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#### 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.

#### "Chad, why do you do what you do?"

On the spot, this phrase tumbled out of my mouth: "I believe that every child deserves a home and a family as well as an opportunity for a healthy future and an excellent eternity."

Obviously, God designed for this to occur in the biological family. But we know how often this broken world leaves children without this

foundation and these opportunities. That's where God's people step up and step in.

We always have. We always will.

We live in a society that devalues human life. How repulsive that many consider the most vulnerable people among us to also be the most expendable. This ought not be! **Unwanted children**? <u>Never</u>! <u>Not here</u>!

These boys and girls are not a burden for our society – they are a valuable opportunity for His people to show the love of their God and Creator! This happens right here at Show-Me – every day -- for over 55 years.

Twenty-five years ago, God led me to join the Show-Me team. Becoming the Director was not something I could have imagined – I simply responded in faith to the Lord's invitation to make an impact for kids now and into eternity.

<u>God led you here, too</u>! Your faith, your commitment, and your partnership in His gospel goals, stimulates these young lives. You provide them the home and family they deserve, as well as the opportunities for a healthy future and an excellent eternity. You show them – and the skeptical, watching world – what a great and loving God does through His compassionate and caring people!

Rescuing and Restoring,

Chad Puckett, Director



Growing up, Aaron felt like nobody wanted him. A product of a divorced family, he rarely saw his Mom or his Dad, "Dad would find alwavs every excuse on why he could not be there," stated Aaron. "Even when he was physically there, his attention was somewhere

Aaron, age 15

else." As a single parent, his mom worked three jobs to keep a roof over their heads. His older sister, Gabby, would frequently go out with friends. Aaron found himself alone at home with TV and video games to raise him.

#### **Anger Turns to Rage**

Aaron had few social skills. Desperate for attention, he acted out. "I wanted friends- someone to say they cared - so bad that I would do anything to get them to notice me," Aaron recounted. His antics only alienated him more as the other kids thought of him as "weird" and made fun of him.

Loneliness turned to anger as he

got older. Unchecked, his anger boiled out in fits of rage. "Anger would at least get me attention; attention meant someone being present in my life," said Aaron.

The problems grew worse over time. Both parents had been through multiple divorces. Amongst this lack of stability and structure, Aaron and Gabby grew increasingly disrespectful and rebellious. Aaron's anger spiraled out of control. In 2005, after exhausting all other resources,

> his Mom turned to Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

## The Torture of Stability

The first weeks at Show-Me for 15-yearold Aaron were "torture." He did not want

to be there. Used to chaos, he felt lost in this new structure and stability. His plan was to put a mask on, go through the motions, and hope to return home as soon as possible.

After a year, Aaron's mask began to crack. He would see his Mom on holiday visits, each time hearing that he could come home

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"That was the moment it all changed for me," stated Aaron. "It hurt so bad. I broke. I stopped just living to get out of here. I started to look at my houseparents, not as my babysitters, but parents."

Living with separate families on the same campus allowed Aaron and his sister, Gabby, to focus on their own struggles while still remaining close.

Slowly, Aaron realized the importance and purpose of family, rules, and structure. As his relationship grew with his houseparents. he learned to open up more. Lovingly and consistently guiding him through life

and responsibilities, he found comfort through their affirmation. His Show-Me family showed him how a kind, caring, and consistent father was the spiritual leader of the family.

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He didn't have to wear a mask to be accepted. Now that he had a family he could confide in, his frustrations no longer turned into uncontrollable anger. With this new outlook, his grades and attitude improved.

"Before, I felt I was not worth much because I couldn't do anything: I was 15, had no skills, except playing video games," said Aaron. "Now, I had people who cared and wanted to invest in me...

At Show-Me, Aaron found the family he had longed for and a Father, who exemplified the man he hoped to become.





Aaron's faith has taken him to 20 countries around the world to serve on mission trips.

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#### **Finding Purpose in Serving**

In 2007, Aaron and his sister returned to their mother's home. The siblings had more positive attitudes, and their Mom had made significant improvements, herself. However, "it quickly returned to being all about me and doing anything I desired," Aaron recalls. "I didn't have the discipline

or structure to develop the character I needed to succeed as an adult." The next two years he again felt empty and without purpose.

Feeling lost, he attended a youth conference that summer. There, he reconnected with God and his larger Christian family. "I was brought back to when I was a Show-Me kid – that closeness that I earnestly desired and whole-heartedly missed."

Aaron realized the more he focused on himself, the lonelier he felt. Serving others gave him purpose. His life would be about encouraging; ensuring that the lost and hurting know that they, too, are wanted and a beloved part of Christ's family.

#### Pouring Out Love in 21 Countries With his Show-Me family helping

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- Aaron

him on his journey, Aaron graduated from Ozark Christian College with a Bachelor's Degree of Psychology and Christian Ministry. He has worked as a Show-Me intern, a youth minister, a counselor in a boy's group home, and a case

manager. Currently, he is the State

Manager of Disability Services for Goodwill Industries of Arkansas.

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said Aaron. His passion has taken him around the world to 20 different countries y serving on mission trips.

Today, Aaron and his wife, Brittany, live in northern Arkansas with Duke, their Beagle puppy.

#### **Changing Life's Trajectory**

"Show-Me invests in kids because they believe each kid makes a difference," stated Aaron. "I can't say thank you enough to the ministry and how they changed the trajectory of my path."

Does Aaron's mother, Vickie, have any regrets? "God showed me, and continues to show me, that as a parent, He has a plan for my life and my children. Without Show-Me, I do not think my son would have the Christian growth and maturity to become a young, faithful, servant to God today."

She added, "Show-Me took Aaron as an angry boy, hitting walls, and back-talking, to a young man that is gentle, has compassion, is kind, and appreciative of what God has done in his life. Seeing Aaron's continuous growth has made me a very proud Mom and very thankful for a place called Show-Me Christian Youth Home."

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Aaron, his wife, Brittany, and their puppy, Duke.



## By the Numbers

Our 2021-2022 fiscal year and the impact YOUR gifts make in children's lives:

- 221 Calls for placement
  - **10** New placements in the year
  - 56 Children called Show-Me "home"
  - **16** Children reunited with family
  - **35** Show-Me Christian School Students
  - **12** Alumni assisted through the Path to Purpose program
  - 26 Honor Roll Students
    - **1** Graduate
    - 4 Baptisms

Income			
	Individuals	\$1,373,641	44%
	Churches	\$658,212	21%
	Groups	\$410,906	13%
	VBS & Camps	\$2,533	
	Memorials & Honoraria	\$176,702	6%
	Wills & Estates	\$464,615	15%
	Family Support	\$3,800	
	United Way	\$8,603	-
	Other*	\$31,021	1%
	Investments	(\$95,815)	
	Total Income:	\$3,034,218	

Individuals (44%)				
Expenses				
Program & Services	\$1,874,560	79%		
Administration	\$253,851	11%		
Promotions	\$232,294	10%		
Total Expenses:	\$2,360,705			
Net Income:	\$673,513 **			



Show-Me Christian Youth Home is an accreditated 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.<sup>™</sup> (www.ecfa.org).

Churches (21%) (

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

\*\* Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$115,947. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Company's fiscal year ended June 30,2022. Reviewed financial statements are available in January 2023. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating and Facilities Company.

# FUTURE

With the recent completion of two new homes, construction will begin soon 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 lab
- New gym & locker rooms
- New Path to Purpose Training Center

NEW PLAYGROUND AT MAIN CAMPUS FALL 2022



## Mhat will you do?

#### He needs a home. She needs a family. They need an opportunity. 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.
- □ Advocate Tell others about Show-Me and open doors for us to make an impact:
  - 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.
- 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)
- Leave a Legacy Include Show-Me in your estate plan.







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.

## **Our Greatest Needs...**

#### **#1. Prayer Partners**



Your prayers can move mountains for the life of a child. Prayer Partners receive by email:

- Bi-monthly Updates
- Urgent prayer requests

100 new Prayer Partners will help us keep a constant protection over the Show-Me family.

#### #2. Workers for the Harvest Field



For the first time in 55 years, Show-Me has been limited by the lack of childcare staff. Pray that courageous, Spirit-led, Christ-loving couples will step into this challenging mission; ask the Lord if it might be you.

Show-Me has homes ready for three couples to serve in direct childcare.

#### **#3. Neighbors**



Neighbors are dedicated key partners whom we count on to lend a hand to help raise these children. Monthly gifts - however, big or small - ensure 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.



To learn more ways you can help, call 660-347-5982 or sign up online at www.ShowMeHelpingKids.com

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