

Dear Friends.

Thank you for making 2018 a great year for Vera Lloyd. Here are some of the ways you changed the lives of our youth and families in 2018:

- **Transition Services -** Helped our children and youth prepare for life after Vera Lloyd by providing them with life skills, work experience, the opportunity to see their potential through college and vocational tours, and unforgettable adventures like a Senior Trip to **Disney World**.
- **Academic Achievement AmeriCorps tutors and** our on-campus school help keep our youth on track to graduate or earn their GED. One of our youth was awarded a record **seven scholarships**, both academic and music related!

- **Campus Carnival -** Pink Hat Day got a face-lift with the introduction of the Campus Carnival in June to honor our donors and supporters. We also hosted our Alumni Reunion that same weekend and loved having our former residents on campus.
- **Resource Parent Training** In December, we launched a new trauma-informed evidence based training program for foster and adoptive parents. We are now serving **18 counties** with this program.
- Families in Transition (FIT) On December 6th, **two Showers** for our new FIT program were held. We were truly blessed to be able to equip our twobedroom FIT homes for these families in crisis.

With the challenges and changes in 2018 and continuing in 2019, your support is more important than ever. We are so grateful for your partnership. Without your prayers, in-kind gifts, financial gifts and volunteer time, the life changing work at Vera Lloyd would not be possible. Hanna Wahurin
Chief Executive Officer

THANK YOU

Your generosity and support have made a life changing difference to the youth and families at Vera Lloyd. The wrap-around services we provide allow us to meet every child at their point of need... and YOU made that possible! Thank you to everyone who made 2018 a year full of love and support.

The Annual Report lists individuals who donated \$250 or more in 2018. All individuals who gave in the past year are listed on a separate thank you available online at www.veralloyd.org.

We strive for accuracy in all that we do. If we inadvertently omitted or misstated your name, please let us know of the correction by calling us at (501) 666-8195.



Barton girls participate in a Senior Trip to Florida in June



Youth artwork from the Summer Enrichment program



Two Lewis boys celebrate Halloween in spooky style

Three Brothers

My wife and I have had numerous **rewarding parenting experiences** at Vera Lloyd, but one of the most satisfying has been working with three brothers: Isaiah (17), Elijah (14) and Jayden (11).

The brothers share the same special needs mother whom they love and visit with regularly. However, she is unable to care for the boys or their sister, who is at another facility due to her unique needs. Each of the brothers suffers from significant trauma after years of

abuse by numerous male family members. Isaiah, in particular, has a speech impediment and learning disabilities. All three have needed **significant educational support**, since they had never attended public school regularly before coming to Vera Lloyd.

Despite their challenges, the boys are simply that-boys. They love to play football and basketball together. When they play and tease and interact, it reminds me of my own childhood. Since coming to Vera Lloyd, all three of the brothers have improved their ability to read. Jayden has even been on the A & B Honor Roll for two consecutive semesters. Isaiah, the eldest, is excited to attend Junior Prom in the spring.



Knowing their back story and watching them still be able to live fairly normal lives warms my heart. There is no doubt that being able to **stay together** as siblings has helped them grow, heal and be more successful.

Much like the lasting impact of our founding mothers Lulu, Vera and Annie, our Lulu Williamson Society members have made a legacy gift in their estate plan. These gifts will continue to benefit youth and families for generations to come.

If you would like more information on making a legacy gift, please call us at (501) 666-8195.

We also gratefully acknowledge the Estates of W.P. Florence and Evelyn W. Porter.

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Vera Lloyd boys make hats as a part of the Summer Enrichment Program

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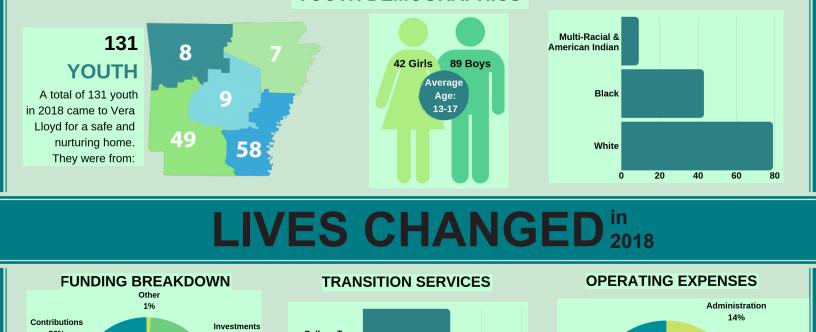
Barton girl poses for her senior prom photos



Young Trimble girl enjoys her Christmas morning

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