



ShowMe
Christian South Home

2023 Annual Report





SHOW-ME CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

With the new playground completed, construction begins soon to expand the Show-Me Christian School to accommodate up to 85 students.

- *New High School and Middle School Learning Centers*
- *Updated and expanded Elementary Learning Center*
- *New virtual reality science lab*
- *Upgraded gym & bathrooms*
- *New Path to Purpose and Tech Training Center*
- *Additional office space*

FINAL DESIGN



**SCHOOL & OFFICE EXPANSION
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS: FALL 2023**



I feel like I've been riding a bike with a loose chain the last few years. Nothing seems to "work like it used to." It seems the more folks I visit with, the consensus is just that.

In lieu of listing these oddities, I'll simply admit that I've felt a little lost in ministry. During prayer recently, I got an image of a child lost on a busy city street: afraid, threatened, uncertain, emotionally paralyzed... Yet, as soon as she made eye contact with her father, her fear was relieved. Her path forward became obvious. Her confidence and resolve grew stronger than ever.

Of course! The answer to survive this current chaos is to simply fix my eyes on my Father. I cannot possibly wrap my mind around all the things swirling in the congested, deafening, constantly shifting circumstances. I can keep my eyes on my Lord. I can walk with Him unaffected by the chaos.

One thing He showed me clearly led us to launch a ministry to single mothers: to Rescue and Restore the family, together. "Widows AND orphans," He said! I'm excited to step into this additional ministry opportunity.

Exciting times are head on so many levels, and I'm more focused than ever! *Join us!*

Focusing on the Father,

Chad

Chad Puckett, Director

From Orphan to Overcomer

RESCUED & RESTORED: *Steven Durst*



Steven,
age 12

As a child, Steven Durst's life felt out of control. "My childhood was a mess filled with confusion and uncertainty," stated Steven. "I felt unsure and insecure regarding my future. Always moving around, I never knew where I would go next or who I would be with."

Crossing Paths

Steven was born in a struggling, post-Soviet Russia in 1996. After his father died, his mother, unable to raise Steven by herself, left her four-year-old boy at an orphanage. For the next three years, Steven moved from orphanage to orphanage. In 2003, an organization brought him and a group of older-aged orphans, who were considered less likely to be adopted, to the United States in hopes they might find a family.

The Durst family had no plans to adopt another child. They already had a five-year-old adopted son and two older girls of their own, who

were starting their adult journeys. The Dursts hoped to encourage other families that were looking into the adoption process. That was until seven-year-old Steven literally ran across their path, at which point Mrs. Durst knew Steven was supposed to be part of their family.

The American Nightmare

For the first year, they were one big happy family living the American dream. Soon, the dream would turn into a nightmare. He and his brother constantly fought for their parents' approval. At home and school, Steven was argumentative, angry, and usually in trouble. It seemed he would do whatever he could to push away anyone that tried to care for him. His parents didn't know what to do.

No matter how hard he tried to be good, problems kept happening. How could he make amends for things he didn't remember doing? If he was the problem, then he reasoned the only thing he could do to fix it was to leave. In his mind, if he was gone, then the Dursts

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- Steven



would no longer have any problems. He didn't need anyone, he could take care of himself.

Unwanted & Unlovable

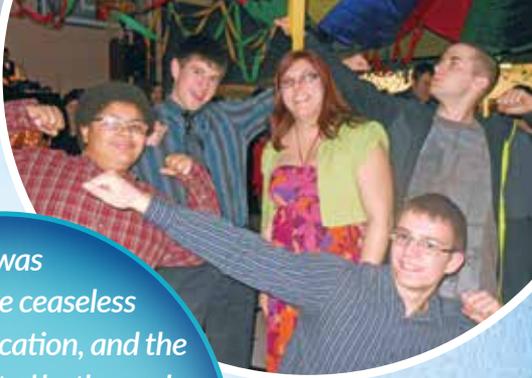
After his third attempt at running away, the Durst family knew that Steven needed help beyond what they alone could provide. They had tried therapy, tried a Boys Home, and even a special care facility. Nothing worked. Knowing of their struggle, a counselor recommended Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

Things wouldn't magically change for 12-year-old Steven. On the outside, he came across as a combative 'know-it-all' teen. On the inside was the same anxious, depressed orphan, whose survival instincts worked overdrive to push anyone away before they could leave and hurt him.

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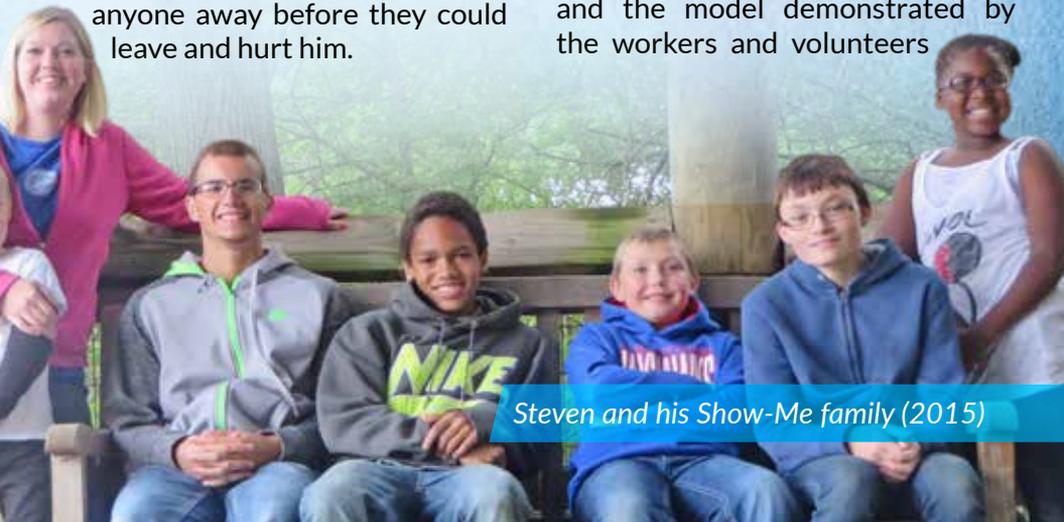
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Year by year, God would chip away at the lies that had bound Steven. He had believed that he was unwanted, unlovable, and could trust only himself. That is why no one wanted him in Russia. That is why his Durst family sent him away. It would only be a matter of time before Show-Me came to the same conclusion. Yet, there was something different about Show-Me that he couldn't explain.

Transformed Inside and Out

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Steven and his Show-Me family (2015)



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In 2011, Steven came to the realization that he could not do it on his own. He needed a Savior. He gave his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized. “Because of the Spirit of the Lord, I was able to break free from the lies and chains that were holding me down,” stated Steven.

Over the next few years, Steven would become a new creation – inside and out. Knowing Christ would never fail or leave him, he began to trust others. He no longer resisted guidance. While he still faced occasional stumbles, he now sought his Show-Me family’s counsel to overcome

these challenges. Their wisdom was especially helpful as he began to prepare and walk into his adult life.

Flying High

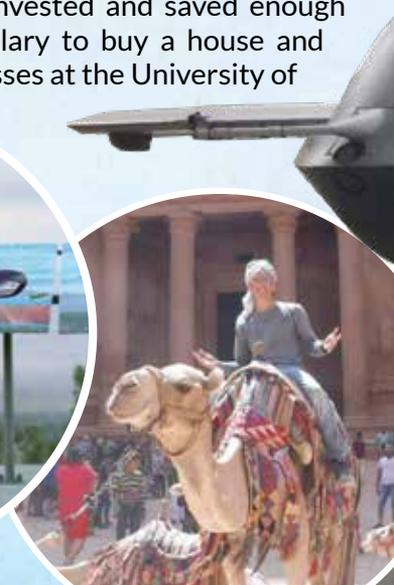
Through the Path to Purpose program and conversations with some of his Show-Me family, who had served in the military, Steven realized the benefits of a military career. He thrived in the structure and routine of Show-Me. Military life would strengthen that discipline. After graduation in 2015, Steven enlisted in the Air Force.

Over the next six years, he served as a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Launch and Recovery Sensor Operator, flying the MQ-9 Reaper. He completed six tours in Jordan, Kuwait, Turkey, Italy, Afghanistan, and Niger before leaving the Air Force in January of 2022 as a Senior Airman.

Steven invested and saved enough of his salary to buy a house and start classes at the University of



Steven with his Durst family





Las Vegas Business School. Today, he is working toward a degree in finance and operates his own YouTube finance channel.

Chosen & Beloved

Looking back, Steven realizes God was in control the whole time. He isn't unwanted; he was chosen by his Durst

and Show-Me families. He isn't unlovable; he is loved so much that the King of Kings died for him; he is so loved that his parents made some of the hardest decisions of their lives so that he could have the best chance possible.

"The greatest act of help we can offer to those in need is to direct them, not towards worldly solutions, but to Jesus Christ," reminds Steven.

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Family Care

A new ministry to help families!

A transitional program to help single mothers and their children find the tools and resources they need to build a healthy, stable, self-sufficient, and successful future.

Coaching in the areas of:

- Parenting
- Basic life skills
- Financial management
- Discipleship
- Mental health
- Coordinating resources

Hubble Home
Galt, MO  

New Life Home
Mayview, MO  

Main Campus
  La Monte, MO



Drysdale Campus
Barnett, MO



An Opportunity to Rescue and Restore EVEN MORE!

Over the last year, we've wrestled with a few unique issues – and God led us to a solution!

First, Show-Me has satellite units located quite some distance from the main campus. Utilizing these units presents challenges due to the lack of community support readily available, making it less attractive to potential houseparents, as well as limiting the type of children we can place there. These homes have been challenging to operate.

Second, we regularly get calls from single moms in desperate situations. In those cases, we only had one option to help them: she places the children with us while she works to get back on her feet so the family can reunite. Though successful in many such cases, unfortunately, some moms lose their motivation to stabilize, end up in worse circumstances – and the children have had additional trauma due to the separation.

So we prayed for a resolution. And **God led us to solve both problems with one solution we're calling "Family Care."** Working post-haste to modify our homes in Galt and Mayview for this purpose, we'll launch the new ministry this Fall.

Our family care homes will provide dignified care, with mom as our primary client. Our staff will coach her in areas of parenting, financial management, discipleship, mental health, coordinating resources, etc., all while she maintains employment and saves money. We anticipate Mom and her children leaving Family Care 100% stable, self-sufficient, and on a path to a healthy future.

Please pray for the successful launch this Fall and the MANY MORE young lives to be Rescued and Restored!



By the Numbers

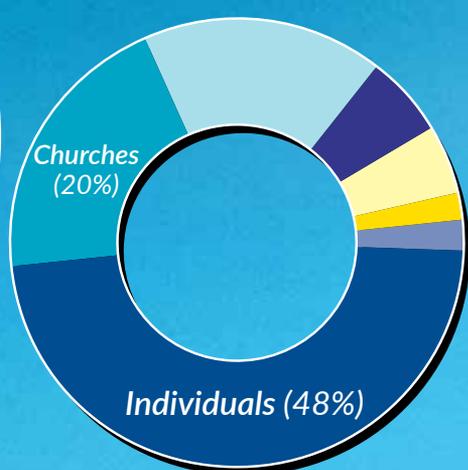
Our 2022-2023 fiscal year and the impact YOUR gifts make in children's lives:

- 285 Calls for placement
- 8 New placements in the year
- 39 Children called Show-Me "home"
- 8 Children reunited with family
- 11 Alumni assisted through the Path to Purpose program
- 32 Show-Me Christian School Students
- 4 Graduates



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	\$1,350,911	48%
Churches	\$570,540	20%
Groups	\$477,354	17%
Memorials & Honoraria	\$155,512	6%
Other*	\$133,631	5%
Wills & Estates	\$54,271	2%
Designated funds (LU & P2P)**	\$42,120	2%
United Way	\$7,325	—
VBS & Camps	\$4,289	—
Family Support	\$100	—
Investments	\$80,840	—
Total Income:		\$2,876,893

Expenses		
Program & Services	\$2,004,785	80%
Administration	\$287,118	11%
Promotions	\$238,763	9%
Total Expenses:	\$2,530,667	
Net Income:	\$346,226	**

* Includes Insurance Claim and Interest, etc.

** Leadership U (LU) and Path to Purpose (P2P)

***Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$105,124. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Company's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Reviewed financial statements are available in January 2024. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating and Facilities Company.

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