



## *Friends of Wedgwood.*

The mental health tsunami is a massive wave of depression, anxiety, eating disorders and suicidal thoughts facing our teens, now more than ever before.. In a Wall Street Journal article, one social researcher lamented that there's "never been a generation this depressed, anxious and fragile."

### *The mental health epidemic for kids is more destructive than COVID-19.*

To make matters worse, the pandemic induced workforce shortage has forced many childcare institutions to close. By the end of 2022, Wedgwood was the only one actively increasing its census to meet the growing needs for residential treatment.

Growth doesn't just happen through a specific clinical model or approach. It takes bravery and courage to move forward.

There is a pressing need in our community to grow and expand our outpatient services because we have the tools and the expertise to address them. **Our community benefits when Wedgwood is healthy and growing. If we are strong, our community is stronger.**

At Wedgwood, we're prepared to support West Michigan with our exceptional and grace-filled programs. With a team full of talent and heart, and donors full of faith and generosity, we can ensure all children, teens, adults, and families affected by mental health challenges have hope for a brighter future. **It's work we've been doing since 1960.**

The following Outcomes Report is a testament to what can be done with faith, dedication, and collaboration. Each piece of data represents a person, a beloved child of God, whose life you have helped change for the better.

*God bless.*



**Dr. Daniel T. Gowdy**  
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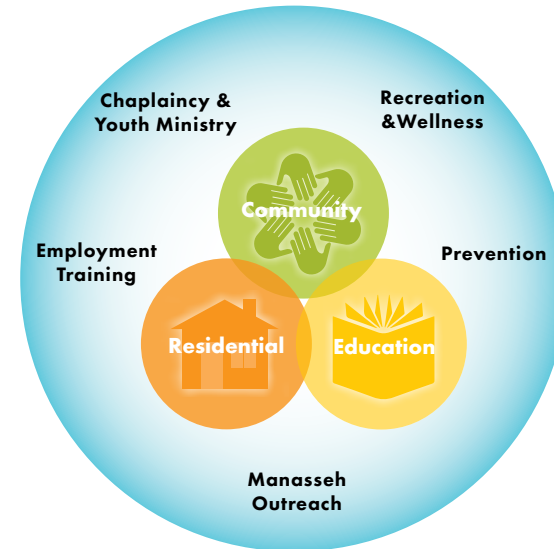
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# THIS IS WEDGWOOD

Transforming Lives since 1960



### CORE SERVICES

Community  
Education  
Residential

Funded by public sources



### TRANSFORMING SERVICES

100% funded by donor contributions

**TRANSFORMING SERVICES** are donor funded, enhance our core services, are critical to our successful outcomes, and help transform lives.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** provide a broad range of quality treatment to children and families in West Michigan. These programs are funded through public contract sources and can be utilized by anyone in our community.

**EDUCATION SERVICES** provide education to residential clients, students in the community, Wedgwood staff, and community professionals.

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** provide a safe place for kids to heal from the trauma of severe abuse and neglect, exploitation, and substance abuse.





# Transforming Services

## Chaplaincy & Youth Ministry

- ▶ **100%** of residents receive a visit from a Wedgwood Chaplain within one week of admission, on their birthday, and at discharge.
- ▶ Chaplaincy & Youth Ministry hosted **18** all-agency events.  
*Worship, Holiday, Socials, Movies*
- ▶ Chaplains offered **2** all-agency, diversity-focused events.  
*Diversity Food Fair; MLK Jr. Day Celebration & Essay Contest*
- ▶ Our Chaplains led **94** small groups and devotionals for residents.
- ▶ **80%** of kids in Residential Care were given Bibles, devotional books and/or faith journals.
- ▶ The team offered **quarterly** virtual prayer meetings for staff.

"I wanted nothing to do with Jesus before I came here, but not anymore. I love him, and I know he loves me."

## Recreation & Wellness

On any given day, **52%** of children currently in Wedgwood's Residential Care receive **Occupational Therapy (OT)** to improve their social and fine motor skills.

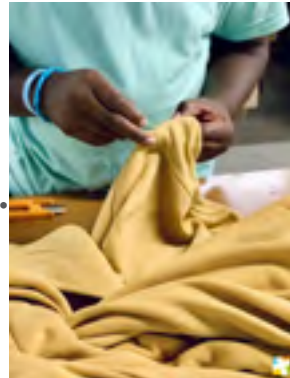
**100%** of residents participated in therapeutic activities — such as animal therapy, gardening group, running club, and art projects — that promote their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Activity Therapists plan and lead a variety of therapeutic group activities **4-7 times each week**.



## Employment Training Program (ETP)

- ▶ Wedgwood's ETP employed **106** teens.
- ▶ Teens in Wedgwood's ETP worked a total of **10,217** hours.
- ▶ Average length of employment for a teen in Wedgwood's Residential Care is **6-8 months**.
- ▶ Community-based teen participants are employed for a **minimum of 8 weeks**. **40% have requested to continue employment at the end of their 8 weeks.**
- ▶ **100%** of teens were elevated to higher level positions within Wedgwood's ETP.
- ▶ **95%** of teens who participate in Wedgwood's ETP show improvement in school and in their behavior .
- ▶ **100%** of student employees say they will use Wedgwood's ETP staff as references. This year the team provided job references for **26 past and current participants**.



"I love ETP. I've never felt more welcome, supported, and appreciated in my whole life."





# Transforming Services

## Teen CHARGE

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Wedgwood's Teen CHARGE is a student leadership group that promotes peer-to-peer education, encourages positive choices, and empowers teens.

- ▶ **15** student leaders serving as Teen CHARGE Brand Reps from **4** area schools.
- ▶ The Teen CHARGE YouTube Channel had over **7.2 hours** of watch time.
- ▶ Students created **16** pieces of original content to educate and encourage peers, including graphics, videos, and TikToks.
- ▶ Student leaders spent over **10 hours** of volunteering or representing Wedgwood in interviews or at events, including Wedgwood's State of the Child
- ▶ Created and helped promote a 'Teens, Social Media, and Mental Health Survey' which had **156** responses.



"What I love most about being part of such an awesome organization is the fact that I have a platform to create content about the issues and topics that I really care about."

## Wedgwood's Manasseh Project

**32** in-person and online presentations, trainings, and interviews, across the state educating over **1,840** professionals, community members, and students on the risk factors, signs, implications, and best practices for treatment of commercial sexual exploitation.

Through the *Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Grant*, we're working with **4 school districts** to implement prevention curriculum, develop school safety protocol and parent groups. In conversation with **8 districts** to implement program in upcoming school-year.



# Community Services

Through **20** different professional counseling and prevention services, Wedgwood's Community Services enables thousands of children, teens, and families in our community to lead healthy, and hope-filled lives.

## Counseling

**1,594**

individuals received counseling & community mental health services.

**21,499**

counseling sessions provided.

**81%**

of sessions were provided via telehealth.

**31%**

of in-person sessions were provided in the home or in the community.

## Trauma-Focused Services

- ▶ **34** families received **Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)**.
- ▶ **30** families participated in **Trauma Informed Parenting**, a parenting class offered to parents/caregivers of children who have experienced trauma, and are part of their healing process.

## Psychiatry Services

- ▶ **298** individuals, **ages 8 - 81** received psychiatry services

## Wraparound

- ▶ **1,200** families received comprehensive, holistic, youth and family-driven support for serious mental health or behavioral challenges.





# Community Services

## Substance Use Disorder Treatment

"Wedgwood is by far the most helpful and timely treatment agency I've ever worked with and I've been to a combined 25+ treatment programs since 2008."

Wedgwood Christian Services offers **9 unique** Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs for adolescents, adults, and families and has provided treatment for **1,057** clients in **8** West Michigan counties.



- Served individuals aged **12 - 70 years old**.
- **31%** of in-person sessions were provided in the home or in the community.



## Autism Center For Child Development (ACCD)



- ▶ A child is typically enrolled in Wedgwood's ACCD for **3 years**.
- ▶ **38** children received Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy.
- ▶ **100%** of children transitioned into less restrictive programs.
- ▶ **100%** of children gained a functional method of communication or experienced substantial improvement in communication.
- ▶ **100%** of parents participated in trainings and parent support programs.

"It's an amazing and emotional time watching clients graduate with skills that their parents were told they would never have."

— Jennifer, Wedgwood ACCD Clinical Supervisor



Dr. Candice Lake, Director of Wedgwood's Autism Center for Child Development, was named one of the *Grand Rapids Business Journal's 50 Most Influential Women*.



## Positive Youth Development (PYD)



Wedgwood's PYD & Prevention Programs provide evidence-based curriculum to **4,442 youth** and are active in **9 schools** and **1 Community Center**.

Over **3,150 youth and families** served through in community events, school awareness campaigns, youth summer programs, and resource fairs.

Provided **350** resource bags for families with fun giveaways and information to encourage healthy parent-child communication and empower youth.

**58** parents received support and training through online & in-person workshops.

**904** students participated in our in-school Prevention programs:

**94%**

have a better understanding of how risky behavior impact future goals.

**92%**

are confident they can make decisions to make them healthy.

**92%**

are more confident they can identify healthy relationships.

**90%**

made a decision to either NOT start or cut down on their use of substances.

"We saw a positive culture shift in our school, and I attribute that to the work of Wedgwood's Project SUCCESS."

— Middle School Principal



# Residential Services

**126** youth received critical 24/7 treatment, care and counseling in one of our 8 residential homes.



**353 DAYS**

average length of stay for a child in Wedgwood's Residential Program.

**15 YEARS**

average age of a child in Wedgwood's Residential Program.

**7 PLACEMENTS**

average number before kids arrive to Wedgwood Residential Program.

**85%**

of children go on to less restrictive placements such as with family members, open program, foster care, or independent living.

## OF SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGES:

**50%** discharged to a parent

**20%** discharged to foster care

**14%** discharged to Supervised Independent Living

**10%** discharged to a relative

**3%** discharged to a guardian

**3%** discharged to an Open Residential Placement



**100%** of the children in Wedgwood's Residential Services have experienced some form of trauma.

**49** adolescents received specialized treatment for behavioral and mental health issues stemming from trauma.

**32** teens received specialized treatment for substance use disorder.

**20** girls received specialized treatment for trauma associated with human trafficking.

**12** adolescents received specialized treatment for sexual behavior issues.

**13** youth received specialized treatment for autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

# Education Services

**82** students attended Lighthouse Academy within Wedgwood's Residential Program.

▶ **27** middle school students

▶ **55** high school students

earned at total of **133.75 credit hours**

**82%** of Wedgwood Residents who were behind have caught up on credits and will move on to the next grade at Lighthouse Academy.

## Students participated in & attended:

*Softball tournament*

*College Fair at DeVos Place*

*Staff vs. Student Basketball games*

*Impaired Driving Simulator*

*Quiz Bowl*

*Field Day*

*Spirit Week*

*Aquinas College MLK March & Seminar*

*Door Decorating Contests*

*Poetry Workshop*

*Wordle Competitions*

*Health Classes*



"Though we don't have all the extracurricular activities as most public schools, we do have Wedgwood staff and teachers at Lighthouse Academy that are willing to put in the time and effort to make sure we get the High School experience we deserve. I am thankful for everything they've helped me with."

— Wedgwood Resident, age 17.

The **Wedgwood Institute** offers diverse continuing education to those who work with children, teens, and families.

**400** professionals received training in **180** classes and trainings.

Wedgwood staff members logged **over 10,000** total training and continuing education hours.



# EVENTS



36th Annual Charity Golf Classic



Wedgwood's 61st Anniversary Celebration



Women of Wedgwood Luncheons



State of the Child Panel Conversation



Maranda Park Parties



Wedgwood's Annual Diversity Awards



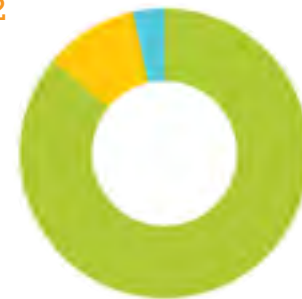
Christmas at Wedgwood

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

**Revenue: \$19,098,822**

- Programming: 86%
- Fundraising: 10.5%
- Miscellaneous: 3.5%



**Expenditures: \$17,672,972**

- Programming: 89.2%
- Fundraising: 4.2%
- Management/General: 6.6%



*\*Cash basis*

Wedgwood's detailed financial statement is available upon request  
 - [advancement@wedgwood.org](mailto:advancement@wedgwood.org) or 616.831.5624

## Agency Achievements

- ▶ Wedgwood's key events had **859 attendees** and raised **over \$539,694** for the Children's Hope Annual Fund.
- ▶ Finalist for **West Michigan Woman's Brilliance Awards** and the **Readers' Choice Award** for Mental Health Services.
- ▶ Wedgwood's Coffee Break Conversation Podcast **launched its second season** and surpassed **600 downloads**.
- ▶ Agency was named **Best & Brightest in Wellness**.
- ▶ Named a **2021 Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits**.
- ▶ Several employees and board members recognized as finalists and recipients of awards, including **GRBJ's 40 under 40 & 50 Most Influential Women**.





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