



DePelchin  
CHILDREN'S CENTER



# Annual Report 2020

*A brighter tomorrow for children and families in Texas.*



*Susie Distefano*  
Chairman, Board of Directors

## *From the* **Board Chairman**



### **Dear Friends,**

Thank you.

Those two simple words don't seem adequate, but I hope you know how much your partnership is appreciated. In a year of greater challenges than we could have ever imagined, you showed up to make sure the children we serve were safe, loved and cared for.

Because you care, children and families had the support they needed to overcome the obstacles of 2020, and now have a brighter future ahead of them.

From helping provide children with the items they needed to attend classes from home to

supporting the mental health of children in foster care, you have been there every step of the way to ensure children and families had all they needed.

I hope you'll read through our 2020 Annual Report for some clear examples of what you made possible last year through your generous support, and what we can look forward to as our community continues to heal and move forward with hope.

Thanks to you, Michael and Joshua (page 6) had support as they navigated foster care and adoption in the midst of the pandemic — now they're planning to adopt more children through the foster-to-adopt program.

With your partnership, we continue to provide other vital programs and services like counseling, behavioral and mental health services, and parenting classes — to ensure our children remain safe and healthy.

As you read the following pages, I hope you see just how vital your support has been, and how critical it remains for the future of the children and families in our care.

With deepest gratitude,

Susie Distefano  
Chairman, Board of Directors

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## Our Mission

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

## Our Vision

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







Stories of Hope in 2020

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# You Give Fathers Tools for Successful Parenting

“My relationship with my son has flourished.”

DeWayne Booker signed up for DePelchin’s Fatherhood program with one main goal in mind: learning how to be a better father and husband. He found that and a lot more through the program.

“It made me realize that I’m not the only one; there are other fathers in situations like mine,” DeWayne explains of just one of the benefits he found.

DeWayne says he didn’t have the bond he wished for with his own father, and he wanted a better relationship with his son. Since taking part in DePelchin’s 12-week program, DeWayne says he is more aware of the critical role he plays in the home.

“I’ve taken more initiative and spend more one-on-one time with [my son], just quality time,” he says. “As [my son] gets older, my goal is to reassure him that Daddy’s going to be there...I’m always going to be there; he can come to me no matter how old,” DeWayne says.

The program made such an impact in DeWayne’s life that

he now serves as one of the program’s staff clinicians.

“I believe fathers don’t have enough forums to connect, so I want to change that,” DeWayne says.

He wanted to share with you the difference your gifts make for countless fathers in our community, including him.

“Each dollar, each dime, each penny is providing a safe haven for fathers to become the best father, to redefine their roles as husbands, fathers, and men,” he says.

Thank you for the vital role you play in the lives of fathers and for giving them the tools they need to be the best parent they can be.

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*DeWayne and his family*



# You Brought Families Together

Michael and Joshua didn't expect an ongoing global pandemic would be a part of their foster and adoption story. But when it was, friends like you were there to help guide and support them and the children in their care.

The couple began the foster care journey through DePelchin in February 2020 and welcomed their first child from foster care that November.

"Everything moved very quickly," Michael says, adding "every step of the way, we got help."

They recalled the many adjustments they had to make as a family during that first year,

*“Every step of the way, we got help.”*

*Michael, Joshua and Gage*

especially as they prepared to foster during a pandemic that caused all activities to shift to the home, including school.

During that year they were also able to begin the adoption process for Gage – which was finalized in March 2021. Thanks to your generosity, they had ongoing guidance the entire time.

"DePelchin is always around," Joshua says. "They were ready to give us resources even after Gage was adopted."

Now, the couple hopes to welcome two more foster children into their home who are friends and schoolmates of Gage.

"With DePelchin it is a family relationship," Joshua says. "It isn't a transaction — they are always there when we need them."

Thank you for walking alongside foster and adoptive families every day to make sure children have safety, health and loving care.



# You Prepare Families for Change

Nicole and Victor just started to settle into a good routine with their first foster child when they received a call about another child in need of a home — because of the support you helped give them, their answer was a resounding “yes.”

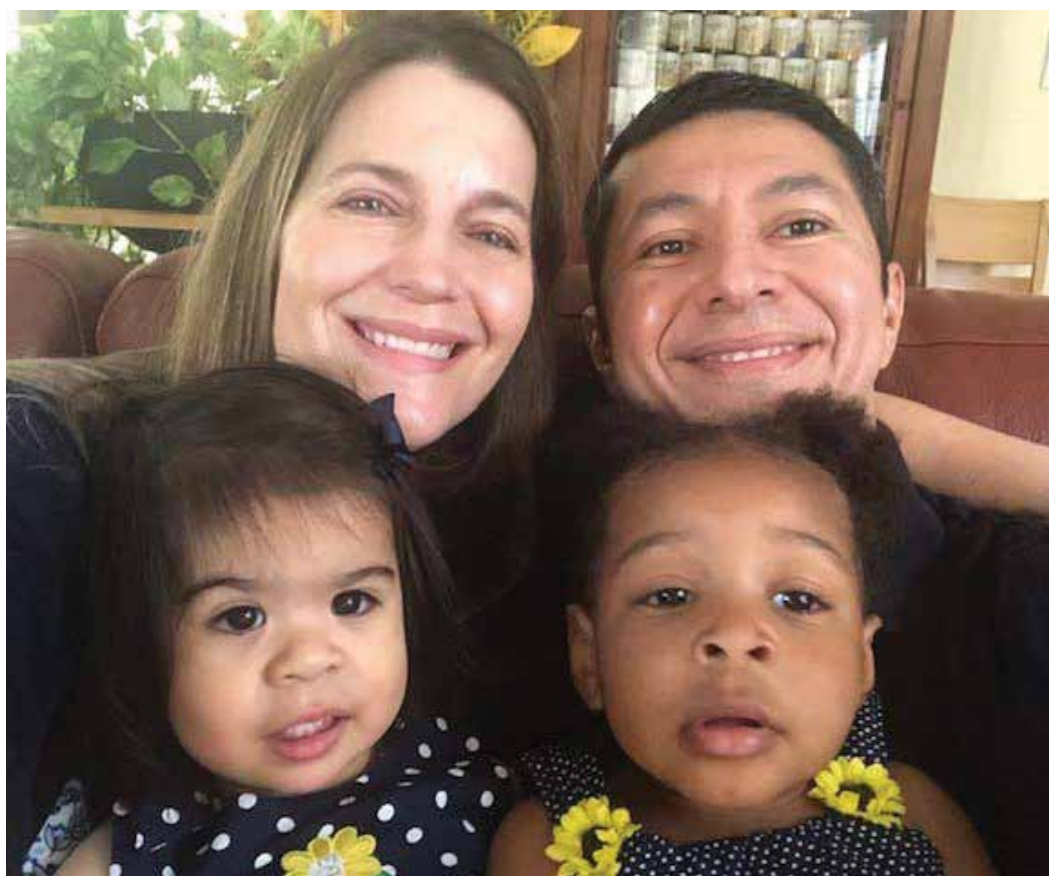
“We felt we were prepared to foster another baby,” Nicole recalls.

Nicole and her husband, Victor, were married in 2006, but since Victor served in the military and they needed to move often, they waited to become parents.

“We liked DePelchin but waited to move forward until we were more stable and knew we wouldn’t be moving around,” Nicole says.

When Victor retired from the military, the couple started their journey as foster parents.

“We didn’t know much about the foster care process [before training with DePelchin], but we knew there was a need, and everything worked out,” Nicole says.



*Nicole, Victor and their daughters, Madison and Briana*

**“You are helping children at a rough time in their lives.”**

Once the couple finished training to become foster parents through DePelchin, they eagerly awaited their first foster child. They welcomed a newborn baby girl, Briana, into their home, followed soon after by a second baby girl, Madison.

When Briana and Madison both became available for adoption,

Nicole and Victor didn’t hesitate to begin the process, which was finalized in March.

“DePelchin was always great,” Nicole says. “They are always there asking what they can do for you or what they can provide.” Nicole adds that your donations directly help kids like Briana and Madison at an especially critical time.

“You are helping kids at a rough time in their lives as they live in limbo,” she says. “It’s all about the kids.”



# 2020 Financials

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020 and 2019 (in 000's)

	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,795	\$4,030
Contract receivables, net	\$1,149	\$1,214
Contributions receivables	\$70	\$179
Federal and state grant receivable	\$1,018	\$880
Prepaid insurance and other assets	\$378	\$256
Board-designated assets-investments	\$4,686	\$4,206
Property and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$640	\$873
Interest in net assets of FDCC	\$114,221	\$103,565
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$127,955</b>	<b>\$115,203</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$2,367	\$2,427
Deferred income	\$229	\$170
Note payable	\$2,170	—
Other Liabilities	\$308	\$267
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,074</b>	<b>\$2,864</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$8,432	\$8,426
Purpose or time restrictions	\$229	\$348
Purpose restrictions— FDCC net assets	\$89,403	\$78,886
Perpetual restrictions— FDCC net assets	\$24,818	\$24,679
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$122,881</b>	<b>\$112,339</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$127,955</b>	<b>\$115,203</b>



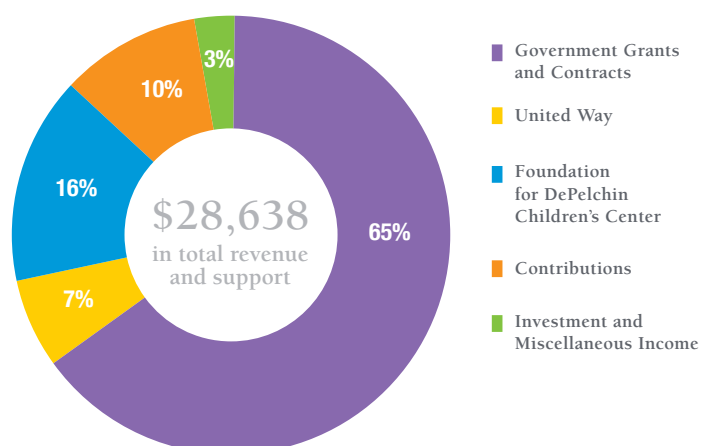
# Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 (in 000's)

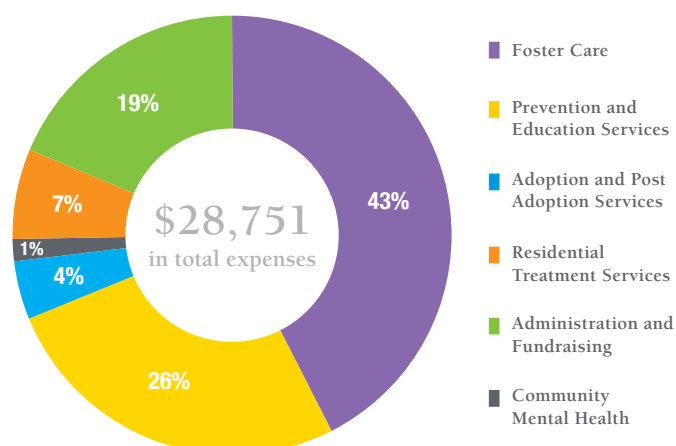
	2020	2019
<b>Revenue and Support</b>		
Government Grants and Contracts	\$18,603	\$19,681
United Way	\$1,874	\$1,840
Foundation for DePelchin Children's Center	\$4,480	\$4,480
Contributions	\$2,961	\$2,665
Investment Income and Miscellaneous Income	\$720	\$870
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$28,638</b>	<b>\$29,535</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Foster Care	\$12,266	\$13,165
Prevention and Education Services	\$7,535	\$7,653
Adoption and Post Adoption Services	\$1,255	\$1,823
Community Mental Health	\$400	\$0
Residential Treatment Services	\$1,940	\$1,724
Administration and Fundraising	\$5,356	\$5,106
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,751</b>	<b>\$29,474</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(\$113)</b>	<b>\$62</b>

## 2020 Statement of Activities

### 2020 Total Revenue and Support



### 2020 Total Expenses





# 2020 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 2020 outcomes and the difference you made with your generosity in the lives of children and families across Texas!

## Child Welfare Services



**135**

children adopted statewide from foster care by forever families.

**148**



new families licensed to provide foster care.

**27**



children in residential treatment.



**882**

children cared for in foster homes.

### Foster Care



**78%** 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.

## Prevention Services



**1,031**

adults received  
parenting services.

**1,594**

children supported with  
at-risk youth services.



**33**



young adults served by the  
transitional living program.

### Parent Education | ParentingHelp



**97%** of parents participating  
in parenting education  
groups reported improvement  
in their relationship with  
their child(ren).

**84%** of caregivers  
receiving individual parenting  
curriculum report reduction  
in dysfunctional parenting  
practices at the end of  
receiving services.

### Transitional Living



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

### Counseling



**95%** of children who  
received counseling services  
demonstrated stabilization or  
improvement after receiving  
services.

### Fatherhood



**93%** of caregivers agreed  
that the fatherhood program  
group curriculum equipped  
them with the tools and  
resources they need to become  
better family members.

### Special Projects



**530** Backpacks filled  
with school supplies were  
distributed to children  
receiving services from  
DePelchin.



**930** Children in care  
were given gifts through  
DePelchin's Holiday Project.



# 2020 Donors

Deepest appreciation is extended to the individuals, corporations, foundations and community organizations who made philanthropic gifts supporting DePelchin Children's Center between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

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](mailto:advancement@depelchin.org) and accept our sincere apologies.

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