



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Rise Together. Shine Brighter.





From the **BOARD CHAIR**

Susan Barnes
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Dear Friends,

Thank you.

Your partnership truly changes the lives of the children and families we proudly serve, and I couldn't be more grateful.

Because of your compassion, DePelchin can be here to support children and families who are in challenging circumstances.

In 2025, with friends like you on our side, we provided consistent care, supportive programming and connected our communities with an

uplifting network to help them heal, cope and thrive.

We couldn't do this vital work without partners like you, which makes me incredibly proud to share with you all that we've accomplished over the past year. As I look ahead, I'm excited to see DePelchin continuing to inspire hope in every community we serve.

In this 2025 Annual Report, you will discover firsthand how you help provide the care, resources and support needed to create safe, loving homes and bright futures for kids

just like Kellen, page 7, who is thriving with his forever family.

As you read, I hope you're inspired to see how — together — we are helping ensure the safety and wellbeing of more children and families than we ever could on our own. Thank you again.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Barnes".

Susan Barnes
*Chair,
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The **PROBLEM**

Every 10 minutes, another child becomes a victim of abuse or neglect.

Our **BELIEF**

We believe every child deserves a safe, loving home — and that families can heal when supported with compassion, expertise and the right resources.

Our **PURPOSE**

We come together to serve the children and families of our communities, so that they can shine a little brighter each day.

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One Mission. One Family.

DePelchin Family Services, DePelchin Children's Center, and Texans Together work together as one family of organizations dedicated to strengthening children, families, and communities across Texas. While each serves a distinct purpose, all are united by a shared mission, common values, and a commitment to creating brighter futures. Together, we provide a seamless continuum of care, support, and advocacy that helps children and families thrive.

DePelchin Family Services serves as the parent organization, providing the operational and strategic foundation that supports all entities. This includes centralized services such as human resources, legal, finance, and organizational leadership, ensuring consistency, efficiency, and long-term sustainability.

It is also the primary fundraising arm for all three organizations, securing the philanthropic and community support that makes this work possible. Through strong partnerships with donors, foundations, and community stakeholders, DePelchin Family Services fuels both direct services and broader system transformation efforts.

DePelchin Children's Center serves as the primary service provider, delivering direct care to children and families across multiple regions of Texas. With a mission to strengthen the lives of children by enhancing their mental health and physical well-being, DePelchin Children's Center offers a comprehensive continuum of services, including foster care and adoption, counseling and mental health services, parenting education, prevention programs, and support for youth transitioning to adulthood.

DePelchin Children's Center meets children and families where they are — providing stability, healing, and the tools needed to build brighter futures.

Texans Together is the lead community-based care organization serving Harris County and 12 surrounding counties, working to strengthen outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system. Guided by a commitment to servant leadership and community collaboration, Texans Together brings together providers, stakeholders, and local partners to build a coordinated network of services that promotes safety, stability, and well-being. Through its role in Community-Based Care, Texans Together seeks to keep children connected to their families, cultures, and communities whenever possible while creating a more responsive, accountable, and locally driven system of care.

Together, these three organizations under the DePelchin umbrella create a unified system that not only meets immediate needs but also builds a stronger, more responsive network of care for the future — ensuring children and families across Texas have the opportunity to thrive.



IMPACT STORIES

A Place to Belong, a Future to Build

Giften's journey to finding stability has not been easy. Throughout his childhood, he moved between various family members. At age 14, he officially entered the foster care system. Over the next four years, Giften lived in seven group homes and attended eight different high schools across Texas before learning about the DePelchin's Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program.

On October 27, 2025, Giften moved into the SIL building on DePelchin's Memorial campus.

"It was the best day of my life," he said. **"It's just so much freedom with so many opportunities and resources ...[DePelchin] helps me achieve my goals."**



Once he entered the SIL program, Giften committed himself to building a brighter future. He focused on his studies, graduated high school, and plans to attend Houston Community College in the fall of 2026 to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. His dream is to become a crime scene investigator and possibly serve in the Marines.

Today, Giften is gaining valuable work experience as a security guard with a Texas-based agency. Through this role, he even had the opportunity to work on several World Cup matches, an experience he is especially proud of.

"I want to tell the donors thank you," Giften shared. "I appreciate the resources, the time, and the consistency. Thank you for always showing up for us."

Stories like Giften's are possible because of compassionate donors and community partners who believe in investing in youth and young adults as they transition to independence. Your support helps provide safe housing, practical life skills, educational opportunities, and the encouragement young people need to thrive.

Kellen Finds His Forever Family

Every night, Kendra lovingly rocks 2-year-old Kellen to sleep, and the day of his adoption was no different.

“You get home that night and you’ve celebrated, and everything has changed, and yet nothing has changed,” Kendra shares. “Our bedtime routine was exactly the same.”

Kendra explains that Kellen has so many loved ones who adore him and show up in big ways, including on his adoption day. This is especially meaningful since Kellen has faced many challenges in his young life.

Unfortunately, Kellen was born with emergency health problems caused in utero. Twelve hours after he was born, his birth mom left him, and eventually, her parental rights were terminated.

The day Kellen was born also happened to be the five-year anniversary of when Kendra rang the bell, signaling the end of her cancer treatment. She’s now been in remission for seven years.

At 10 days old, Kellen found a loving, safe home with Kendra. Instead of going to daycare that first year, Kellen stayed with Kendra’s parents who cared for him. This was especially helpful as Kellen overcame the health obstacles that he had at birth.

When he was four months old, Kellen started going to the Little Gym, where he has made many friends. Now, he loves to climb anything and everything. Kendra notes that he’s even hit every milestone early — walking and running at only nine months old.

Kendra tells everyone what a blessing DePelchin has been for her and her family.

“DePelchin was there, step by step,” Kendra shares of the whole process, noting that the caseworkers were amazing.

Thanks to partners like you, Kellen is thriving in a safe, loving home with Kendra and has a bright future ahead of him.



A Dad Making a Difference

“Not only does DePelchin’s Fatherhood Services boost the morale in the household, but it gives fathers...several different avenues of working out things, which ultimately brings the family together — stronger,” explains Major.

Major believes that DePelchin’s Fatherhood Services not only works for fathers, but it helps the whole family. He is a devoted husband and a loving father of four boys, ages 2-12, and has seen firsthand the program’s impact.

As a veteran of the Army and National Guard, Major Coffman understands the importance of leading by example. He knows that communication and understanding are the cornerstones of a healthy family. That’s partially why he’s participated in Fatherhood Services three times.

When his wife first introduced him to the program, Major was skeptical. But after completing his first course, he saw the value in sharing and learning from other dads’ experiences and challenges.

“The greatest, the best thing for me. . . having that intimate setting where you can discuss things. . .with other [dads],” he says.

The program has also helped Major improve his co-parenting relationship with his oldest son’s mother.

“Co-parenting has become a lot better...since I’ve been in the program,” Major Coffman shares, noting the exercises from the course have made a difference.

Your support not only changes the lives of dads like Major but transforms the dynamic of the whole family. Thank you!



2025 IMPACT

DePelchin is committed to helping the most vulnerable children in our communities and supporting families so they can heal. To achieve this goal, the organization measures its efforts and uses that information to raise the quality of its services. To that end, we are proud to report our 2025 impact and the difference you made with your generosity in the lives of the children and families we proudly serve!





17,974

HOURS

of counseling
and therapeutic
sessions provided



114

**CHILDREN
ADOPTED**

statewide from foster
care by forever families



1,800+

BACKPACKS

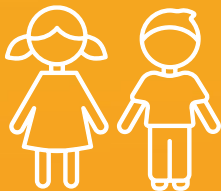
filled with school
supplies were
distributed to children
receiving services from
DePelchin



33

SCHOOLS

in 5 districts
received school-based
counseling through
DePelchin's behavioral
health program



671

CHILDREN

cared for in
foster homes



2,150+

CHILDREN

received gifts
through DePelchin's
Holiday Project



12,235

PARENT EDUCATION

sessions provided by DePelchin

1,482 ADULTS

received parenting services

5,215 CHILDREN

supported with at-risk youth services

**81 CHILDREN &
YOUNG ADULTS**

were provided a safe home and
supportive services

**79 YOUTH &
YOUNG ADULTS**

were in transitional living programs,
learning important skills related to
independent living

70 YOUTH were being raised
through our Kinship program, where
youth are being raised full time by
family members or close family friends

73 NEW FAMILIES

licensed to provide foster care



2025 FINANCIALS

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025, and 2024 (in 1000's)



ASSETS

	2025	2024
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$15,720	\$11,190
Accounts/Pledges Receivable	\$4,201	\$7,120
Property, Plant and Equipment	\$2,212	\$5,186
Board-Designated Investments	\$5,511	\$5,174
Prepaid and other assets	\$1,299	\$615
Interest in net assets of FDCC	\$176,227	\$150,274
Total Assets	\$205,077	\$179,559

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$2,893	\$2,386
Long-term Debt and Other Liabilities	\$1,284	\$749
Total Liabilities	\$4,177	\$3,135

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$13,232	\$10,843
With Donor Restrictions	\$187,668	\$165,581
Total Net Assets	\$200,901	\$176,424

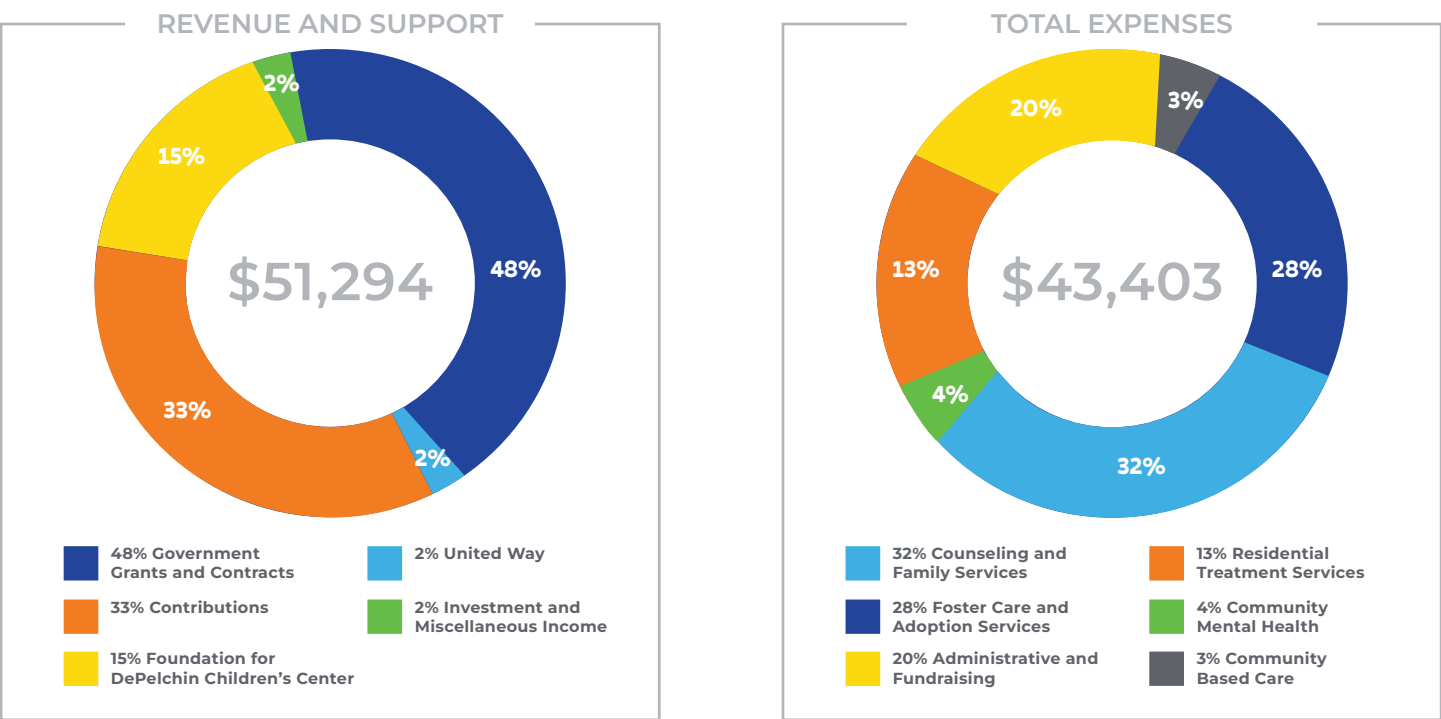
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$205,077	\$179,559
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Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

December 31, 2025, and 2024 (in 1000's)

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	2025	2024
Government Grants and Contracts	\$24,822	\$22,316
United Way	\$759	\$586
Foundation for DePelchin Children's Center	\$7,646	\$8,450
Contributions	\$17,097	\$6,951
Investment Income and Miscellaneous Income	\$968	\$1,195
Total Revenue and Support	\$51,294	\$39,498
EXPENSES		
Foster Care and Adoption Services	\$12,200	\$11,896
Prevention and Education Services	\$13,720	\$12,725
Community Mental Health	\$1,749	\$1,743
Community Based Care	\$1,425	\$
Residential Treatment Services	\$5,759	\$6,653
Administration and Fundraising	\$8,551	\$7,751
Total Expenses	\$43,403	\$40,769
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	\$7,890	(\$1,271)

2025 Statement of Activities



THANK YOU 2025 DONORS

Deepest appreciation is extended to the individuals, corporations, foundations and community organizations who made philanthropic gifts supporting DePelchin between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

DePelchin has made every attempt to ensure the completeness and accuracy of this list. If you notice an error or omission, please contact us at 832-977-0062 or advancement@depelchin.org and accept our sincere apologies.

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