

## WHO WE ARE

- MCH offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.
- Located in the heart of Texas, 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.
- As part of our ministry, MCH offers residents a comprehensive spiritual development program. Youth are encouraged to explore their spirituality through a variety of activities such as worship services, Bible study and mission trips.

## WHO WE SERVE

- MCH is committed to serving youth who experience various levels of hardship. While the majority of the children in our residential program are ages 12 to 18, exceptions can be made for younger siblings to keep sibling groups together.
- MCH works directly with families dealing with the following challenges:
  - **Family hardship** - MCH can help improve difficult circumstances that a family might endure in the home resulting from parent-child conflict, behavioral or emotional issues, or a variety of other problems that can affect a child's development.
  - **School-related issues** - MCH is ideal for youth in grades 6-12 who need specialized educational services coupled with a supportive residential community to help them succeed in school.
  - **Homelessness** - MCH serves older youth who are struggling to stay in school due to unstable living arrangements or homelessness. Youth, ages 16 to 18, who do not live with their parents and manage their own financial affairs can consent to receive care at MCH at no cost.

“ MCH GAVE ME HOPE FOR A NEW LIFE AND A PASSION TO USE MY LIFE TO SERVE OTHERS. ”

- Heather, MCH graduate

## HOW WE DO IT

**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 MCH School (MCHS) on the Waco campus, a charter school affiliated with the University of Texas – University Charter School system. 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 MCHS.

**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 leadership organizations, work programs, 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.





## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- **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 Methodist Children's Home (MCH) can help.
- 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.
- Admission decisions are based on the needs of the youth and MCH's ability 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.

## WHY MCH?

### EXPERTISE

MCH is committed to using evidence-based practices in partnership with the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University. In addition, each home is overseen by a unit manager with a master's degree in social work or other human services field and operated by staff with advanced trauma-informed training.

### ACCREDITATION

MCH is recognized by the Council on Accreditation (COA) as an organization that delivers a high-quality level of services.

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

MCH provides a faith-based community focused on the holistic growth of each child through spiritual, physical and educational opportunities.

### LOCATION

Conveniently located in Central Texas with access to major population centers.

### TRANSITION SERVICES

Post-graduation, MCH provides additional support services through an independent living program and scholarship opportunities to former residents as they transition to life on their own.

### LIFETIME CONNECTIONS

While at MCH, youth have the opportunity to build strong, lasting relationships and have a safe place to call home.

## CONTACT US

To arrange an initial phone interview to determine eligibility for admission or to learn more about how MCH can help, call 800-964-9226 or 254-750-1237 or email us at [admissions@mch.org](mailto:admissions@mch.org).



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## Residential Community Programs for Youth



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