



2021 Annual Report



Thanks To You!

We receive NO government funding!

Our ministry is 100% privately funded by caring individuals like YOU who share their resources – time, talent, and treasure – to bless God's children.

Every child can have HOPE!

Your support ensures that NO child or family is ever turned away because they cannot afford the services of Show-Me.





**"When my heart is overwhelmed, lead
me to the Rock that is higher than I"
-Psalm 61:2**

Throughout this challenging year, the Lord constantly led me back to this verse. Facing personal struggles, ministry transitions, legislative threats, and significant losses, I often felt overwhelmed in my heart.

As things shift further out of my control and comfort zone, the best thing I can do is cry out to the Rock. He's solid. He's certain. And He's much higher than I. I need His protection and His perspective.

This is the best place to be. This is where Kingdom work is accomplished and where our testimony is most obvious.

It's a testimony we see daily as God transforms the young lives that have come to Show-Me from a variety of tragic and unfortunate circumstances. Your support plays a vital role in helping them overcome the challenges of their past and prepare for a healthy future. It's a daunting task, and we're not always successful, but God's children are worth every investment we make into their lives.

Together, we not only change the world for these vulnerable kids, we make the world a better place through the lives they live out. And, we show the world what God does through His people.

It's a testimony we see lived out in healthy adults like Katrina who once called Show-Me "home." It's a testimony we see come alive through the waves of support received to benefit these kids as donations from God's people - not state or federal funds - reached a record high this year. It's a testimony to a broken and fallen world of how passionate Christ-loving servants labor in hopes that every child can face a great future and excellent eternity.

Yes, Lord, let me find myself overwhelmed, unsteady and unsatisfied with everything this world has to offer. Let me find my only certainty next to you, the Rock, with a clear perspective of how You choreograph events to impact the world and Your Kingdom. Let this weary world be inspired by Your hand at work through the ministry of Show-Me.



Chad

How We Help

Show-Me's methods of restoration offer more than simply a house in which kids live temporarily as they grow up. For over 50 years, children from across the country continue to find a safe, stable, loving home and family with layers of support geared toward their current and future success.

Throughout Missouri on our two campuses and in 13 homes, Show-Me creates a customized environment for each child to thrive academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually, all provided from a Christian worldview.



Home & Family

- Traditional family setting with 6-8 siblings led by a set of trained houseparents
- Provides healthy role models and teaches respect for authority
- Children contribute to the needs of the family, find a security in belonging, and develop empathy and responsibility



Counseling

- Professional counselors support each child's emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs
- Provides a safe place to process through overwhelming feelings and traumatic events
- Works with houseparents to help families address new coping methods



A Community of Support

- Constant and consistent atmosphere of love and encouragement provided by engaged, Christ-centered adults
- Volunteers and church communities displaying faith in action



With the recent completion of two new homes, construction will begin in 2022 to expand the Show-Me Christian School to accommodate up to 85 students.

- New High School and Middle School Learning Centers
- New virtual reality science labs
- New gym & locker rooms
- New Path to Purpose Training Center
- New school building at the Drysdale Campus

2001

Angels

2021



SHOW ME CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

For many children who find their way to Show-Me, school has been a struggle due to the battles in their homelife. It's not uncommon for kids to be four grade-levels behind where they need to be.

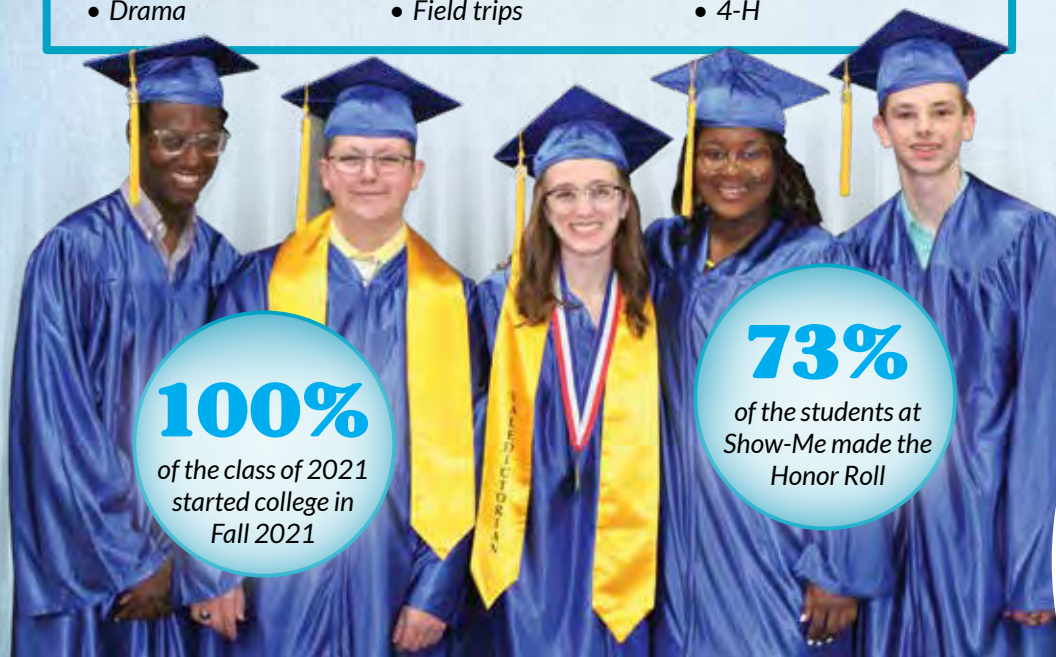
Our on-site school is designed for young people in Kindergarten through High School to have the extra help they need to succeed. Each child receives an individualized education, allowing them to learn at their own pace. This approach has enabled 95% of the kids at Show-Me to graduate high school, many of whom had been on the road to dropping out.

- Individual, self-paced academic option
- Utilizes a Biblically-based curriculum (Accelerated Christian Education)
- Nationally accredited coursework led by professionally trained teachers
- 10:1 student to teacher ratio
- Supportive social & academic environment

Arts & Activities

Traditional learning opportunities complement classroom knowledge to help youth discover and develop their giftings.

- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Drama
- Field trips
- 4-H



100%

of the class of 2021
started college in
Fall 2021

73%

of the students at
Show-Me made the
Honor Roll

Sports

Our sports program promotes the healthy development of character, a strong work ethic, teamwork and goal setting skills by competing in the MO-KAN Athletic Conference.

- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Track
- Soccer
- Volleyball



LEARNING TO
LEAD LIKE

Jesus

Leadership U instills in our young people character and direction as they learn to lead like Jesus. Each week students apply the principles of service, knowledge, confidence and wisdom as they work with our horses and dogs to get hands-on experience.

Utilizing the emotional connection between young people and animals, Leadership U provides a healing environment that enables children to experience the importance of love, discipline, and trust from the caregiver's perspective as they train and provide for the needs of the animals.





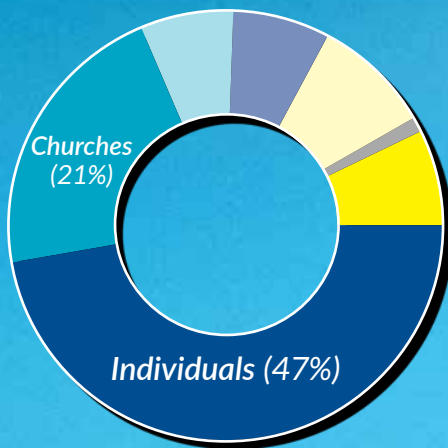
By the Numbers

Our 2020-2021 fiscal year and the impact
YOUR gifts make in children's lives:

- 189** *Calls for placement*
- 6** *New placements in the year*
- 73** *Children called Show-Me "home"*
- 4** *Moved into alternative care*
- 5** *Children reunited with family*
- 42** *Attended Show-Me Christian School*
- 5** *Graduates*
- 3** *Baptisms*



Show-Me Christian Youth Home is an accredited member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). We are committed to maintain the highest levels of financial integrity by upholding the ECFA's Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship.™ (www.ecfa.org).



Income

Individuals	\$1,252,636	47%
Churches	\$557,208	21%
Groups	\$197,733	7%
VBS & Camps	\$2,023	—
Memorials & Honoraria	\$192,795	7%
Wills & Estates	\$234,784	9%
Family Support	\$13,945	1%
United Way	\$4,196	—
Other*	\$192,451	7%

Total Income: \$2,647,771

Expenses

Program & Services	\$1,710,558	80%
Administration	\$229,597	11%
Promotions	\$198,049	9%

Total Expenses: \$2,138,204

Net Income: \$509,567**

* Includes Path to Purpose, Sale of Livestock, Interest, etc.

** Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$98,445. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Company's fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Reviewed financial statements are available in January 2022. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating and Facilities Company.

PATH TO PURPOSE

Path to Purpose (P2P) serves as a bridge to adulthood for current and former Show-Me children.



Life Skills Training

- Independent Living skills
(Cooking & home repair)
- Dave Ramsey Financial Course
- Driver's License

Character Exploration

- Personality and Values Testing
- Skill Identification

Career Development

- Career Research
- Resume & Interview Skills
- Job Shadowing & Part-Time Work

Post Graduation Assistance

- Exam Prep (ACT & ASVAB)
- College Visits & Applications
- Access to Emergency Funds
- Continuous Communication & Follow-up



What happens to the kids after they leave Show-Me?

Children don't "age out" of the Show-Me program, they "age into" healthy adults. We believe that helping them reach the age of 18 isn't enough. Our commitment continues past graduation to keep these young adults on a positive path, removing obstacles, and helping them get back up when they stumble. Our desire is that they always know the first place they can safely turn is to their Show-Me family.

Path to Purpose graduates have funds available to help when needs arise: extra money for text books, unexpected repairs, down-payments for housing/utilities, medications, continued counseling services, educational funding, and various emergency situations.

The Outcomes* of Aging Out of Foster Care



will rely on government assistance

75%
of women

33%
of men

Only

3%



will earn a college degree by age 26

50%

will be employed by age 24

By age 21, **71%** will be pregnant

62% will be pregnant more than once



More than **60%**

of young men will be convicted of a crime.



* According to Pew Research Center, University of Chicago, and the Jim Casey Youth Initiative

Rescued & Restored: *Katrina Woods*

Alone. Afraid. Without Hope. Katrina Woods' childhood felt like an endless cycle of brokenness. She wished someone would hear her cries. A trusting voice that could pierce the darkness and reassure her that she was not alone. Help was on the way. Someone, anyone, to tell her that her life mattered. Sadly, life had taught her the opposite.

From Bad to Intolerable

"Growing up, I felt I had no hope and nowhere to turn," said Katrina. "No place was safe." At school, she struggled in her classes and constantly faced bullying as the short, small girl new in town. At home, the physical abuse by her mother's alcoholic boyfriend was only to be replaced by the sexual abuse of others. What hurt the most was this "family" she was supposed to be able to trust were the ones who hurt her the most.

She could count on no one but herself. She was alone. Her father had committed suicide when she was an infant. Her mother had a heart attack in front of her helpless eight-year-old eyes and died. After that, she and her four siblings were split up to live with different relatives. But, things

never got better. The pain and abuse followed her house to house, state to state, year to year.

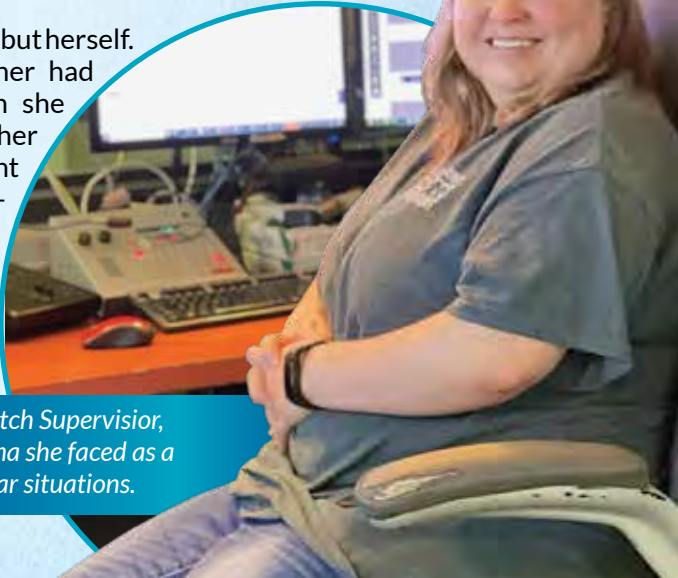
A Plan to End It All

"In 2000, as she sat in the Division of Family Services (DFS) office waiting to be shipped off to one more countless home, Katrina planned her suicide. It didn't matter DFS stated that this Show-Me place was the "least restrictive, most family-like setting" or that it "provides the greatest opportunity to progress." In the end, she would find a way to fail at this, too. If she could not end the pain, she could at least end her life.



Katrina age 8

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As the Saline County Dispatch Supervisor, Katrina now uses the trauma she faced as a child to help others in similar situations.



In 2003, Katrina became the first graduate of the Show-Me Christian School.

The first few weeks at Show-Me confused the angry, hurting 16-year-old. "You will never fit in with this perfect family with perfect kids," her mind told her. "Like everyone else, they are going to hate you." Yet, this new "family" made her feel welcome. Strangely, it was not because they were perfect, but rather because of their struggles. Watching her houseparents still love and care for her siblings, who acted out and had major behavioral problems, made her feel something new: HOPE.

"Maybe they might not give up on me, too," Katrina dared to dream. No. She could not listen to HOPE. The only way to stop the pain was to follow her plan and take her life.

But she heard somewhere that if you are not baptized, you could go to a place of everlasting pain. To avoid this "Hell," Katrina asked to be baptized a month after she arrived.

The Sunday of her baptism would be the end of her life as she had known it. Although she entered the water for all the wrong reasons, unknown to her at the time, the Katrina who rose would see the world in a new life.

HOPE Walks In

She had a strength and confidence she had never had before. As her abusive fiancé approached in the parking lot, something inside her gave her the courage to do what she had wanted for years. With her Show-Me family at her back, she broke up with him declaring that she deserved to be treated better than the horrible way he did.

That night, as she sat on her bed, all the day's victories could not drown out the voice urging her to finish her suicide plan. In quiet desperation, Katrina prayed, "God if I do matter to you and you really are there, then Show-Me." A moment later, Jennifer, a college intern who lived at Show-Me, walked into her room and said "I am so glad you're here. You made a great decision today for your future."

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"At that point, I determined that my life would be better," said Katrina. "I would be more than the 'worthless nobody, who would never amount to anything' that my family had told me I was."

Accepting His Invitation

While her heart had been opened, the scars of 16 years could not be erased overnight. Katrina still struggled in school, lagging six grades behind in some subjects. She fought with other kids. She had lots of anger that still



needed to be worked on. The difference was now she finally had the support and resources she needed to break the cycle. She was NOT alone.

Under the love and protection of her Show-Me family, Katrina was free to just be a kid and find out who she was as a person. Fear no longer held her captive. "It was OK if I mess up," said Katrina. "God was still going to love me."

Day by day, her faith grew as she experienced that love. She felt an urging to be baptized a second time. This time, fear and pain no longer drove her. It was love. She would let nothing stand between her and accepting Christ's invitation of His forever family.

Equipped For A New Cycle

The Show-Me school allowed her to be able to go at her own pace to catch up. With smaller class sizes and extra tutoring, her teachers explained basic concepts that she had never fully understood. Equipped with the necessary tools, she began to see progress. A new cycle began: each success encouraged her and pushed her to work harder. Two years later, she received her diploma becoming the first high school graduate of the

Show-Me Christian School.

Finding Her Voice

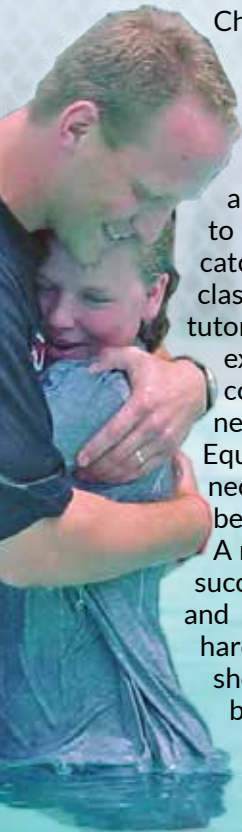
The next day, she started an internship with the City of Knob Noster. That summer job led her to find her career and lifelong mission serving as an Emergency Dispatcher.

Many times when people are at their lowest point and need help, Katrina is the voice on the other end of the 911 call guiding them to a safe place. She reassures them they are not alone and that help is on the way. ***Katrina is now the voice of HOPE that she had always wished to hear.***

Today, she and her husband live in Marshall, Missouri. Their family includes his four adult children and their six grandchildren. Katrina is active in her church teaching little ones how much they are loved by God. Her love and relationship with Christ continue to grow, fueling a restoration that spans past and future generations.

"Show-Me literally saved my life," Katrina explained. "I thought I had nothing to live for when I arrived. They showed me I was so much more than what I was told I was. Sometimes kids don't know how to say thank you, but they know they feel it. You caring and showing you care is everything to a kid that has never seen that in their life."

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Katrina and her husband

Join The Cause

You have the power to change the course of generations!

- ❑ **Pray** - Prayer for our children and Show-Me family is our most important resource.
- ❑ **Volunteer** - Share your time and talent.
- ❑ **Stay Informed** - Sign up to receive the latest news.
- ❑ **Spread the Word** - Share Show-Me with your friends:
 - Refer us to a family who might need our help.
 - Invite us to speak to your church, group, VBS, or civic organization.
 - Connect & share on Facebook.
- ❑ **Honor** - Memorial and Tribute gifts honor the legacy of loved ones.
- ❑ **Teach** - Use our free Mighty Man video series to teach kids about missions.
- ❑ **Give** - Invest in future generations:
 - Cash/ Check/ Credit Card
 - Donated goods or professional services
 - Appreciated Assets or securities
 - In-kind gifts (food, vehicles, land, grain/cattle)



Neighbors

Neighbors are the dedicated community of key partners whom we count on to lend a hand to help raise these children. Your monthly gift - *however, big or small* - ensures each child has the essential, ongoing care they need as they grow. *Monthly giving is one of the most efficient and impactful ways to help YOU and Show-Me.*

- **Flexible** - Pick the amount, change or stop your gift at any time.
- **Better Stewardship** - Consistent giving enables us to plan ahead.
- **Convenient** - save time, postage, and helps us with costs.

Recurrent giving can be set up and managed online at www.ShowMeHelpingKids.com

Prayer Partners

Your prayers can move mountains for the life of a child. Prayer Partners receive bi-monthly and urgent prayer requests.

Call 660-347-5982
or sign up online at
www.ShowMeHelpingKids.com

"Prayer
is
the greatest source
of power
known to human beings"

- Billy Sunday





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