



ShowMe
Christian Youth Home

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



THANKS TO YOU!

This is True Ministry!

All resources come from God's people—not government funds—and families won't be turned away because they can't pay.



MESSY. CHAOTIC. BEAUTIFUL.

I love watching all the little things come together to form things great and useful. For months, we've had loads of gravel, lumber, and layers of supplies delivered right outside my office window. On their own, each piece seemed insignificant. But, as they joined together, crafted by the hands of masters, eventually a strong, impressive structure took shape.

Before the new could rise, the old had to be cleared away. What was once barren ground now takes shape as facilities where children and families will discover new hope!

This is what God does in our lives! It's what He has done in mine, and what He's working to accomplish in the young lives here at Show-Me. Whether building our beautiful new school or rebuilding these precious young lives, **God lovingly and intentionally removes the old, tenderly lays a new foundation, and masterfully builds a strong, healthy, life-giving purpose.**

Alex's story exemplifies how a life rebuilt on the Rock of Christ can break the vicious cycle of despair. A transformation we strive to produce in every child who calls Show-Me "home," so they can build a lasting legacy of hope for generations to come.

Your faithfulness provides the support God uses to bring His blueprint to life. Thank you for laboring with us in the Master's plan to stand firm for generations!

Trusting Him as He transforms our little into His lasting,



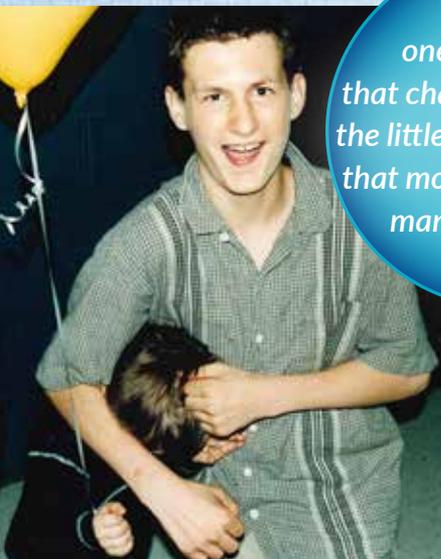
Chad Puckett, Executive Director





RESCUED & RESTORED
ALEX STIMSON
2002 - 2006 2025

Alex Stimson's young life had all the ingredients of a career criminal: divorced parents, abuse as a child, lying, anger issues, and increasing behavior problems. After getting kicked out of a state-based group home, he was on a fast track toward becoming another statistic in the cycle of pain he had inherited. Yet, one pivotal moment would change everything.



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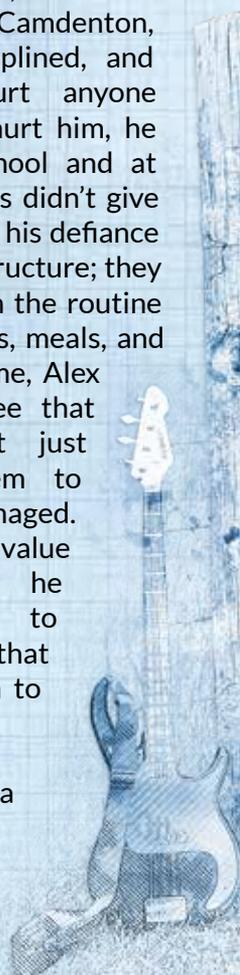
The Little Things Every Day

Alex's father had fought to get him out of the abusive environment with his mother, but he was unprepared for the depth of trauma his son carried. Having grown up himself in a group home, Alex's dad lacked the tools and support to guide a boy already scarred by anger, distrust, and pain. Desperate for help, he handed Alex a stack of brochures of places that might help. Among them, one stood out. Alex chose Show-Me Christian Youth Home.

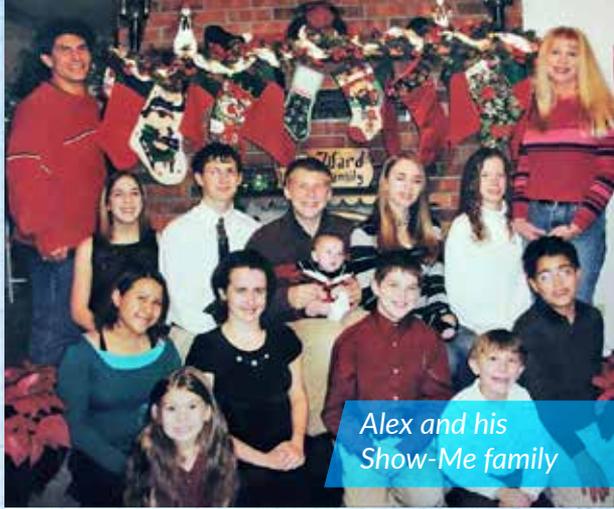
In 2002, Alex, aged 13, arrived at the Ward family home in Camdenton, MO. Angry, undisciplined, and determined to hurt anyone before they could hurt him, he got in fights at school and at home. Yet the Wards didn't give up on him. They met his defiance with patience and structure; they offered love through the routine of family life—chores, meals, and

prayer. Over time, Alex began to see that he wasn't just a problem to be managed. He had value because he belonged to God, and that truth began to take root.

Having grown up in a non-Christian home, Show-Me offered



him opportunities to find his path to God. His youth pastor invited him to Gasconade Christian Service Camp. Alex built friendships quickly and felt accepted in a way he had never known. He saw in their faith the peace and joy he longed to find and decided to be baptized. With his eyes opened to Christ, Alex no longer saw his life as doomed by the past, but as a hopeful future that with God's help could be restored.



Alex and his Show-Me family

the very tools that helped him cope with his emotions, work through his trauma, and begin to heal. As his faith in God and in himself grew, he excelled in school and discovered the deeper purpose of leadership: serving others with dedication, even above his own wants.

Life Challenges. God Provides.

In 2006, Alex left Show-Me and stepped into adulthood unprepared. That summer, he served as a relief houseparent at El Dorado Springs, suddenly responsible for seven boys while still trying to figure out his own life. Overwhelmed, he leaned on God and made it through. Soon after, he learned that real life carried challenges no one had prepared him for: tuition bills, financial forms he didn't understand, and the heartbreak of losing his mother.

But every time, God sent help. When Alex broke down trying to pay for school, a counselor

"It wasn't one giant thing that changed me," stated Alex. "It was the little things every day that molded me into the man I am today." The daily structure—prayer, family routines, accountability, and encouragement—which once felt like a burden, became

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shot at, abuse cases, helping deliver a baby roadside, and moments where life and death hung in the balance. Through it all, his faith has been his anchor. "I've seen many people face the trauma of the

stepped in, guided him through the FAFSA, and turned his painful past into a way forward through grants and scholarships. When poverty threatened to keep him from his mother's funeral, hundreds of his brothers at Ozark gathered around him, prayed, and gave him enough money to make the trip. Time and again, Alex learned that God never left him alone — and that his Christian family would step in when he needed them most.

Through it all, he realized a powerful truth: God often disguises our struggles as preparation, shaping us for the unique mission that we were created to do. That truth led him to find his calling. What began with odd jobs and youth ministry to pay for college grew into a fifteen-year career in law enforcement.

Answering the Call

As a peace officer, Alex has experienced tragic crashes, being

world — some break under it, and some grow through it," Alex reflects. "I believe God had a plan — forging me in the fire to teach me what it means to lay down my life, not just for a friend, but even for strangers, even for people who may hate me."

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- Alex*

He remembers the lesson his houseparents modeled: be available. "Being available means not saying, 'that's not my job,'" he explains. "It means being the person who is there, even when someone doesn't realize they need it. That's what I try to be every day."

In a world where people often only see the badge, Alex hopes they also see the compassion behind it. He must hold others accountable for their choices, but he makes sure they know they matter and have value. "Your past can be a part of who you are, but it does not have to define your future," Alex said.

“No life is unredeemable. You can change. But you can’t do it alone. You need support. You need family. You need Christ.”

One Pivotal Moment

Today, Alex lives in Wyoming with his wife, Laura, and their two children. In 2024, he was honored as the Wyoming State Trooper of the Year. The brokenness that once defined his family has been replaced by a life of service—to his family, his community, and to those who cannot help themselves.

“Show-Me had many great aspects and helped me develop skills I use every day,” said Alex. “But, it also failed in some ways to prepare me and others to succeed when we first stepped out on our own. Yet, God

heard those prayers and Show-Me continues to listen and learn from stories like mine—starting programs such as Path to Purpose to teach financial skills and provide cars to kids stepping into adulthood. It’s an answer to prayers many of us once prayed.”

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And just as one pivotal moment changed his story, Alex is determined to be that moment for others.



2025 UPDATES:

LEGISLATIVE NEWS:

As a founding member of the Missouri Association of Christian Child Care Agencies (MACCCA), Show-Me continues to educate legislators about the vital resources found in Christ-centered ministries to help children in crisis.

- Championing legislation to preserve our religious liberties
- Find ways to re-open the opportunity to help children in foster care at no cost to the State

This year, we met with the new Director of the Children's Division as well as the new Director of the Department of Social Services.



FAMILY CARE MINISTRY

We're thrilled to report that our first Mom has successfully launched into the independent life we all endeavored for her and her two littles. Praise God for Grace, her determination to make a better life for her family, and her hard work to accomplish just that. Our first Mom is also our first success story!

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

The landscape changed significantly this past year—praise God! At the time of this publication, our new school nears completion, along with additional office space and an expanded gymnasium.

As a testimony to God's provision, you should know that we borrowed **NOTHING** in order to fund this project. With a commitment to remain debt-free, we waited for the Lord's timing and supply. He never fails!

JOIN THE TEAM!

Show-Me continues to thrive with a group of dynamic, Jesus-loving servants called to invest in the lives of vulnerable children. We're trusting God to expand

our capacity to
Rescue and
Restore
even more.

Ask the
Lord how
He might
want you
involved!

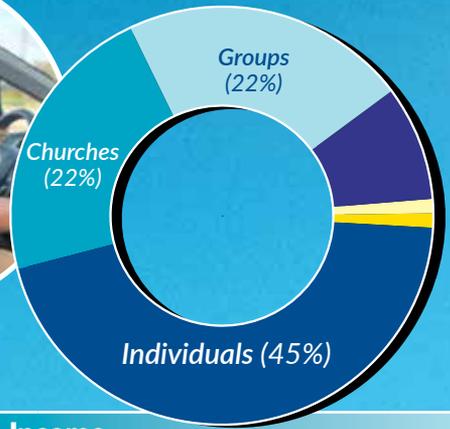


BY THE NUMBERS

Our 2024-2025 fiscal year and the impact
YOUR gifts make in children's lives:

- 212** *Calls for placement*
- 9** *New placements in the year*
- 42** *Children called Show-Me "home"*
- 6** *Children reunited with family*
- 10** *Alumni assisted through the
Path to Purpose program*
- 32** *Show-Me Christian School Students*
- 2** *Baptisms*
- 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	\$1,210,156	45%
Churches	\$598,109	22%
Groups	\$586,141	22%
Memorials & Honoraria	\$256,225	9%
Designated funds (LU & P2P)**	\$25,518	1%
Other*	\$18,091	1%
United Way	\$9,409	—
VBS & Camps	\$6,498	—
Family Donations	\$3,710	—
Family Care Ministry	\$3,304	—
Investments	\$162,579	—
Total Income:	\$2,879,740	

Expenses		
Program & Services	\$2,340,715	83%
Administration	\$268,463	9%
Promotions	\$228,156	8%
Total Expenses:	\$2,837,334	
Net Income (Loss):	\$42,406	***

* Includes interest, misc.

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

***Does not include Gift in Kind Income valued at \$127,166. This report reflects amounts for the Operating Company's fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. Audited financial statements will be available January 2026. Detailed reports available upon request for Show-Me Christian Youth Home Operating and Facilities Company.

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