

Annual Report 2024/2025





Letter from the CEO

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community, staff, and partners. Together, we have strengthened families, empowered children and youth, and provided support and hope across the Commonwealth of PA.



I also want to acknowledge and thank the incredible MHY Family Services Board of Directors, the Mars Home for Youth Foundation Board of Trustees, and the MHY staff for their support during my transition as the new Chief Executive Officer. Their commitment and dedication

to our organization have been empowering. I am inspired as we work together to write the next chapter in our history.

The impact of our programs over the past year would not have been possible without our former Executive Director, Lisa Schiller. Her strong leadership set the organization up for continued success. This year, our programs touched the lives of more than 850 children and families across our region. From trauma-informed education at Longmore Academy to our evidence-based in-home Multisystemic Therapy Program, our mission has remained clear: to strengthen families by responding to the individual mental health and learning needs of children.

As we celebrate our successes, we acknowledge that the challenges facing families are complex and continue to grow. The need for therapeutic learning environments continues to grow and is particularly crucial for the youngest learners entering school for the first time. In response, we are investing in a therapeutic Kindergarten that will be opening for the 2026-2027 school year. This unique classroom setting focuses on individualized learning in a one-of-a-kind classroom space designed in partnership with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.

As we look ahead, I am confident that your continued support will not only build upon our successes but also empower us to shape a brighter future for the children and families we serve. Together, we can create lasting change. On behalf of our Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, staff, and the families we serve, thank you for believing in our mission and standing with us. Your partnership is the driving force behind everything we do.

Samantha Ellwood

Chief Executive Officer

Letter from the **Board President**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am honored to extend our profound gratitude for your ongoing support of our mission.

For decades, MHY has been a steadfast beacon of hope and support for young people and families in our community. We are proud to continue this vital work through the academic setting of Longmore Academy as well as the diverse Community Services offerings that reach out to support children and families right where they are. These programs are the heart of our organization, providing essential resources, guidance, and care that truly make a difference in the lives of countless families.

As we look to the future, we also take this moment to acknowledge a significant transition within our leadership. We extend our deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Lisa Schiller, for her years of leadership at MHY. Lisa's dedication, passion, and tireless efforts over her tenure have been instrumental in shaping the impactful organization it is today. Her commitment to our youth and families has left an indelible mark, and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavors.

It is with immense enthusiasm that we look forward to all MHY will accomplish with Samantha Ellwood as our new Chief Executive Officer. Samantha brings a wealth of experience, a deep understanding of youth services, and a visionary approach that aligns perfectly with our goals for growth and enhanced community impact. The Board is confident that her strategic insights and compassionate leadership will guide MHY to new heights, allowing us to serve even more youth and families with excellence and innovation.

Finally, we thank all who have partnered with us to support our mission of helping youth and families. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and the continued positive impact we will make together. Thank you for being an integral part of the MHY family as your support is invaluable as we continue to build a brighter future for the young people in our community.

With sincere gratitude and optimism,



Jim Rankin

MHY Board of Directors

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or nearly 150 years, MHY Family Services
has been dedicated to supporting the emotional
and behavioral health needs of youth and families



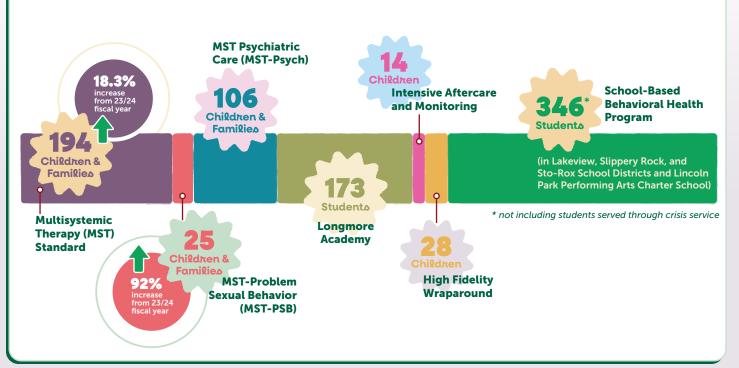
throughout Western Pennsylvania. What began as a home for orphaned children in the late 1800s has evolved into a comprehensive provider of trauma-informed care and therapeutic services. This evolution is a testament to our adaptability and our commitment to meeting the changing needs of our community.

Today, MHY offers innovative programs designed to instill hope, foster healing, and pave the way for lifelong success. These programs, including therapeutic education through Longmore Academy, innovative in-home programs, and community-based services, are all guided by a commitment to creating safe, nurturing environments. This commitment is rooted in optimism, knowing that brighter futures are not just a possibility, but a reality for the children and families we serve.

MHY Impact

866 lives moved forward this year through MHY's care.

Children and families are building brighter futures with the help of our community services, in-home treatment programs, and Longmore Academy.

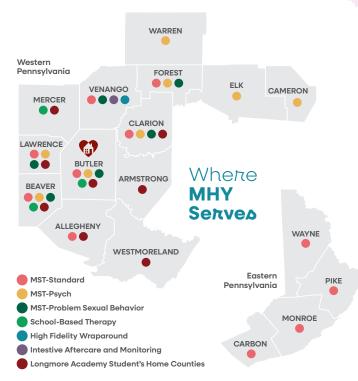


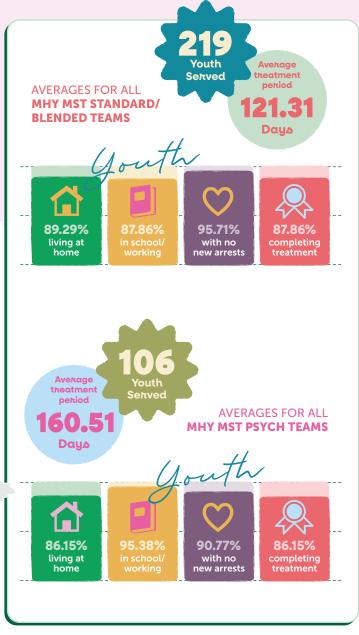
Community Services



Working with this family was one of the most impactful experiences for me. They fully embraced MST and the process, and educated me as much as I educated them.

Summer McQuown,
MHY Blended Mental Health Therapist





Journey of Strength and Resilience

At the start of her journey, Millie* faced more challenges than most teens her age, as she navigated foster care with complex emotional and behavioral health needs. With the unwavering support of her MST-Psych treatment team and the stability provided by a nurturing foster-turned-adoptive family, Millie found the structure, encouragement, and connection she needed to begin healing and growing.

This year, Millie proudly graduated from high school and received a four-year college scholarship. Passionate about animals, she chose to attend a local community college with a strong veterinary science program, taking meaningful steps toward a future she once thought was out of reach.

Millie's story is a powerful reflection of resilience, love, and the life-changing impact of compassionate, community-based care. Her transformation is proof that, with the right support, even the most challenging chapters can lead to hopeful new beginnings.



MHY leads the state as the only provider offering all three MST adaptations.

What Healing Looks Like

When Gus* began MST-Psych, he was deeply depressed, withdrawn, and disconnected from his family. Therapy felt like an unpleasant chore, and his relationship with his mom was tense and broken.

Within a few months, Gus began re-engaging with life: laughing, talking with his mom, looking forward to sessions, and rebuilding trust at home. He finished probation, is passing school, and set goals to get a job and earn his driver's license by summer's end.

Gus isn't the only family member benefitting from this work. Gus's mom leaned in, faced challenging moments, and changed alongside him, creating the safety he needed to grow.

To celebrate their hard-won progress, therapists Charlotte and Sherry, together with our clinical psychiatrist, Dr. Song, went the extra mile. They made homemade fishing lures and spent an afternoon with Gus and his mom and brother at a local park, fishing and soaking in the joy of just being together.

This is what healing looks like. This is what happens when we meet families where they are — with heart, with consistency, and with the belief that things can get better.



Back in September, one of my seniors came in wrapped in social anxiety — leaving class, avoiding peers, and shrinking from chances to connect. In our one-on-ones and 'lunch bunch,' we built a little toolbox together: regulation skills, language for self-advocacy, and small, brave steps. I watched her open up, make real friends, and start telling staff what she needs. Now she's graduating with a close circle of friends and the courage to chase psychology in college. I'm going to miss her so much, and I'm incredibly proud. Moments like this are why our work matters.

Kyna Maradei, MHY School-Based Therapist, Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School

Building Community Partnerships



After stepping into her role as CEO, Samantha Ellwood connected with local elected officials. The Butler County Commissioners welcomed Samantha to their offices to discuss Longmore Academy and MHY's services in the community.

MHY also welcomed U.S. Representative Mike Kelly for his first visit to MHY's campus. Samanatha and Rep. Kelly discussed MHY's work serving children and families across Western Pennsylvania and in four Eastern counties, and explored opportunities for collaboration.

Samantha Ellwood with the Butler County Commissioners, discussing local needs and MHY services.



U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly on his first visit to MHY's campus, meeting with MHY leadership to learn about our expanding footprint and impact.

Longmore Academy

Our mission is to motivate students to become caring, contributing members of society and reach their untapped potential.

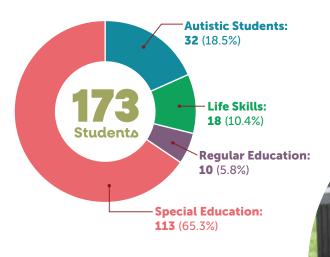
Growth that Mattens 3 in 10 advanced two full elementary students grade levels. advanced at least one

Individualized Support

full grade level in math or ELA.



benefited from one-on-one paraprofessional assistance to ensure safety, regulation, and access to learning.





Summer Co



MHY has transformed every former residential building on our campus into vibrant classroom spaces — a powerful reimagining of our history to meet today's educational needs.

"My most valuable part of my experience at Longmore has been the support from the staff."

Longmore Academy graduate

The 2025 graduates of Longmore Academy are nothing short of remarkable. Each one has faced tough personal challenges ranging from ongoing mental health struggles to physical disabilities and the demands of working full-time. Yet, they showed up, persevered, and earned their diplomas with grit and determination. They learned not only academics but also resilience, self-awareness, and the power of community. As they move forward, we hope they carry with them the deep strength they've discovered, the confidence that they can overcome challenges, and the understanding that their past does not define their future — it fuels it.

Joy Pfaff, School Counselor, Longmore Academy



Building Brighter Beginnings:

Therapeutic Kindergarten

MHY is launching a Therapeutic Kindergarten for young learners with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges — offering a safe, creative space to build confidence, resilience, and tools for lifelong success.

Safe & Nunturing Classrooms

Calming, flexible spaces with sensory zones, interactive stations, and quiet areas tailored to each child's needs.

Program Highlights: Specialized Educator Training

Teachers equipped with advanced therapeutic strategies to foster social-emotional growth.

Essential Learning Tools

Resources such as sensory supports and social stories to help children regulate emotions, build relationships, and thrive.

Bringing a **Vision to Life**

To bring this vision to life, MHY is partnering with the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh to design custom classrooms that spark creativity and joy. These spaces will nurture both physical and cognitive development — serving as a true foundation for hope and growth. With community support, we are shaping a place where children discover their strengths and begin their educational journey with confidence.

Support from the A.J. Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust, the Robert and Judith Ferree Foundation. and the Northwest Charitable Foundation, Inc. have helped us plan and prepare

our upcoming kindergarten

program. Their support is helping us design an inclusive, imaginative space where children can learn, grow, and thrive. Thanks to their generosity, we are one step closer to providing an enriching environment for our youngest learners.

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Celebrating Service



EY Volunteers

EY's Day of Service delivered fresh color, great teamwork, and a real morale boost to our admin offices. Thank you for the transformation and your continued partnership.



Ginger Store Champions

MHY's Ginger Store gives kids and teens a dignified way to choose the clothing they need. We are especially grateful to **Cindy**, **Carol**, and **Sherri** for the care and commitment they bring each week, helping every shopper feel comfort, confidence, and dignity.



Senior Connection from Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish

Thank you to the **Senior Connection** crew for spending a beautiful fall Saturday repainting our PNC Learning Pavilion! We were glad to welcome familiar faces and meet new ones as they refreshed this well-loved outdoor learning space for Longmore students.

Parkwood Church VBS Students

Parkwood Vacation Bible School Plus students showed up in a big way cleaning, organizing, and helping prepare MHY for the new school year. We're so grateful for their energy and care!

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Parkwood Church is passionate about the mission of MHY! For a number of years, youth from our Vacation Bible School Plus have volunteered a day to help where it was needed. As their pastor and a member of the MHY board, I understand the deep importance of what MHY does and how meaningful involvement of the community is in making MHY such an integral part of helping at-risk youth and families. What a joy it is to join in this mission!

Reverend Jeff Potter, MHY Board Member



Westinghouse

For over 10 years, the team at **Westinghouse Warrendale** has assembled and donated bikes to MHY, bringing smiles, confidence, and independence to our kids. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Committed to Partnership

Just in time for the 25–26 school year, Longmore Academy's basketball hoops and backboards were refurbished through a generous \$10,000 gift from the Rich-Mar Rotary Club. As a longtime partner, the Rotary's support continues to strengthen student life - enhancing safety, play, and the movement breaks our students rely on each day. Their generosity reflects a true commitment to strengthening both MHY and our community.

MHY team

members installing new equipment.

Nick Panza, Longmore teacher with Dave Hein Past President and members of Rich-Mar Rotary Club

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MHY embodies many of Rotaty's areas of focus,

including basic education and literacy, maternal and child health, and community development. We're committed to continuing this partnership, and we're happy to improve the gymnasium used by Longmore students.

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Dave Hein, 2024-25 President, Rich-Mar Rotary Club

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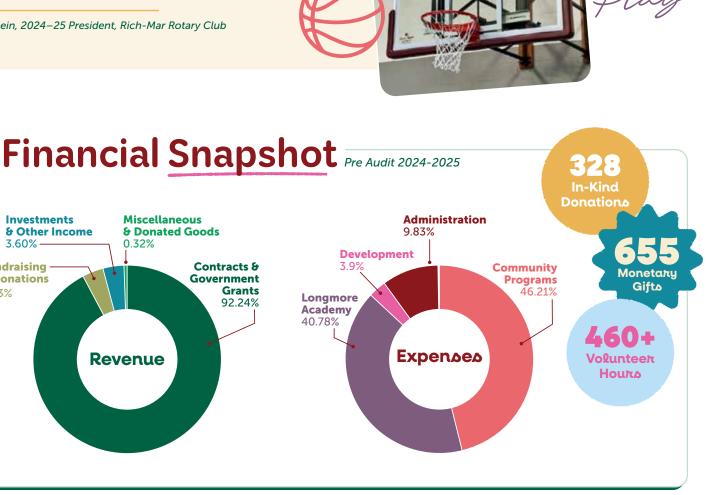
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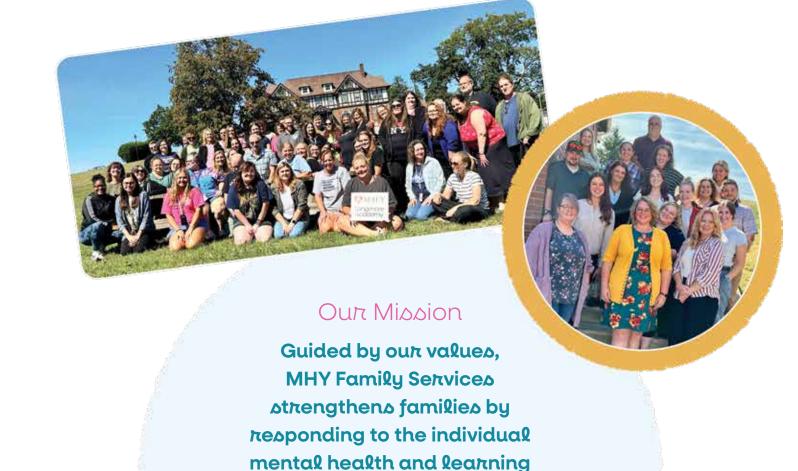
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