



**Hoffman Homes for Youth (HHY)** is a psychiatric residential treatment program serving children from Pennsylvania with severe mental health diagnoses and behavioral issues due to trauma, abuse, neglect and loss.



## **LEADERSHIP**

Mitch Snider retired as President and CEO on June 30, and Melissa Leathery stepped into the role on July 1, 2018. Melissa is a Licensed Social Worker and has been in the field of human services for 23 years. Eighteen of those have been at HHY. Melissa served as Chief Operating Officer for two years, working closely with Mitch. "I truly believe that we are all here for a reason and share the same goal to ultimately help children," she said in an interview. Her passion is clear, and we are excited about the future of HHY under Melissa's leadership!



**Melissa Leathery, CEO**

## **MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT**

We have a new website! Check it out at [www.hoffmanhomes.com](http://www.hoffmanhomes.com)! We hosted our annual gala in November, and golf tournament and charity motorcycle ride in June. December's holiday gift giving program provided gifts for every child on campus. Grants we received allowed us to complete many capital projects on campus!



## CAMPUS

There is so much happening at Hoffman Homes for Youth! This fiscal year our Safety and Facilities Department worked with contractors to replace two roofs and repair a third, replace duct work in one residence, replace the circulator pump in the chapel and install a new motor for the HVAC system in one residence.

Staff were trained on requirements for the National School Lunch Program. Boilers received certifications, and playground mulch was added. Our technology department installed a new campus-wide phone system. Music Therapy was added to our array of creative therapies. These upkeep, upgrades, and expansion efforts would not be possible without adequate funding. We offer a resounding thank you for your support of our organization.

## HOFFMAN ACADEMY

By the end of the 2017-18 school year, Hoffman Academy was serving up to 10 Day Students along with all residents at Hoffman Homes for Youth. All students attending Hoffman Academy matriculated to the next grade level. Special events included a visit from Miss Pennsylvania, and the creation of a wax museum of historical figures. Most engaging assemblies were The Sonnet Man: Hip-Hop Shakespeare Fusion, and Geoffrey Castle, electric violinist.

Hoffman Academy added a TAPit (Touch Accessible Platform for Interactive Technology) that can be used in all classrooms. A TAPit is a very durable interactive learning station with a 42" screen that enables students of varying abilities to reach learning goals. It is well loved at Hoffman Academy





## SERVICES

The Residential and Clinical Department at HHY has continued strengthening the Trauma Informed culture. As of May 2018, all therapists have received a 10-hour training on Trauma Informed-Cognitive Behavior Therapy. In addition, the Residential Director and Clinical Director have received certifications to train on Question, Persuade, Refer and are working together to train staff members in a variety of departments in this training. QPR training is a suicide prevention training designed to help staff members be able to recognize warning signs as well as assist in getting the individual set up with the necessary services.

Each month approximately 182 family therapy sessions took place. Children met individually with their therapists at least once a week. Group therapy sessions were held Monday-Friday, with the following focuses: anger management, self-esteem, sanctuary, coping skills, and relaxation. Creative Therapies operated on 10-week cycles, with voluntary participation. Equine-Assisted Therapy averaged 48 students each month; Art Therapy averaged 60; Animal-Assisted Therapy 48; and Music Therapy 65. There were 0 reported incidents of aggression during any creative therapy sessions. All doctor visits and medications dispensed were recorded. Fiscal year 2018 saw 1,861 psychiatric appointments and 1,353 physical health visits.

### **Of the 111 children admitted in 2018:**

- 99% have had a prior stay in a psychiatric hospital
- 83% have a history of significant aggression
- 50% have run away from home
- 44% / 45% have been physically / sexually abused
- 50% have attempted suicide at least once
- 19% have a history of drug abuse
- 88% (106) of the children discharged met their treatment goals

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