

# Fiscal Year 2018

# Annual Report

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# OUR MISSION

Providing quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love.

# **OUR VISION**

Until every child lives in a safe and loving home, Adriel will be a premier provider of exceptional care to children in need.



#### **"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."** Ecclesiastes 3:1

In last year's report, I shared with you Adriel's leap of faith in choosing to close our residential program and instead focus our energies on our other in-demand services. It was difficult to see that season end, but our faith in God and God's purpose for Adriel propelled us forward and it has made all the difference for the children and families we serve.

Taking the Ecclesiastes verse to heart, Adriel's Board of Directors and staff developed a strategic plan, combining our firmly planted roots in the Mennonite church and more than a century of serving children and families in the spirit of Christian love with a focus on the future, pioneering new ways to serve the children in our care today. This plan is tailored to expanding the services we do best, and also cultivating new programs centered on meeting the unmet needs of youth and families throughout the 44 counties we serve in Ohio.

We have already seen the positive impact of our plan throughout our agency and in the lives of the children and families in our care. Our faith in God has resulted in:

- Several months of positive cash flow, leading to a favorable trajectory for closing the fiscal year
- Flourishing Foster Care Services with new foster parent candidates and opportunities for training
- Expanded Clinical Services to meet the broadened mental health needs of youth in our care
- Double the number of families helped through our Family Preservation Services

Throughout this report, you will see how following God's purpose for Adriel has made it able for us to significantly increase the amount of children we can care for and the amount of families we can help in real, tangible and sustainable ways. This report not only shows the data, but gives you a glimpse of the real lives positively changed by what we do.

- Increase our coverage in the Van Wert area with a new facility offering clinical services, family preservation visitation rooms and more training opportunities for foster parents
- New, larger, more engaging office in Archbold, enabling us to extend our clinical therapy and training services, as well as provide respite activities for foster families
- Enhanced family preservation visitation rooms throughout our regions to provide space for bringing families together to develop the skills and connections for reunification
- Utilizing our West Liberty campus through a partnership with Heart of Unlimited Boundaries (HUB) to help children and adults who have developmental disabilities become stronger and more self-confident
- New opportunities to increase awareness in communities and share our mission with future foster parents, donors, volunteers and staff committed to the same value of making sure every child has a safe and loving home

Scripture tells us that everything comes to fruition in God's time. In this season of Adriel, God provides passionate people with a heart for service, and God provides the resources essential to fulfill the needs of children and families throughout Ohio.

It is only through the ongoing support of our donors, committed volunteers, dedicated staff members, devoted foster parents, and the prayers of faith communities that we are able to provide quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love and work toward ensuring that every child has a safe and loving home.

All of us at Adriel thank you for your continued support and look forward to a brighter future for all of God's children.



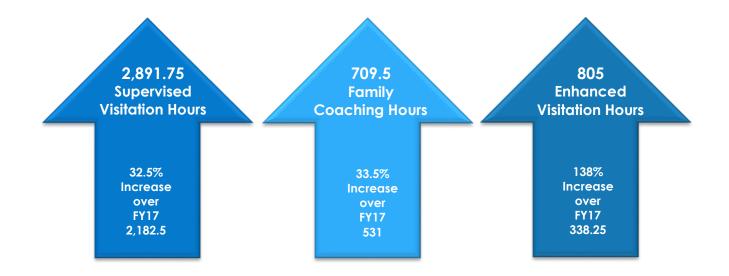
#### Family Preservation Update

In fiscal year 2018, Adriel's Family Preservation department was challenged with the need to grow — at a rate this department had not experienced previously. The Family Preservation Department took on the challenge and exceeded expectations which enabled it to meet some of its end-of-year goals within the first quarter of the year. The Family Preservation Department exceeded their established goals for growth as a department all four quarters of FY18.

The most impressive growth in FY18 was seen in the Enhanced Visitation Program. Enhanced visitation is a combination of our other two preservation programs (Coaching and Supervised Visitation) that usually occurs in the biological family's home. This program alone more than doubled their total units of service from FY17 to FY18.

This growth was completed with very minor difficulty. The dedication and hard work in streamlining processes and practices within the department played a huge role in the success in growth and lack of problems arising from the growth. Work will continue in this area as family preservation continues to make a presence in all five of Adriel's regions.

In Fiscal Year 2018, Family Preservation achieved the following for our children and their families:



#### **Clinical Services Update**

FY 2018 was a year of new beginnings in the clinical department, including new leadership, positions, staff, administrative code, billing codes, practices, and clinical forms, there was not much left that wasn't new or had not been changed.

As of January 1, 2018, we embarked on the new world of the Medicaid Behavioral Health Redesign. Previous staff and leadership of the clinical department had ensured Adriel was well prepared for this and the transition went fairly smoothly with very minor difficulties.

Our focus then turned 100% to preparing for the journey into the Medicaid Managed Care Carve In, scheduled to take place July 1, 2018. We worked diligently on contracting with all five Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and continued our work with this even after the end of the fiscal year. The Carve In has proved to be more trying than the Redesign, with several differences among the five MCOs, proving to be very difficult to do certain tasks without the assistance of outside guidance and/or help.

A few other highlights in the Clinical Department that happened during FY 2018:

- The Clinical Department is seeing clients in all five Adriel regions.
- A Clinical Case Manager position was developed and is now a full-time position seeing clients in both the Van Wert and Archbold regions.
- A full-time Therapist was hired to assist in seeing clients within the Van Wert and Archbold regions.
- During the last seven months of the fiscal year (December-June), the clinical department increased their revenue by more than 400%.

As we look to FY 2019, we are eager to continue the growth of the Clinical Department, as well as the continuation of streamlining processes and practices and to make the clinical division an exemplary department at Adriel.



# Fostering Support in Homes and Beyond

Jessica Smith Vice President, Out-of-Home Services

#### Foster Care and Adoption Update

Adriel foster families are at the heart of our mission to "Provide Quality Care to Children in Spirit of Christian Love." Fiscal Year 2018 focused on growth and quality of Adriel's therapeutic and family foster care program. Many new initiatives from FY17 were continued, including welcoming an Adriel foster family to live on campus and contracting with adoption assessor for increased licensing support. Based on the strategic plan, goals were set and met in the area of foster families certified in the Teaching Family Model and the increased number of licensed foster homes. In FY18, the Van Wert region opened, allowing for increased support of current foster families and expansion in the a five-county area.

# In FY 2018 Adriel Foster Care and Adoption achieved the following for our youth and foster families:



#### Bridges Program Update

In January 2018, Adriel entered into a subgrant agreement to offer Bridges services to qualifying young adults. Bridges is a new voluntary program available to young adults who left foster care in Ohio, are 18-20 years old, and are in school, working, and/or participating in an employment program, or have a medical condition that prevents them from going to school or working. The program provides support as a young adult transitions to adulthood, as well as financial support to assist the young adult with their basic needs. In FY18, four young adults were served in the Bridges program through Adriel. Young adults were assisted with stable housing, securing and maintaining employment, goal setting, and college enrollment.

# **Enabling Improved Skills and Compliance**

Amy Bennett Vice President, Corporate Compliance and Support Services

#### Support Services Update

Fiscal Year 2018 was one of change and development in the Support Services department. At Adriel, Support Services include Human Resources, training and Teaching Family Model education and evaluation. Through this year, the personnel and leadership of the department changed, but the services remained constant and new services were provided.

The Adriel Training Institute offered a number of training sessions aimed at foster parents, social workers, counselors, and other service providers through the year.

#### Topics offered included:

- Multicultural hair care and hygiene
- Caring for medically needy youth
- Kids and social media
- Normalcy and prudent parenting
- Ethics and motivational interviewing (offered in conjunction with OCA)
- Advocating for youth in a school setting

The training department also provided 6,596 hours of in-service and pre-service training to Adriel foster parents this year.

The Human Resources department continues to support the employees of all Adriel departments. Employee turnover was a notable risk to the agency in years past, but has improved notably in recent years. This year's employee satisfaction survey showed a 93% job satisfaction rate among current employees.

Adriel's commitment to the Teaching Family Model of care was demonstrated strongly through this year. Adriel employees a full-time Teaching Family mentor and evaluator who works to formally evaluate active foster parents and continually mentor foster care consultants in the Model. In this year, 37 foster families were evaluated and ten of those were certified in the Model. This certification is internationally recognized through the Teaching Family Association and is a hallmark of excellence in providing quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love.

#### **Corporate Compliance Update**

Adriel continues to be licensed through OJDFS to provide foster care and adoptive placement services, and through OMHAS to provide counseling and case management services. Additional locations were added to these licenses as the new Van Wert office opened and the Archbold office moved to a new location.

Adriel also maintained accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA) and the Teaching Family Association (TFA) this year.

Adriel continued to use a Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) report card to track outputs and outcomes for each program. A notable trend through the year was increase in foster care census. This number increased each quarter and showed an 8% increase from the beginning of the year to year end. Also exciting, the Enhanced Visitation program, which is managed under Family Preservation services, had a 96% positive outcome through the year.

Adriel monitors and manages risk through quarterly and annual risk management review processes.





An International Association Based on the Teaching-Family Model

# Providing Quality Financial Care & Stability

Glenn Richard Vice President, Finances

#### **Financial Update**

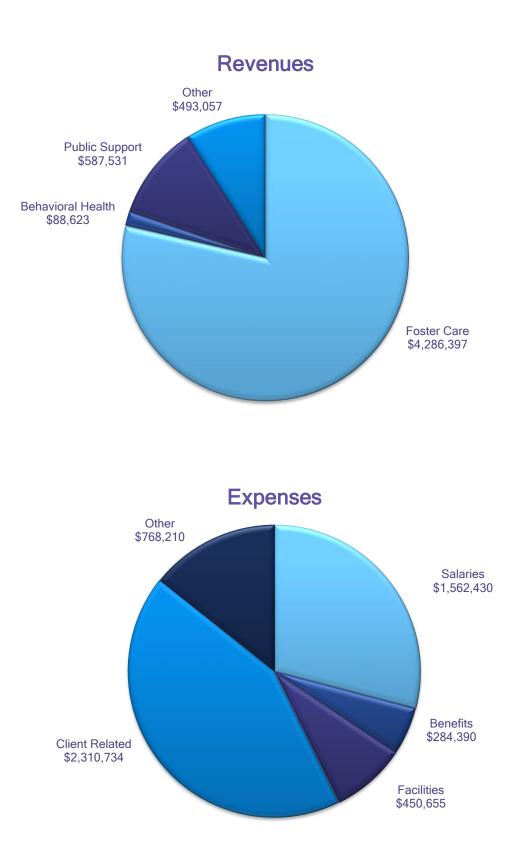
Adriel's commitment to its mission of providing quality care to children in the spirit of Christian love remains strong. We maintained our high standards of care and did not increase rates to our consumers. Yet, we finished another year financially sound.

Caring for children, especially children removed from their families, is one of the most highly regulated professions in this country. Adriel is licensed to provide child care by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. There are entire chapters of rules in the Ohio Administrative Code for each different program Adriel operates.

Compliance requires much expertise and attention to detail by many people. Adriel has a reputation of high standards, which is proven during times like these. This is truly a remarkable testimony to the dedication of our staff.

Incidentally, Adriel is also licensed by The Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, each of which also has more rules and standards with which we must comply.

Adriel remains a leader in service provision to youth and families all across Ohio. The financial state of the agency remains strong. Donors continue to provide additional support to meet the needs of today's children. We closed Fiscal Year 2018 with gratitude for another positive year of successful service to children.





Paul Forrey Vice President, Development

#### **Foundation Update**

The Adriel Foundation continues to support Adriel's mission to serve children in the spirit of Christian love by providing the financial endowment that underpins Adriel's programs, and by providing donors with opportunities to become a vital part of Adriel's work. The wisdom of scripture teaches us that "Generous people will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25). This verse reminds us of the truth that is sewn into the fabric of God's creation: When we give freely and generous we discover that we are happier, healthier, and experience rich blessings.

The donors and supporters who partner with Adriel continue to serve as co-creators of joy in this world, joy among the children and families Adriel serves, and joy in their own lives. The Adriel Board of Directors, leadership, and staff express thanksgiving to all who supported Adriel's mission and ministry through:

- Prayer and spiritual support
- Financial contributions totaling more than \$580,000
- Donations of in-kind goods such as blankets, towels, diapers, clothing, games, toys, and personal products for children
- Donations in support of Adriel fundraising events, including the summer Ice Cream Social, the Benefit Golf Scramble, and the fall Benefit Auction
- Donations of time and energy from so many volunteers that equip us in our work

We thank all those who volunteered at our fundraising events, churches and organizations who supported the Angel Tree program or donated space to hold foster parent appreciation events, and those who helped at all of our office locations. We praise God for the dedication and inspiration of the Archbold Adriel Auxiliary members who connect us with area churches and who produce the summer Ice Cream Social.

With humility and in the spirit of great thanksgiving to everyone who supports Adriel's mission to provide quality care for children in the spirit of Christian love, the Adriel Foundation will continue to work ensure that Adriel remains a premier provider of exceptional care for children in need. Your ministry of this service to God's people isn't only fully meeting their needs but it is also multiplying in many expressions of thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:12).

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