

**The Children's Home
2017 Annual Report**

2017 Highlights

Ms. Mildred Hammond, Child Care Specialist and Health Care Aide, retired after 45 years of dedicated service to The Children's Home.

Special events brought together the community and raised funds for operations and projects – Community Walk, Peace A Pizza night, Giving Tuesday, Catonsville Arts & Crafts Festival, and FACES 2017 at M&T Bank Stadium.

A special appeal during the FACES live auction raised \$6,400 for Family Engagement Activities.

The CHStudio (a recording studio) opened in the TCH Cultural Center with the assistance of SongBuilder Studios and a generous donation.

A six-week summer Photography Class introduced a number of residents to the art and provided stunning pieces of artwork for FACES 2017.

The Home participated in the Baltimore County Summer Youth Employment Program to provide jobs for residents, working on the TCH campus.

Northrop Grumman Christmas Project provided the residents with thousands of dollars in gifts and supplies during a festive event. Gifts included a state-of-the-art movie projector and screen and quality bedding for every resident.

TCH Warriors basketball team was undefeated in 2017-2108 season: 13-0

Welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors – Mr. Moses Brown and Mr. Lawrence Johnson.

Another successful season in an expanded Garden Project with residents and summer employees gathering a bountiful harvest.

TCH and JSR Associates began discussions and planning for a "Livewell" community on the campus.

TCH staff members, Demetrice Thomas and Porscha Henson gave a presentation on working with survivors of human trafficking at the Child Welfare League of America Conference.

My Story

I first got my interest (in the nonprofit/service profession) as a young boy raised up in Southeastern North Carolina with a Southern Baptist background where I was taught that "honesty is the best policy", "always work hard",

and "treat people with kindness and respect". On those principles alone, I developed an unyielding passion to give back to the community through service, which I found to be most rewarding.

My service and involvement with the community span over twenty throughout the state of Maryland. I've served in leadership positions for other nonprofit organizations such as the Rotary Club in Hunt Valley and had the opportunity to forge some extraordinary relationships where I learned about The Children's Home from my involvement thru service above self programs.

My role as Board President is to support and govern: Support by raising money, bringing contacts to the organization and acting as the ambassador to the community of Catonsville; govern by ensuring compliance with legal and tax, being a fiduciary, as well as evaluating the organization's work.

I am inspired by the growth in the children before and after. I have a level of humility positive impact I've witnessed as a result of hard work and partnership with the outcome of the hard work and effort to improve the lives and futures of the children, their families, and their communities.

Eric Collier

President, Board of Directors



My Story

My story is quite simple, yet intriguing as it relates to my experiences with the Home over the last 18 years.



I am neither, a *Social Worker* by means, nor profession, but have done the work of Social Services for many years dating back to the early '80's. Holding a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Master's degree in Education, I find myself in 2018 doing partly what I set out to do originally. I'm working with disadvantaged families, or rather youth via their parents. The path has taken just a bit of a different route.

I had early "direct care" training as an undergraduate with adolescents and mental health. It was chronically mentally ill adults, whom I initially began working with right out of college, as my first job for at least the first 6 years of my career. I quickly learned that I wanted to impact society at the other end of the spectrum and work with youth, who had the ability for most change in the scope of their lives at an earlier stage. Thus, I sought to develop a program of education and training for impoverished families, as a "one stop shop", to solve the ills of a broken family and society (drug abuse, mental illness, literacy woes, and poverty were rampant then too).

I have yet to reach the ultimate goal of developing my own adult education and training facility. However, the rewards of working with youth, as well as working with their families, have been both personally and professionally enriching. The programs that my Leadership Teams and I have been able to develop, throughout my career, have afforded youth and their families' opportunities for success, if not vehicles for change in their lives that would hopefully be a guide to healthy living.

TREATMENT FOSTER CARE - 2017

- 9 admissions
- 9 licensed TFC parents
- 1 high school graduate
- 1 entered college; 2 maintained college status
- 4 youth held employment;
- 6 youth participated in Youth Works

Over the years there are many stories of celebration and challenge. The ones that come to mind most are those that had the best outcomes for our children. For instance, this year, our one high school graduate out of 5 who were scheduled this year; she has made tremendous strides (you wouldn't believe) in her treatment program. We are so proud of her successful journey. Four others graduated from Middle School. Earlier celebrations would include the days when our TFC parents adopted sibling groups of kids who had no bio families for reunification. Then, there are of course, the many bio families that have been successfully reunited with their kids. Finally, great stories of recent Alumni, includes one who's a Morehouse graduate, another a fashion model, a Correction Officer, couple of Security Guards, Peapod and CDL Driver (brothers), just to name a few. Our youth's stories may start here, some not as bright and shining examples, but several who leave us and become *bright and shining STARS*.

My ambition of serving the continuum of children to adults will come to fruition. As TCH moves toward diversifying its program and services, this will likely include its range of services, clientele, and geography. Our community partners boast well developed expertise in areas such as trauma informed care, senior housing, the arts, vocational training and personal development, just to name a few. These, combined with the dynamic and professional talents of organizational leadership and team of staff, will work to the extent of transforming our operation to better serve youth, families, and become a greater asset to the community. My story is **OUR Story!**

Andre G. Cooper

Chief Executive Officer



5K Community Walk & FACES 2017

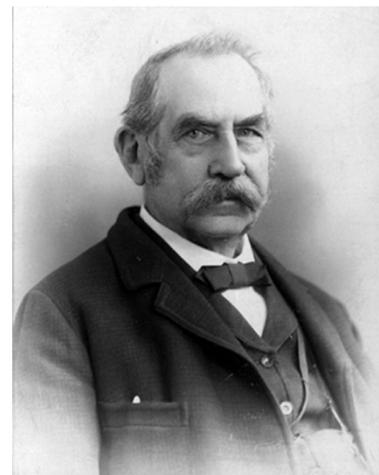
My Story



"I never fully realized how much this place offered kids like me. I am excited about starting grad school this coming fall."

Stafford Purvis – TCH Alumnus

Since his discharge in 2012, Stafford has always stayed connected to the Home. Even during his time as a full-time student at Morehouse College.



"I have written this History of my life at the request of the President & Directors of the German Orphans Home to be placed in the Corner Stone of the Ferdinand Meyer Memorial Cottage. When years or Generations from now this History is exposed, I hope it will be an incentive to the boys who were raised & have lived in this Cottage."

*Baltimore, Decmeber20, 1925
Ferdinand Meyer*

Note: The above is a portion of a letter written by Ferdinand Meyer recently found in a time capsule in the cornerstone of the old FM Cottage, razed after an attic fire in 2009.



"Thank you, for supporting me not only me but other residents. I just hope I get my treatment while I'm here. So what I'm going to do for you guys that who are supporting me – I'm going to accomplish for me to get help, and to follow my treatment to be a better person for Santa Claus, and for my future..."

A message from one of our residents – written on the back of a Holiday Wish List form

"I chose working with youth as my profession because I believe that children's mental health is important. If a child learns to value themselves, and learns the healthy coping skills in order to live in society, then our society as a whole will be better for it."

TCH Staff Member

Thanks to whom I have met and got to know while at The Children's Home. This home has shown me the real definition of family through love hatred denial and impulse. They never gave up on me they just did what they knew how to do the best push me and encourage me to do the right thing. Deep down inside they knew I was hurting and saw potential in me and gave me a chance to prove myself. They knew that I was not a problem child and that they saw all that potential behind that mask I was wearing and that I was afraid to ask for help.

People think that students end up in group homes for bad reasons but what they fail to realize is that we go to helpful places so that we can become better young men and women and get help with different situations we are facing in our lives. While we are also here to gain self-esteem so what people say won't affect us. Even though you'll are our surrogate parents you do the same as our biological parents and for that I commend you'll. I respect you'll for doing this job because you'll help us get our needs met and this is just a big family setting. I can say because of this special group of people I grew from a boy to a man.

TCH resident - Darrien

"They (cottage mates) are still putting up and learning how to deal with things in a positive way no matter what anybody throws at them."

Summer Camp Survey 2016

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Years of Employment at The Children's Home

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The Children's Home provides residential and community services to promote long-term well-being and success for young people and families who experience disruption in their lives.

Vision

To be the premier provider of comprehensive child, youth and family services.