At a Glance

- Located in the heart of Texas, Methodist Children’s Home (MCH) serves youth through our residential program on both the Waco campus and Boys Ranch. Our Waco campus sits on 130 acres in a park-like setting, while the Boys Ranch is located 10 miles northeast of Waco in the countryside. Each location is unique in its offerings, but together provide a caring, education-focused community designed specifically to meet the needs of the children in our care. Additionally, MCH Family Outreach provides home and community based services to individuals and families across Texas and New Mexico.

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- MCH is committed to meeting the individual educational needs of students. The majority of Waco campus and Boys Ranch residents attend the MCH charter school.

- MCH Family Outreach serves children and families across Texas and New Mexico through foster care or other family services.

- MCH supports grandparents and other relatives who care for children in the absence of parents. Services include in-home assessments, case management services and support groups for caregivers.

- MCH provides in-home services to strengthen families through assessment, case management and advocacy.

- MCH Family Outreach has offices in Abilene, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Killeen, Lubbock, San Antonio, Tyler, Waco, and Albuquerque and Las Cruces, NM.

Executive Management

- Tim Brown, President & CEO
- Judy Broadway, Vice President for Human Resources
- Moe Dozier, Vice President for Programs
- Julie Mitchell, Vice President for Finance
- Bryan Mize, Vice President for Quality Improvement
- Trey Oakley, Vice President for Development

Mission Statement

- Methodist Children’s Home (MCH) offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.

History

- Founded in 1890, MCH is a nonprofit child care provider affiliated with the six United Methodist annual conferences in Texas and New Mexico.

Licensure/Accreditation

- MCH is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS).
- MCH is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) of Services for Families and Children.

Residential Group Care

- MCH provides residential group care for up to 140 youth, ages 10-18, on our Waco campus and Boys Ranch. Provision may also be made for younger children as part of sibling groups.

- MCH serves children from diverse backgrounds, without regard to ethnicity, religion or financial status.

Christian Principles

- Apply the principles of the Christian faith which serve as the foundation for this ministry.

Relationships

- Build healthy relationships through communication, respect, trust, and love.

Responsibility

- Be accountable for self and others.

Growth

- Provide opportunities for spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual development.

Service

- Show compassion through generosity and care.

Hope

- Believe in the possibilities of the future.

Our Core Values

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Our 12 strength-based principles, along with our mission statement and core values, guide all decisions in this ministry:

1. Greatness is expected of youth, but we recognize it may occur in their future.
2. Youth should have a sense of hope for the future and feelings of joy every day.
3. Youth have a need for growth. They want to succeed, and they have the power to change and take positive control of their lives.
4. Seeking a higher purpose in our lives is ingrained in everyone. Religious and spiritual expressions are natural parts of our existence.
5. Youth are valued as individuals and accepted where they are in their lives. They should be empowered to participate in decisions that affect their lives. The decisions should be individualized, developmentally appropriate and made in their best interests.
6. Transformation is accomplished through intentional, meaningful healing relationships that connect us to others.
7. Youth learn values and moral courage by interacting with and observing staff they respect and admire, and who are kind, nurturing, and caringly set limits and boundaries.
8. Our community helps youth identify and nurture their individual strengths and assets. Involvement in our community is an essential element for positive growth.
9. Achievement based on real accomplishments is necessary for development. Our community should provide a variety of opportunities for youth to develop and utilize their strengths.
10. Crisis is viewed as a normal part of growth. Crisis provides opportunities to mentor, teach, coach, guide and empower, as well as to learn.
11. Serving others is essential in helping youth heal the pain in their lives.
12. We should be committed to each other and to each other’s success. We should demonstrate responsibility and accountability in all of our decisions and actions.

Our 10 characteristics of an authoritative community:

1. It is a social institution that includes children and youth.
2. It treats children as ends in themselves.
3. It is warm and nurturing.
4. It establishes clear limits and expectations.
5. The core of its work is performed largely by non-specialists.
6. It is multi-generational.
7. It has a long-term focus.
8. It reflects and transmits a shared understanding of what it means to be a good person.
9. It encourages spiritual and religious development.
10. It is philosophically oriented to the equal dignity of all persons and to the principle of love of neighbor.

(A adapted from “Handed to Connect: Nurturing Authoritative Communities,” Part 1” by Robert Brooks, Ph.D., and “Handed to Connect: The New Scientific Case for Authoritative Communities” executive summary.)
ABOUT THE CHARTER SCHOOL ON THE WACO CAMPUS

• Residents of the Waco campus and the Boys Ranch attend the University of Texas–University Charter School (UT-UCS) located on the Waco campus.

• The charter school serves grades 7-12 through a partnership with UT-UCS under the Continuing and Innovative Education Department. The University of Texas–University Charter School system is headquartered in Austin, Texas.

• The charter school is an accredited school and regulated by the Texas Education Agency.

• The mascot of the charter school is the “Bulldogs.”

ACADEMICS

• Classes have a 1:10 teacher/student ratio and has tutoring and other educational support for students.

• Junior and senior-level students who qualify may attend dual credit courses at McLennan Community College or Texas State Technical College. Onsite computer-based credit recovery courses are also available.

• The school offers the 4x4 graduation program (minimum, recommended or distinguished plans for sophomores, juniors and seniors). Incoming freshman have available the Foundation Program with endorsements in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Business, Multidisciplinary and Arts & Humanities.

• Students whose educational needs cannot be met by the charter school may be enrolled in a school in the community that meets or exceeds TEA educational requirements. MCH residents have also been enrolled at several of Waco's private schools.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

• MCH participates in 1-A University Interscholastic League (UIL) academics.

• The charter school offers a vocational agriculture program with many hands-on opportunities for learning. The program includes animal projects, welding, agriculture mechanics, wildlife management, and livestock judging.

• MCH students who qualify may enroll at the Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy (GWAMA) to earn workforce certifications in welding, precision metal manufacturing or electronics, or the Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy (GWAHCA).

• The MCH Bulldogs compete in the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship (TCAF) in six-man football, cheerleading, drumline, volleyball, basketball, cross country, track and field, and golf. Charter school student athletes have earned many individual and team awards.

ABOUT MCH BOYS RANCH

• As many as 40 youth can be served on the MCH Boys Ranch, located about 10 miles northeast of Waco in the community of Axtell. Established in 1971, the Ranch is located on 500 acres of a larger 2,500-acre property.

• The Boys Ranch includes five homes, administrative offices, a recreation center and activities center, a variety of livestock pens and barns, horse arena, and dining hall.

• Young men who live at the Boys Ranch are no different than the youth living at the Waco campus. Many youth who come to MCH respond better in the specialized, rural agrarian environment where they are able to work with animals and livestock.

RANCH ANIMAL PROJECTS

• Girls and boys from the Waco campus as well as youth at the Boys Ranch have the opportunity to participate in Future Farmers of America (FFA). FFA is a significant part of the residential program and youth regularly win awards for their work with animals and shop projects.

• Youth at the Boys Ranch have the opportunity to raise, care for and train a variety of animals including: Quail/Pheasant Pigs Goats Sheep Chickens Cattle

• Hunting, fishing, camping, and kayaking are some of the activities youth at the Boys Ranch regularly enjoy.

• The Boys Ranch is home to a 50-foot Alpine Tower Challenge Course, giving youth the opportunity to experience challenge and build confidence and trust in new meaningful ways.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

• Youth participate in a work program at Boys Ranch that helps them develop discipline, a strong work ethic and self-confidence.

• Therapeutic horsemanship at the Boys Ranch is a way for youth to gain confidence and emotional stability by learning to connect with horses through equine therapy.
MCH Family Outreach offers foster care (in some locations) and family preservation services through its community services program. Services are designed to help meet the needs of families with one or more children between the ages of 0 to 17. Whether it is illness, conflict, school difficulties, or parenting challenges, families facing these situations can turn to the professional, caring staff at MCH Family Outreach and utilize these community based services.

Each outreach office provides supportive services to families through preservation services, Family Solutions, the Gap Program, and parent education programs that offer resources, information, parenting support, case management services, service planning and advocacy.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Families receive services by contacting their local or closest MCH Family Outreach office directly or through referrals from other helping professionals. Once the information is reviewed, a decision is made regarding a match for program services and a date is determined for initiation of services or placement. If MCH is unable to match a family’s needs with its services, efforts are made to refer the family to other sources of potential help.

OUTCOMES

The primary goal of MCH community based services is to strengthen families to help them provide a safe, stable and healthy family environment. We believe that families are the strength of our communities and the natural place to help children develop to their fullest potential. We want to partner with families to build safe and healthy children, homes and communities.

MCH FAMILY OUTREACH OFFICES IN TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO:

- **ABILENE**
  1 Village Drive, Suite 102
  Abilene, TX 79606
  325-672-9398

- **ALBUQUERQUE, NM**
  6755 Academy Rd. NE, Suite A
  Albuquerque, NM 87109
  505-255-8740

- **BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION**
  4001 E. 29th St., Suite 108
  Bryan, TX 77802
  979-704-6691

- **CORPUS CHRISTI**
  5530 S. Staples St., Suite 118
  Corpus Christi, TX 78411
  361-334-2255

- **DALLAS**
  8330 LBJ Fwy, Suite B375
  Dallas, TX 75243
  972-480-8772

- **EL PASO**
  1514 N. Zaragoza Rd., Suite B-3
  El Paso, TX 79936
  915-781-0005

- **HOUSTON**
  5005 Mitchellville, Suite 119
  Houston, TX 77092
  713-682-8911

- **KILLEEN**
  3202 South W. S. Young Dr., Suite 104
  Killeen, TX 76542
  254-245-9911

- **LAS CRUCES, NM**
  230 South Alameda St., Suite 201
  Las Cruces, NM 88005
  575-222-0177

- **LUBBOCK**
  4226 19th St., Suite 500
  Lubbock, TX 79407
  806-792-0099

- **SAN ANTONIO**
  4606 Centerview Crossing, Suite 100
  San Antonio, TX 78228
  210-733-3904

- **TYLER**
  921 Shiloh Rd., Suite B300
  Tyler, TX 75703
  903-509-1171

- **WACO**
  1111 Herring Avenue
  Waco, TX 76708
  254-750-1263

* Offices with Foster Care services

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**PROGRAMS OR SERVICES OFFERED**

**PARENT EDUCATION**

- Trained staff lead individual or group sessions.
- Sessions held weekly.
- Classes teach skills to make families stronger.
- Parents learn healthy ways to meet the needs of their children.
- Parents do not pay for classes.

**FOSTER CARE**

- Licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).
- Screened and trained foster families provide safe, loving homes for a short time until children can return to their families.
- Case manager visits child and foster home regularly.
- Parents or DFPS place children ages 0–17.
- Case manager works with parents to provide support with a plan for reunification.
- Parents participate in their child’s plan of care.
- Case managers work with families to help make them stronger.
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**FAMILY SOLUTIONS**

- Case managers work with families to help make them stronger.
- Families meet with case managers weekly, in their home or in the community.
- Case managers help families set goals and work toward them.
- Case managers connect families to vital community resources.
- Families do not pay for services.

**GAP PROGRAM**

- In-home case assessment provided by trained staff.
- Case management services geared toward strengthening the family.
- Connection to community resources.
- Caregiver Empowerment Groups.
- Services provided at no cost to families.
FAMILY-LIKE SETTING
Eight to 10 youth live in cottage-style homes and experience a family-like environment. Professional staff strive to build positive relationships with youth as they offer love, compassion and support.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
MCH is committed to meeting the individual educational needs of youth in our care. Residents have the opportunity to attend the University of Texas–University Charter School located on the MCH Waco campus, or a local public school. Onsite computer-based credit recovery courses are available, as well as dual credit enrollment through McLennan Community College or Texas State Technical College. Since 2003, more than 250 residents have graduated from the MCH school.

ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT
As part of their development while at MCH, youth are encouraged to participate in the many recreational and extracurricular activities available on the Waco campus, Boys Ranch and in the community. Activities include student government and leadership organizations, UIL competitions, work programs, off-campus employment, agricultural sciences and athletics.

POSITIVE CONNECTIONS
MCH offers youth the opportunity to discover and develop their talents and skills alongside adults who have been trained to use a relationship-based model of care. MCH staff are focused on the growth of the children we serve and work to help them establish long-lasting, healthy bonds with their families and peers.

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. The admissions process begins with a phone call to 800-964-9226. This initial conversation allows our staff to learn more about the child and how MCH may help.
2. If MCH determines that we can meet the needs of the child, our admissions team provides guidance through the rest of the admissions process, which includes application completion and gathering necessary documentation.
3. Admission decisions are based on the needs of the youth and the ability of MCH to meet those needs without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation, or economic status. Due to the generosity of our donors, no child is denied placement based on their family’s financial situation.

Circumstances typical of children and youth referred for placement at MCH:

- Family conflict
- Crisis care for family disruptions
- Parent/Conservator issues needing placement for child/ren and youth
- Adult caregiver with medical or chemical dependency issues
- Incapacitated grandparent or relative caregiver
- Family violence/abuse circumstances
- Minor/youth supervision issues or minor offenses such as truancy, refusal to accept supervision, or lack of supervision
- Placement disruptions
- Parental incarceration
- Parental military deployment
- Homelessness/loss of home
- Parental terminal illness without placement options within the family
- School or peer issues
- Self-referrals from youth age 16 and up
- Failed placement from other agencies
- Inability of CPS or other referral sources to meet the child’s needs
- Inability of single parent or couple to adequately supervise
- Issues with academics or behavior in public school

Through visionary leadership and the generosity of our benefactors, MCH is able to provide our services at no cost to many of the families of the children we serve. MCH believes by eliminating this financial barrier more children can receive the life-changing care we offer.

If you know a young person that would benefit from one of our Residential Group Care programs, please contact us at 800-964-9226. An Admissions Specialist will gather the information needed and begin the application process. If accepted, MCH will work closely with the family to develop a plan of service that is specifically designed to meet the individual needs of the child. If an applicant is not admitted to MCH, our staff will assist the family to identify other organizations that might be better equipped to help the child.
The truth behind 11 common myths about Methodist Children’s Home

**MYTH 1**
MCH is an orphanage.

**FACTS**
MCH is not an orphanage, although it was founded as the Northwest Texas Conference Orphans Home in 1890 to provide shelter, food and safety for homeless children. The name of the organization has been changed four times, becoming Methodist Children’s Home in 1996. In each case, the name was changed to more accurately communicate the mission of this ministry.

In its early years as an orphanage, the children who came into care often had experienced the death of both parents and did not have relatives who could afford to care for them. In some cases, fathers brought their children to the Home following the death of their spouse so they could continue to work during times of financial hardship. MCH provided custodial care for orphans during its first three decades. From the 1930s to 1960s, MCH experienced growth that began its transition from an orphanage to a nationally respected childcare agency providing a comprehensive program of care.

MCH began to see a decrease in the number of orphans by the 1950s, in large part due to medical advances that led to cures for life-threatening diseases or illnesses. During this time, MCH transitioned from an orphanage to a multiservice agency concentrating on meeting the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of children.

While a few youth who have lived at MCH in recent years have faced the challenges of dealing with the death of both parents, the majority of youth at MCH are placed in our program by parents or a managing conservator. Although it was common for MCH to take custody of children during its days as an orphanage, MCH no longer takes custody of children or youth.

**MYTH 2**
MCH only provides services in Waco.

**FACTS**
While MCH was established in Waco, we have extended the impact of our ministry far beyond Central Texas. MCH has been blessed with a strong heritage of providing quality residential group care, foster care and other family services, and we serve more than 5,000 children, youth and families across Texas and New Mexico each year.

MCH currently serves up to 140 youth, ages 10-18, through our two residential campuses. The Waco campus where MCH was established in 1890 has grown from an original 10-acre site to 130 acres. The 500-acre Boys Ranch, located 10 miles northeast of Waco, was established in 1971. MCH began offering foster care in 1968 and since that time we have developed a variety of family preservation services through our MCH Family Outreach program. Realizing the need to serve children and families closer to their communities, we began increasing the number of outreach offices in Texas and New Mexico in the 1990s.

Today, more than 1,000 children each month benefit from services through Outreach offices in Abilene, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Killeen, Lubbock, San Antonio, Tyler, and Waco, Texas; and Albuquerque and Las Cruces, N.M. Our prevention and early intervention services are designed to strengthen families and offer support to prevent the trauma caused by abuse/neglect and family separation.

In addition, through our Gap Program, MCH supports grandparents and other relatives who serve as the primary caregiver for children in the absence of parents.

Methodist Children’s Home is proud of its rich history of serving children, youth and families. This historical marker is located on the Waco campus.
MCH only admits “troubled kids” and those who have legal problems.

MCH admits youth regardless of religious beliefs or backgrounds. Multiple religions and denominations are represented among youth in our residential programs, as well as youth who identify themselves as agnostic or atheist. Thirty-nine percent of youth identify their religious background as nondenominational, followed by 26 percent who are Baptist and 10 percent who identify as United Methodist.

While growth and participation in worship services and spiritual development activities are integral parts of our residential program, youth are not coerced into making personal faith decisions. All worship services are led by our ministers and conducted in accordance with the principles and practices of the United Methodist Church. Youth who are Baptist and 10 percent who identify as United Methodist.

Children can be placed at MCH from any state.

MCH is affiliated with the six United Methodist annual conferences in Texas and New Mexico. As a result of this relationship, all youth placed at MCH must have parents or a managing conservator who live in Texas or New Mexico. Although most services are provided at no cost to families, all youth must go through an admissions process for our residential program. This process begins with a phone interview with the family. If our admissions staff determines that MCH can potentially meet the needs of the youth, they will schedule on-campus interviews and work with the family to complete the application requirements. Once the family submits all admissions materials, the information is presented to the Intake Screening Committee, which consists of administrators, admissions staff and school staff. The Intake Committee considers many factors when determining if MCH can meet the needs of a child. The final decision is often based on multiple factors and can include several visits with the child and family before a decision is made. Intake Committee members work together closely and weigh all options to make the best decision for every child. If the child is accepted for placement and an opening is available, a placement date is set. If an opening is not available at that time, the child is placed on a waiting list. The time it takes for a student to be placed at MCH varies. MCH is also equipped to receive emergency placements when necessary. The admissions policy and details regarding emergency placements are located on our website, MCH.org.
MYTH 7
MCH only serves children and youth placed by CPS.

FACTS
While MCH serves children in conservatorship of Child Protective Services (CPS), those in CPS conservatorship participate in our full program of care. In many cases, children and youth are referred to MCH by other agencies or individuals; however, MCH is not required to admit a child. Families or managing conservators go through an admissions process to determine if MCH is able to effectively meet the specific needs of the child. Residential and foster care programs both have specific eligibility criteria for admission. When staff determines MCH cannot serve a child, they will refer the family to a possible placement.

MYTH 8
MCH takes care of youth only until they turn 18.

FACTS
Staff members in the Transition Services (TS) program support former MCH youth, ages 18 to 25, as some youth at that age may still be in high school and as they adjust to independent living and pursue advanced education, job training, employment or a career in the military.

All youth transitioning from MCH to independent living have a plan and available resources in place by the time they graduate. Plans include aftercare services, educational plans, access to healthcare, and stable living arrangements. MCH provides the option of transitional housing and case management services for up to two years after graduation from high school.

For youth interested in pursuing a college degree or vocational training, staff members help youth determine the appropriate program based on their needs, strengths and interests. Staff members support youth through the admissions process and maintain relationships with them throughout their studies. All MCH alumni may apply for MCH scholarships through the Advanced Education program. Additionally, TS coordinators provide case management, counseling, crisis intervention, independent living training and limited financial assistance to former MCH residents up to age 25.

MYTH 9
Children come to MCH when they’re young and stay until they graduate.

FACTS
Throughout the history of MCH, one of the highlights for our supporters was meeting young children during campus visits, and then following their progress as they grew older and graduated from high school. During the past decade, the demographics of youth served through our residential program have changed significantly. Today, the average age of youth admitted to our residential campuses is 15. In recent years, MCH increased the minimum age for admission for our residential program to 10 and began placing younger children in our foster care program where they can benefit from living in a small family unit. However, MCH admits children close to the age of 10 in such cases as an emergency placement for safety reasons or if the child is part of a sibling group.

The average length of stay has also changed significantly, with youth living an average of 18 months in our residential program. Length of stay is based on the individual needs and goals of youth and their families. A shorter stay is primarily the result of older youth being admitted to MCH and our success in helping youth achieve a level of personal growth enabling them to successfully return to their families, communities and schools. In some cases, it is in the best interest of youth to live at MCH until they graduate from high school. The number of graduates from our charter school continues to increase, with an average of 25 seniors in all of our programs earning a high school diploma each year.

ADVANCED EDUCATION
The number of MCH youth who are currently pursuing advanced education in college or vocational training.

GRADUATES
The average number of seniors across all MCH programs earning high school diplomas each year.

Youth can experience personal growth through positive relationships with staff.
FACTS

MCH has too much money.

MCH is blessed with a strong endowment, faithful and generous benefactors, and leadership and staff who take seriously their calling to steward MCH’s resources.

When individuals mention our financial resources, they are often referring to our endowment fund. In 1942, Hubert Johnson, the administrator of MCH, identified the need to establish an endowment to give the struggling ministry the best opportunity to fulfill its mission to future generations. MCH is grateful for past administrators, leaders and benefactors who have ensured the endowment fund continues to grow. Today, the endowment is valued at more than $400 million.

The endowment enables MCH to make program decisions on what is best for children, not swayed by external factors such as government funding or dramatic swings in the financial markets. Only subsidy from the endowment is used to fund part of our $27 million annual budget. In addition to providing a strong financial foundation for this ministry, funding through the endowment and other appropriations ensures no child who meets our admissions criteria is ever denied admission based on the family’s inability to pay for services. Less than 1 percent of our annual funding comes from families, who are asked to provide financial support based on a sliding scale. Even with a strong endowment, we must fund 17 percent of our budget through unrestricted gifts to the Daily Needs Fund, church offerings, family support, or state and federal income. Only 6 percent of our annual budget comes from state and federal funding, the majority of which is USDA reimbursements to feed our children.

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The annual budget of MCH is funded by four sources of income: endowment appropriations, other endowment appropriations, annual revenue, and third-party trusts. Below are the percentages over the past five years for the annual budget funded by each source of income:

- 55% ENDOWMENT APPROPRIATIONS
  Appropriations from the permanent endowment that come through designated gifts from individuals and estates
- 20% OTHER ENDOWMENT APPROPRIATIONS
  Other endowment appropriations, such as royalties from property and mineral rights, donated to MCH
- 17% ANNUAL REVENUE
  Unrestricted gifts, offerings, family support or state and federal income
- 8% THIRD-PARTY TRUSTS
  Revenue from trusts managed by a third party, such as a bank or foundation, where MCH is the beneficiary

MYTH 11
MCH receives UMC apportionments.

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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT MCH

- Pray for our children and staff.
- Provide a financial gift to support the children.
- Schedule a tour of the Waco campus and Boys Ranch.
- Set up a speaking event for your church, class or program.
- Ask your church staff if they support MCH since we do not receive church apportionments.
- Tell others about the special work God is doing through this ministry.
- Consider remembering the children in your estate plans.

TOURS AND SPEAKING EVENTS

To learn more about our ministry, please contact our Development Department to schedule a tour or arrange for a guest speaker for your church, class or other group.

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