



DePelchin
CHILDREN'S CENTER



Annual Report 2019

A brighter tomorrow for children and families in Texas.



Susie Distefano
Chairman, Board of Directors

From the Board Chairman



Dear Friends,

We all want to know what will happen next in our world and how we will get through this pandemic. I can say this with great certainty: what has gotten countless children and families through times of crisis before has consistently been friends like YOU.

I hope you'll read through our 2019 Annual Report for some clear examples of what you made possible last year through your generous support — and what gives me hope for the future of those we serve.

Even in the midst of this crisis, I find confidence in the good people of Houston and their dedication to

DePelchin's mission to strengthen the lives of children by enhancing their mental health and physical well-being — just like our founder did 127 years ago.

With your support, we continue to provide vital programs and services like foster parent training and ongoing support, counseling and integrated mental health services and parenting classes — to ensure our children remain safe and healthy.

For families like Sarah and Luke's (page 5), our counseling services have been an essential part of their children's healing — their need for support doesn't stop for a pandemic, and your gifts ensure we can be there to meet them.

As you read the following pages, I hope you see the critical role you play in so many children's lives, and the families who care for them. You make such amazing things possible. Thank you.

With deepest gratitude,

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Our Mission

We strengthen the lives of children by enhancing their mental health and physical well-being.

Our Vision

We envision a world in which every child is safe and healthy.





You're Giving Children Loving, Safe Homes

At just four years old, Angie had a long road of healing ahead of her, but she also had the loving care of a family with her every step of the way, thanks to your generous support.

Kevin and Brittany recall the day they first found out about Angie. The couple had one biological child, Annabelle, but they wanted to foster and adopt children as well.

Because Brittany is a nurse, the couple felt equipped to foster children with more complex medical issues whose unique needs they could more easily meet.

Brittany recalls her tears as she realized the extent of Angie's medical needs coupled with the excitement of being able to welcome her.

“ We are just always grateful that [DePelchin] brought us three of our four children and that they helped make us a family. ”



Angie, Ada, Kevin, Brittany, Augie and Annabelle

“We just knew Angie was meant for our family,” she says.

Since then, Angie has had numerous doctor appointments and “all the types of therapy you can imagine” as well as learning sign language, how to eat and drink, and potty training. She has hearing aids and a cochlear implant, and even had open-heart surgery — but Brittany says Angie remains strong and resilient through it all.

“She is the biggest blessing to our family,” Brittany says.

The couple loved their experience with Angie so much

they have since adopted another daughter with special medical needs, Ada, 3, and an infant son, Augie. With your support, DePelchin has been there to support this family throughout the adoption process of all three of their children.

“We are just always grateful that [DePelchin] brought us three of our four children and that they helped make us a family,” Brittany says.

We are grateful to YOU for making it possible to find such loving homes for children in need and supporting families through every step. Thank you.

You Help Children Heal and Strengthen Families

Luke and Sarah's family has busy, full days, whether they're going to work or school, or staying safe at home to promote social distancing. No matter where they are, thanks to friends like you, their days are much brighter and richer.

Sarah and Luke have four biological children and four adopted siblings who came into their lives through DePelchin and they are proud to be a DePelchin family.

"The most life-changing support we receive has been through counseling," Sarah says. "Our adopted kids are school-aged and have dealt with a lot of trauma. Through counseling they have been given the skills needed to move forward and begin to heal."

In times before the COVID-19 pandemic, your support also helped provide the family with opportunities to attend concerts, games and other events — something they're hopeful to take part in again in the future.

We caught up with the family while they were following stay-at-home orders in April. Luke had been working from home, so the entire family was spending most of their time together.

Sarah says the kids really enjoy spending as much time as they can with their family. Lately that means swimming, board games and playing with the two newest members of the family: a pair of golden retriever puppies.



Luke and Sarah's children

“Through counseling they have been given the skills needed to move forward and begin to heal.”

"We have been quarantining at home, and with a family of 10, we're never bored," Sarah says, laughing.

Even during social distancing, your gifts help ensure our foster and adoptive children and families have the ongoing support they need, so that every child is safe, healthy and loved.

Thank you for being a vital part of our work every single day — you help make families stronger and healthier!

You Give Courage for Change

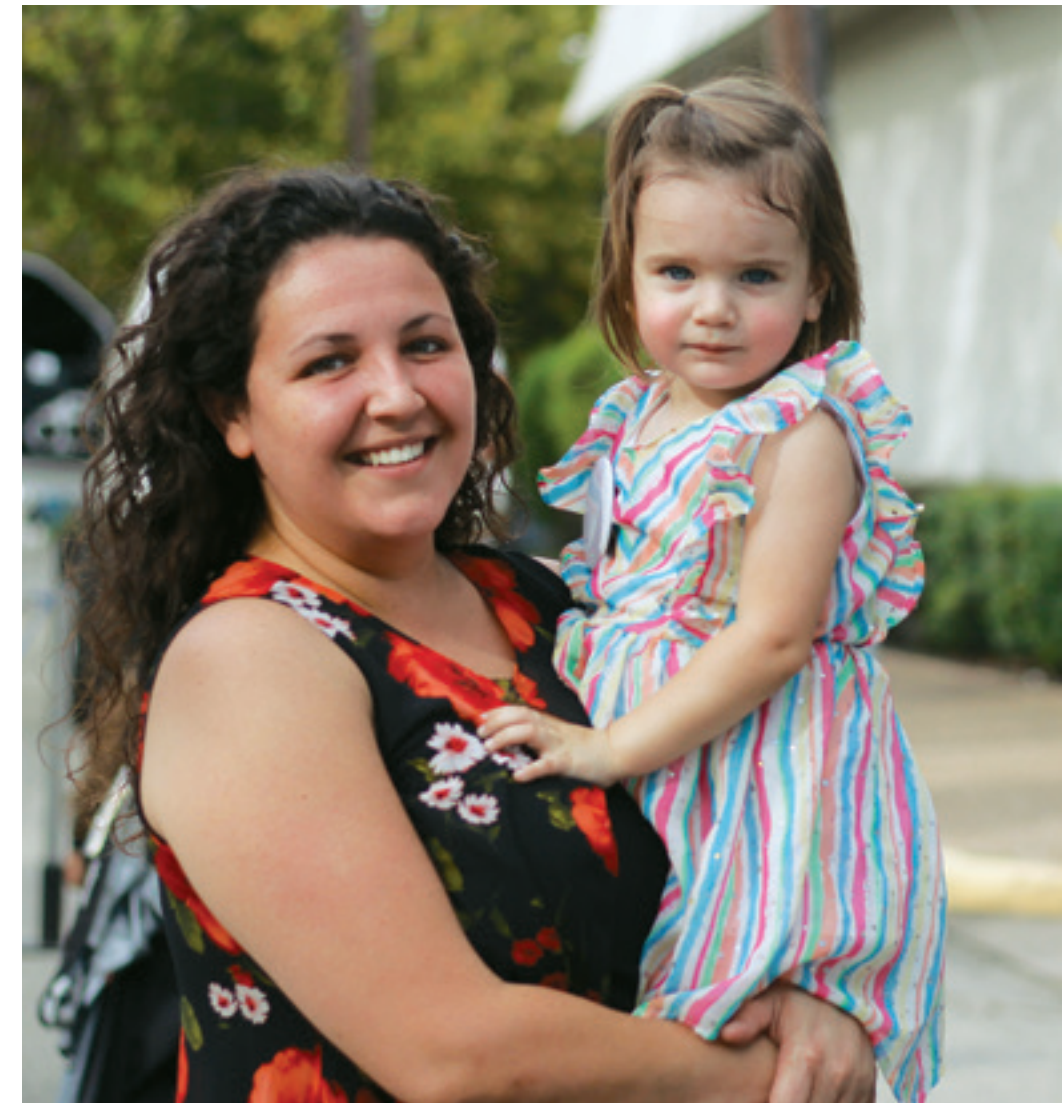
"It took a lot of courage to step out of my comfort zone and accept change and accept help."

Cecilia not only made the courageous decision to accept support through DePelchin's ParentingHelp program, but she has since emerged as a leader for other parents who may be facing similar struggles.

"[Many parents] are afraid that [asking for help] makes them look weak or insufficient," Cecilia says. "I had that same complex."

Before beginning the program, Cecilia struggled to make ends meet for her and her four children. Once she realized the impact the ParentingHelp program had on her and her family, she set out to encourage other parents to take part as well.

Cecilia's efforts were noticed by staff at the Harris County Child Protective Services. Today she works there, helping navigate parents through their programs.



Cecilia and her daughter

"It feels like a complete and utter blessing," Cecilia says of the ParentingHelp program. "I've never had so many opportunities."

The best opportunity, Cecilia says, is being a better parent to her children.

"I'm on the road to do something better with my life so that my kids can have a better life," she says. Thank you for giving countless

parents the courage to step out and seek help — you're making positive transformations possible and keeping more children safe and loved through your generous support.

“It feels like a complete and utter blessing.”

2019 Financials



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2019 and 2018 (in 000's)

Assets	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,030	\$3,868
Contract receivables, net	\$1,214	\$1,175
Contributions receivables	\$179	\$590
Federal and state grant receivable	\$880	\$861
Prepaid insurance and other assets	\$256	\$457
Board-designated assets – investments	\$4,206	\$3,584
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$873	\$1,043
Interest in net assets of FDCC	\$103,565	\$68,389
Total Assets	\$115,203	\$79,967
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$2,427	\$2,429
Deferred income	\$170	\$161
Note payable	-	\$104
Other Liabilities	\$267	\$171
Total Liabilities	\$2,864	\$2,865
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$8,426	\$7,716
Purpose or time restrictions	\$348	\$996
Purpose restrictions – FDCC net assets	\$78,886	\$43,806
Perpetual restrictions – FDCC net assets	\$24,679	\$24,583
Total Net Assets	\$112,339	\$77,101
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$115,203	\$79,967

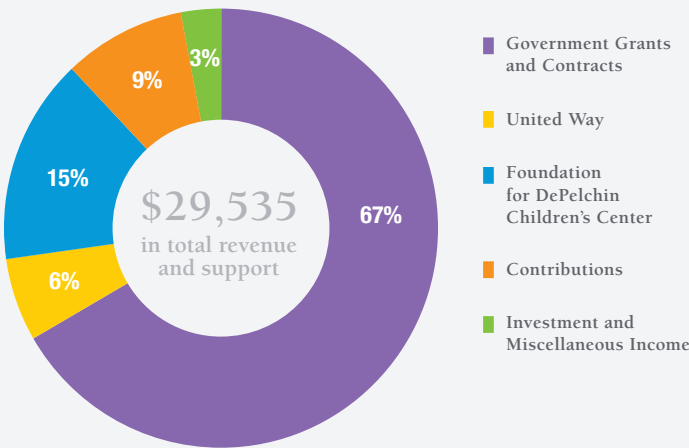
Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 (in 000's)

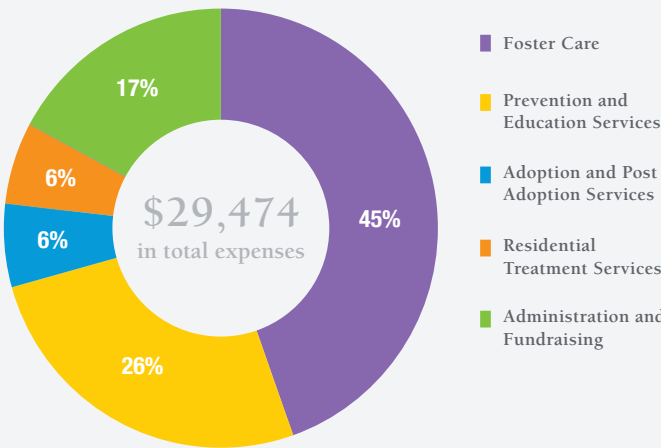
	2019	2018
Revenue and Support		
Government Grants and Contracts	\$19,681	\$19,678
United Way	\$1,840	\$1,971
Foundation for DePelchin Children's Center	\$4,480	\$4,480
Contributions	\$2,665	\$3,453
Investment Income and Miscellaneous Income	\$870	\$1
Total Revenue and Support	\$29,535	\$29,584
Expenses		
Foster Care	\$13,165	\$12,852
Prevention and Education Services	\$7,653	\$8,202
Adoption and Post Adoption Services	\$1,823	\$1,410
Residential Treatment Services	\$1,724	\$1,638
Administration and Fundraising	\$5,109	\$4,696
Total Expenses	\$29,474	\$28,798
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	\$62	\$786

2019 Statement of Activities

2019 Total Revenue and Support



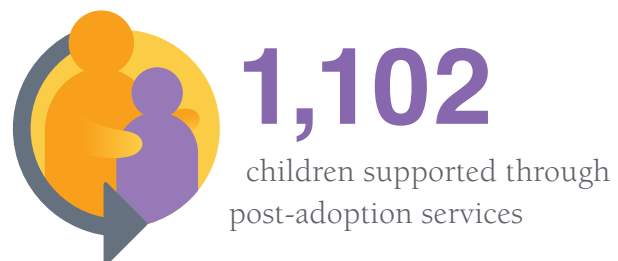
2019 Total Expenses



2019 Outcomes

DePelchin is committed to helping the most vulnerable children and families in Texas and works to break the cycles of abuse and neglect. To achieve this goal, the organization measures its efforts and uses that information to raise the quality of its services. To that end, we are proud to report our 2019 outcomes and the difference you made with your generosity in the lives of children and families across Texas!

Child Welfare Services



Foster Care



79% of children were either adopted or returned to a family member.

99% of children experienced the stability of having two or fewer placements.

Residential



100% of youth stated the RTC staff helped them.

80% of children enrolled in the residential program were either placed in a foster home or with a family member.

Prevention Services



1,311 adults received parenting services



Parent Education | ParentingHelp



87% of parents participating in parenting education groups said they learned new ways to discipline and communicate with children.

96% of parents participating in parenting education groups reported improvement in their relationship with their child(ren).

Transitional Living



88% of young people in the transitional living program made progress towards self-sufficiency.

Counseling



87% of children who received counseling services demonstrated improvement after receiving services.

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Deepest appreciation is extended to the individuals, corporations, foundations and community organizations who made philanthropic gifts supporting DePelchin Children's Center between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.

DePelchin Children's Center has made every attempt to ensure the completeness and accuracy of this list. If you notice an error or omission, please contact us at 713-802-6268 or advancement@depelchin.org and accept our sincere apologies.

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The 1892 Society is a group of individuals dedicated to carrying out the mission of DePelchin through a planned gift. The Society was named for the year Kezia DePelchin took three orphaned infants into her care and opened her Faith Home. Thanks to members of the 1892 Society, the legacy inspired by Kezia will continue in perpetuity.

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“ We are just always grateful that [DePelchin] brought us three of our four children and that they helped make us a family. ”

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Friends of DePelchin is a group of young professionals who are committed to supporting DePelchin’s mission through philanthropy, volunteerism and raising awareness within the Houston community. Friends of DePelchin members donate their valuable time and financial support to make a difference in the lives of children and families.

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