



# SPERO FAMILY SERVICES

HOPE • HELP • HEALING



## ANNUAL REPORT 2017–2018

### *Mission Statement*

*We offer hope, help and healing by providing Christ-centered human services to meet the ever-changing needs of individuals, families and communities.*



## CEO/Board Annual Report

**RESILIENCE** – 1) the power or ability to return to the original form after being bent, compressed, or stretched; elasticity, 2) the ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like; buoyancy.

At some point in life all of us are stretched, compressed or bent out of our natural form. Life hits you with unexpected challenges. Your level of resiliency determines how quickly you recover and what, if any scars, you carry forward.

While the rain falls on all of us at some point, many of us find we can face these challenges alone or with close friends and family. But many of us need something more than that. For people who want and need help through life's storms, Spero is here as a partner. Each year, we stand beside hundreds of people as they triumph over trauma, depression, anxiety and hopelessness.

We celebrate the buoyancy of the human spirit every single day. In the pages of this report, you will read stories and see the numbers testifying to God's faithfulness in equipping each of us with hope for tomorrow. These are our neighbors and our families. These are people finding hope, help and healing through counseling, job skills, parenting support, education, life skills and an array of other services which make

them stronger, more productive citizens, employees and parents.

There is so much amazing work happening throughout this region as people discover that they are tougher than they once thought – that they can realistically live out their dreams without being tied to, or defined by, the most uncomfortable and painful moments of their lives. Resilience is victory, empowerment and endurance. It is about taking back the pen that writes the next chapter of each of our individual stories.

With your continued prayers, financial support, and investment of time, Spero will remain resilient. We will steadfastly and proudly maintain our pledge to help build a better Southern Illinois with healthier families, a stronger workforce, and safer neighborhoods. As we continue to grow and meet the ever changing needs of our region, we thank you for being the constant support that makes us stronger.

May God continually and richly bless you and those you love.

**JOHN SHADOWENS**  
PRESIDENT/CEO

**LISA PRICE**  
BOARD CHAIRPERSON



# Mental Health Juvenile justice

Spero's newest program- Mental Health Juvenile Justice (MHJJ) launched in September of 2017 in Jefferson and Marion counties. Services to their first client began in October and today serves 22 clients in Jefferson County and approximately 20 in Marion County.

Too often, emotional trauma and mental health issues drive disruptive behavior. This can lead to run-ins with law enforcement and the courts. The goal of Spero's MHJJ program is to connect young people who need treatment, support and behavioral alternatives avoid incarceration that would only complicate these issues. MHJJ liaisons serve the needs of local youth and parents/guardians through community based-services to prevent further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

MHJJ is a 6-month voluntary program that focuses on helping youth, up to age 18 ½, who either are currently involved in or could potentially be at risk for involvement with the juvenile justice system. Most young people are referred to MHJJ by probation, schools, the court system, DCFS and various other sources because of;

- Inconsistent school attendance (Truancy)
- Police involvement due to an infraction of law
- Currently on probation or diversion
- Challenges within school, behaviors, attendance, completing assignments
- Behavior that could escalate into a violation of the law



The Mental Health Juvenile Justice program is supervised by Tammy Sweet, (Clinical Director), with a direct service team of; Kevin Biggerstaff (Jefferson County Liaison), and Elyse Hills (Marion County Liaison).

Judge Jo Beth Weber who has worked closely with the MHJJ team, speaks very highly of the program.

“Children in Jefferson County who are suffering from mental health issues have traditionally been very limited on services. Since Spero started this program, every child who is in need of services has been served in some capacity. They are getting the help they need. They even help with transportation which is an issue for so many parents. Kevin has such a great rapport with the kids. I am so impressed. It is comforting to me as a judge to know that I actually have people working with our juveniles who truly care about them and have the expertise to understand the trauma they have experienced.” - Judge Jo Beth Weber.

The liaison receives a referral from one of the referral sources, contacts the parents/guardian to schedule an intake meeting to determine whether or not the youth fits the criteria for the program. Once enrolled in the program, the liaison works with the youth and family to match them with services. An MHJJ representative is the connection that meets the youth, the family and also attends juvenile court hearings to provide updates on the youth's progress and advocate for their needs.

MHJJ helps keep the youth involved in positive activities to support them and refocus their behavior to keep them from getting into more trouble. Services can include any of the following:

- Finding the youth a mentor
- Enrolling in college courses
- Helping the youth find employment (Create resumes, develop interview skills)
- Keeping youth involved in positive activities (YMCA, Youth Sports, Ameri-Corps)
- Finding ways for the youth to volunteer in the community

*Jordan is 16, and started experiencing severe signs of anxiety and depression due to a break-up with a girlfriend. His parents did everything possible to make things better and get him help – home school, counseling, and more. But Jordan found himself in the lowest place he had ever been, and after an offense that led to a legal charge and then attempting to take his life, Jordan was eventually placed in Detention. Jordan's parents learned about MHJJ and in January 2018, they decided to take advantage of what the program offered to get Jordan some help.*

*“My position as an MHJJ liaison allows me to function as the ‘missing link’ for those young people who are referred to our program. Some may have had a hiccup with the law, troubles at school or just a tough time in their young lives. I am able to connect these youth with services they may not be able to connect with on their own. Being able to help them find a solution to meet their needs is not just a benefit to them, but rewarding for myself. I see the kids on a regular basis, not only to assist with needs of any type but to be a positive support and help lift them up in tough times, to be a voice of reason and to be the hope they need to keep on a positive path moving forward.”*

**– KEVIN BIGGERSTAFF,**

MHJJ Liaison in Jefferson County

The MHJJ case manager immediately became involved in Jordan's life and began meeting to provide support and encouragement on a regular basis. At first, he wouldn't talk much or open up, but that improved over time. He was given a journal and slowly began to change his ways. His mother and step-dad also remained very involved and have continued to encourage him as well. After completing 6 months of being in the MHJJ program, Jordan is now happy, talks all the time, smiles all the time, keeps his hair cut and enjoys building models with his step-dad now - their relationship has improved greatly since being involved with MHJJ. Most recently, he was referred to Spero's Youthbuild program and was accepted. He will start classes soon and is excited about getting his GED and learning a trade.

**98%**

OF YOUTH SERVED HAD ACTION PLANS DEVELOPED  
TO HELP THEM ACCESS SERVICES

**94%**

WERE REFERRED FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



## A Safe Path to Independence

Did you know that almost half of the residents that live on Spero's campus in Mt. Vernon are 18 and older? No longer are they children – but young adults searching for healing and support so they can launch into full independence. Spero's Transitional Living program (TLP) is helping them do just that. We call it TLP, and it's our supported residential option for young adults aged 17 ½ through 21. Most come to us because they have been in the child welfare system for years and are now ready to begin living more independently, but still need support.

***Trace is one of the youth we are helping. After his mother passed away, he went to live with relatives that were unable to care for him and put him in harm's way. He is a good kid that had***

***landed in a bad place. He was referred to Spero for support in learning to live independently, and after a short time in the program has already made drastic progress. Trace has received positive feedback, encouragement, and skills and is surrounded by people who are highly invested in his success. He was able to graduate high school successfully and now works at a local business. Trace is currently enrolled in college classes. He reports that he is happier than ever.***

Trace is just one youth of many who simply need a safe place to heal and grow into an independent young adult and that's exactly what they can receive at Spero Family Services.

While a resident is in our TLP program, Spero ensures youth receive the physical,

spiritual and mental health care they need. Life Skills Coaches teach youth valuable independence skills needed to grow toward a goal of successfully living on their own. These include:

- Employment competencies like resume building, interviewing and keeping a job.
- Education opportunities to finish their GED or enter community college.
- Church and overall spiritual support.
- Basic housekeeping skills like budgeting, cooking their own meals, shopping for groceries, etc.
- Getting a Driver's license.
- Healthy communication and making positive connections.

Our Life Skills Coaches are available 24 hours a day for support and encouragement. These coaches care about our young adults and are committed to helping them in every area through encouragement, motivation, and listening with understanding.

## Transition to Independence

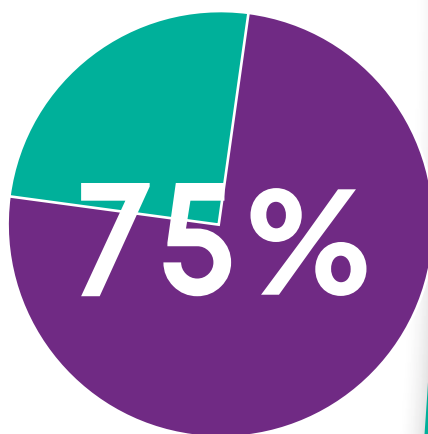
When a youth has reached the point where he/she is ready to fly solo, we transition them to the Independent Living program (ILO). This allows the youth to move off Spero's campus and into their own place in the community. This is usually their first real taste of independence and adult responsibility. Throughout ILO, the care that Spero's staff offers continues. Our team stays involved to maintain a direct link to the network of people who truly care about the well-being of the youth. As they begin their new journey, we stay involved to reinforce the skills and provide access to the resources needed for successful independence. When a youth runs into a challenge in their new life off-campus, Spero staff are there to help, listen, and keep them on track. When something great happens, we celebrate with them!

*Each and every day, throughout all of Spero's programs, we see children, youth, young adults and families go from being hurt and broken, to healed and hopeful once again. That is our mission - to meet their needs by providing hope, help and healing through Christ-centered services.*

***"Youth can be very successful in our program if they are motivated to put forth effort toward learning new skills. Staff offer support, teaching and guidance regarding making good choices on their way to becoming successful independent young adults. I've witnessed many youth leave the program who are now living successfully in the community and that makes me proud of what we do."***

**- MONICA AKES,**

TLP Program Manager



**OF YOUTH WERE  
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PLACEMENTS  
WITH POTENTIAL  
FOR SUSTAINING  
INDEPENDENT LIVING**





## Fox Family: A Family Restored

Meet the Fox family...Ralph (Chip), Meredith, Shay, Lakia and Brycen. A beautiful family in every way. But like many other families, The Fox's are no stranger to difficult times raising children. As many parents will attest, life with a teenager can be challenging on any given day. In the fall of 2015 however, Chip and Meredith noticed that their oldest daughter Shay, was battling an invisible opponent. Shay's mental health challenges began to cause more problems for herself and her family, and her parents struggled with how to

help her. As her condition worsened, she completely disengaged from almost everyone in her life. It was then that her family realized they needed help beyond what they could provide for Shay on their own.

Chip and Meredith learned about Spero and decided to seek help from us for Shay. In December of 2015, Shay was enrolled as a resident in one of our youth homes and Spero's staff immediately went to work. She was connected with a therapist and then the family as a whole

LIVES  
TOUCHED  
THROUGH  
SPERO

1,951

YOUNG  
ADULTS SERVED  
THROUGH  
ADULT  
READINESS

79



began to build the skills and support they needed to reconnect and heal their relationship with Shay.

***“Working with Spero has been a blessing in disguise. The staff and support systems offered has not only helped Shay, but has drawn us closer as a family,” said Mrs. Fox***

The first six months were tough. But, Shay was doing what needed to be done to regain control of her life and get back to a healthier place. In time however, the family reconnected. They started having more outings, and their relationship continued to grow stronger and stronger as Shay got stronger. Now they enjoy regular contact – attending church together every Sunday. The Spero team worked closely with the family on how to communicate with each other again, and helped make their family bond stronger and more resilient.

At Spero, Shay found the time and skills she needed to heal and find a better, safer way to handle her emotional challenges. She put in the work and did whatever it took – through both the good and the messy times. Today, Shay is celebrating her recent high school graduation and is now enrolled at Rend Lake College for the

fall. She is happier, healthier, and once again flashing her dazzling smile. She’s doing so well in fact, that Shay will be leaving Spero’s campus in a few months to launch life on her own - independent and strong.

Not long after Shay came to Spero, Chip and Meredith realized that Spero was an important partner in helping restore their family and decided to make a financial commitment to support Spero’s mission to help other families like theirs.

*“I support Spero because I know first-hand how painful it can be to have a child struggling with issues beyond our family’s abilities to help. The friendly and helpful staff at Spero have allowed Shay to blossom while working very hard to achieve her goals and heal our broken family. I am grateful to Spero for all the help they have given Shay and my family,” stated Mr. Fox.*

We are honored by the Fox’s commitment to support Spero – they are not only heroes in Shay’s story, but to many others they may never even meet! We are extremely proud of Shay and the young woman she and so many other at Spero are becoming. Congratulations Shay and we will continue to be by your side as you move forward in your new journey!

It is success stories like Shay’s that continue to inspire us. Spero strives for outcomes like these for each and every person in our care. But that takes support from wonderful people like the Fox family, and hundreds of others, to make sure our services continue to meet the complex and ever-changing needs of youth and families. Thank you to all who choose to faithfully support Spero.

We could not see results like these without YOU! **#donorsareheroes**

**FAMILIES  
TOUCHED  
THROUGH  
EDUCATION**

517

**NUMBERS  
SERVED  
THROUGH  
MENTAL  
WELLNESS**

1,094

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD - \$25,000+

Collins & Thelma Posey Foundation  
IL Great Rivers Conference  
Orell Farley Trust  
The Mary Jane Tuttle Revocable Trust

## FOUNDER'S CLUB - \$10,000 - \$24,999

Lavern O. Dressel Trust

## LEGACY CIRCLE - \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Bonan

## PATRON'S ROUND TABLE - \$2,500 - \$4,999

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Carbondale First UMC  
Mr. Ralph Fox  
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Mr. Jesse Pistono  
Pleasant Grove UMC  
Vandalia First UMC

## PLATINUM LEVEL - \$1,000 - \$2,499

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Alton Family Construction  
Asbury UMC  
Assurance  
Benefit Planning Associates  
Bethel UMC  
Crossroads Community Hospital  
Dale UMC  
Drs. John Hatton and Roxanne Benison  
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WOW Chapter 202  
YMCA of Jefferson Co.

## GOLD LEVEL - \$500 - \$999

AF and AM Saline Lodge 339  
Albion UMC  
Alma UMC  
Banterra Bank  
Beardstown First UMW  
Beardstown UMC  
Beulah Youth Institute  
Brownstown Emmanuel Methodist Church  
Carol Sample  
Centralia First UMC  
Chaney & Karch Ins. Group,  
Christine Lair  
Crescent City UMC  
E S Renovating  
Edwin King  
Egyptian Workspace Partners  
Fairfield Ellen Moore UMC  
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Grace UMC  
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Patoka Wesley UMC  
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Roadhouse Harley Davidson  
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Spero Friends Group  
St. Paul UMW  
Timothy Warner  
Troy UMW  
United Methodist Foundation  
USBank National Association

Villani Johnson Law Offices LLC  
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## SILVER LEVEL - \$300 - \$499

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Grace United Methodist Women  
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Cedar Grove UMW  
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Centralia Friend's Auxiliary of UMCH  
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Cheryl Settle  
Chester UMW  
Clay City UMC  
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Coldwell Banker Associated Realtors  
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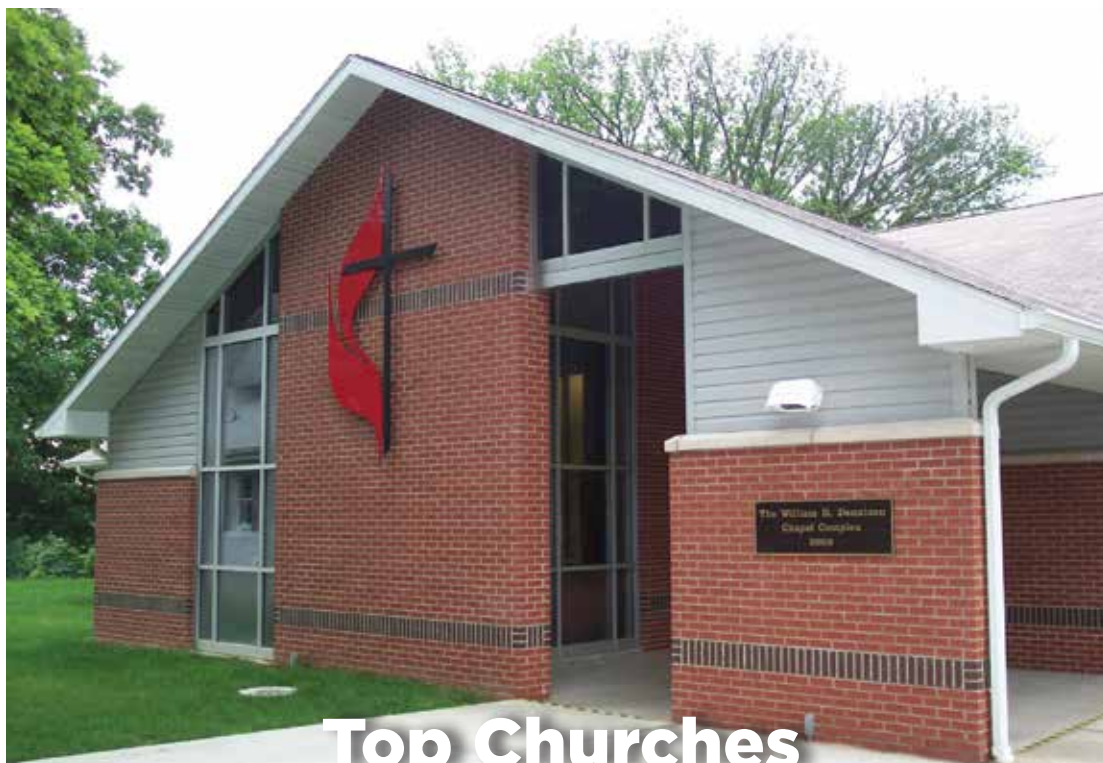


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## Top Churches

### IL Great Rivers Conference

Aldersgate UMC

Asbury UMC

Bethel UMC

Carbondale First UMC

Dale UMC

High Point Church

Mt. Carmel Evangelical UMC

Mt. Vernon First UMC

Pleasant Grove UMC

Union UMC

Vandalia First UMC

West Salem Trinity UMC of Mt. Vernon

# 2017-18 Honorariums/Memorials

## Honorariums

Thank you to those who gave gifts  
in memory of those you know and love

**Amanda, Dan, Grayson & Miles**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**Anita Munden**  
By Centralia First United Methodist  
Church

**Audrey Buescher (Throughout our  
adoptions)**  
By Todd & Melody Levault

**Bernice Coleman**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**Brandon & Melissa**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**Gemma Welle**  
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**Jacob & Brandy Boyd**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**James (Gene) Shanks**  
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By Katherine Prior

**Josh, Lacey & Bryson Boyd**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

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By Catherine & Ronald Zeitler

**Marie Werner**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**Mark Alan Fornear**  
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By Walnut Grove United Methodist  
Church

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By Helen Poirot

**Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kunkel**  
By Don & Betty Fornear

**Mr. & Mrs. Gene Jones**  
By Don & Betty Fornear

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fornear**  
By Don & Betty Fornear

**Mr. R.W. Poirot**  
By Helen Poirot

**Norma Jean Copeland**  
By Bob Copeland

**Norma Willms**  
By Paul Willms

**Norman & Catherine Wineland**  
By Sylvia Frank

**Our Children & Grandchildren**  
By Hutsonville SS Class

**Pastor Avita Munden**  
By First UMC Congregation in Centralia

**Pastor Cheryl Cain**  
By Alma UMC

**Paul and Edith Beach**  
By Sue Beach

**Pauline Smothers**  
By Bernice Mitchell

**Ronald Prior**  
By Katherine Prior

**Sarah Grob**  
By Mr. & Mrs. C. Roy Prussner

**Spero Employees**  
By Kay Dosier

**Stan & Susan Phelps**  
By Tony & Amber Schweda



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in memory of those you knew and loved**

**Susan Rich**

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**Jim & Ellen Walker**

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**Perry & Helen Williams**  
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**Sandy Anderson**  
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**Shirley Boyd**  
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**Susan Rich**  
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By Karen Blair

**Royce Blair**  
By Karen Blair

**Edward & Ann Paddison**  
By Marilea Koch

**Colby Sims & Allen Faulkner**  
By Marilyn Faulkner

**Rev Dale & Hazel Turner**  
By Marilyn Turner

**My Mother, Mary Daniels Edwards,**  
**a former resident**  
By Mary Lee Holloway

**Nicol Henson**  
By Mary Lou Henson

**Brent Lamburth**  
By Ms. Shirley Diggs

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**Don Fairchild**  
By Norma Fairchild

**Marland Tucker**  
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By Patricia Williams

**My Mother, Ruth Williams**  
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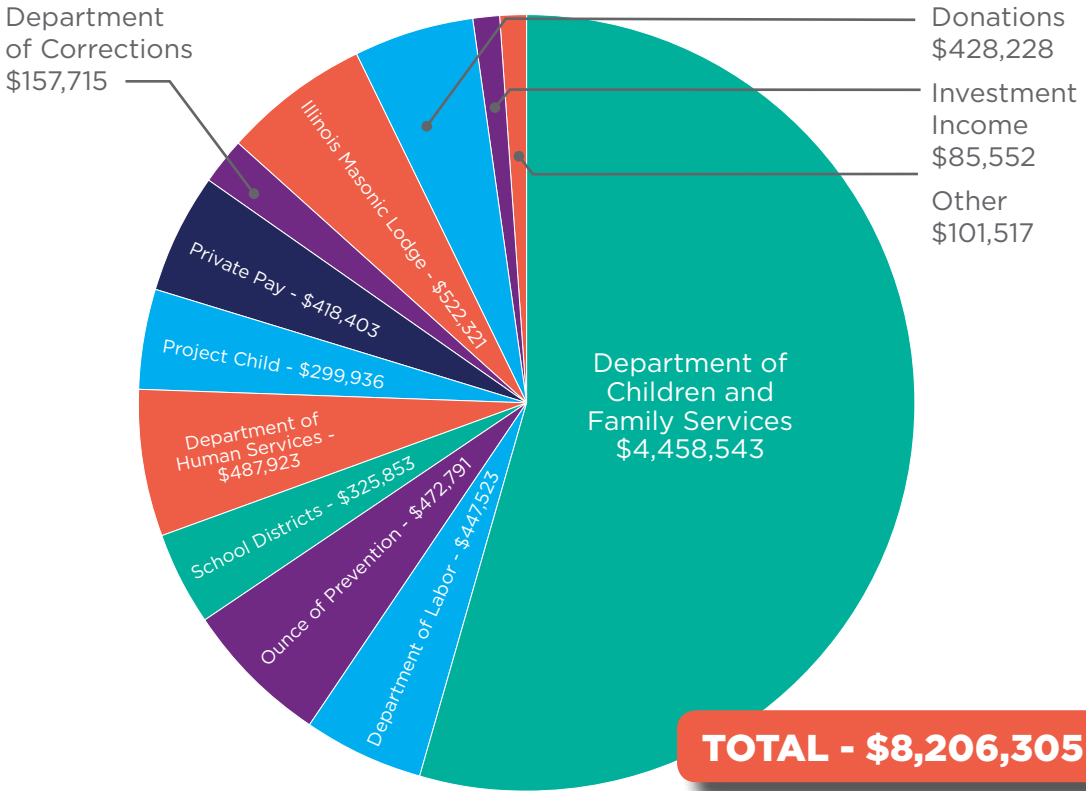
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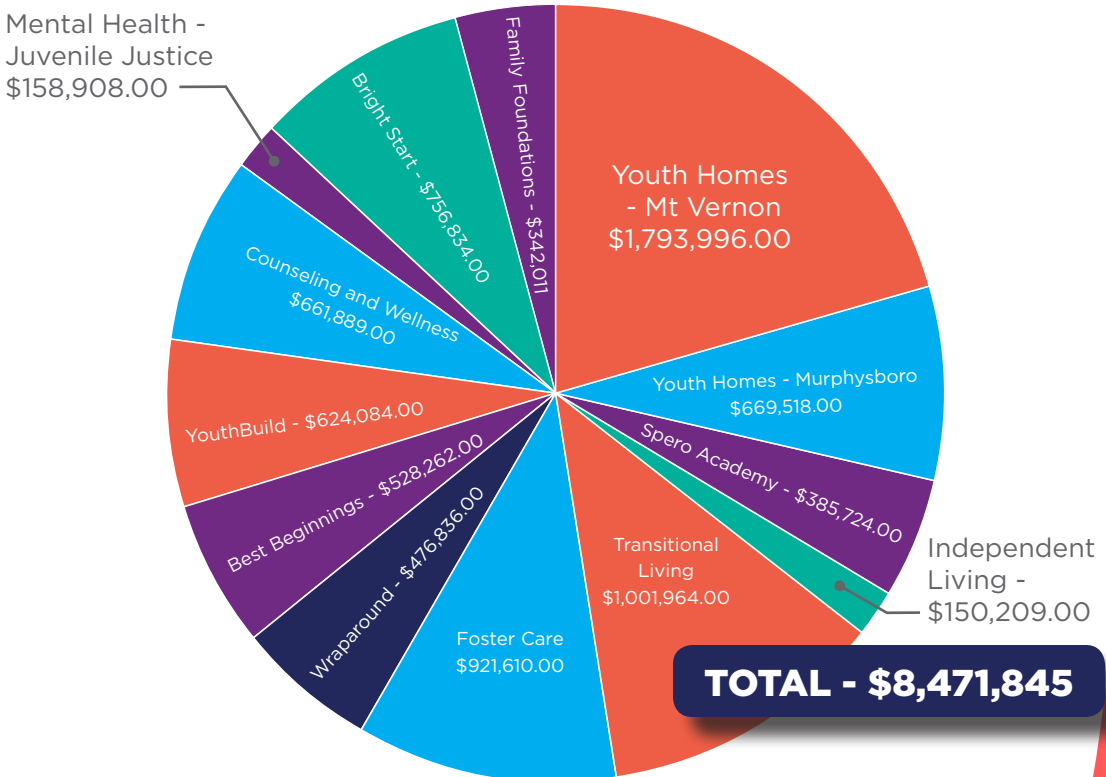
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## Revenue by source (unaudited)



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## New Faces in New Places

There have been many changes at Spero over the last year and a half since our name change, and the main one is growth! With that came a much needed reorganization of the agency which brought us new faces and moved a few people into some new places.

Our Executive Team has been updated to include Chief Executive Officer, John Shadowens, Chief Financial Officer, Joe Bernard, and Chief Operating Officer, Michelle Moreno. Spero has also added three new Directors to lead Spero's Child Welfare, Clinical and Community Services.

We are excited to announce Ashley Albrecht has joined Spero as the Child Welfare Director.

Ashley comes to us with over 10 years of experience in helping children and families in both the private sector and with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).



***"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join Spero Family Services. It is an absolute privilege to be among leadership of this caliber that believes in delivering Christ-centered services to children and families. I look forward to continuing my journey in child welfare with Spero for many years to come." - Ashley Albrecht***

Ashley began her professional journey in human services delivering in-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to youth with a diagnosis on the Autism spectrum. Ashley's passion for helping and serving others has only magnified through the years. She has advanced in both the private sector and Illinois DCFS leading teams of highly skilled professionals and has excelled in delivering an array of social services throughout the state. Ashley's clinical training and professional experience in child welfare will be a great addition to the children and families services provided by Spero Family Services.

## We are also proud to introduce two Spero staff that have been promoted to Directors!

### Tammy Sweet, Clinical Director

Tammy holds a Master's degree in Professional Counseling and is licensed through the State of Illinois as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC). Tammy has over 25 years' experience in the Illinois Child Welfare system, including residential treatment, mental health therapy, foster care, and quality improvement. Tammy began her professional work in direct care in residential treatment and promoted to administrative-level positions. In 2014, Tammy relocated to Knoxville, Tennessee to accept a position as the Community

Health Coordinator where she directed the outreach and education regarding cancer prevention and awareness to communities in a 17 county area. In 2016, she returned to Southern Illinois as the Quality Improvement Coordinator for Spero Family Services, being quickly



promoted to Clinical Director for Spero's Residential Treatment facility and Foster Care programs. Most recently, Tammy was promoted to the role of Clinical Director for all of Spero's clinical services which include Residential Treatment, Group Home, Foster Care, Community Outpatient Mental Health Services, and Mental Health/Juvenile Justice program. Tammy's motto is:

***"Teamwork makes the dream work"***

**Mandy Bernard,  
Community Services Director**

Mandy holds a Master's Degree in Human Services with a concentration on Social Service Administration. She has over 12 years' experience in the human service field working with children and families in the community. Mandy began her career in 2006 with the agency as an in-home counselor for children and families. Since then she has supervised multiple community based programs and

was instrumental in the development and implementation of many of them. Mandy is very active in multiple community collaboration groups throughout the area. She has developed and provided trainings on a variety of topics in the human service field for both families and professionals.

***"My passion is working with the community and I am thrilled to be able to work with these programs."***

- Mandy Bernard,  
Community Services Director



Our new Directors, under the leadership of Michelle Moreno, Chief Operating Officer, will be leading Spero's service teams into the future.

***"We have gathered a team of passionate professionals that are committed to developing staff and programs that deliver high quality, evidence based services and supports in a loving environment that gives individuals, families and our communities hope for the future."***  
- Michelle Moreno, Chief Operating Officer



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