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“Building a Future for Families”

FALL 2014

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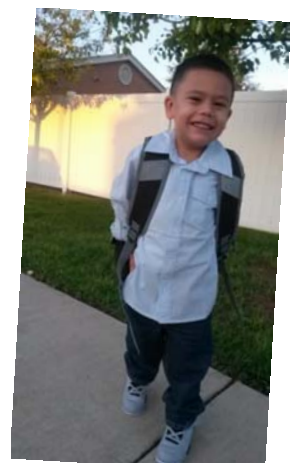


Congratulations to one of our extraordinary graduates who received her Registered Nurse degree from Midland College in May! As our youngest client and the mother of a preschool daughter, she faithfully participated in all our program elements and dedicated herself to passing her classes with excellence. Following her graduation, she passed her state board exams on her first attempt! She is now employed as a nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Odessa Regional which fulfilled another personal goal. But she is not stopping there! This fall, she is continuing her education by taking classes to earn her BS in Nursing. Her focus and determination have allowed her to build a bright future for herself and her precious little girl.



Our student moms and children were blessed as school began this fall with much needed school supplies and new clothing. We are so grateful for our faithful community partners Rotary Club of Midland, Robert Half International and First Baptist Church “Dress ‘Em & Bless ‘Em”.

Their generosity brought smiles and excitement as everyone began their classes fully equipped and ‘lookin’ good’!



Our Mission Statement

To equip single mothers and their children for self-sufficient living by addressing their educational, vocational, spiritual, and emotional needs in residential and non-residential settings.

Children's Enrichment Program



After School Tutoring Sessions produce "smiles of success"!

The Children's Enrichment Program assists with our children's mental, physical and emotional development while building the relationships of the parent, child and family unit. The center is designed to enrich lives of children in the single parent community who may need additional opportunities to enable them to grow, develop and reach their full potential. Parents also have the opportunity to learn and practice the parenting skills that enhance their child's opportunity for development. Skilled staff and caring volunteers offer education support with tutoring and encouragement through training sessions and one-on-one interactive opportunities throughout the week. The outcomes from our Children's Enrichment Program have included brighter futures for countless children through improving their physical, mental and emotional skills, and healthier families for our community with stronger parenting skills and family living skills for now and for the next generation. This program is equipping both young and old to become independent, self-sufficient and productive individuals. Midland Fair Havens is "Building a Future for Families."

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

- Children's Life Skills...
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Peace
- Kindness
- Gratitude
- Self-control
- Faith
- Joy
- Patience
- Love



If you are interested in volunteering or you would like more information about the Children's Enrichment Program, please call Priscilla Lane or Linda Hamblin at (432) 689-3411.



Children's Program Mission

To help children grow in spirit, mind and body. -Luke 2:32

A Story of Success



One MFH mother of two school-aged children received her Dental Hygienist degree with Honors at Howard College, obtained a full time position with a local dentist and is now planning to build a

new house for her family. During her time in the rigorous academic program, this young woman endured the death of her alcoholic, abusive father and overcame a history with two damaging relationships all while helping her mother through chemotherapy to battle liver cancer. But none of these barriers kept her from success! Always with a sweet and grateful attitude, this mom demonstrated a sincere faith and unfaltering determination that was inspirational to everyone around her. We at Midland Fair Havens feel so blessed to have been able to help this family to realize their life dream.

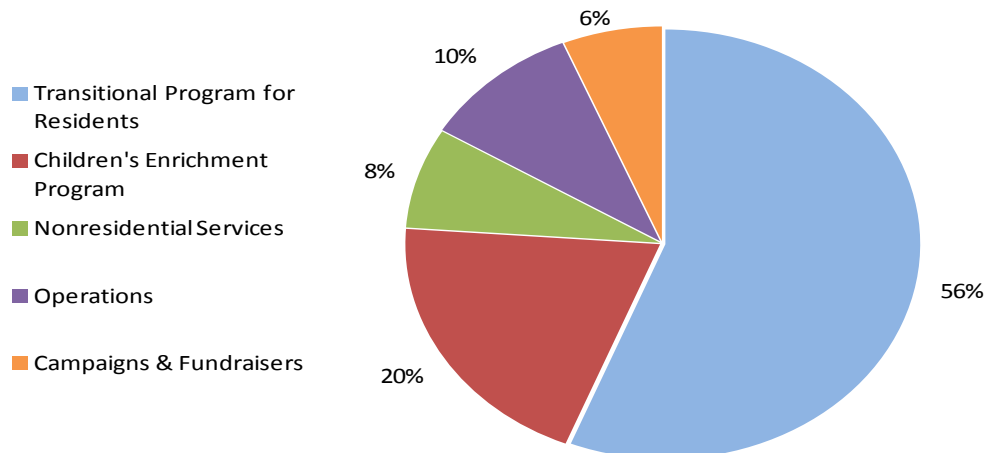
"I feel blessed! I am so fortunate to be able to have this opportunity, not just to go to school, but to have a place my children and I can call 'home'."

Some Facts about our Programs

- At entry, most resident's income is at or below 50% of poverty level; at completion of the program, 85% have an average income increase of 145%.
- Three quarters of our residents are "first generation" college students; they all are seeking a brighter future for their families.
- 85% of graduates do not return to an abusive relationship even though 95% come to Midland Fair Havens with a history of domestic violence.
- Average monthly cost for services and housing of one residential family is \$3,236.
- Average monthly cost to provide nonresidential services to 38 families is \$5,628.
- Average monthly cost to operate the children's program is \$11,819.



How is your gift invested?



"for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11



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a gingerbread extravaganza

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Fair Havens

2014

come *decorate* a gingerbread house that will enrich your christmas memories as a christmas keepsake while adding a little sugar and spice to the lives of Midland Fair Havens' single mothers and their children!

gingerbread house decorating luncheon- december 2nd& 3rd, 11:30am-1:30pm

family gingerbread cottage decorating party- december 2nd, 4:30pm-6:00pm

midland country club ballroom
formal invitation to follow

to be added to the mailing list please contact gingerbreadhaven@mfh.org
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