



2016 NAZARETH HOME GRATITUDE REPORT

YOU ARE THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Dear Friends,

We are honored to celebrate you — our donors, volunteers, partners — for your kindness and generosity to our children. Because of you, medically-fragile babies and toddlers have a chance at a healthy, full life even though the odds are stacked against them. During the last 24 years, 196 children received warm, loving care and a stable foundation at Nazareth Home.

Our children come to us with severe trauma, drug exposure, fetal alcohol syndrome, or other medical challenges requiring a level of care not available in a traditional foster home. Your financial support and the tender care of faithful, loving staff and volunteers, provide a nurturing home for God's precious babies.

You are a very important piece of the puzzle. Without you, we are incomplete. That's how vital you are. Thank you for giving these beautiful children a great start to an amazing life.

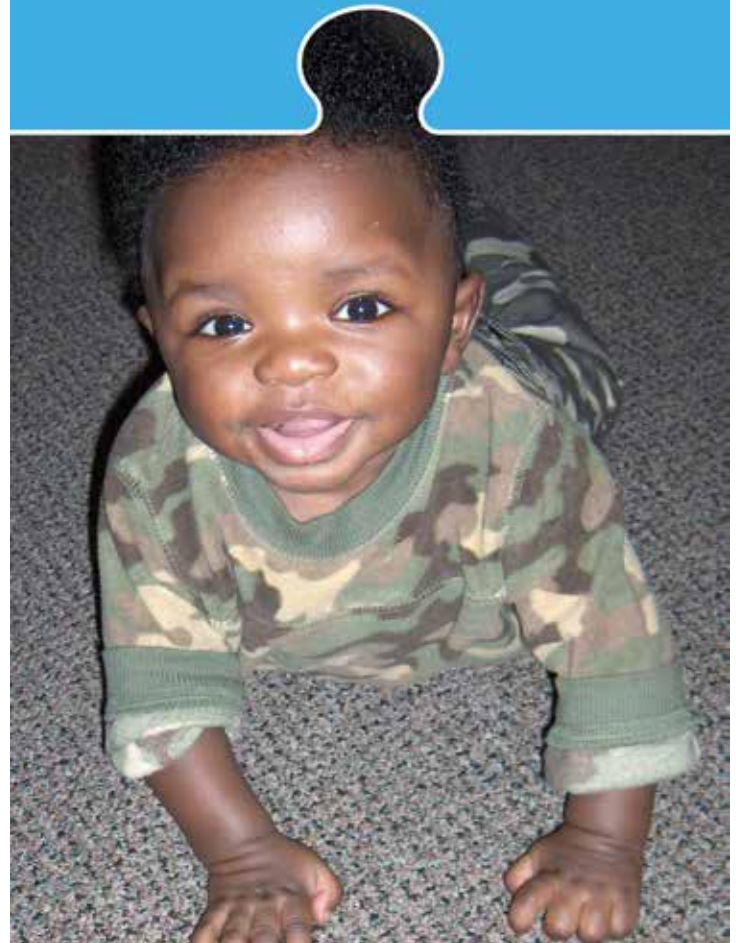
With deep gratitude,

Jean Bowman

Jean Bowman
Director

Ernestine Edwards

Ernestine Edwards
Foster Mother



THANK YOU.

NAZARETH HOME STORIES

WE NEED EACH OTHER. KAY MANUFACTURING CO. DEMONSTRATES COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

During his first visit to Nazareth Home, Brian Pelke, CEO of Kay Manufacturing Co., was touched by how hard it must be for the staff and volunteers to say goodbye to a child that they have cared for. “Obviously, the work is hard,” he says, “but the bond and the love that is built as these people care for these children must make it extremely hard to say goodbye.”

Brian values family—his wife Faith, their 17-year-old son Christian, and eight-year-old daughter Hope, as well as his “work” family. Kay Manufacturing Co., founded as a father-son machine shop over 65 years ago, has stayed in the Pelke family ever since. With a 96,000 square-foot facility in Calumet City, IL, Kay recently expanded into St. Joseph Township, Michigan. The expansion created 80 new local jobs, staying true to their American roots by continuing to invest in the growth and success of Midwest industry. About his family, Brian says, “we are close-knit and enjoy spending the weekends together visiting western Michigan.” To keep his work family also close-knit, Kay offers all em-

ployees ownership in the company.

Brian first learned of Nazareth Home through the wife of a friend that he worked with for many years. “She had been a volunteer at Nazareth Home and shared with me some of her experiences in serving at Nazareth Home,” says Brian. Since that time, Brian, through his business, has supported Nazareth Home financially and in 2016, became a monthly donor. “We simply wanted to build the children at Nazareth Home into our budget. We want our giving to be amongst all of our other commitments.” Brian adds, “We view the community as an important stakeholder in Kay Manufacturing Co. It is important that we contribute to strengthen the community through the giving of our time, guidance and finances. We need each other.”

Brian suggests that a potential donor “start with a visit and meet the children. The financial support is easy. Those that give of their time and of themselves—they are doing the hard work. They are a blessing.”

CHILDREN ARE LIKE KITES MARIE CHANALL SMITH | VOLUNTEER AND DONOR

“About four years ago, I began volunteering at Nazareth Home,” says Marie Smith. “I’m a member of First Presbyterian Church in Highland and my long time pastor, Rev. Dr. Leroy Fassett, was the first person to mention his volunteer work at Nazareth Home. It sounded like such fun interacting with children from birth to preschool age. His enthusiasm was contagious.” Marie continues, “another member of our church, Linda Skaggs, a long-time Nazareth Home volunteer who recently ‘retired’ from

volunteering also talked about the joys of volunteering there.” Having taught kindergarten for 25 years, Nazareth Home was a wonderful fit for her experience.

Marie loved her teaching career and is very proud that she received the “teacher of the year” award from Lake Central in 1995. “I like to think that I did a little good in the world in having so many children in their first actual year in public school and hopefully making it a pleasant one and a good start to the rest of their years in school,” says Marie.





Marie grew up just five blocks from Nazareth Home and has lived in Lake County most of her life. She attended Indiana University (IU), Bloomington, where she earned a degree in elementary education, and obtained her master's degree in elementary education from Roosevelt University in Chicago. While at IU, Marie met her future husband, Sam Smith, and they married in 1959. Marie and Sam adopted two children, Todd in 1968 and Cara in 1971, both at one week of age. Marie and Sam were married for 49 years when Sam passed away in 2008.

After retiring and losing her husband, Marie began volunteering at Community Hospital and joined several women's groups and the Highland Kiwanis Club. She is also a member of a stock club with ladies who wanted to learn more about investing, a book club and even a movie club. "In the summer, I belong to two ladies' golf leagues and enjoy some flower gardening. I love to read and never am without a book. I keep plenty busy!" says Marie.

Regarding her volunteer work at Nazareth Home, Marie says, "Some of the children just touch your heart upon your first meeting with them. Through the several years I've been volunteering,

I've had special attachments to several children. I've had to learn to let them go when they leave, hopefully to a better life than they would have had without Nazareth Home's intervention. You get very attached to children even when you just see them once a week and it does tug on your heart strings when they go. I once had a poem in my classroom entitled 'Children are like Kites' which I loved as it described exactly how a teacher, parent, or volunteer feels when their children move on in their lives."

In addition to being a wonderful volunteer, Marie is also a very generous donor. "I've been very fortunate in my life and now in my later years, I've discovered the joy of giving to special charities, something I wasn't able to do as fully when I was younger. I like to choose charities which I have researched and I am particularly interested in giving to causes which affect the lives of children. It is especially fulfilling to me to give to an organization where I can see first-hand where my donation is going," says Marie. "When I give to Nazareth Home, I see where my financial help is going. The staff I've come to know these past few years are all so loving and caring, and I'm so very happy to be able to have a small part in supporting the continuation of their good works."

"LISA PIZZA" DELIVERS SMILES **LISA GOLDSMITH | VOLUNTEER**

"Back around 2010, when my daughter was about to begin nursing school, I asked some friends if they knew of anywhere that she could do volunteer work. That is when I first learned of Nazareth Home, and decided to get additional information for myself. I was told that they prefer to have individuals that can make a long-term weekly commitment, which was not something that my daughter's schedule would permit. However, I knew that it was something that I would enjoy being a part of."

And since that time, Lisa has been one of our dedicated volunteers. She absolutely loves babies and now that her youngest son has left for college, she is happy to have Nazareth Home as her local family.

"First, I was so touched to see what a home-like setting had been created for these children," says Lisa. "I fell in love

with each and every child. There is no happier feeling than walking in the front door, and having a baby or a toddler happy to see me and wanting me to pick them up. I know that the children at Nazareth Home are all from various backgrounds and there for various reasons, but each and every one of them gets special attention and love."

Nazareth Home director, Jean Bowman, says, "Lisa is very dedicated, giving and caring. She is very engaged with the children. She loves to get on the floor and play with them, or go out in the backyard and have fun. You can tell she truly loves each and every one."

After volunteering at Nazareth Home for a few months, Lisa realized how many responsibilities the staff have, and wanted to do something that both they and the children would enjoy.

“I can vividly remember how excited my children would be when we had special treats, like pizza for dinner,” says Lisa. “So one week I asked if it would be okay for me to bring some pizza to Nazareth Home, and wow, what a reaction from the kids!” Lisa says that everyone had great big smiles and the pizza was gobbled up quickly. “When I got home that night,” Lisa says, “I spoke to my husband, Bill, and told him how happy it made the kids. His immediate response was ‘You have to do it every week then!’” And so she does. Now she’s known as Lisa Pizza. “As you might imagine,” Lisa adds, “it really touched me to bring the children this excitement.”

“The children just love Lisa,” says Ernestine Edwards, foster mother. “We are blessed to have her as one of our dedicated volunteers.”

Lisa says that each one of the children currently at Nazareth Home, and the ones that have moved on to forever families,

‘UNSUNG HEROES’ HELP CHILDREN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL NAZARETH HOME DONORS MAKE SPECIALIZED CARE POSSIBLE

Lexi came to Nazareth Home in 2013 when she was just five days old. Due to medical challenges, she needed the extra care and attention that Nazareth Home staff are trained to provide. Her adoptive parents, Kimberly and Paul Hendricks, met Lexi ten months later.

“Having Lexi has changed our lives forever, and we are eternally grateful for this blessing,” says Kimberly. “She gives us a new perspective, and we are so thankful to Nazareth Home for its commitment to offering the most wonderful care for these beautiful children. The warmth and love they put into these children’s lives is amazing... and the donors are the ‘unsung heroes.’”

Generous donors like you provide the financial resources to offer specialized medical care for babies in the foster system. Infants with birth defects, exposure to drugs in utero, fetal alcohol syndrome, or trauma from physical or sexual abuse come to Nazareth Home because they have nowhere else to go.

“Lexi has a genetic condition that caused developmental delays,” says Kim-

berly. “Each one creates a lasting impression and a kind memory for me.”

“If you love children and are able to help them in any manner, whether financially or as a volunteer, then you can help make a difference in their lives,” says Lisa. “It is truly magical to see how grateful these kids are when receiving a new toy or new clothes!” Lisa adds, “Nazareth Home is not an entity where your money would be wasted. Your donation is used to raise a child.”

Lisa feels that Nazareth Home has truly affected her life. A piece of her heart stays with the children that are there now and in the past few years. “Each volunteer touches their lives in different ways and, in turn, the children all have an effect on our lives.”

berly. “She did not walk until she was 28 months old, and she still wears braces to support her legs and ankles. She has some cognitive delays, but she is in physical, occupational, aqua, and speech therapy to help strengthen her body and vocabulary.”

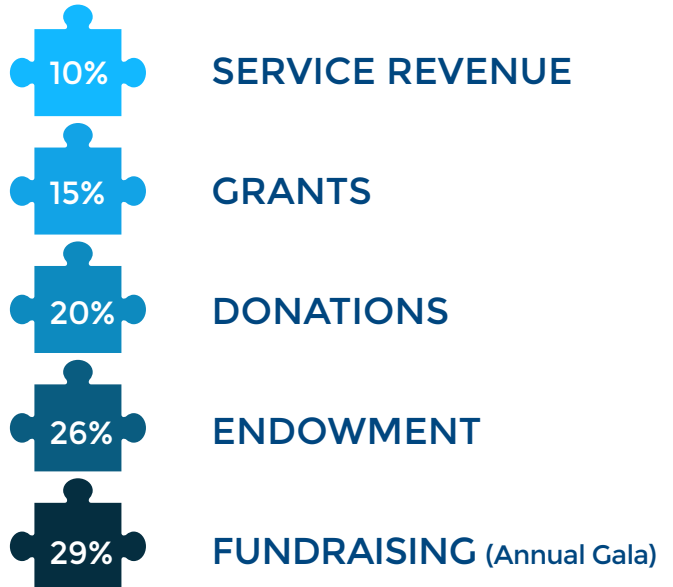
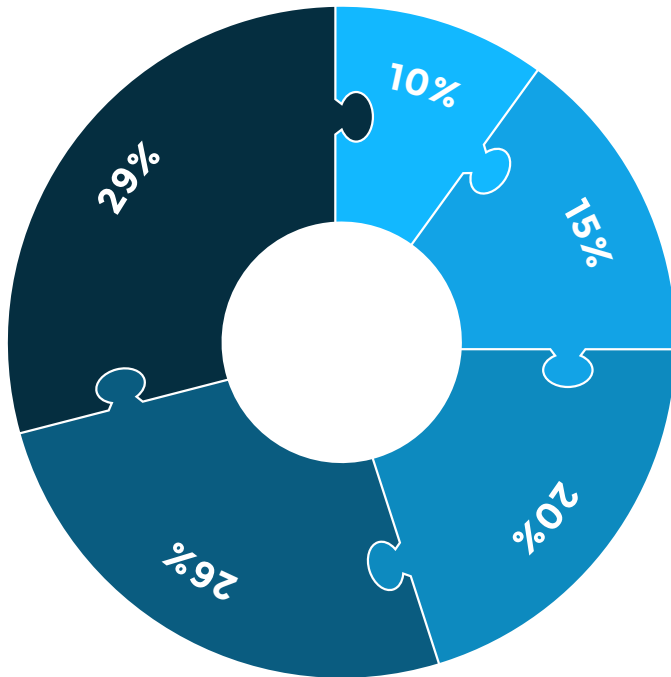
Kimberly and Paul are very grateful for the start in life that Nazareth Home gave to Lexi. “If Lexi hadn’t had a place like Nazareth Home to go to,” says Paul, “she would have had many more struggles in life.”

Now Lexi loves music and dancing. She is a huge movie buff and loves to boss her little brother around! Today, her aspiration is to be a “cooker”—but her parents just want Lexi to be a good person, to do what is right, to stand up for herself and others, and to reach her full potential. “Lexi has some challenges, but her joy overcomes these. She adapts to everything no matter what life throws at her. She is joyful and has an infectious personality that exudes happiness. She is rambunctious, smart, and kind,” says Paul, beaming with pride.

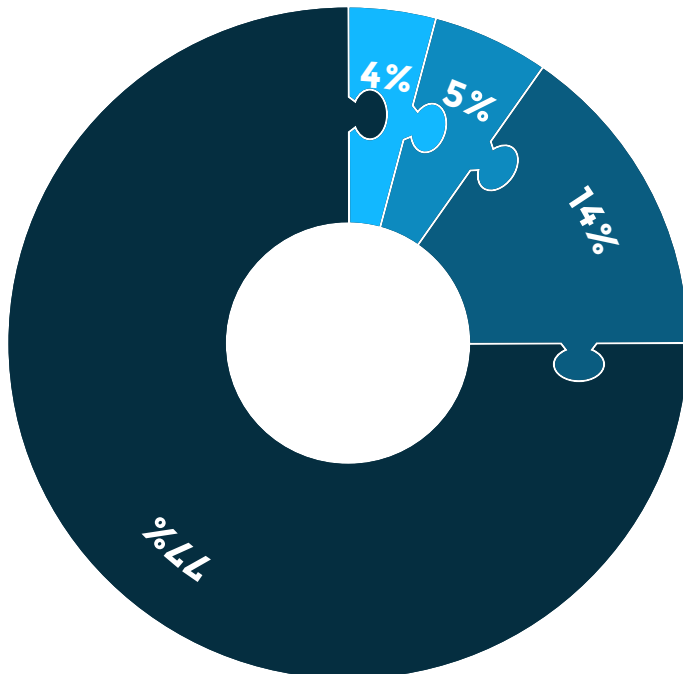


YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

2016 INCOME: \$435,726

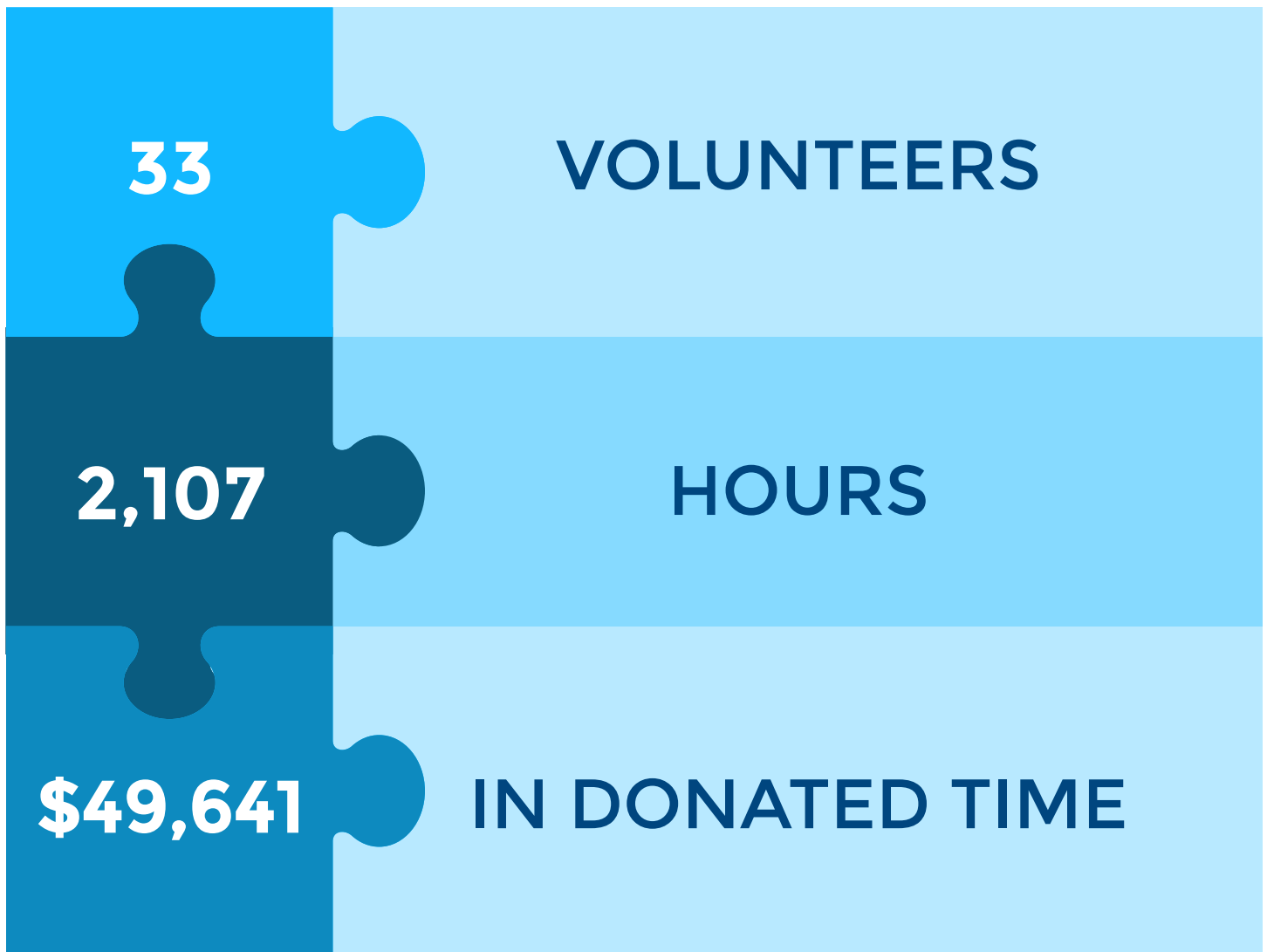


2016 EXPENSES: \$513,712



*Includes meetings, printing, postage, transportation, and misc.

YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME AND TALENT REBUILDS CHILDREN'S LIVES



In 2016, thirty-three volunteers donated 2,107 hours of their time. Independent Sector, a leading non-profit public policy organization, calculates an approximate monetary value of hourly volunteer contributions. For Nazareth Home, the estimated value of volunteer time last year is \$49,641.

Volunteers cuddle babies, play with toddlers, change many diapers, clean up spills, and complete many tasks that would otherwise go undone without expense to the ministry. Our volunteers are people who care about our children and their future. Their warmth, kindness, care and concern for each and every child is apparent in everything they do. Thank you for loving our children.

YOUR GIFT IS PRICELESS.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, please contact
Kristy Olsen, Volunteer Coordinator, at (219) 616-6090.



During the spring, the children enjoyed a visit to the Chicago Botanical Gardens!



In August, many former children returned home for the highly anticipated annual reunion.

Over the summer, Bishop Donald J. Hyng served as grillmaster at a Nazareth Home cookout at the home of Joyce and Kurt Koch.



In an impromptu Gala fundraiser, guests paid \$20 for a "Sister Kathleen hug"!



For many years, Nazareth Home has received continuing and generous support from so many of you.

We would especially like to thank the following businesses:

- Calumet Brewery
- Comfort's Catering
- Dixon's Florist
- James & Sons Jewelers
- Mediterranean Wine
- Nick's Liquors

2016 Torch Relay: Sisters Barb Kuper, PHJC, former foster mother, and Kathleen Quinn, PHJC, Nazareth Home foundress, represented the ministry as torchbearers.



In May, 250 guests enjoyed a wonderful Tea at the Cloister in the Woods, hosted by Joyce Koch and Peggy Guernsey. Above: Beth Kaminski models a fashion from Eco Chic Boutique.



(above) Cavin Porter as our junior torchbearer. (below) Again in 2016, Cavin and his wonderful family held a "diaper drive" collecting needed items.



At the 2016 Gala, princesses entertained to the theme of "Fairytales Do Come True"



YOUR GIFTS IMPACT LITTLE LIVES IN BIG WAYS

Just like pieces of a puzzle coming together to create a whole image, it takes many people coming together in different ways to support the children at Nazareth Home. Through your ongoing support, Nazareth Home will continue to be here for babies who need our specialized care.

The following list includes gifts from individuals, families, organizations, corporations and foundations during 2016. Our work on behalf of children would not be possible without YOU, our generous donors and friends.

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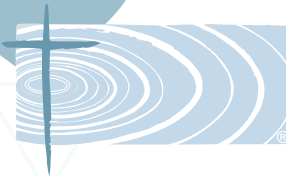
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