recognized as a quality care provider, licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, accredited by the Council of Accreditation and is a flagship partner with the Neurosequential Network.



