

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

OUR MISSION

YES to YOUTH - Montgomery County Youth Services strengthens the emotional and mental health development of youth and families by providing crisis intervention, counseling, and suicide prevention services. We provide a safe and nurturing home where abused, battered, sex-trafficked, homeless, and at-risk youth begin healing from the past and become empowered for the future.

OUR SERVICES

- Individual, group, and family mental health counseling
- Group counseling and skills development
- BridgeWay Emergency Youth Shelter (ages 10-17)
- Healthy supports for pregnant and parenting teens
- Decisions on parenting and youth skills group program
- Prevention presentations and crisis counseling in schools
- Suicide prevention and counseling
- Street outreach for homeless teens

All services are provided at no charge to the client.

24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE: 888.756.8682





Dear YES to YOUTH Family,

It has been said that adversity doesn't define who you are, it reveals who you are. In 2021, the COVID pandemic continued to test our agency, our community, our country and the world. 2021 has been filled with unprecedented challenges to our children and the families we serve. The year was a powerful reminder of the essential work YES to YOUTH - Montgomery County Youth Service carries out each and every day. During this time, our shelter staff and our counseling staff galvanized around the shelter youth and the children we see in our mental health counseling centers and continued to fulfill our lifesaving mission. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and donors who continued to help us save the lives of the youth we serve.

The population growth in our area brought new challenges of need: to provide more services to more families. The demand for our services continued to grow as unprecedented number of children are seen for suicidal ideation, depression, anxiety and grief. Our grandparents raising grandchildren group continues to grow. Our crisis hotline continues to receive calls 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The Board of Directors continued to demand the organization be fiscally responsible by maintaining cash reserves but not sacrifice services to our clients. Through their guidance and leadership, we were able to maintain the cash reserves, have complete transparency of our financial statements, open the new cottages and provide the services,

tools and compassion to the children and families in our community.

At YES to YOUTH, we understand the importance of finding time for fun, especially during a pandemic. With the support of our volunteers, we continued to hold our Ladies Night Out, A Promise For all Seasons Gala, Shelter for Shelter, the Truluck's Breakfast and The Maggert golf tournament.

As I reflect on the year 2021, I am filled with profound gratitude for our volunteers, donors, community and staff who have a passion for our vital mission. It is an honor to serve as the CEO of this organization. Together, I am certain we will continue our mission to provide a safe and nurturing home to battered, abused and homeless children and to provide mental health counseling to strengthen the emotional and mental health development of the youth and families we serve.

The theme of our gala was "A Promise for All Seasons". Each day our donors and volunteers rally behind the children and families we serve in all seasons of their lives.

Our fight to save the lives of children is joined everyday by our donors, supporters, volunteers, staff and Board of Directors. Thank you for everything you do to support YES to YOUTH - MCYS. We could not do this without you.

Serving children together,

Dannette Suding

Dannette Suding, CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters of YES to YOUTH,

Wow!!! What an amazing year 2021 was thanks to your continued support of our organization! Because of your overwhelming support of YES to YOUTH, we were able to expand our youth shelter, see more counseling patients, and hire more staff allowing us to serve our community and its children better!

The pandemic has been tough on all families GLOBALLY. With mental health issues becoming more prevalent, our organization has become more imperative for our local community. Depression and suicide rates are increasing at an unprecedented rate. The staff and volunteers at YES to YOUTH have been one of the front lines of defense dealing with this crisis and will not wavier.


As we continue into 2022, we feel very blessed that our amazing staff, volunteers, and donors believe in our mission and core values, but we have unfortunately, still a long way to go! We will need your help and support to build awareness of our resources and 24/7 crisis hotline as well as the funding to hire more staff to serve this community. We currently have 160 on a wait list who need our services.

With our Difference Maker campaign, whether you give a little, or a lot, we truly believe with your help and support we will make a significant impact for our youth and families in crisis! Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of our local residents fighting the quiet battles behind closed doors.

We can't say enough about the heart of our community here locally in Montgomery County, Texas! We are so thankful and honored to tackle mental health alongside you warriors step by step! Reach out to our staff to schedule a tour of our facility and sign up for our Difference Maker campaign. With your help, we will make mental struggles a thing of the past!

Thank you for saying "Yes" to our youth.

Sincerely,

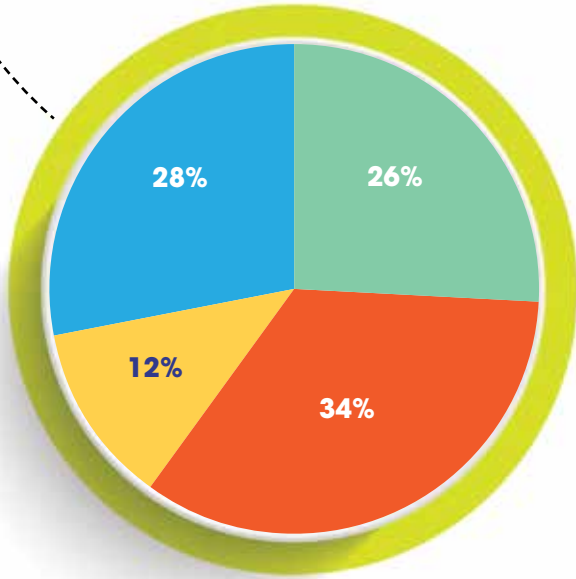
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zach Richmond". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Zach" and "Richmond" being capitalized and prominent.

Zach Richmond, Board Chair



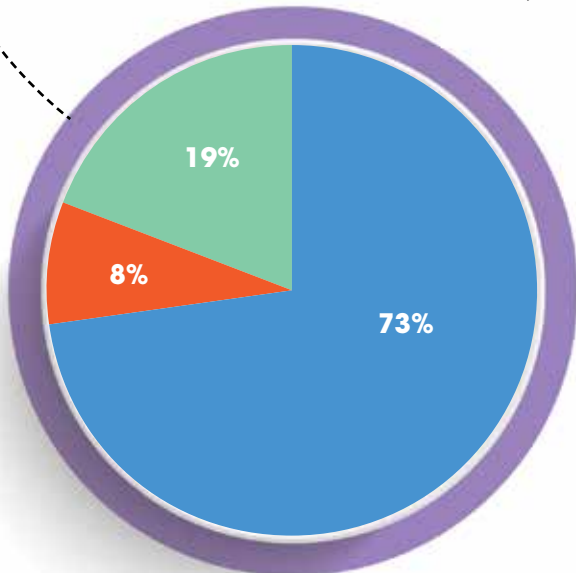
REVENUE

Contributions.....	\$1,438,179
Grant Income	\$1,896,303
Program Services.....	\$646,619
Other.....	\$1,579,053
	<u>\$5,560,154</u>



EXPENSES

Programs & Services	\$2,767,529
Fundraising & Development ..	\$299,348
Management & General	\$734,560
	<u>\$3,801,437</u>



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,179,833
Accounts Receivable	\$62,064
Grants Receivable	\$134,185
Prepaid Expenses	\$43,963
Fixed Assets	<u>\$3,094,735</u>

Total Assets

\$7,514,780

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$93,072
Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$108,677</u>

Total Liabilities

\$201,749

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	\$6,251,553
With Donor Restrictions	<u>\$1,061,478</u>

Total Net Assets

\$7,313,031

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$7,514,780

COUNSELOR VOICES:

Our community resources make a difference

"What encourages me is when I receive an update on a family who has overcome challenges by practicing skills learned in sessions. I am proud of seeing a former client present her story to the Yes to Youth supporters via video. She loves the agency so much that she would like to serve on the board one day."

Terry Holloway

YES TO YOUTH Family Support Specialist

"I feel strengthened as a counselor in the new technology management skills on different platforms to be connected with our clients and families remotely, during the most critical time of the pandemic, where they valued the support for the emotional needs of young people and family challenges to navigate the crisis with information to meet their basic needs."

Martha Chavarro

YES to YOUTH Family Support Specialist

"Having the right mindset and resiliency is what sustains me. It has been a difficult time personally for me but I have stuck to the fact that I could not move forward if I would not get up and help others. Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen"

Dyrcia Strickland

YES to YOUTH - Family Support Specialist

"I find inspiration in seeing the teamwork and support that we receive from one another, in between departments and offices. It is encouraging to see the efforts put forth by my coworkers! It's difficult to not feel a sense of pride when I see the wide-reaching presence that Yes to Youth has within our community. When I interact with other agencies they are usually familiar with our organization and the important role it has in Montgomery County."

Sam Gaspard

YES to YOUTH Counselor

DIFFERENCE MAKERS:

"Thank you so much for facilitating our student groups each year. We appreciate the valuable life skills that you teach our students through the group activities that you bring each week. We have witnessed growth in student behavior and social skills. You truly are making a positive difference in the lives of our students and families."

Travis Intermediate School Counselors

"I came to therapy because I got really depressed about my Mom's death. My goal is to keep fighting the entire way even if things get worse. Sometimes, I write depressing notes and try to cut myself. In school, they were worried about my actions and encouraged me to take individual counseling. In therapy, I could express my feelings and understand my pain. The therapy helped me understand that being born and dying are a normal part of life and it's something we can't control. I learned about my eternal relationship with my Mom of unconditional love. Now, my strengths are my Mom's values that taught me love, spirituality, self-control, gratitude, enthusiasm, strength and to live a successful life."

"I feel ready to move on and keep my happiness.

Thanks YES to YOUTH!"

11-year-old, female client

"I came to counseling because I thought I had depression. It was not something serious but for me it was. I had no motivation. Just did not care about anything. In the mornings, I would not like to get up because there was no point. Everything and everyone would get me mad or upset. I was so sensitive everything would hurt me. This supposedly was depression I had because of my social life, house problems, and myself. This would lead me to say, "I want to kill myself or hurt myself", but it was the attention that I wanted. I wanted my parent to stop being strict and give me more privileges and I felt like they treated my brother differently. But now seeing life and just looking at my life, I have a life that people wish they had. I have everything I need: Mom, Dad, house, food, and clothes. It just made me realize I'm a strong person and now I love my life and I want to live my life to the fullest but safe. I'm ready to face the world and I'm stronger and happy thanks to YES to YOUTH."

15-year-old, female client

1,998 Youth and Family Counseling Clients



Active Parenting/
Strengthening
Families



Moms and
Babies
Group Members



Hispanic
Moms Group
Members



Decisions Class
Attendees



Grandparent
Support Group
Participants



Individual
and Family
Counseling
Clients



School
Support Group
Participants



Crisis
Interventions



Summer
Workshop
Participants



School Support
Group Sessions





4,171 Nights of Refuge
Provided to Shelter Residents



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The Strong Firm, P.C.



Jeff Young
The Cynthia Woods
Mitchell Pavilion



Kristin Young
Ameriprise Financial
Services, Inc.



On October 24, 2021, at the beautiful Carlton Woods Fazio golf course, our community came out to support YES to YOUTH - Montgomery County Youth Services at The Maggert Golf Tournament. Participants enjoyed a day of fun for a great cause! Highlights of the event included a shotgun start, a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, and a live auction with an opportunity to

golf with tournament sponsor, local golf legend, and longtime YES to YOUTH supporter; Jeff Maggert. During the tournament, golfers also enjoyed food from local restaurants Truluck's - Ocean Finest Seafood and Crab, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, and Tommy Bahama Restaurant.



2021 FUNDRAISING EVENTS



A Promise FOR ALL Seasons

generous donations and commitment to our mission that has changed the lives of so many youths.

The evening featured a plated three-course dinner, bid board and live auction, and a raffle for an exquisite sapphire jewelry set donated by Robichau's Jewelry. The event was a tremendous success because of the leadership and dedication of Gala co-chairs Christin Allphin, Linda Head, Michele Kookan, and Judy Olson!

On August 28, 2021, the YES to YOUTH A Promise for All Seasons Gala was held in the grand ballroom at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center. The event honored Zach and Rachel Richmond. Zach serves as the chairman of the board of YES to YOUTH, and both have been supporters of YES to YOUTH for many years hosting Shelter for Shelter, an annual event raising critical funds for the BridgeWay Emergency Youth Shelter. YES to YOUTH also recognized LJA Engineering and, in Memorium, Mr. Calvin Ladner, for many years of their



Ladies Night Out CANDYLAND

On May 7, 2021, women in the community gathered for an evening celebrating YES to YOUTH's Ladies' Night Out, a long-standing tradition to help build awareness and support for YES to YOUTH's mission. This event, featured guests dressed in colorful Candyland-theme attire, included a jewelry pull, costume and hula-hoop contests, dancing, and a raffle for a 3-night stay for two at Rosewood Mayakoba in Riviera Maya Mexico generously donated by

MediaAscent Associates.

YES to YOUTH honored Leona

Malone for her many years of service and hard work on the Ladies' Night Out Committee.

Although this fun event is a great reason for women to dress up and party with their friends, it is ultimately a way for YES to YOUTH and our generous volunteers and supporters to raise funds to continue saving the lives of local youth.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS

In 2021, local businesses and organizations held events
to fundraise and raise awareness for YES to YOUTH.

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LOCATIONS



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3. EAST COUNTY SPLENDORA

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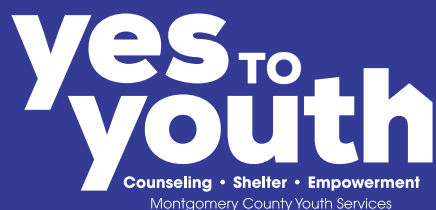
4. MAGNOLIA

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5. BRIDGEWAY EMERGENCY YOUTH SHELTER

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