



# IMPACT REPORT 2022

# A Letter from our Executive Director

2022 has been a year of building and re-building on the campus of United Methodist Youth Home and in our community. Along with opening our new girls' home "New Beginnings", we focused on meeting the needs of our area's young people. The pandemic caused a substantial disruption and shift in day-to-day life for our campus, our youth, and our staff. Like the rest of the world, we were forced to look at daily operations in whole new ways, reflecting on what such change meant for us. Albeit involuntary, the reflection was necessary; it gave us a renewed commitment to our mission and important work. Sometimes we get so occupied "putting out fires" that we forget to take time to acknowledge our achievements and strengths. Now, as we reflect on the past year, it's hard not to think about how far we've come since that first two-story group home that served only six girls.

It is from that first home that the dream of helping at-risk youth drove us to build new homes, start new programs, and offer more services. In 2023, I am optimistic that we will continue growing in capacity, training, and programming to best lead and serve.

Even through new growth and change, the core beliefs that we strive to instill in young men and women have not changed: *You are heard, you are seen, and you can meet your potential.* With help from our supporters and community, we remain steadfast in our service to each young person who walks through our doors—regardless of their circumstance—now and for years to come.

Thank you,

*Kelly Salee*

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# MISSION

Helping at-risk youth become responsible and productive members of the community.

# VISION

Our community will be transformed by educating youth on the life skills necessary to be successful and free from the cycles of abuse, poverty, crime, and trauma.

## Residential

We are licensed to house eight females and eight males ages 10-21 on our campus. In 2022 we housed 56 youth in safe, warm spaces. We also were able to open our newest girls' home "New Beginnings" where each girl gets her own bedroom.

## Day Education

Since the program's beginning, we have been able to assist 132 in obtaining their high school equivalency. With a high school degree, our youth are less likely to commit a crime, more likely to be employed, and more likely to enjoy a longer life.

## Truancy Intervention

Truancy intervention is our preventive service that provides mentorship to those struggling in school. In 2022 we mentored 141 youth.

## Aftercare

When a young person leaves UMYH, they often do not have the familial support that many of us take for granted. Roadblocks challenge them. Last year, Aftercare helped 55% of our youth who were enrolled in more than one UMYH program.



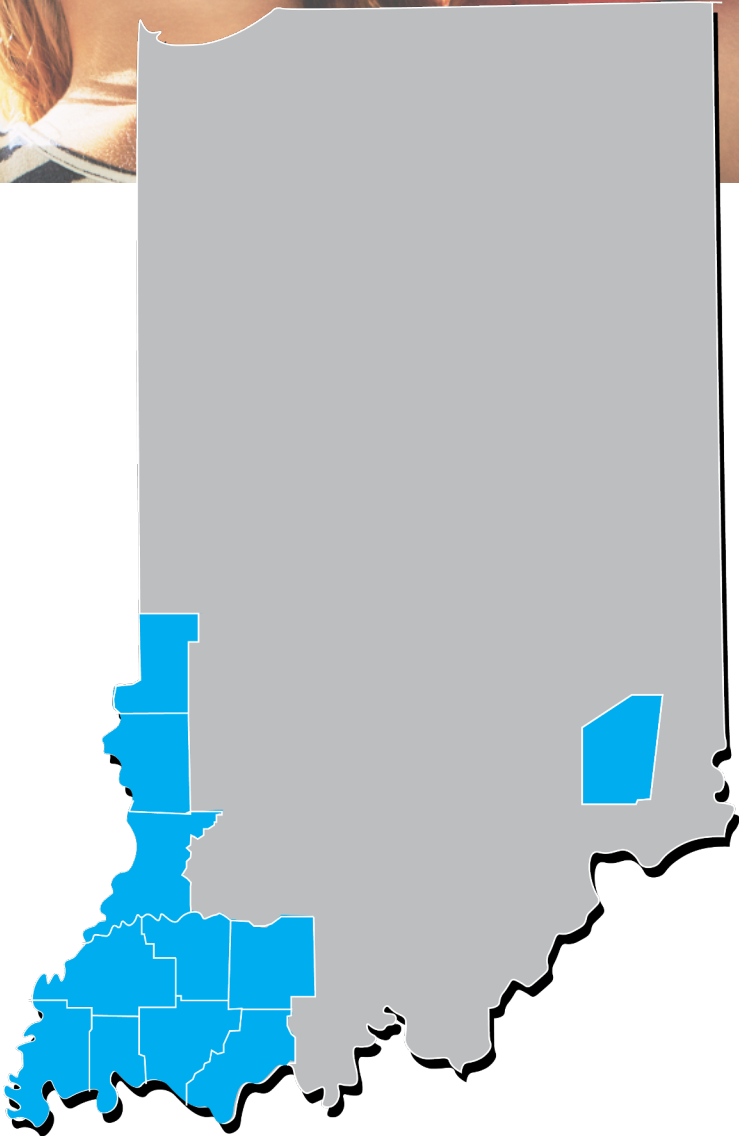




# COUNTIES SERVED

2020-2022

- |        |             |
|--------|-------------|
| Dubois | Spencer     |
| Gibson | Sullivan    |
| Knox   | Vanderburgh |
| Pike   | Vigo        |
| Posey  | Warrick     |
| Ripley |             |





# MEET KYNZIE



Kynzie is a brilliant young lady who came to us in 2020, right as COVID-19 was taking the world by storm. She was in an unhealthy placement that was really taking its toll on her, but it didn't take long for her to warm up to life at the United Methodist Youth Home. Within weeks, almost everyone knew Kynzie. She's inquisitive, ambitious, and always willing to lend a hand.

Once acclimated, she hit the ground running determined to accomplish her goals. She was able to graduate a year early and move directly into her own apartment when she left UMYH. She also recently was able to purchase her own car.

Kynzie is currently in her second year at the University of Evansville studying pre-med, and is working at a local hospital. She hopes to one day become a neurosurgeon.

We want to thank Kynzie for allowing us to share her story. She not only inspires the staff at UMYH but also the other residents and serves as an example that they too can accomplish their goals and chase their dreams.

**“When I think about where I was when I came to UMYH compared to now, it’s a complete transformation.”**

**-Kynzie**

Tabitha was placed at UMYH in 2017 through DCS and remained in placement for 6 months. During her stay at the girls' home, Tabitha was a role model and completed the residential program. After leaving UMYH, she graduated from Castle High School. Tabitha recently turned 22, is now the mother of a 1-year-old boy, works for Premier Tan, and lives in her own apartment with her boyfriend and child. Tabitha still keeps in touch, and even visits us with her baby from time to time!

Congratulations, Tabitha! We are so proud to be part of your progress, achievements, and the beautiful life you are living today.



**“ UMYH provided me with support during the most difficult time in my life and continued that support after I left the program. They helped me learn life skills and build positive relationships.”**

**-Tabitha**



For some youth, the goal is to graduate or earn a high school equivalency. For others, it is to be financially secure enough to move out on their own and live independently. When youth come to us, we give them the tools and guidance they need to meet their goals. We even help youth set and achieve goals they never thought were within reach. The following are just a few of the many stories that have happened at United Methodist Youth Home since opening in 1979.



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2022

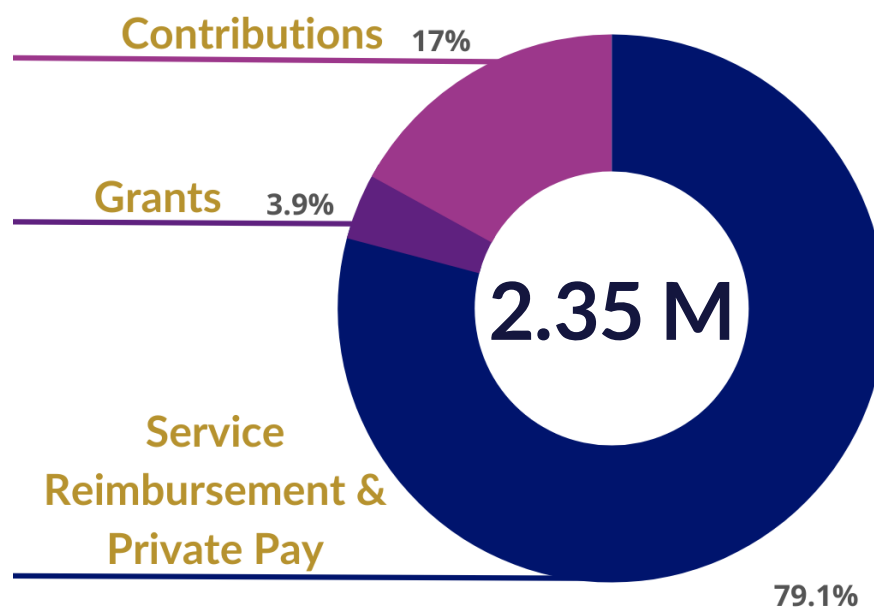
1.6M

Invested in  
programs

81%

Residents went  
home (if that was  
the goal)

## INCOME







**214**

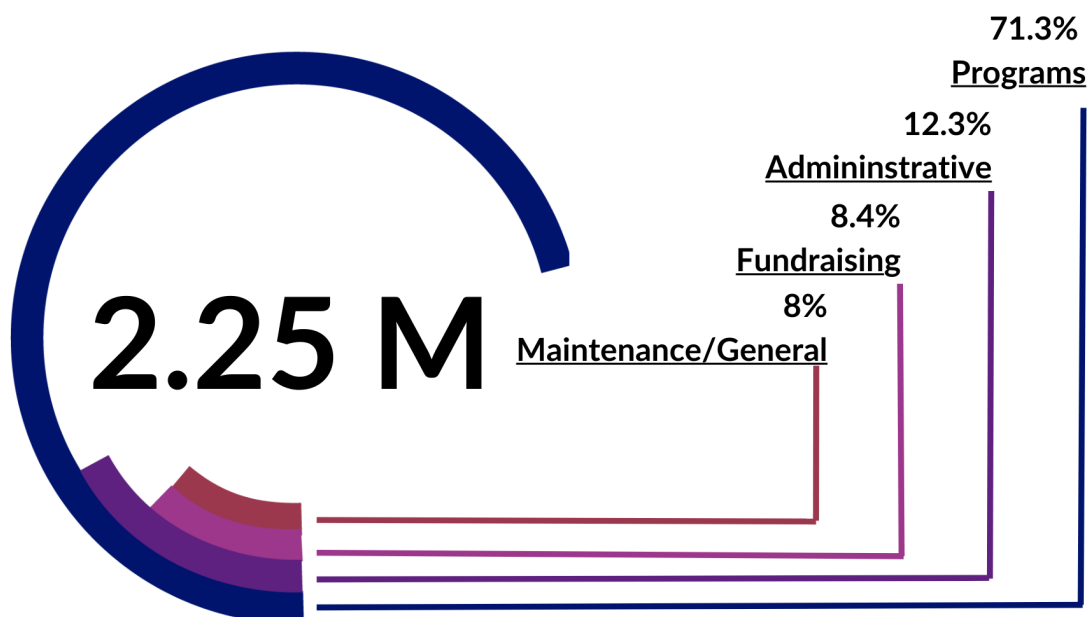
Young people  
served

**100%**

Youth felt they had  
an adult they can  
turn to for help

\*\*The financial figures below will not be  
finalized until the official audit is completed  
approximately October of 2023.

## EXPENSES





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**2021-2022**



# Our Team

Leadership staff of UMYH:

**Kelly Salee**  
*Executive Director*

**Jessica Kiesel-Finney**  
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Director*

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Director*

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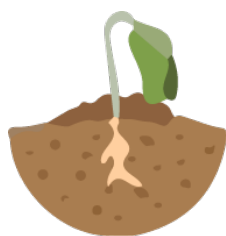
**Laura Brown**  
*Development Officer*

**Shelby Powell**  
*Marketing &  
Communications  
Manager*





# 2023 >>> WHAT'S AHEAD



## TRAINING

As we continue to serve our youth, we need to continue training staff on the best ways to meet their needs. This includes using cutting-edge research and evolving our approaches. In 2023 we are committed to our staff's professional development.

## CAPACITY

No matter the amount of young people we have helped through the years, there is still unfortunately a great need in our community. By growing our capacity for enrollment, we reach more young lives that would not otherwise have been reached. Our goal for 2023 is to serve 10 more youth across all of our programs and services.



## PROGRAMMING

Along with growing the amount of youth we can serve in our current programs, we also see the growing need for our services—even after young people have left our organization. In 2023 we plan to expand our Aftercare program by establishing a fund to help with things like groceries, mental health services, and finding safe and suitable housing.



## LEARN. VOLUNTEER. SHARE. DONATE.

**Learn.** Gaining greater knowledge about the needs of the at-risk youth in our community is an excellent first step. Come take a tour of campus, visit [umyh.org](http://umyh.org), or speak with one of our dedicated staff about what the greatest need is right now.

**Share.** Tell your friends and family about UMYH and all of the great things that are happening. Follow us on your favorite social media channel. The best way to get the word out about our organization is with your help!

**Volunteer.** With no janitorial or maintenance staff, we rely heavily on community service to keep our campus beautiful and safe. Projects range from assisting our administrative staff, to hosting a “how-to” workshop for residents, to landscaping or building-repair work.

**Donate.** We gladly accept gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful for any contribution and the life-changing difference that it makes for our youth. Endowment funds, specifically, sustain the Youth Home *in perpetuity*. Call us today to learn more about endowments and other ways to give!

Scan to learn more  
about UMYH, and  
how to get involved.



## Grantors



## Community Partners

Altrusa International of Evansville	Kona Ice Evansville
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Farmersburg UMC  
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First UMC Auburn  
First UMC Carlisle  
First UMC Fort Branch  
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Church  
Salem UMC  
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Church  
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Trinity UMC Evansville  
Trinity UMC Rockport  
Truelove UMW  
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of Indiana  
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74%

of young people  
feel they would  
belong in a local  
church after  
leaving UMYH

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