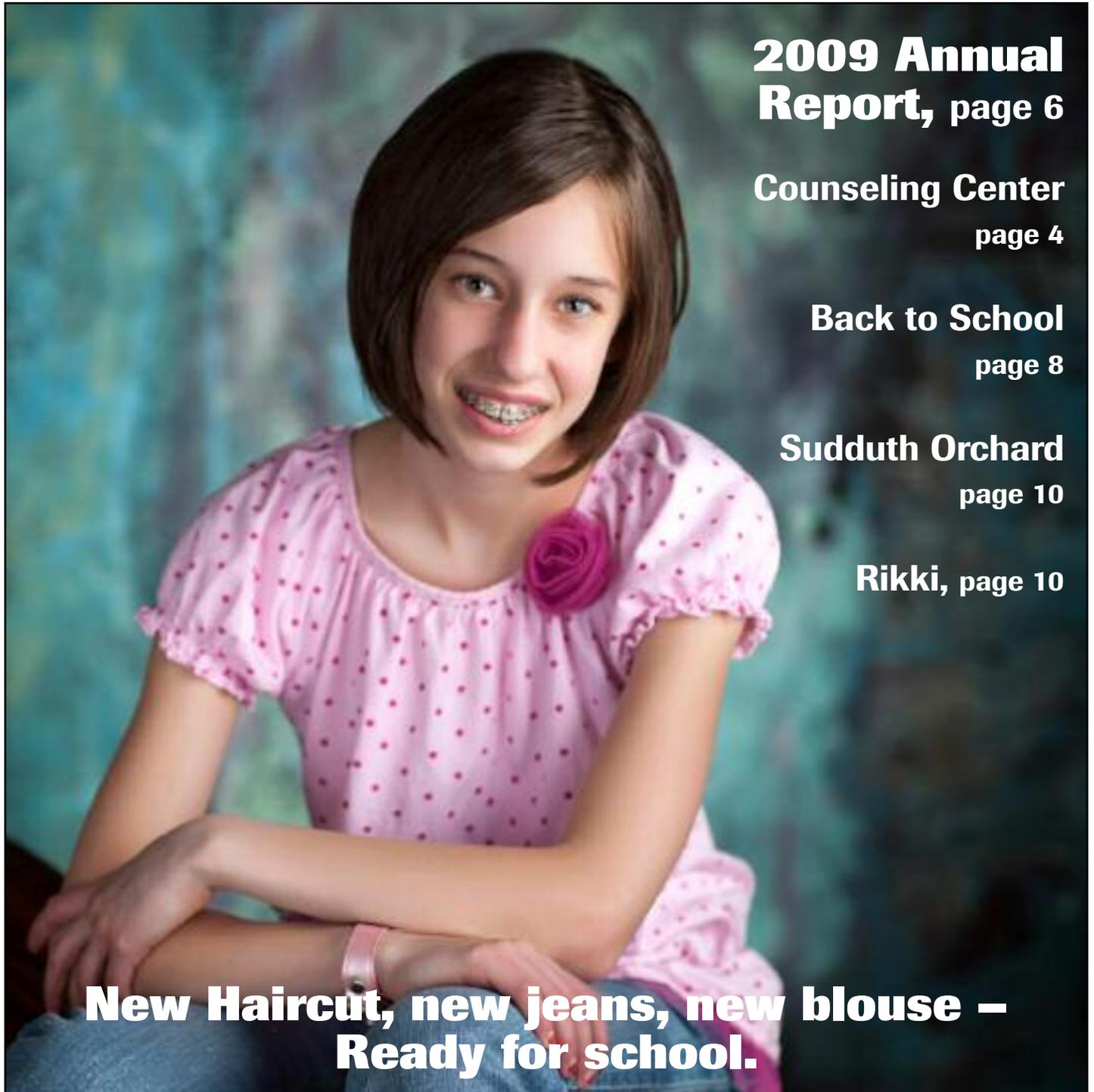


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**New Haircut, new jeans, new blouse –
Ready for school.**



Day to Day with Children

...three distincts seasons of summer

One of the first jobs I enjoyed at The Children's Home of Lubbock was developing the tutoring program for our kids in care.

The year was 1976 and I was coming out of a public school classroom where I was a science and health teacher. The task of developing remedial and supportive tutoring for our youth was a wonderful experience and I probably learned much more than the kids.

Some of the things I learned during that time are that children come into care functioning in school about one to two years below their grade level. When a child is living in a chaotic and abusive family setting, his number one goal in life is survival. It is very hard to put energy into learning multiplication tables, periodic charts or how to spell the capitals of all 50 states when your number one goal is survival. The goal of tutoring is to help the child catch up academically — and then teach them how to keep learning.

Another thing I observed was that there are three distinct seasons of summer.

The first season is that period of euphoric excitement that school is over for the summer. No more school bells. No more homework assignments. No more tests to study for! It is time to play, to sleep a little later, to be relaxed and play later in the evening. There is swimming in the Boverie Pool, play on the Johnson Recreation Court, or in the Ashtyn's Place Playground. Life looks really good!

By late June the second season of summer takes over somewhat quietly. The kids have settled into the new rhythm of summer, the new schedule becomes routine, and the events of summer days become the norm. Those days include time at the Tatum Skills Center

and the Heath Computer Lab, learning — but in different and more fun ways than the school year allows. Our staff provides these activities to help kids maintain their academic skills and even expand them, so that they don't lose too much ground through the three seasons of summer.

The third season of summer begins around the early part of August when most of the children begin to anticipate the beginning of a new school year. Even those who do not find school a great place to be still look forward to seeing friends and experiencing the new adventures and possibilities that are just around the corner. For many of them, this will be the first year they can proudly go to school the first day with attractive, well-fitting clothing and every single item on their school supply list.

Whatever else they have done, all the youngsters have spent the summer growing. There are new clothes to buy, backpacks to fill with school supplies, band instruments to rent, and club dues to pay. For children who are playing catch-up with their education, it's important to have these basics taken care of so they can relax and concentrate on growing academically, socially, and experientially. I hope you will be able to help us with our Back to School expenses.

Additionally, please cover our kids in prayer for those first few days of school. Pray for them individually and pray for the administrators and teachers they will be in submission to. As always, thank you for being such a vital part of this ministry of caring for the fatherless child. Very little, if anything, is closer to the heart of God.

Lynn R. Harms

A new direction for family services

Since August 25, 2002, when the Family Care Program opened its doors to single women and their children, The Children's Home has utilized the program to strike at the very roots of child abuse by offering these families a safe place to regain their independence. In the past eight years, 148 women and children have been served through the Family Care program.

Safety, shelter, nurturance, and training were provided for families, helping them regain stability in their personal and financial lives, and guiding them in healthy ways of parenting their children.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our families. Many of them have moved on to establish healthy relationships. They have secured jobs and safe housing.

But two major issues have evolved that have forced us to change the care and services we offer single mothers in these situations.

First, other residential programs have developed in our community which are able to offer a wider array of services for more women.

Second, licensing regulations which protect the children in our cottages now impose limits on the care we have been providing for the single moms in Family Care.

The first step in our new plan is to discontinue residential services for families. There is always a certain amount of sadness and regret when a program is ended. We are proud of the work we have done, but we also take pride in the opportunities to move in a direction more beneficial for children and their families.

The second step is to continue to provide case management and counseling for families who come to us for help. **This is a service unique in our area.**

One immediate benefit of this move is providing services not only to women with children, but also to fathers who are the sole caretakers of their children. We with the single parent, assessing needs and connecting the family with existing services in the community. During this time, spiritual counsel and encouragement are provided.

The third step is the construction of a counseling center on our campus. The building is underway, and it will have space dedicated to family services for parent training, counseling and a place to provide emotional support. The counseling center is expected to be open and ready for business in early October of this year.

Though our Family Care program is ending, **The Young Mother Program**, which offers teen moms a safe haven to live with their babies and gives them the opportunity to finish high school and acquire job skills, is continuing. This program is unique to this area and we are committed to support these youngest and most vulnerable of families.

Our foster care and adoption program will continue to expand. While our first goal is always to help children return to their families of origin, we will work hard to create new families through foster care and adoption if the family of origin fails. Twenty-five adoptions were completed in 2009 ... adoptions of older children — minority children — sibling groups — children with emotional difficulties. We thank God for the families that He has provided for these boys and girls.

It is true that it takes a village to raise children, and you have long been a part of our village. **We ask that you join us in this new approach to strengthening families.**

For the past eight years we have come to you to ask for gifts for the Family Care program. Your gift this year will still care for families, but in a new, and we pray, more effective way. Know whatever you share will be an investment in the future of families—and that means the future of us all.



Inside these walls, permanent healing will take place

by Rich Capodagli, M.Ed., LPC, Clinical Director, The Children's Home of Lubbock

As I stand witness to the construction of an otherwise unassuming building, I remain overwhelmed by the thought of all the children and families who will pass through its doors in the upcoming years.

Concrete and steel, bricks and mortar, drywall and paint...a typical structure — and yet inside these walls, permanent healing will take place. Tireless work will commence behind closed doors, conducted

by dedicated therapists. Word by word, thought by thought, truth by truth, the pain and suffering of our children's pasts will be washed away as they work to come to terms with the abuse they have suffered so early on in their young lives. The healing that will take place inside this new structure in the days, months and years to come will be nothing short of miraculous.

How does healing of this magnitude take place?

Well, in regards to the children we serve, their immediate pain must be relieved, their current suffering must be alleviated, and their fears of the future dispelled; and only then can the loss and grief they have incurred (and rarely initially understand) be resolved through acceptance.

- Loss of permanency remains the most pronounced issue of grief addressed in counseling.
- Childhood trauma remains the most profound issue resolved through therapy.
- Abuse remains the leading cause of trauma amongst the children we serve and unfortunately is often times committed by those closest and most trusted by our children.



The complete therapeutic process takes time, dedication and cooperation on the part of both our therapists and our children. Untangling and resolving the children's confusion, betrayal, anger, sadness and terror of abuse requires significant patience, understanding and faith on the part of all who serve our children.

The opportunity to serve both children in care and the family members of these children does not come along often. This is certainly one of the most amazing aspects of a building (and a program) such as this. In the past, children were mere amputees, cut off from all family sacrificing all family members for the sake of the child's safety immediately upon their removal by the State.

Now, with the construction of this building, a fresh and innovative program has also been developed, treating all the victims of the trauma — children and family members alike. As a result, the positive, caring family members of our children will no longer be estranged from the children's treatment; instead they will remain a key component of maintaining permanency in our children's lives as well as being an integral part of the healing process.

And all of this can be accomplished because of the construction of an otherwise unassuming building. And the work of the builders who constructed it. And the thoughtfulness of the individuals who through the years, gave their hard earned resources to have it built. And because of the prayers of all those children and families who so desperately need to heal and who will now have the opportunity to do just that.



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What's it like at The Children's Home?

The average age of children who live at the Home is about 9½ years old. The average age of children in foster care is 6 years old.

Sixty-one percent the children are girls, 39% are boys. Twenty-six percent are Anglo, 48% are Hispanic, 18% of the children are African-American, and 8% are bi-racial.

Seventy of our children say they like it here, while

Operating Income

Child Care Support	727,366	15.4%
Adoptive Programs	235,424	5.0%
Foster Care	659,946	13.9%
Shelter/Assessment Center	627,276	13.3%
Therapeutic Group Home	513,787	10.9%
Family Care	26,619	0.6%
Foundations and Grants	76,895	1.6%
Churches	356,645	7.5%

* not including non-cash gifts to Big Heart Campaign \$66,251.95

** including Dollar Day Campaign \$47,590.04

*** including Broadway's Children's Home Special \$96,648.16

Individuals	670,973	14.2%
Memorials	94,001	2.0%
Farm Operations	5,674	0.1%
Trusts and Endowments	634,323	13.4%
Royalties	35,259	0.7%
Miscellaneous	66,996	1.4%
Total Operating Income	\$4,731,184	

Operating Expenses

Adoption Services	243,229	4.8%
Development and PR	485,050	9.6%
Education and Recreation	266,659	5.3%
Shelter/Assessment Center	609,028	12.0%
Therapeutic Group Care	593,911	11.7%
Residential Group Care	1,324,824	26.2%
Foster Care	574,112	11.4%
Family Care	62,995	1.2%
Administration	389,373	7.7%
Campus/Farm/Maintenance	506,833	10.0%
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,056,014	

(Difference in expense and income covered with reserve funds.)

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22% have mixed feelings. 8% say they don't like it here. Seventy-seven% of the boys and girls say they are doing better living at The Children's Home, 20% say they are about the same, and 3% say they are worse.

Of the children who were discharged from the Home last year, 35% were able to go home to their parents or another relative, and 24% went to adoptive homes. 31% went to foster homes.

Services Overview

Total number of individuals served	472
Total number of children referred	
during the year	947
Children in basic care	78
Children in the Shelter/Assessment Center	99
Children in foster homes.....	93
Children in therapeutic group care	44
Adoptions finalized	25
Total number served in family care	11

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Each year The Children's Home of Lubbock distributes its annual report disclosing income and expenses in an unaudited statement for the previous fiscal year. In July, the Board of Directors receives Audited Financial Statements prepared by an independent auditor. Form 990 is filed each year with the Internal Revenue Service and becomes public record. Additional financial information may be obtained by making a request to Lynn R. Harms, President.



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HELP MAKE THE
SCHOOL YEAR
"CLICK."**



Your "back to school" gift helps us with good s

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school clothes and school supplies.

YOUR LEGACY

will bless the children

by Floyd I. Stumbo, President Emeritus

A Memorial that keeps Giving



It was a cold damp day in January 1962, when a young landscape architect, Chuck Sudduth, brought his crew to The Children's Home and planted the first fifty pecan trees.

They were the first of more than 200 pecan trees that comprise the pecan orchard on the Home's campus.

Those first trees were planted in memory of Chuck and Billie's son, Michael Don, who had lost his life in an automobile accident. Now, 48 years later, that little fellow's influence is felt every day by the children in care, the Home's staff, and literally hundreds of people who drive by on U.S. Highway 82 and admire the beauty of the Home's campus.



The pecan trees also give children in care good memories of their days at the Home. On April 30th, my wife and I enjoyed sharing dinner in Louisiana with Robert Partigianoni and his wife Joan, along with Robert's brother, Tony. Robert remembered helping plant and water trees that were added after the original gift by the Sudduths.

Today, the orchard is a great place for children to run and play. It is also a wonderful memory as a place of beauty to the hundreds of children who have spent time at the Home. In addition, youngsters can earn a little extra money by helping pick up and sort the pecans at harvest time.

The pecans are also an excellent treat, useful for sharing with many friends of the Home. A few days before I wrote this article, one of the Home's workers was loading several hundred small packets of pecans to hand out at the Home's booth at the Lubbock Business Symposium.

Every gift to the Home is important to the future of children. The Sudduth Pecan Orchard, started almost 50 years ago, is a gift that just keeps on giving to bless many children, staff and friends of the Home. Thanks, Billie and Chuck, for your thoughtfulness.



Please complete and mail to The Children's Home Foundation, P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock, TX 79408

*Dear Friends at The Children's Home of Lubbock Foundation:
I would like more information on how I might create a legacy to bless the children. Please contact me.*

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You could be Rikki's forever family.

If you're looking for a girl who is energetic and full of great ideas, we've got just the girl for you!

Rikki is a sweet girl with a likeable personality. She loves to smile and has a great sense of humor. Best of all, she really cares about other people and will go out of her way to help someone she cares about. When Haiti was struck by disaster after a hurricane, she persuaded her cottage to hold a bake sale to raise money to help.

Rikki completed the sixth grade in the spring. She is a good student who, like most of us, can use a little help with her homework now and then. She would like to go to Texas Tech and play basketball or tennis, and, coincidentally, her favorite colors are red, white, and black.

A two-parent family that has experience working with children with therapeutic needs would be a perfect match for Rikki. Are you the ones? Give us a call at 806.762.0481, ext. 205. Or you can email Janet Lemons at jlemons@childshome.org. Tell Janet you're interested in making Rikki a part of your family!

