

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Forward Together



Project
Harmony[®]

Child Advocacy Center

Youth and family
journeys through
trauma, tenacity and
triumph.



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Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year at Project Harmony, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support. Because of you, thousands of children and families have found hope, healing and the resources they need to move forward from trauma.

In the past year, we served over 9,500 children and families—a milestone that once seemed unimaginable. What began as a child abuse response organization has evolved into a comprehensive, trauma-informed center supporting entire families. Through the years, we have added school-based mental health services, family advocacy and missing and anti-trafficking initiatives that address our community's evolving needs.

Through our school-based *Connections* program, we provided over 9,000 individual therapy sessions and facilitated 285 therapy groups across five school districts. This work is critical as we continue to see increased referrals from schools and caregivers recognizing the importance of early mental health intervention.

We are also serving more older youth, many through our Missing & Anti-Trafficking Youth Services. Our commitment to this vulnerable population has led to meaningful partnerships, including the co-location of Homeland Security on our campus to strengthen our fight against child trafficking.

Beyond Omaha, our Training Institute delivered over 30,500 trainings across 46 states plus Washington D.C. and 42 countries, equipping professionals to identify and respond to child abuse. Through national partnerships, we are helping other communities replicate our successful models, furthering our mission on a larger scale.

Sustainability remains a key focus. In 2024, we secured our first federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant, designating Project Harmony as a National Child Traumatic Stress Network Category III provider. This five-year, \$2.6 million grant expands trauma-informed mental health services, particularly for underserved populations such as ethnic minorities, military-affiliated families and foster care youth. Additionally, our advocacy efforts have led to increased state funding, ensuring continued support for our critical services.

Perhaps the most profound reminder of our impact came from a colleague in Texas. After learning about our efforts in combating missing youth and trafficking, her team implemented a similar approach. Shortly after, they rescued a missing child and launched an investigation into her traffickers. Stories like this reaffirm why we do this work—and why your support is so vital.

As we approach our 30th year, we remain committed to broadening our impact, ensuring financial stability, growing sustainably and fostering a strong team culture and Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are creating a world where every child feels safe, supported and empowered to thrive.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Gene Klein, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer



**LETTER FROM OUR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER:
GENE KLEIN**





AT-A-GLANCE STATS

Impact by the Numbers.

Last year, Project Harmony served 9,863 children and families, each facing various challenges. The children we served were as diverse as their challenges.

More than half of these children were girls, and nearly 50% were from Douglas County. Our collaboration with numerous professionals and agencies — law enforcement, child protective services and medical staff — was crucial in helping us amplify our impact.

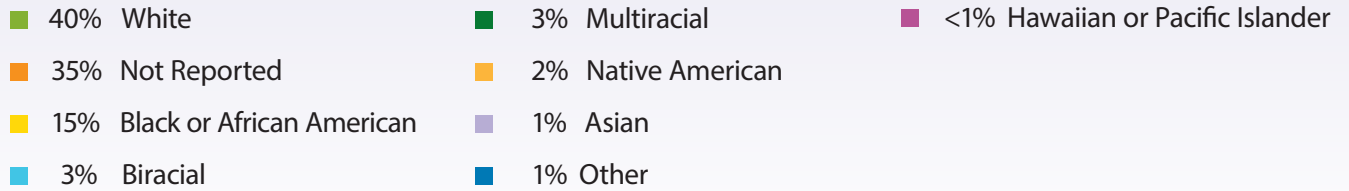
We are grateful for your support and partnership in our work. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

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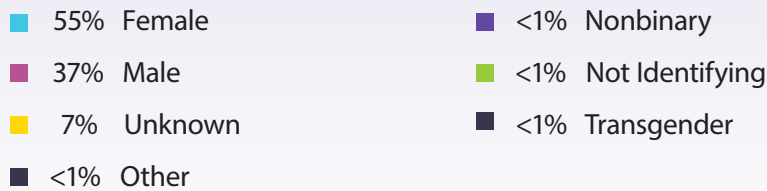
9,863
Total Children Served

This includes prevention and response services.

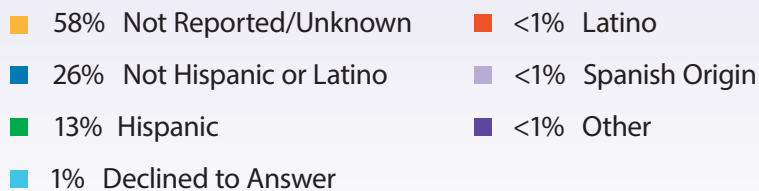
Race of Children Served



Gender of Children Served



Ethnicity of Children Served



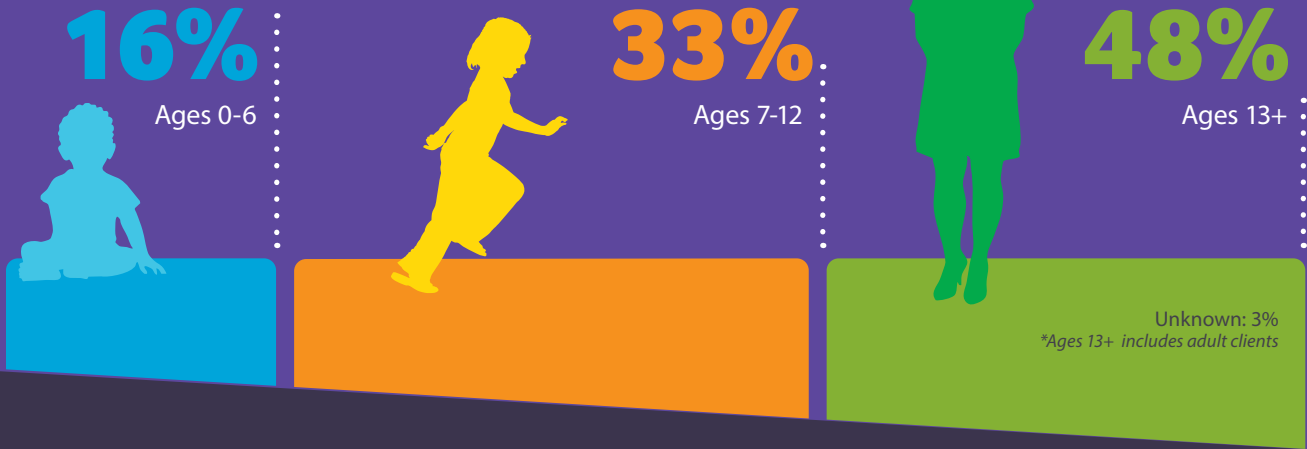
DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 10

children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday

Impact by the Numbers.

Age of Children Served



Child's Relationship to Alleged Perpetrator*



Intakes by Type of Abuse



Children's Response Services

9,438
Advocacy sessions provided
+49% from 2023

310
Youth received mental health sessions
-12% from 2023

1,821
Forensic interviews conducted
-1% from 2023

1,608
Medical exams conducted
+16% from 2023

177
Multidisciplinary meetings
-6% from 2023

320
MATYS clients served
+28% from 2023



People Served by County*

Nebraska

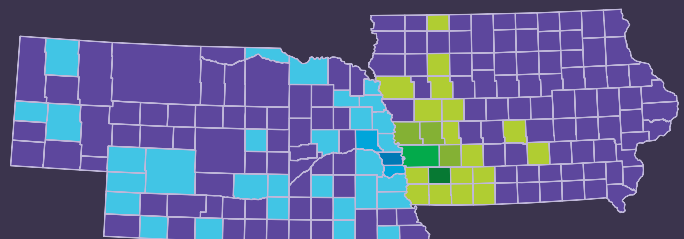


50%	Douglas	Buffalo
30%	Unknown	Furnas
9%	Sarpy	Platte
2%	Dodge	Valley
<i>Other Counties Served</i>		
	Cass (NE)	Boyd
	Washington	Dakota
	Lancaster	Jefferson
	Saunders	Saline
	Hall	Wayne
	Cuming	York
	Knox	Chase
	Burt	Dawes
	Pawnee	Hitchcock
	Keith	Lincoln
	Otoe	Morrill
	Thurston	Perkins
		Scotts Bluff

Iowa



14%	Montgomery	Page
2%	Pottawattamie	Taylor
<i>Other Counties Served</i>		
	Harrison	Ringgold
	Shelby	Adams
	Cass (IA)	Carroll
	Crawford	Woodbury
	Mills	Dickinson
	Fremont	Marion
	Adair	Polk
	Audubon	Sac
		Union



* In some cases, the percentage may add up to more than 100%, as there may be more than one perpetrator.

HUMAN RESOURCES

People & Culture

In 2024, Project Harmony continued to grow while staying true to our strategic initiative to *Build a Great Culture*. As our organization expanded, we prioritized *Learning Pathways* to enhance employee development. Our Training Team, Human Resources and Leadership worked collaboratively to solidify position descriptions and create structured learning paths for all roles, making onboarding more seamless and engaging. New hires benefited from a clearer roadmap for their first year, and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive—employees feel valued, supported and connected from day one.

Beyond onboarding, our culture-building efforts included initiatives like the **New Hire Breakfast with the Executive Team** and the **Emergenetics Workshop** at six months, where employees explore diverse thinking styles and best practices for collaboration. These intentional touchpoints have strengthened our inclusive and supportive workplace environment.

A key milestone in 2024 was our first **Gallup Engagement Survey**, which provided valuable insights into employee voice and culture. We achieved the



highest participation rate among peer organizations, reflecting our team's investment in shaping our workplace. The results guided leadership in setting goals focused on expectations, rewards and recognition. A standout finding was the high rating on mission and purpose, confirming that our team, regardless of role, feels deeply connected to the impact of our work. We will work to continue this initiative.

To celebrate teamwork and collaboration, we introduced the **Galaxy Award**, recognizing outstanding contributions across departments. Built from our *Circle of Stars* initiative, this has helped highlight the meaningful ways employees work together to drive success.

We also expanded **community outreach and recruitment**, participating in over 20 career fairs and networking events to attract top talent and future interns. Our paid **Internship Program** welcomed 16 interns who gained hands-on experience and meaningful mentorship. Their testimonials underscore the value of our training and support, solidifying Project Harmony as a place where professional growth and mission-driven work intersect.

Our employees are at the heart of everything we do. Through recognition, engagement and professional development, we are cultivating a workplace where people feel valued, supported and empowered to make a lasting impact.



127
Project Harmony
Employees in 2024

16
Interns & practicum
students in 2024

Expanding Impact: Project Harmony's Training Institute

In 2024, Project Harmony's Training Institute reached new heights, achieving **30,618 training completions**, a **46% increase** from 20,924 in 2023. Growth was driven by the addition of Spanish microlearning modules, instructor-led virtual sessions and expanded in-person courses, ensuring accessibility for diverse learners.

Attendees praised the engaging facilitation, relevant strategies and real-world applicability of the content. New highlights included Spanish-language sessions and multiple off-site locations.

A major initiative in 2024 was the **Hope Champions Network**, designed to equip individuals with the tools to foster resilience. This program includes:

1. **Train-the-Trainer Model** — A 12-hour foundational training covering Trauma and Resilience, Empathic Strain and Building Hope.
2. **Coaching and Consultation** — Hope Champions can call our trainers for assistance in applying hope science to real world scenarios they face in their work within the community.
3. **A Robust Network** — Project Harmony has trained over 400 Hope Champions spanning across the U.S. Hope Champions collaborates with other professionals facing similar issues in their communities.

Key milestones included training 100 participants in Iowa as trainers, funded by the Iowa West Foundation, and reaching 6,886 participants through hope-centered training.

Project Harmony's impact spans 42 countries and 46 U.S. states plus Washington, D.C. through partnerships with Salvation Army, Educare, Omaha Public Schools, Buffett Early Childhood Institute and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Through innovation and collaboration, the Training and Learning Institute continues to build trauma-informed communities, strengthening resilience and transforming lives worldwide.

Training Attendee



.....
Jon was an exceptional presenter. His skills made complex topics accessible, and the takeaways were immediately applicable to my work."

30,618

**Individual
trainings**

completed from **46 states**
and **42 countries**

DID YOU KNOW?

3.3 million

children witness domestic violence
in their homes each year



CONNECTIONS

Strengthening Families Through Mental Health Support

Project Harmony's *Connections* program continues to provide accessible, high-quality mental health services to children and families, ensuring they receive the support they need to heal and thrive. By eliminating barriers to care, we connect youth with skilled therapists who help them navigate challenges and build resilience.

One young boy, Adam, was referred to *Connections* after struggling with anger and emotional regulation following exposure to domestic violence at home. His mother, a single parent of four, expressed concerns about his outbursts at school and requested a male therapist. *Connections* matched him with a therapist, who now meets with him during school hours, easing the burden on his busy mother. Early signs of progress are encouraging, as she recently shared: "Adam seems to really like him. I think this is going to work out great. Thank you for taking the time to find such a good fit for him."

9,093
Individual
therapy sessions

285
Therapy groups
provided

Connections

at Project Harmony

Number of Connections Referrals by School District

821

Omaha Public Schools

249

Bellevue Public Schools

192

Millard Public Schools

154

Papillion La Vista Community Schools

47

Ralston Public Schools

15

Private school



DID YOU KNOW?

Every 10 seconds

a report of child abuse is made.

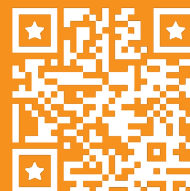
Over 60%

of all children and adolescents are impacted by violence each year.

Location of Therapy Sessions

- 70% School
- 19% Office
- 9% Teletherapy
- 1% In Home
- 1% Other

Learn more about the Connections program:



To protect the identity and privacy of those we serve, some stock images have been used throughout this publication.



2,143
Children served
through Connections

A Family Finding Balance

Connections also helped a young girl who was referred for behavioral concerns. Recognizing that family stress played a significant role, the program provided her mother with services to manage emotional strain and improve parenting skills. To promote **stress reduction and family bonding**, Connections secured a **three-month YMCA membership**, allowing them to spend time together in a positive environment. Both mother and daughter successfully completed the program and reported noticeable improvements at home.

Through stories like these, the Connections program demonstrates the power of early intervention and holistic support. By offering tailored mental health services, reducing logistical barriers and addressing family-wide needs, Project Harmony is transforming lives—one connection at a time.





CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

A Collaborative Approach to Healing

At Project Harmony, collaboration across our **Children and Family Services** ensures families receive comprehensive, trauma-informed care. One recent case highlights how our multidisciplinary teams worked together to support both a child and her caregiver through an incredibly difficult journey.

The child was initially referred to Children's Services due to concerns of sexual abuse by her grandmother's boyfriend. At the time, she was unwilling to disclose details or participate in a forensic interview. Our **Multidisciplinary Team** identified a need for additional support, referring her to **Project Harmony's Mental Health Services** to begin therapy at her own pace.

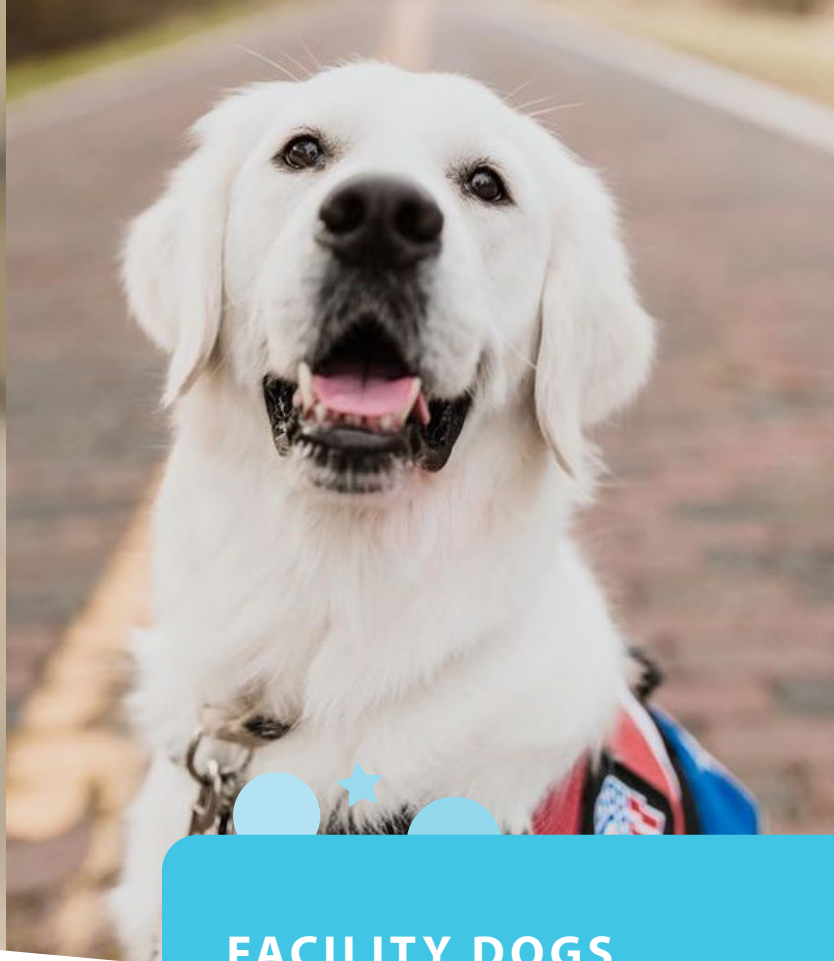
As therapy progressed, she disclosed the abuse to her mother, who had initially declined a forensic interview, fearing it would further traumatize her daughter. Meanwhile, the therapist recognized the mother's struggles with guilt and anger and made an internal referral for caregiver therapy. By supporting both mother and daughter, we created a safe space for healing.

When the child later disclosed additional details, her therapists worked together to educate the caregiver on the importance of a forensic interview. The **Forensic Interview Team** coordinated with therapists to

schedule the interview in a supportive environment. The child, who had built a strong connection with **Warrior**, one of Project Harmony's facility dogs, was able to have him present for comfort. Conducted in Spanish—her primary language—by our **Spanish-speaking Forensic Interviewer**, she provided a detailed disclosure, allowing **Omaha Police Department (OPD)** to fully open an investigation.

The child also received a medical exam on-site, offering reassurance to both her and her mother. Additionally, our **Spanish-speaking Family Advocate** helped the mother understand the investigation process and access further resources. The caregiver later provided evidence that strengthened the case.

This case exemplifies how collaboration across our programs creates a seamless,



compassionate experience for families in crisis. By adapting our approach to meet their unique needs, we helped the child feel safe enough to disclose, supported her mother through her own healing and worked alongside law enforcement to ensure justice. Our ability to integrate services ensures that every family we serve receives the care, resources and advocacy they deserve.

FACILITY DOGS

For the youth we serve, Woody and Warrior are more than just facility dogs—they are companions who provide immense comfort during times of distress and uncertainty.

516
Unique Clients
Served



Learn more
about Warrior
and Woody at:





Pictured left to right: Tom Bouska, Paul Wood, John Gish, Jessica Tippery, Colleen Brazil, Amanda Bireline and Machaela Hackendahl

Expanding Support: Iowa Satellite Office in Atlantic

Project Harmony’s commitment to serving children and families extends beyond Nebraska. In December of 2024, we strengthened our regional impact by expanding services to **Atlantic, Iowa**, through our **Iowa Satellite Office**. This location increases access to critical **forensic interviews, advocacy and mental health support** for children and families in southwest Iowa who have experienced abuse or trauma.

By bringing services closer to home, we reduce barriers like **travel time and accessibility**, ensuring that children receive the support they need **without delay**. Our collaborative approach remains at the heart of this expansion, working closely with local law enforcement, child protective services and community partners to provide a seamless response for families in need.

This satellite location reinforces our mission: every child deserves safety, healing and hope—no matter where they live.



DID YOU KNOW?

2,603

reports of missing juveniles were made in 2024

Celebrating Hope and Resilience

Missing & Anti-Trafficking Youth Services and the Power of Support



In 2024, Project Harmony's **Missing & Anti-Trafficking Youth Services (MATYS)** team continued to make a significant impact on youth affected by trauma, including those at risk of trafficking. One of the most heartwarming stories from this year is about the dedication of an MATYS Advocate, and the remarkable progress of a young woman with a history of extensive trauma.

This youth, who had faced multiple challenges—**sexual abuse**, being a **state ward** and a history of running away—has been supported by an MATYS Advocate for nearly two years. Despite these ongoing challenges, this Advocate remained a consistent, positive presence, setting goals and working with the youth to reduce her risks, improve behaviors and ensure she had access to the help she needed.

At the beginning of December, the youth expressed a heartfelt desire to **celebrate her sixteenth birthday** in a meaningful way—by cooking lunch for the MATYS team. This request was more than just a celebration; it was a chance for the youth to show her **appreciation** and have a positive experience that she'd never had before. The MATYS Advocate and the youth worked together to get solid, achievable goals in the six weeks leading up to the event—goals that included school attendance, refraining from drug use and other key behaviors.

By January, the youth had successfully met her goals. The celebration was everything she hoped for and more. At Project Harmony, the MATYS Advocate and the youth cooked a **special meal** for the MATYS and Omaha Police Department (OPD) teams, featuring **fried chicken, mashed potatoes and green beans**. The entire MATYS and OPD staff came together to celebrate her achievement, offering gifts, decorating the training room and even bringing a cake. The youth shared that it was the **first birthday party she had ever had** and was deeply moved by the support she received.

This story embodies the power of **collaboration, consistency** and **care** in transforming lives. The MATYS team's commitment to supporting youth, setting clear expectations and celebrating milestones underscores the profound impact we can have when we believe in the potential of every child.

YOUTH FIRE INTERVENTION

Youth Fire Safety Training

The Omaha Fire Department's Youth Fire Intervention Program

The **Youth Fire Intervention Program**, launched in 2022 by the **Omaha Fire Department (OFD)** and co-located at **Project Harmony**, aims to reduce incidents of youth fire setting through education and intervention. This critical program serves children and families who need support in addressing the dangerous behavior of playing with fire. By providing both intervention and ongoing educational programming, as well as access to community resources, the program works to help youth understand the risks associated with fire setting and make better decisions.

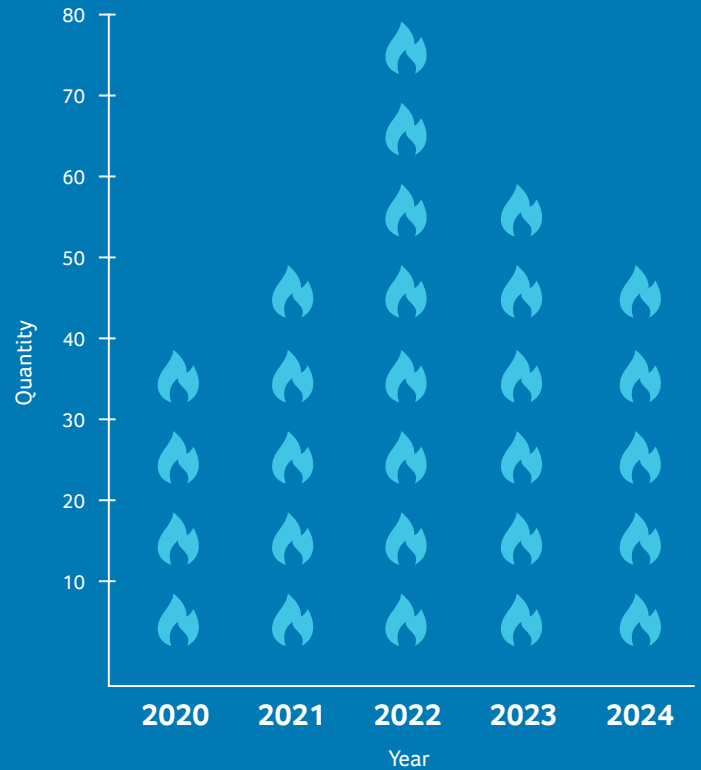
Youth involved in the program range from **3 to 16 years old**, with high-profile cases including a **3-year-old using a torch lighter**, a **4-year-old twin basement fire** and a **7-year-old starting a house fire**. One particularly concerning case involved a **13-year-old runaway**, whose actions led to a house fire and multiple felonies. All educational classes for these youth are held at **Project Harmony**, providing a safe and supportive environment.

In response to the increasing demand for services, the program has also expanded by implementing classes to educate not only youth but also other departments throughout the state. This collaboration with the Omaha Fire Department and our community partners is vital to reducing the risks posed by youth fire-setting, helping families and youth make positive changes and contributing to the safety and well-being of the community.



Youth-Set Fires in the Past 5 Years

Source: Omaha Fire Department Study



Pictured above: Youth Fire Intervention Specialist and Facility Dog Handler, Joshua Fry of the OFD, and OFD's Facility Dog, Mochi.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Speaking of Children

April 2-3, 2024

Event Chairs: Fatima Basith and Andrea Marshall
 Honorary Chairs: Anne and Arnie Weitz

Project Harmony’s 17th annual Speaking of Children Luncheon & Conference attracted 683 trainees for the two-day conference and welcomed an additional 692 community members at the Keynote Luncheon. The keynote speaker was John Walsh, longtime host and a producer of *America’s Most Wanted*, leading lobbying force behind the passage of the Missing Children’s Act and co-founder of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. An event committee of 57 volunteers helped make the event a success.

Funds raised from Speaking of Children go towards general operations as well as make it possible for professionals and community members alike to learn from nationally recognized speakers and world-class experts about what it takes to recognize, investigate, combat and provide healing treatment for child abuse victims.

A very special thank you to Boys Town, Children’s Nebraska and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Nebraska for their partnership.

2024 KEYNOTE

John Walsh

Crime Fighter and Host of *America’s Most Wanted*

\$398,545
 Raised at 2024’s
 Speaking of Children

Pictured above left to right: (back row) Jessie Forrest, Carol Ketcham, Angela Cutler and Stephanie Pantano; (middle row) Pam Weekly, Natalia Atchley, Emily Codr, Janel Sunderland, Jill Bydalek, Jennie Warren, Kerry Bast, Carla Patton-Ochsner, Brenda Langenberg, Kim Kula, Lezlie Peterson, Cheryl Lehotyak and Barb Lamoureux; (front row) Emily Lischer, Addie Hollingsworth, Yvonne Pflug, Chris Shimokawa, Cathy Beck, Christie Oberto, Andrea Marshall, Fatima Basith, Fatima Khan, Haley Walker, Carolyn Sutton and Caitlin Mell



Pictured left to right: (back row) Tom and Alyson Manning and Gene Klein; (middle row) Chase and Carolyn Sutton; (front row) Robb and Melissa Steffes, Kate and Dan Parker

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Without you, our life-changing work would not be possible.

Many thanks to all who attended our events and supported Project Harmony in a variety of ways.

Each of you contributes to the safety and wellbeing of children and families: providing a place where children can use their voice without fear; ensuring hope, health and resilience; and spreading awareness, generating learning and ultimately protecting the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your continued compassion and generosity.

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

 September 20, 2024

Event Chairs: Alyson and Tom Manning, Kate and Dan Parker, Melissa and Robb Steffes and Carolyn and Chase Sutton

The 19th annual Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event presented a lucky evening at Champions Run for 400 people in attendance. The beloved Irish-inspired theme incorporated Husker football to accommodate for a rescheduled game. Guests enjoyed Irish and tailgate food, live viewing of the football game, wonderful music by Ecco, games, prizes and even the chance to win a Pot of Gold cash prize! An event committee of 93 volunteers contributed to the event.

\$174,290
 Raised in 2024's Halfway to St. Patrick's Day



Pictured left to right: Laura Essay, Tony Essay, Aaron Jansen and Kelsey Jansen

Annual Fund Drive

Heartfelt thanks to our Board members and their spouses, Sara and Matt Boyd, Amy and Mike Christensen and Emily and Mike Jung, who served as the 2024 Annual Fund Drive chairs. Their dedication and engagement helped raise a record \$544,272 for the Annual Fund Drive campaign!

\$544,272

Raised in 2024's Annual Fund Drive



★ Sara Boyd

★ Amy Christensen

★ Mike Jung

2024 Annual Fund Drive Chairmen

Golf Invitational

June 11, 2024

Event Chairs: Lindsay and Jason Eggers, Jim Jansen, Kevin Thompson and Ryan Zabrowski

156 golfers and 72 volunteers came together at the annual Project Harmony Golf Invitational at Indian Creek Golf Course. For 29 years, this tournament has raised critical funds for Project Harmony, making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families for decades.



Pictured left to right: Gene Klein, Kevin Thompson, Jim Jansen, Jason Eggers, Lindsay Eggers and Ryan Zabrowski

\$112,301

Raised in 2024's Annual Golf Invitational

Project Be Someone™



We are proud to acknowledge our donors of \$250 or more on Project Harmony's Be Someone wall. Donor names are updated, from the previous calendar year, on National Be Someone Day, recognized on July 21. In 2024, we added **22 names** to the wall for a total of **681 supporters** at the \$250 level or higher.

By supporting Project Harmony and these events, you are helping to:

- Provide a place where children can use their voice without fear
- Ensure hope, health and resilience for children and families in our community
- Spread awareness, generate learning and ultimately protect the most vulnerable among us

You are helping children, like those mentioned throughout, who have been put on a path towards healing. It is because of your support, they can go from crisis to courage.

★ **Take the pledge.**
ProjectBeSomeone.org

FINANCIALS

Advancing Impact Through Strategic Funding

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2020, our staff has grown by

19%



2024 Operating Revenue

Grants & Contributions	\$7,488,478
Government Grants	\$5,938,287
Medical Claims	\$856,479
Special Events	\$693,668
Partner Agency Rental Income	\$518,401
Community Services	\$343,282
Training Fees	\$97,452

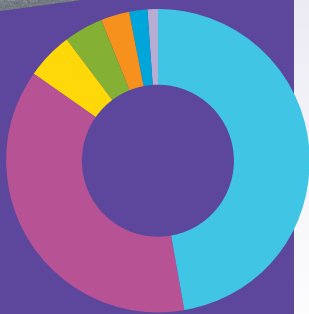
TOTAL REVENUE \$15,936,047

2024 Operating Revenue by Source

47%	Grants & Contributions	3%	Partner Agency Rental Income
37%	Government Grants	2%	Community Services
6%	Medical Claims	1%	Training Fees
4%	Special Events		

2024 Operating Expenses

76%	Program Services	7%	Fundraising
12%	Administration	5%	Rental



In 2024, Project Harmony made remarkable strides in securing funding to expand vital services for vulnerable youth. The organization secured a three-year federal grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to expand the Missing & Anti-Trafficking Youth Program, as well as a Health and Human Services Innovation Challenge prize to support our national reach.

To strengthen sustainability, Project Harmony implemented a new grant prospecting and tracking system, improving reporting and project management. Enhanced collaboration with the finance team ensured more efficient grant utilization, while improvements in federal SAMHSA grant management streamlined reporting and strengthened coordination with the Mental Health team.

2024 Operating Expenses

Response Services

Mental Health	\$2,056,664
Advocacy	\$1,592,817
Medical	\$1,316,817
Missing & Anti-Trafficking Youth Services	\$1,065,798
Forensic Interview	\$1,065,103
Coordination	\$815,690

Prevention & Early Intervention Services

Connections	\$3,041,266
Training Services	\$1,016,424
Total Program Services	\$11,970,579

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Administration	\$1,914,300
Fundraising	\$1,174,630
Rental	\$729,204
Total Support Services	\$3,818,134

TOTAL EXPENSES \$15,788,713

Revenues Over Expenses

From Operations \$147,334

2024 Other Revenue

2024 Donor Restricted Contributions

Grants & Contributions	\$16,946,752
Special Events	\$118,880
Release of Restrictions for Operations	(\$5,843,272)
Investment Return, Net	\$1,819,102
Total	\$13,041,462

Change in Net Assets	\$13,188,796
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$43,581,549

**NET ASSETS AT
END OF YEAR \$56,770,345**



Message from our Board Chairman

At Project Harmony, we often talk about the power of collaboration—how individuals, partners and communities come together to create meaningful change. This past year has been no exception. Together, we have continued to protect, advocate for and uplift children, ensuring they have the opportunity to heal and thrive.

As Board Chair, I am continually inspired by the unwavering commitment of the Project Harmony team and all those who support our mission. Whether you are a donor, volunteer, partner or advocate, your dedication makes an undeniable impact. It's through your generosity and belief in our work that we are able to extend hope and healing to those who need it most.

Yet, the challenges we face remain significant. Every day, children in our community experience adversity that no child should endure. But with every challenge comes an opportunity—to listen, to act and to stand up for those who need us. It is our collective responsibility to ensure every child feels safe, valued and supported. That's why, in 2025, we are expanding our efforts with the launch of our Missing & Anti-Trafficking Initiative, furthering our mission to safeguard children from harm. Built on the foundational principles of Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnerships, this initiative will strengthen our community's response to exploitation and create a safer, more just future.

Your support allows us to take this critical step forward, ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow free from the threat of exploitation. As we look ahead, I encourage you to continue standing with us. Your voice, your time and your support are vital in shaping a future where all children feel safe, valued and empowered.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

With gratitude,



Dean Hollis
Project Harmony Board Chair



Sara Boyd, Project Harmony Board Member

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You have the opportunity to be part of something truly extraordinary—something that doesn't exist anywhere else in quite the same way. Project Harmony is transforming lives—not just for individual children, but for families, our community and beyond. The impact ripples outward, stretching far beyond Omaha, reaching across the world.

Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working with thousands of nonprofit organizations across the region. I've witnessed incredible work, but Project Harmony stands out. It is uniquely innovative in a sector where true transformation is rare. What sets Project Harmony apart is its ability to seamlessly integrate the many systems surrounding a child in crisis. This holistic approach—bringing together law enforcement, medical professionals, therapists and advocates—ensures that every child receives the care, support and protection they need. It's a complex, patient and deeply intentional process, but it is also profoundly effective in guiding children from trauma towards hope and healing.

I invite you to be a part of this mission. Every donation makes a difference. But beyond giving, I encourage you to learn more about Project Harmony, share its story and introduce others in your network to the life-changing work happening here. Because when we come together as a community, we create lasting change.

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN

Dean Hollis
Diventures

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