



Beech Acres[®]
parenting center



Annual Impact Report 2023-2024

175
YEARS
OF BUILDING
STRONG FAMILIES
AND THRIVING
CHILDREN

Dear Friends and Supporters,



It has been an extraordinary year for Beech Acres as we honor our 175th anniversary of building strong families and thriving children. **Your generosity contributes to this rich history and has fueled our capacity to serve over 34,000 individuals** through programs grounded in our Natural Strength Parenting™ framework. This celebratory season encourages us to reflect, ideate, and extend gratitude to those who have invested in our mission to ensure it prevails for another 175 years.

Since 1849, Beech Acres has acknowledged family as the first and primary source of stability, values, and belonging. Impacting far beyond individual members, families shape the trajectory of generations and thread the social fabric of our region. **Our best-in-class programs foster stability, emotional well-being, and nurturing relationships** that contribute to the long-term prosperity of children and caregivers.

This year, you propelled our efforts to bring prevention-focused and trauma-informed services to priority populations. From teen mothers to Spanish-speaking families, we lean on our value of Transformational Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to advance equitable and accessible support for those who need it most. **Your partnership makes this work possible** and brings us closer to building a community of care in Greater Cincinnati.

Beech Acres' vision of a world where *every child's natural strengths are nurtured so they realize their endless potential* serves as our compass for the future. We will approach the next 175 years just as we have the last—with strength-based programs that respond to the ever-changing needs of children and caregivers. Though this commitment is central to our past, present, and future, the impact is far greater with others walking alongside us. We thank you for your past contribution and welcome your ongoing support in this next chapter of Beech Acres' longstanding legacy. Together, we can target our north star to build **strong families** and a **strong future** for us all.



34,761 children and caregivers received support through Beech Acres programs

With Gratitude,

Laura

Laura Mitchell
President & CEO



320 workshops and **120** community-based events promoting behavioral health and well-being were hosted

This prevention work is critical since 75% of mental illness and substance use disorders begin before the age 25.

THANK YOU to our Generous Donors!

The impact we have achieved this year would not have been possible without the support of our generous donors. Thank you for your continued investment in building strong families. The partnership of our donors enables us to bring hope and healing to thousands of children and families in our community.

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OUR APPROACH

Beech Acres believes that thriving communities begin with strong families. For 175 years, we have uplifted families as a community partner for essential resources, parenting tools, and wrap-around care. Through programs grounded in our Natural Strength Parenting™ framework, children and caregivers uncover their unique strengths to unlock their true potential.



60% of families increased self-sufficiency and ability to support their family

Children facing economic hardship or prolonged poverty at a young age are at a greater risk for poor life outcomes.

TRANSFORMING THE COMMUNITY AND IMPROVING WELL-BEING

Many students require additional help that extends beyond academics. Beyond the Classroom™ and The Character Effect™ enhance readiness to learn through behavioral health treatment, social-emotional curriculum, and family resources. This holistic approach strengthens the efforts of parents and schools to ensure supportive environments where all children can thrive.

More than 400 children are waiting to be adopted in Hamilton County and over 15,000 are within the Ohio foster care system.



180 foster children placed in stable, loving homes

CREATING CONFIDENT AND STABLE FAMILIES

While most parents say raising their child is one of the most important aspects of life, 62% also report that parenting is more challenging than expected. Our evidence-based parent coaching model encourages caregivers to focus on strengths, intentionality, and mindfulness in the face of parenting obstacles. In doing so, we grow strong relationships while supplying the tools to raise children into happy, healthy adults.



Caregivers are children's first and primary buffer to trauma.

4,181 adults were equipped with resources to provide safe, stable, and nurturing homes



BRINGING HOPE AND HEALING TO CHILDREN

Beech Acres is dedicated to supporting all families, regardless of how they are put together. Through our foster, adoption, and kinship services, we support caregivers in every stage of opening their hearts and homes to children who need it most. Together, we provide stability, love, and hope on a child's path toward permanency.

Protective factors are linked to fewer incidents of child abuse and neglect.



56% of families served through prevention services improved one or more family protective factors such as resilience, knowledge of child development, and parenting skills



Adopted children have greater access to quality healthcare and are less likely to experience poverty.

20 foster children adopted



“ When I realized how much I can positively help somebody else's life, I knew I wanted to keep fostering other children. Not having any biological children myself, it was a large leap. **But still, there are children out there that need somebody who is going to love them. And that is unconditionally.** Somebody who is going to stand by them no matter what.

*Jennifer Stone,
Foster Parent since 2016*



133 licensed foster care homes

As the largest nonprofit foster care agency in Hamilton County, Beech Acres has matched children with compassionate and well-trained foster parents for over 40 years.

Improvements in behavioral health symptoms are linked to increased academic performance and decreased disciplinary issues.



55% of students severely affected by behavioral health showed progress in their symptoms and **60%** improved daily functioning following treatment

“ My experience has been nothing but positive. I have learned tools that help me with my biological children as well as my fiancé's kids. **This is a tremendous help for parents who are struggling to find their voice and for parents who doubt their skills as a parent.**”

You will learn skills not only for yourself as a parent but skills that can help your children.

Parent Connex[®] client



The Character Effect™ has been a great resource for our school this year. **The program has increased our students' social and emotional knowledge**

and gives practical applications and skills. To me, the most improvement has been the increased vocabulary that students have to describe their inner experiences. Students and I talked about their emotions and the different kinds of feelings we have. **The students enjoyed it and it created a better classroom environment.**

CCPA staff member



100% of students in foster care were promoted to the next grade

Increased levels of education have larger benefits for youth in foster care than youth from the general population.



19,187 children, caregivers, and educators developed skills to rise to the challenges of our ever-changing world

Social-emotional learning helps improve academic performance, curtail bullying, reduce dropout rates, and build character.



87% of teachers feel better equipped to manage student behavior as a result of participating in The Character Effect™

77% of teachers report a more positive school culture

In other schools, less than a third of educators are effectively trained to manage student behavior in the classroom.

Children who are reunified with their families have better long-term outcomes compared to those who age out of foster care.

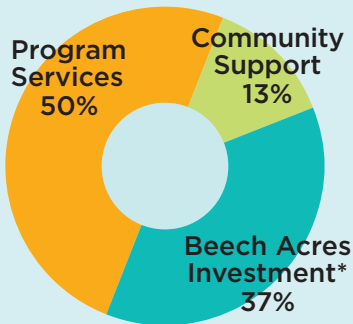


64% of discharged foster children reunified with their parent or kin caregiver

OUR FUNDING

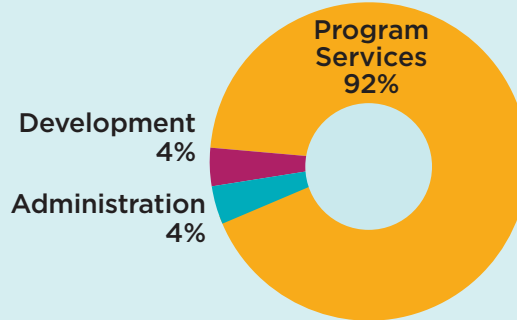
2.1M of our income comes from donors like you

Income: \$16,051,644



*Inclusive of interest and investment earnings

Expenses: \$16,051,644



92% of expenses go directly to serving families & improving our community

Net Assets

7/01/23	\$67,004,416
6/30/24	\$76,328,612

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OUR MISSION

We combine science and compassion to deliver innovative solutions that equip adults to meet children's needs and cultivate their strengths.

OUR VISION

Imagine a world where every child's natural strengths are nurtured, so they realize their endless potential.

Beech Acres Parenting Center is honored to collaborate with over 142 partner organizations and accrediting agencies that help strengthen and enhance our mission to positively impact the lives of children and caregivers.



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