



## ANNUAL REPORT 2016



A HAVEN OF *hope*

## MISSION

Covenant House Florida continues to fulfill its mission by providing shelter and services to children and youth who are homeless or at great risk:

- We will make every effort to reunite kids with their families;
- We will collaborate with community agencies and organizations and actively participate in community efforts to improve the conditions of families and children; and
- We will advocate with and on behalf of youth to raise awareness in the community about their suffering.

Our mission is based on faith, incorporating our individual and shared spiritualities, and the belief that all children and youth have a right to love, respect, and genuine concern. This mission permeates all of our activities: We who recognize God's providence and fidelity to His people are dedicated to living out His covenant among ourselves and those children we serve, with absolute respect and unconditional love. That commitment calls us to serve suffering children of the street, and to protect and safeguard all children. Just as Christ in His humanity is the visible sign of God's presence among His people, so our efforts together in the covenant community are a visible sign that effects the presence of God, working through the Holy Spirit among ourselves and our kids.



## PRINCIPLES

### IMMEDIACY

Kids come to us in crisis. Immediately and without question, we meet their basic human needs — a nourishing meal, a shower, clean clothes, medical attention, and a safe place away from the danger of the street.

### SANCTUARY

Our Fort Lauderdale and Orlando shelters are a sanctuary for homeless youth. The kids who come to us are often frightened and mistrustful. We protect them from the perils of the street. Youngsters can grow only when they feel safe and secure.

### VALUE COMMUNICATION

Lying, cheating, and stealing are common survival tools on the street. We teach kids by example that caring relationships are based on trust, respect, and honesty.

### STRUCTURE

Kids on the street never know how they will get their next meal or where they will sleep. We provide a regular schedule that gives them the stability they need in order to focus on the future.

### CHOICE

Young people often feel powerless to control their lives, and fall into a self-defeating cycle of failure. We encourage kids to believe in themselves.

### SERVICES

- Street outreach by foot and van
- Shelter care—nourishing meals, clean clothes, and a safe place to sleep
- Counseling, case management, and therapy
- Referrals
- Health services at on-site clinic in Fort Lauderdale
- Family reunification whenever possible
- Substance abuse treatment and aftercare in Fort Lauderdale
- Teen parent education
- Education—classes toward high school equivalency (GED—General Educational Development)
- Job readiness training
- Life skills instruction
- Transportation assistance for local referrals, job searching, and return home
- Pastoral ministry—voluntary spiritual guidance in Orlando
- Transitional housing for adolescents bridging into independent living
- Drop-in center in Orlando

## A WORD FROM COVENANT HOUSE LEADERSHIP

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### *Dear Supporters,*

Thank you for your continued support of Covenant House Florida. Thank you for helping us take care of the youth and young adults we serve... young people who typically come from rough circumstances, with little support, and often headed toward disaster.

Because of you, we're able to be a haven for this vulnerable population. We help them heal their hurts, find their grounding, and learn how to live successfully and productively.

I'm grateful knowing these kids have somewhere to sleep and someone to turn to at Covenant House Florida. That's why we exist -- to give these kids a fighting chance.

Thank you so much for your kindness and compassion.

Sincerely,



David Grabosky  
Board Chairman  
Covenant House Florida



James M. Gress  
Executive Director  
Covenant House Florida

### *Dear Friends,*

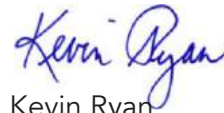
An organization like Covenant House is only as good as what goes on face to face between a homeless young person and staff member, or between one of our kids and a volunteer.

You can't schedule it, you can't program it, you can't predict it. It's in the realm of mystery, how a youngster who has been abused or neglected all his or her life can start to trust again. It happens every day in 27 cities across six countries at Covenant House. It happens every day at Covenant House Florida.

Having the opportunity to touch young people's lives is a great gift we've all been given at Covenant House. Another gift we've been given is the thousands of individual donors, small business owners, and corporations that have opened their hearts to our kids.

I thank you, and I ask you to continue from the generosity of your heart to offer new hope and courage to these young people.

Sincerely,



Kevin Ryan  
President  
Covenant House International





## YEAR IN REVIEW: *Fort Lauderdale*



### STARS SPARKLE

The 2016 Night of Broadway Stars attracted 350 guests to enjoy the fabulous Broadway talent who performed on the stage of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The event netted \$50,000 in support of Covenant House Florida. Pictured are residents who performed alongside the stars onstage.



### AMERICAN EXPRESS CARES

Approximately 70 volunteers from American Express put in a full day cleaning and painting the boys' and girls' lounges at Covenant House Florida.



### SUN SENTINEL HELPS KIDS

The Sun Sentinel Children's Fund gave a \$10,000 grant in support of Covenant House Florida. Pictured are Jim Gress with Sharon McCaslin, Sun Sentinel Sales Partnerships Manager.



### LEADERS CREATE WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

About 25 members of Leadership Fort Lauderdale painted, cleaned and spruced up the life skills area at Covenant House Florida.



### COVENANT HOUSE GRADS

Broward County added two more high school graduates, thanks to programs offered by the organization. Pictured are the grads with volunteer Alfredo Tamburrino.



## SLEEPING OUT ►

Forty sleepers who participated in Fort Lauderdale's Sleep Out for Homeless Youth raised \$185,000 for the shelter. Pictured are the participants and residents.



## ▲ HELPING TRAUMATIZED YOUTH

Health Foundation of South Florida granted \$100,000 to Covenant House Florida to launch a Trauma Informed Care initiative to provide additional expertise to staff members in dealing with the trauma often experienced by the homeless teens and young adults served by the organization. Pictured are Covenant House Florida Director of Training Nelson Bogren, Health Foundation of South Florida Board Chair Loreen Chant, MBA, Covenant House Florida Executive Director James M. Gress, Health Foundation Board member Arthur Finkle, CLU, Health Foundation's Vice President of Programs & Community Investments Peter N. Wood, MPA, and Health Foundation Program Officer Stacey Amodio.



## ▲ BICYCLES

Vision of Change donated bicycles, helmets and locks for Covenant House Florida residents. Pictured are Betsy Janigian, Covenant House resident, Sharon Cappellazo and Janette Mendoza.



## ▲ TEED OFF AND GONE FISHING

The 20th Annual Kevin Koenig Memorial Covenant House Cup Golf and Fishing Tournament, hosted by Keith Koenig of City Furniture, attracted 125 golfers and 49 anglers, raising \$80,000. Pictured are Covenant House Florida's Jim Gress and Renee Trincanello with Keith Koenig.



## ▲ YOUNG PROS SLEEP OUT

Young Professionals members also had a Sleep Out for Homeless Youth, raising more than \$35,000. Pictured are Saradja Registre, Matthew Mullins, Matt Curran, Matthew Brennan, Allison Waldrep, Sarah Paul-Hus and Ande Paul-Hus.





◀ **AND THE GRADS ARE...**

Twelve residents graduated with their General Equivalency Diploma and two youth graduated from our new Culinary Arts Program. Many thanks to Angie Sola, Community Relations at Walt Disney World and Corporate Citizenship Manager for serving as commencement speaker.

**400 PARTICIPATE IN CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** ▶

The Candlelight Vigil and Annual Youth Procession for Homeless Youth directs attention to the struggles of homeless youth. The gathering is held at the Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola Park in downtown Orlando.



◀ **SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT LIVING**

The Orlando Sentinel Family Fund, a McCormick Foundation fund, granted \$45,000 to support Covenant House Florida's Independent Living Track program. Pictured is the Orlando Sentinel's Lisa Jacobsen with Covenant House Florida's Maria Shorkey and Jim Gress.



◀ **CELEBRATING 20 YEARS**

Covenant House Florida Orlando shelter celebrated 20 years of serving homeless youth at its Night of Broadway Stars gala, which raised \$50,000. Pictured is Covenant House International President Kevin Ryan (center, back) with Covenant House Florida residents who participated in the show.



◀ **PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR HOMELESS YOUTH**

The Orlando City Foundation partnered with Covenant House Florida in Orlando for the past two years to provide opportunities for shelter residents. Pictured is Steve Wittek Community Programs Manager at Orlando City Soccer Club, staff and male residents from CHF Orlando.



▲ **HOME TEAM**

Members of the Covenant House Florida Orlando's Home Team gather before the OUC Orlando Half Marathon & Track Shack Lake Eola 5k. To date, Home Team athletes have raised more than \$53,000 to meet the needs of homeless youth.





▲ **CHRISTMAS IN JUNE**

Community partners, volunteers, and CHF staff all came together for the Annual Christmas in June Wrapping Party. Thank you Bright Horizons for providing wonderful donations for all the children!

▶ **BEGINNINGS ARE BRIGHT**

Walt Disney World in the Community provided a \$20,000 grant to support Covenant House Florida's Bright Beginnings Program which improves the lives of homeless children. Pictured is Walt Disney World Community Relations Manager Matt Kennedy with Covenant House Florida Director of Development Maria Shorkey.



▶ **SERVICE DAY**

Thank you to Joshua Vickery and the staff and volunteers from Central Florida Community Arts for participating in our service day. We are so grateful for you! Pictured are members from the Central Florida Community Arts volunteer team, Maria Shorkey Director of Development, and Libby Nieves Human Resources and Volunteer Coordinator.



▶ **SLEEP OUT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH**

Thirty three volunteer "sleepers" raised more than \$100,000 in support of the homeless youth served by Covenant House Florida. Pictured is board chairman David Grabosky and staff from T&G Constructors.



▶ **RED DAY**

Many thanks to Keller Williams Realty for raising \$10,000 at their Red Day event for the homeless youth that reside in our Orlando crisis shelter.

▶ **AGAPE BALL**

The annual Agape Ball allows homeless youth to experience a prom-like event. Pictured are staff and residents from the Orlando shelter.



## OUR GENEROUS DONORS\*

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*\*This listing includes corporations, foundations and organizations that donated more than \$1,000 in 2015-2016. We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions to this list.*



## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Homeless Services Network of Central Florida  
Broward County Community Partnerships—HIP  
Broward County Housing Finance and Community Development  
Orange County Housing and Community Development

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
ACYF—Family and Youth Services Bureau

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Emergency Food & Shelter Program of Broward County  
Emergency Food & Shelter Program of Orange County

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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Florida Department of Children and Families  
BBHC - Broward Behavioral Health Coalition  
Broward County Community Partnerships - Children's Services  
City of Hollywood  
City of Pompano Beach  
Osceola County  
Broward Healthy Start Coalition, Inc.  
United Way of Broward County



**Orange County  
Housing and Community  
Development Division**

**Broward Behavioral**  
HEALTH COALITION



## SUPPORT US!

Covenant House Florida relies primarily on partnerships from individuals throughout Florida to reach out and respond to troubled youth. The public can help by:

- Making a financial contribution by visiting [www.covenanthousefl.org](http://www.covenanthousefl.org), calling 954-568-7914 or mailing your gift to 733 Breakers Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.
- Donating essentials, especially hygiene supplies, baby items, and new clothing.
- Most Covenant House Florida youth wear adult sizes, and they need casual items like jeans and sneakers plus business attire for job interviews and work.
- Volunteering their time. Opportunities are available in both program and support areas.
- Following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/CovenantHouseFlorida](https://facebook.com/CovenantHouseFlorida)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/CovenantHouseFL](https://twitter.com/CovenantHouseFL)).
- Text-to-Give! To donate \$10, text the word HAVEN to 85944 and the donation will be added to your phone bill.\*

*\*A one-time donation of \$10 will be billed to your mobile phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. Donations are collected for Covenant House Florida by [mobile-cause.com](http://mobile-cause.com). Reply STOP to 85944 to stop. Reply HELP to 85944 for help. For terms, see [www.igfn.org/t](http://www.igfn.org/t).*

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$556,394
Grants receivable	\$602,077
Bequests receivable	\$27,420
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$49,203
Investments	\$240,196
Property and equipment, net	\$1,482,990
	<u>\$2,958,280</u>

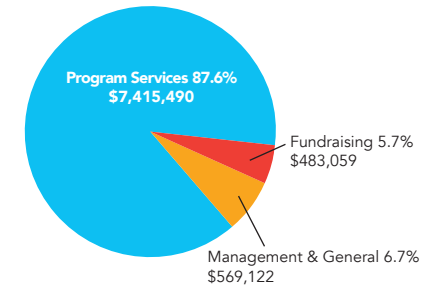
### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$90,787
Accrued expenses	\$353,865
Capital leases	\$51,440
Due to parent	\$42,017
Total Liabilities	<u>\$538,109</u>

### Net Assets:

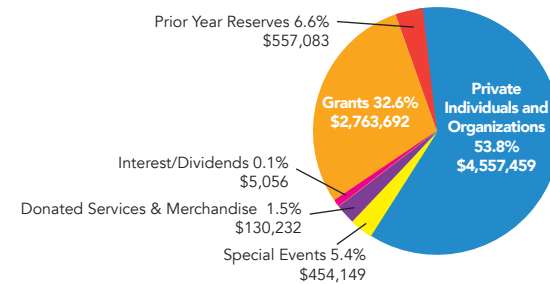
Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	\$960,025
Invested in property and equipment	\$1,431,550
Total Unrestricted	\$2,391,575
Temporarily restricted	\$28,596
Total Net assets	<u>\$2,420,171</u>
	<u>\$2,958,280</u>

### WHAT IT TAKES TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH:



**Total: \$8,467,671**

### SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE:



**Total: \$8,467,671**



## Ft. Lauderdale

### CRISIS SHELTER

Number of Admissions	909
Number of Unduplicated Kids Admitted	624
Boys	48% (297)
Girls	52% (327)
Days of Care	23,597
Average Sheltered per Night	64
Number of Days Average Stay	28

### RACE\*

Black	63% (393)
White	18% (114)
Bi-Racial	4% (23)
Multiracial	12% (77)
Asian	0% (1)
Other	3% (16)

### ETHNICITY\*

Hispanic	23% (142)
Non-Hispanic	77% (481)

### AGE\*

0-5 years	10% (65)
6-17 years	29% (179)
18-20 years	61% (380)

### WHERE THEY CAME FROM

Broward County	71% (534)
Miami-Dade County	16% (117)
Palm Beach County	4% (29)
Other Florida Areas	6% (44)
Out of State	3% (23)

### WHERE THEY WENT

Permanent Housing	16% (119)
Transitional Housing	3% (20)
Temporary Housing	27% (205)
Other	54% (404)

### HEALTH SERVICES

Number of Clinic Visits	.....1,033
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### CRISIS SHELTER (CS) WALK-INS

Days Open	366
Total Visits	627
Average Daily Visits	2

### RIGHTS OF PASSAGE (ROP)

Number of Participants	22
Days of Care	4,097
Average Sheltered Per Night	11

### OUTREACH

Street Counseling Contacts	895
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## Orlando

### CRISIS SHELTER

Number of Admissions	458
Number of Unduplicated Kids Admitted*	310
Boys	56.5% (175)
Girls	43.2% (134)
Transgender	0.3% (1)
Days of Care	13,023
Average Sheltered per Night	37
Number of Days Average Stay	31

### RACE\*

Black	40% (124)
White	38.3% (119)
Bi-Racial	0% (0)
Multiracial	18.7% (58)
Asian	1% (3)
Other	2% (6)

### ETHNICITY\*

Hispanic	37% (115)
Non-Hispanic	63% (195)

### AGE\*

0-5 years	14% (43)
6-17 years	0% (0)
18-20 years	86% (267)

### WHERE THEY CAME FROM

Orange County	71% (325)
Osceola County	7% (34)
Seminole County	5% (22)
Other Florida Areas	13% (58)
Out of State	4% (19)

### WHERE THEY WENT

Permanent Housing	51% (210)
Transitional Housing	3% (13)
Temporary Housing	25% (104)
Other	21% (89)

### COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER (CSC)

Days Open	366
Total Visits	2,025
Average Daily Visits	6

### RIGHTS OF PASSAGE (ROPAL)

Number of Participants	56
Days of Care	10,123
Average Sheltered Per Night	30

### DOVE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Number of Participants	252
Total Visits	1,314
Average Daily Visits	4

### OUTREACH

Street Counseling Contacts	745
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\*unduplicated

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Opening Doors for Homeless Youth

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