

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HELPING HAND HOME



1. Helping Hand Home is a place of healing that exists to serve the most vulnerable children in our community. We offer services along a **continuum of care**, from a nurturing and therapeutic home for children suffering from trauma, to an onsite charter school, to foster and adoption services.
2. We run one of the most highly regarded, nationally accredited residential treatment programs in the country. We leverage a healing model of care called **Trust-Based Relational Intervention™**, which is designed to meet the complex needs of child victims of trauma.
3. When families adopt from Helping Hand Home, they go through our **Family Support Program** that prepares, trains and supports them as they prepare for their forever family. But the support doesn't stop on adoption day. They receive ongoing individualized training and in-home supports to help their family thrive.
4. 55 percent of our funding comes from **private donors**. Our ability to serve our most vulnerable children at a level far above state minimum mandates comes from the generosity of individuals like you.
5. Our signature annual event benefiting Helping Hand Home is the **Crystal Ball**, one of Austin's most cherished debutante events. Importantly, the Ball is the largest annual fundraising event for the Home, and it is planned by The Helping Hand Society.

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6. The **Helping Hand Society** is the backbone of our Home. Our volunteer society governs the organization, providing invaluable strategic guidance, philanthropic support and countless volunteer hours.

7. Because of the past trauma most of our children have experienced, they are unable to thrive in a traditional school setting. That's why we have an **onsite charter school**, operated in partnership with The University of Texas at Austin, where up to 24 of our children attend daily.

8. More than 1,100 people attended our most recent **Champions for Children Awards Luncheon**, a record-breaking event in both attendance and funds raised, while also honoring philanthropic and volunteer champions in our community.

9. We have **strategic partnerships** with a wide range of corporate, academic and community organizations, such as the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, the University of Texas and the Travis County Collaborative for Children. As well as many companies that have an annual tradition of helping our children.

10. Most of our children have experienced the worst of humanity. They come to live with us as victims of crime, often having suffered abuse and neglect at the hands of family members who should have been their protectors. **But they are kids, just like yours.** They like Pokémon, unicorns and playgrounds. They want the chance to live a life with smiles, laughter and joy.