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# 2020 Annual Gratitude Report



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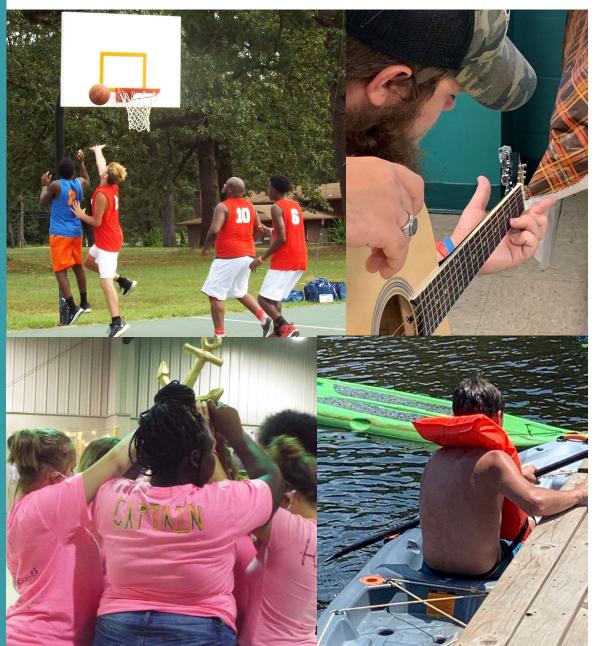
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The Annual Report lists individuals who donated \$250 or more in 2020. All individuals who gave in the past year are listed online at VeraLloyd.org.

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 (501) 666-8195.



#### **Dear Friends.**

Although the "Year of the Pandemic" brought many challenges for all of us, the work of healing, preparing and empowering children, youth and families hasn't missed a beat. Our Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) entered its second year. Foster youth in this program have not only dealt with abuse, violence and neglect in their short lives, but many have also had up to 20 placements by age 16. The focus of QRTP is to stabilize youth who have never been stable. It is a tall order, but one our staff continues to embrace. One program that has flourished during the pandemic is our Resource Parent Training Program, which has served 18 counties via Zoom. We have gone from serving 196 parents and children in 2019 to serving 284 in 2020! This program provides trauma-informed continuing education and support, which is critical for foster parents.

I am very excited about the future of Vera Lloyd. We are positioning ourselves to meet the ever-changing needs of children, youth and families in 2021 as we welcome new campus leaders: Campus Director Dennis Greer, MSW, with 30 years of experience in residential, clinical and

- trauma-informed care.

We continue to seek innovative ways to serve children, youth and families, including implementing a community-based transition services program, expanding our parent training programs and bringing all mental health services in-house. Thank you for remaining faithful to Vera Lloyd as an advocate, donor and prayer warrior during these unprecedented times. If you haven't already, I invite you to:

- Follow us on Facebook.com/VeraLloydPFS
- Sign up for our e-newsletter at VeraLloyd.org
- Designate Vera Lloyd on your Amazon Smile account
- And most importantly... KEEP THOSE PRAYERS COMING!

Stay healthy and safe,

Danna Mahurin

**Donna Mahurin Chief Executive Officer** 

Dr. Machell Dailey, as Education Services Director. Machell is a former educator and residential director, who is focusing on the educational and transitional needs of our youth.



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### HAYES' STORY: TRAGEDY, COURAGE, VICTORY

Hayes came to Vera Lloyd last spring at the age of 17. He had no father figure and his relationship with his mother had deteriorated to a critical point. He was undoubtedly heading down a less than ideal path. However, once at Vera Lloyd, he began to set goals and build more positive, supportive relationships with staff and other youth.

One goal in particular became a focus: completing his GED by November. Hayes worked hard and, before he knew it, had his GED in hand. With this accomplishment under his belt, he began considering his next steps. These already difficult decisions became more painful at Christmas time. After a fun Christmas with his Vera Lloyd family, Hayes was optimistic about going off campus to see his mother. However, the holiday visit became deeply disappointing. On Christmas Day, Hayes' mother stayed in her room and avoided

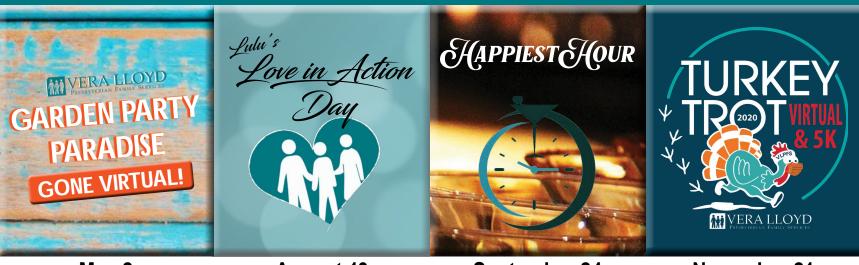
her children. There were no gifts, no meals, no conversation... not even a "Merry Christmas".

He returned to Vera Lloyd broken-hearted. As his 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday approached, he had a choice: return home or remain in care. Hayes made the courageous decision to stay in Vera Lloyd's care. He said, "If I go back to my mom, I know how my life will turn out." Instead, he is now enrolled at UAM and is working towards his dream of becoming a firefighter.

Hayes' story is both a tragedy and a victory. He

chose the loving, encouraging and supportive family he found at Vera Lloyd over biological ties. Even more inspiring, he chose a challenging, yet rewarding path towards future accomplishment rather than the safety of what he had always known. Hayes is still learning and healing every day, but he is not alone and is actively creating a future of his own design.





May 2 \$13,500 Raised!

August 13 \$20,800 Raised!





### **2020 FUNDRAISERS**

September 24 \$12,100 Raised!

November 21 \$39,600 Raised!

Despite the many challenges that COVID-19 brought in 2020, Vera Lloyd's amazing donors went above and beyond to bring abundant Christmas blessings to our youth. For many children, Vera Lloyd is their first

enjoyable Christmas experience. This year, each youth received individually-selected gifts, a traditional, family-style dinner, Advent activity boxes and gifts for the entire Home to enjoy throughout the year. Thank you to all of the donors, churches, organizations, staff and volunteers who made this possible. Each of you helped create new Christmas traditions and positive memories of joy, hope and excitement.

#### **TBRI & QRTP Expanded Programming**

What sets Vera Lloyd's residential programming apart is a commitment to healing children's hearts broken by lifelong traumas. This is done through not only addressing behavior issues but focusing on the root of the problem. Since 2014, Vera Lloyd programs have continued to evolve using the trauma-informed,

evidenced-based model of care, Trust-Based Relational Intervention<sup>®</sup> (TBRI), which has helped many youth find healing and hope for a future no longer defined by their past. Most recently, all direct care staff received extensive TBRI refresher training led by Vera Lloyd's Lead Supervisor, Deverick Franklin. This training unites and empowers the campus as a whole to be aware of youth needs and renews their focus on effective therapeutic interventions.

Along with TBRI training, an extensive expansion and rejuvenation of Vera Lloyd's **Qualified Residential Treatment Program** (QRTP) is underway thanks to a DCFS grant. One exciting expansion is the TBRI Internship Program, set to launch this spring. Four UAM Social Work students will be trained in TBRI and conduct weekly "Nurture Groups" and

"Power Ups". "Group Buddies" will also be provided for youth in need of extra support. Nurture Groups and Power Ups work to facilitate healing and teach skills such as healthy relationships, self-regulation, emotional intelligence and healthy sensory integration. This program will provide more consistency

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and powerful therapeutic interactions for all youth.

Additionally, all calming sensory areas on campus are being upgraded. For example, hammocks and indoor swing pods in Homes will provide a physiological healing experience as youth work to be calmer both mentally and physically. New sets of weighted blankets and sensory fidgets will also help youth cope with frustrations, anxiety and even learning

disorders such as ADHD. Youth will also utilize clinically researched games, music and other technological tools to promote inner peace, selfregulation and new coping skills.

QRTP is a comprehensive program dedicated to healing vulnerable children from the inside out. These program expansions and continued TBRI training will equip Vera Lloyd to help even more children for years to come.

#### **Resource Parent Training**

Parenting any child can be tough. Parenting children from hard places is even more challenging. Vera Lloyd's House Moms and Dads receive 80 hours of initial, pre-service training as well as 30 hours of annual, Foster parents & continuing education and one-on-one coaching. The goal is to give them the children served in skills they need to be wise, compassionate parental figures for kids who are the last 6 months hurting, angry and often defiant. These same issues are faced by countless foster families across the state of Arkansas. Individuals sign up to become foster parents with high hopes of helping children and making a difference, but they quickly realize that more than good intentions are required.

In 2019, Vera Lloyd began teaching and providing coaching for foster and adoptive parents through the Resource Parent Training Program. Vera Lloyd's Trust-Based Relational Intervention® model of care helps these parents learn to balance the specific physical, emotional, psychological and social needs of traumatized children. Like Vera Lloyd Staff, they are equipped with effective tools to overcome the many challenges of raising foster and adopted children. They know that parenting doesn't get any easier, but with the right skills and resources, they can help their children heal and grow into strong, resilient adults.

### Vera Lloyd - A Place of Hope

2020 brought a lot of exciting changes to Vera Lloyd including a new promotional video. In this short video, staff explain programs and services though their eyes.

You can also catch up with a former resident, John Gray, as he talks about his journey living at Vera Lloyd and the impact it made on his life today.

In the words of Lead Supervisor Deverick Franklin, "People always say the sky is the limit, but I say no. The sky is not the limit. You can go way higher than that!"

#### Check out the video now at VeraLloyd.org



A special thank you to Lead Advantage, Julianne Sublette and Jon Renfroe for donating their time and skills.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." ~Mother Teresa



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Donors who have designated Vera Lloyd in their estate plans. Legacy gifts make an ongoing and lasting impact on Arkansas' children, youth and families. For more information, please call Kathy French at (501) 666-8195.

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Monthly donors help Vera Lloyd's team respond to youth and campus needs immediately, without needing to fundraise first.

#### **Predictable Revenue**

Monthly donors empower Vera Lloyd to use organization revenue proactively instead of reactively.

#### **Sustained Mission & Growing Impact**

Monthly donors show an ongoing commitment to Vera Lloyd's mission and multiply the impact made on children, youth and families in need.

#### **Program Qualifications**

- Individuals who create monthly, recurring aifts via:
  - Online at Vera Lloyd's website
  - Monthly direct deposit (EFT)
  - Mail-in checks (these participants will be reviewed on an individual basis)
- Program excludes any pledges including Staff, Board, Corporate or Event Sponsorship



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