To advance the well-being and self-sufficiency of children, youth and families, Beech Brook provides effective, innovative physical and behavioral health, permanency, educational, and related services. Beech Brook also serves as a strong voice for youth and families by providing a strong voice for children, youth and families.

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As long as there are children and families in need of hope and healing, Beech Brook will be there. Can we count on you to be there with us?
Last year I, along with a cadre of Beech Brook supporters and other members of the community, were privileged to listen to a select group of staff tell the stories of the challenging but rewarding work they do and why they do it as part of a “Fast Pitch” program at the Beech Brook campus. You could have heard a pin drop as each spoke straight from the heart and, in just a few words, brought the mission of this organization and its profound impact on the children and families that we serve to life. It was one of the most inspirational events I have experienced at Beech Brook or, for that matter, at any other agency serving children and families. In the following pages, you’ll meet those “Heroes of Hope” and read excerpts from their stories about how they are helping to change young lives in our community.

As a longtime board member and as Chairman for the past two years, it has been my role to serve as a steward of this organization, working in partnership with Beech Brook’s exceptional leadership team. It’s been an honor to do so. However, it is these stories of healing and change that inspire me to do everything I can to assure that the Beech Brook legacy — 162 years in the making — will continue for generations to come.

None of this would be possible without you and other members of this caring and generous community. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your gifts and support and ask that you continue to keep Beech Brook in your heart in the year ahead. With your help, Beech Brook will remain a beacon of hope, lighting the way for children and families to follow.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
G. WALTER STUELPE
We all hear the stories of what is happening in the world today, and sometimes, it's hard not to despair. We are constantly bombarded by stories of tragedy and violence.

There are days at Beech Brook when I face the same feelings. The heartbreaking experiences faced by our children and families, and the challenges of leading Beech Brook through this difficult environment can be overwhelming.

And then, I hear the stories.

I hear about the courage of children facing the unspeakable pain of their pasts and learning to overcome their trauma. I learn that we were able to help a poor mother keep her family together with a roof over their heads. I celebrate the fact that this year we made integrated health care available to families living in the direst poverty through our Beech Brook/Care Alliance Family Health Center.

I’m proud that we launched a group home to address the needs of transitional youth grappling with both emotional problems and development delays — a group long overlooked in our society.

In this report, you’ll read stories from a few of the unsung heroes at Beech Brook who work with passion and compassion, day in and day out, to transform lives and sow the seeds of hope.

As one said: “It’s the safe and caring community that we create together, each in our own unique ways, that helps these children and their families heal, and in turn, create a saner, safer, more compassionate community.”

We could not have this impact on children and families without your belief in Beech Brook and investment in our mission. On behalf of everyone at Beech Brook, I thank you and ask for your continued support of this life-changing work.
I wish I could take you on a walk and introduce you to the children who live on campus.

On our walk, you’d meet Andrea, a 12-year-old girl who was tied to a dog house and fed dog food for two years. She came to us after being hospitalized 18 times and repeatedly trying to kill herself.

You’d also meet John, age 6, who witnessed his father killing his mother. He was full of so much anger and rage that he was lashing out and hurting people around him.

Then there’s a special little boy named Jordan, just 8 years old. I remember seeing him for the first time — his body covered in cigarette burns from his mother, father and older brothers.

All of the kids here have been so damaged and abused, that they see the world and everyone in it as dangerous. These are children that people are afraid of and don’t know what else to do with … I often think of them as the “lost and forgotten.”

At first their behavior may seem scary, but when you begin to pull back the layers, what you see is a beautiful child who needs a safe place to live so they can begin to heal. These children are survivors, and I learn from them every day.

Their journey of healing may be lifelong, but they leave us with the skills they need and hope that the world doesn’t have to be full of hurt and pain. And they leave knowing they are not lost — and not forgotten.

LINDA SCHETTLER
Assistant Vice President of Campus Programs

“This work is hard. But I remember the day when Jordan ran up to me and said, ‘Ms. Linda, I am leaving soon. They found a family for me to live with. I am going to have a mom, a real mom that won’t hurt me.’ I know he will always have the scars on his body, but the wounds on the inside have begun to heal.”

RESIDENTIAL RESCUE HERO
When I was 7, I had a hero and mentor named Phil — my uncle. He took me to the park, taught me how to tie my shoes and count to 10 in Spanish. And, he was the first person to show me my name was spelled the same way backwards. When I was with him, I felt like I mattered.

It’s hard to describe the positive impact my mentor had on me, and I had a stable home life. Imagine how mentoring would impact a child with a struggling family or a teen who felt alone in the world. Imagine how mentoring would help a youth too scared to play in his own front yard or a little girl who has been abused.

Mentoring works for kids because it gives them a feeling everyone should know: that they are worth spending time with and they belong. Mentoring works because it helps children find positive things to do in their own neighborhoods with someone safe — someone they can depend on.

Once kids feel they are worth another person’s time, they start to see themselves and the world in a more positive light. It works for children like Claire, who had a hard time trusting people because she had been abused. But over time, Claire grew to trust her mentor. She started taking better care of herself, controlling her behavior, responding to positive directions and enjoying being around adults. Although she’s still a work in progress, for the first time she knows she has someone in her corner who won’t quit on her.

Sometimes I like to think about what the world would look like if every child had a mentor.
It means so much to me when children have the ability to learn. If I can help them overcome their barriers, then my job is complete.

One of my earliest memories is of Miss Amiee. I was 3 years old and had hearing and speech problems. Miss Amiee taught me how to talk so other people could understand me. She was patient, kind and never made me feel stupid.

In college, I realized that children with behavior problems and trouble learning in school tugged at my heart. So I decided to go to graduate school for school social work.

I am passionate about helping kids be better learners. If kids are worried about where their next meal is, worried if they are going to get beaten at home after school, worried if gun shots are going to be ringing all night — they are going to have a hard time concentrating in school. I want to help them have less worries and feel safe in their home. I want them to have a Miss Amiee. I want to be their Miss Kim.

I have worked with kids who always wear big heavy coats — even in 90 degree weather — or wear hoodies over their head because they are withdrawn, shy, angry with the world or just don’t want to deal with life. In therapy, they slowly open up and take off their layers. By the time we’re done, they’re no longer wearing their coats or hoodies. They’re willing to face the world, have friends and control their behavior.

When our kids go back to class, their friends see that people will actually listen to them, not judge them. They often knock on the Beech Brook door and ask if they can “join.” They want to be part of something special that is Beech Brook.
Just the other day, I was walking down the hall with a student who stopped and said, ‘That’s the room I was in on the 27th.’ In sharing why she was involved in our kindness initiative, her answer was simple: ‘Through helping others, I am helping myself.’"

When a co-worker says, “I’ll see you tomorrow,” do you ever really think about your answer?

A student I work with at Chardon recently asked me, “Did you ever notice how every day you say, ‘See you tomorrow,’ and I always answer, “Hopefully”?”

Feb. 27, 2012 changed the Chardon community forever. On that day, a student opened fire in the cafeteria, killing three young men, wounding two others and exposing countless others to unspeakable terror.

In the time I’ve been working in the school, I’ve been struck by the sadness and grief that is often present — even on a good day. But I’ve also been struck by extraordinary acts of courage and caring.

Even the seemingly simple task of coming to school is no longer a simple task for many. And yet, most do.

Just as the experience of the 27th is different for each individual, the healing is also different. Everyone is moving forward in their own unique way at their own unique pace.

In the spring of 2012, a small group of Virginia Tech students came to Chardon to share their message of healing and invite our school to join them in a movement to create kinder, more compassionate communities.

At the end of their presentation, our gym was silent until two students way in the back stood and applauded. Slowly, everyone was on their feet, inspired by this lesson of empowerment.

If I could draw the recovery of the Chardon community, it might look like a mosaic with lots of small pieces that will one day come together to make something meaningful — much like the small, intentional acts of kindness we engage in with the hope that our world will become more compassionate.
“As our foster families do simple activities like cooking, doing chores, riding bikes and doing homework, they are replacing unhappy memories with positive ones. It’s my sincerest hope that my foster children will someday get to take these things for granted like my sons do with me.”

Every day I do the most routine activities with my 7- and 12-year-old sons: cooking, chores, biking, homework — and I hate homework!

Before I started working in Foster Care and Adoption at Beech Brook, I took these things for granted, as did my boys.

Imagine, though, that the beginning of your life was filled with turmoil … perhaps because no one was there to dry your tears, calm your fears, teach you how to brush your teeth or comb your hair, ride a bike or do homework.

Imagine that the world as you knew it was taken away from you. And, as unhealthy or scary as it was, it was home.

Imagine being plopped down in a house that looks different, smells different, feels different … and now all the people in your life are gone. Imagine being forced to live differently. This is reality for nearly all of my Beech Brook foster children.

Foster Care is a bridge from unstable, unhealthy living to a safe, forever home … like my 2- and 7-year-old girls who were recently adopted.

Foster Care is a place where they can continue healing, like my 8-year-old boy who, every time he sees me in the hall, exclaims, “Hey, I am doing good!” — meaning he has been able to stay in his 10th placement now for three months.

Foster parents can truly change the life of a child. I have a plaque on my wall that reads: “To the world you may be one, but to one, you may be the world.”

I’m blessed to have the opportunity to help these children not only survive their situations, but to thrive.
Parenting is the hardest job in the world.

Most of you reading this are probably not living in poverty or in fear of violence. You probably have a roof over your head and enough to eat. And parenting is still hard...

Most of the 2000+ parents Beech Brook serves in our parent education and support programs, however, are living in poverty.

Just think what that must feel like — every day, not knowing how you are going to feed your children and struggling just to keep them safe. For a moment, imagine you are Darlene.

Raised in a home with an alcoholic father and a mother who was emotionally absent, Darlene knew what it was like to go to bed hungry. There were days when her home had no heat or electricity, and she rarely felt safe there.

At just 17, Darlene had her first child and was not able to finish high school. She later had two more children and married a man who, unfortunately, was much like her father and often in jail.

Stressed, angry, exhausted and unable to support her family, Darlene was at the end of her rope.

She reached out to Beech Brook’s Family Drop-In Center for help — revealing for the first time that she had been living in a U-haul truck with her children for weeks! She was immediately connected with housing resources so she and her children could get off the streets. Darlene also participated in parenting and anger management classes. And with encouragement and support, Darlene completed both her GED and a job training program — giving her a sense of self-worth and value for the first time in her life.

Today, Darlene has a decent paying job, stable housing for her family — and a sense of empowerment to manage whatever comes her way.

“Darlene and her children drop in often just to say ‘hi.’ During one of their recent visits, Darlene’s son Jacob said, ‘I like my new mommy!’”

TERRI DAVIS
Assistant Vice President of Prevention and Early Intervention

AGENT OF PARENT EMPOWERMENT
When we think of a homeless person, we may picture a disheveled adult shuffling down the street, dragging along their life’s possessions in a single suitcase … or someone sleeping under a bridge or in a cardboard box.

Well, let me share with you another kind of homeless person, not the stereotype: Angela. Angela came to my office one day, and suddenly, the face of homelessness was different.

Angela was angry, depressed, frustrated, confused — and living in her car with her four children.

Angela desperately wanted to do better for her kids, so she made the heartbreaking decision to place them with family members and friends. But Angela was committed to visiting her children every single day. When she didn’t have gas money, she would borrow money to catch the bus. Sometimes it would take her a half a day to visit all of her children. Again, the face of homelessness has changed.

As Angela began to share her story with us, we learned she had been in a domestic violence situation that led to many pieces of her life unravelling. By linking her with the right resources and support, however, we helped her put the pieces back together and navigate her life in the right direction. We continued to work with Angela and her children until they were successfully housed.

What moved me the most about her story was when her 15-year-old son began to cry as we were all sitting around the table and everyone was talking about how happy they were about getting housing. When I asked him why he was crying, he said, “Now I can sleep at night knowing where my mother and siblings are — now I can do better in school.”
It’s the safe and caring community that we create together, each in our own unique ways, that helps these children and their families heal, and in turn, create a saner, safer, more compassionate community.

Some may find the work we do at Beech Brook, treating abused and disturbed children, to be overwhelming or maybe depressing, but for the most part I always look at my work with true optimism.

Looking at me today, you might assume that I am just a typical suburbanite lady with little real experience with trauma. But, you do not know what I have been through. And I am not alone. You never know who has suffered traumas simply judging from appearances.

Research has found that 52 percent of the population has had traumatic childhood experiences. Half of us … not just those who come to Beech Brook for treatment.

We see the children with the most serious challenges who have survived serious neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Most have experienced multiple traumas … often inflicted by the people who they were closest to … the very ones who should have nurtured and protected them.

Those parents or caregivers are almost always adults who themselves experienced complex trauma and never received the help that they needed.

Hurt people hurt people, and so the legacy is handed on.

Healing requires deep changes in our patterns of thinking and behavior. Support is needed for a person to be inspired and encouraged to learn how to do better. I know — both personally and professionally — that treatment works. I have repeatedly seen people make real changes in improving their lives.

Perhaps Maya Angelou said it best: “I did the best I knew, and when I knew better, I did better.”
I would love to be able to say some great things about my dad. But the last memory I have of my dad was seeing him with his foot on my mother’s throat and a shotgun in her face. As I grew up, my dad was no longer in the home, but I still wanted him to be there. I remember playing sports and looking up into the stands, hoping to see my dad.

Everyone can say they “love,” but not everyone can show they care. “Care” is being there.

That’s why I was always there for my sons. And that’s why I’m at Beech Brook, because I care.

One day, a client in the Fathers Group came to me after class and shared with me something he had never revealed before. He told me about how his mom was an alcoholic, and she sent Keith and his younger brothers to live with their uncle, who did to him things that no man should ever do to any child …

Keith soon made a deal with his uncle and said, “I’ll allow you to do what you must to me, but don’t touch my brothers.”

As his brothers grew into successful men, they looked at Keith and wondered why his life was the way it was; they didn’t understand the sacrifice.

Keith came to me with this, not knowing who else to talk to, and I was able to help him, because I was there. The day he told me that story, he went from being a victim to a survivor. Now he’s helping to rescue other victims of the same.
Family Health Drop-In Center Programs
  Anger Management ~ 367
  Basic Parenting Classes ~ 125
  Recovering Parents ~ 82
  Father’s Group ~ 142
  Drop-In ~ 440
  Teen Parenting ~ 13
  Family-Focused Workshops ~ 355
Comprehensive Sex Education ~ 7,476
Seminars for Divorcing Parents ~ 2,300
Moms and Mentors ~ 44
North Coast Academy ~ 50
Homeless Prevention Program (Famicos) ~ 200
PAR ~ 130
Orange School Project ~ 1,013
Beachwood Schools Project ~ 25
Chardon School Project ~ 481
REACH (Releasing Excellent Alternative Community Help) ~ 859
School-Based Mental Health Services ~ 2,360
Defending Childhood ~ 30
STRIDE (Skill Building, Teaching, Role Modeling, Independence, Development, Empowerment) ~ 236

SAFE (Successful Alliance for Family Engagement) ~ 230
Family Preservation ~ 158
Therapeutic Tutoring ~ 50
Early Childhood Mental Health Treatment ~ 116
Mental Health Ages 0-3 ~ 94
Child Care Consultation ~ 216
Early Intervention ~ 236
Lorain County Intensive Home-Based Treatment ~ 109
Lorain Therapy ~ 255
Lorain Youth Crisis ~ 135
Lorain PCIT ~ 1
Outpatient Mental Health Services ~ 878
ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team ~ 69
Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Services ~ 27
Foster Care, Levels 1-3 ~ 87
Foster Care, Level 4 ~ 72
Day Treatment ~ 61
Residential Treatment ~ 109
Partial Hospitalization ~ 152
Intensive Treatment Unit ~ 119

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
19,902 NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED
**REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

**REVENUE**

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**Total Revenue** $25,557,381

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**Total Expenses** $25,741,046
THE JEPHTHA HOMER WADE SOCIETY

(Bold indicates new members to the Society)

The Jeptha Homer Wade Society recognizes our most significant supporters, all of whom have contributed $100,000 or more in total to Beech Brook. The Wade Family’s commitment to Beech Brook is truly immeasurable in our history, beginning with the donation of the orphanage on St. Clair Avenue by the first Jeptha Wade, to the land and some of the buildings on our present campus by his grandson. Members of the Wade family have served more than 130 years on the Board of Trustees and Board of Managers, and their legacy lives on through the ongoing gifts from family members today.

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For more than 60 years, Suzanne Brookhart Harrison dedicated her time, energy and enthusiasm to Beech Brook. In the process, she earned a very special place in the history of this institution and in the hearts of everyone who knew her. Her devotion to children and to the work of Beech Brook inspired both an annual award in her name and a giving society for those who have given charitable gifts to Beech Brook for 25 years or more.

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Giving to Beech Brook for nearly 50 years has kept alive a family tradition. My grandparents ran an institution for delinquent children from New York City, and my father grew up there.

Following in my grandfather’s footsteps, my father began a long career in social work at Children’s Village in New York, which is where I was born, and my mother taught there in the school. We moved to Cleveland when I was 13, where my father served as the dean of what is now the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

It was only natural that I was drawn to helping children and to Beech Brook. I first became involved with the Board in the 1960s and then was asked to serve as Interim Director.

While I was in that position, it became apparent that some of the old buildings needed to be updated for a number of reasons, including the children’s safety. So one day, I said kind of casually to Board member Sue Harrison and a few others, “Let me know if you’re ever going to rebuild the campus, I’d like to help raise some money.”

Little did I know they would remember that! But I was glad to come back and help. I worked on grant proposals, and Sue solicited support from some of the old families and influential people she knew in Cleveland, many of whom had ties to our Board. She cornered people on planes and elevators — and even made calls from the ladies room one day! We ultimately raised $3 million to renovate the campus.

Just about everything I’ve been involved with my entire life has had to do with helping children. And Beech Brook, from the very beginning, has had an absolute dedication to protecting children. We took our mission very seriously then, and Beech Brook still does today.

Giving has always been a tradition for Bunny’s family. Over the years, her sister Margaret Tippit and her husband have been faithful supporters of Beech Brook through their foundation. Although Margaret passed away in 2010, this year The C. Carlisle & Margaret M. Tippit Charitable Trust made an endowed gift in honor of Bunny to establish the Kathryn M. Loomis Fund to support art therapy at Beech Brook.
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