

OLIVE CREST®

Strong Families, Safe Kids



Serving at-risk children and families in California, Nevada, and the Pacific Northwest since 1973.

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Dear Friend,

I can't thank you enough for your partnership with Olive Crest. Because of your generosity, thousands of kids are now safe from abuse. Their hurts are healing, and they're learning to trust. You've made an incredible difference—and I'm so grateful for that.

You're holding our 2018 Annual Impact Report. Over the past year, with all of your support, Olive Crest was able to **increase the number of children and families we served by 24%**. This is a major accomplishment, and we have partners like you to thank for it. Equally important, **we also expanded our volunteer and community involvement by 24%**.

I'm also proud to say that the Council on Accreditation has given Olive Crest the highest possible accreditation for child welfare—and we've now been accredited for 20 years.

We have big goals. They need to be big. Too many children still suffer abuse and neglect. Some run away and live on the streets—which is hardly an improvement. It's a frightening world for them—and I know you want each one to be protected and loved. Most important, together—you and Olive Crest—can **break the cycle of abuse in families for generations to come**.



Thank you again for all you do for Olive Crest children and families.

Donald Verleur

Donald Verleur II
CEO



Together we transform the lives of at-risk kids through the healing power of family.

Our vision

A strong family for every child

Our mission

Olive Crest is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse, the treatment and education of at-risk children, and preserving the family . . . One Life at a Time.®

Our values

Truth:

Honesty, Courage, and Respect

Grace:

Compassion, Forgiveness, and Empowerment

Servanthood:

Self-Discipline, Responsibility, and Giving

STOP CHILD

...One Life at a Time®

We know abuse often starts when a family is isolated and circumstances get rough . . . a lost job, a difficult move, addiction, a mental health crisis, separation or divorce; all of these and more are triggers that can escalate into abuse.

You're helping Olive Crest to equip, connect, and support families, churches, and neighborhoods to prevent child abuse. We offer tangible services to families in crisis, giving children caring homes while parents work to stabilize their lives—in most cases preventing the need for a child to enter the system altogether.

Best of all, when these kids and their parents get support and are connected in their community, the cycle of child abuse can be broken—permanently.



“I’ve seen the multi-generational tragedy that results from child abuse and neglect—Olive Crest is incredibly effective at stopping child abuse.

~ Mike Haddad,
Board of Directors

LD ABUSE



Holly was only four years old when she was found wandering near a hotel at 4 a.m. She was dirty, ragged, malnourished, and frightened.

Holly and her mom desperately needed help.

With help from an Olive Crest family, a local church, a teacher, counselors, and others, she and her mom began to heal. Not surprisingly, Holly was far behind early developmental benchmarks, but her teachers and Olive Crest helped Holly catch up, and she's now ready for kindergarten.

Without help—including the partnership of friends like you—Holly might have been lost in the child welfare system or homeless. Now, she and her mom are safe, and there's no telling how far she'll go!

We gave kids

674,665

safe nights during the past year.



Our goal is to provide at least 740,000 safe nights in the next year.

RECLAIM YC

Children's lives are being reclaimed through the healing power of family.

The child welfare system is overwhelmed.

Too many children are shuffled from home to home—or stuck in institutions—never getting enough stability to thrive or become all that God created them to be. Without help, these kids are often doomed to repeat the mistakes of their parents. They're likely to fall into long-term homelessness and despair.

With your partnership, Olive Crest finds loving, stable families for children in need. What's more, we offer help to reclaim their lives from the trauma of abuse by providing counseling by trained professionals, as well as education support and life-skills training.

Healing and redemption is at the core of what Olive Crest does—and you're an essential part of it.



“Every day we’re so humbled to do the holy work of caring for and loving the children we’ve had the honor of adopting.”
~ Chantel and Sean Fox

DUNGLIVES



From
fear to
freedom.

Cory came to us as a shy, skinny little kid who lived in fear. His parents ridiculed him, bullied him, and slapped and punched him in fits of anger.

We placed Cory in an Olive Crest home that provided him peace and safety. His Olive Crest mom worked patiently to show him love and kindness. She encouraged him to try new things, eventually helping him to trust people again.

Cory suffered from constant stomachaches triggered by his fear and anxiety. He had almost no appetite. But thanks to the care of his new family, Cory's whole life has changed. His self-esteem has skyrocketed. He's learning new skills, eating healthy, making friends and most important, living a life free of constant fear.



Grew 24% in
helping children and families
in just **one year.**



We provided **110,895**
counseling sessions
for children and
families, to help reclaim
their lives from abuse.

RESTORE STRONG

The best place for kids is in the care of a loving family.

A strong and stable family is the key to healthy, happy kids.

Our vision is that every child would be raised and nurtured in a strong, stable, and loving family, surrounded by friends, church, and supportive community.

And, our ultimate goal is that every family or child in crisis would be supported through that community to reduce the potential for abuse and neglect. In other words, our goal is to preserve families and stop the cycle of abuse.

When this isn't possible, we do everything it takes to find a stable home for innocent children who are caught in the cross-fire. Whether it be adoption, long-term foster care, or reunification with their family of origin, we work to restore stability and loving care for kids in a strong family.

Only with your help are we able to accomplish this important and life-changing work.



“My husband and I support Olive Crest because we believe in what they do.”

~ Lori Harrison,
Kids at Heart donor

LONG FAMILIES



A miracle for Kelvin.
When Kelvin came to Olive Crest he was seven years old and had been in 18 different homes.

Imagine how painful it would be to know you'd been rejected that many times by the people who were supposed to protect you! Amazingly resilient, Kelvin's smile never faded.

For nearly three years, Kelvin got support and love from his Olive Crest family. And this summer, he was happily reunited with his grandparents, who'd been working hard to have him placed in their care.

We believe once you've been helped by Olive Crest, you become part of our extended family. So, we continued to support Kelvin and his grandparents

when they took him home. Caring families offered respite services when Kelvin's grandparents needed a break, and we provided support groups, counseling resources, mentors, and educational workshops to address specific needs.

Kelvin's Olive Crest experience made his ever-present smile grow even bigger. At ten years old, he's officially been adopted by his grandparents, reconnecting him to his strong family. Only with the support of partners like you are stories like Kelvin's possible.



we received a
92%
SATISFACTION
SCORE.

The national average for stable placement for a child is 74.5%.



Olive Crest surpassed this by achieving
99%
SUCCESS!

On our Olive Crest annual children and family survey

20
18



THANK YOU!

You made it possible.

This past year, **with your help**, Olive Crest was able to significantly ramp up our efforts to stop child abuse, reclaim young lives, and restore strong families. And we're just getting started.

The hard truth is that each year there are more than **4 million reports of child abuse in the U.S.**—and that number continues to grow. **But together, we can change that.**

Our goal is to increase the number of children and families we serve from 17,768 to more than 20,000. We hope you'll continue to be part of this bold plan.

Income

Public Support	\$37,920,826	69%
Olive Crest Academy	\$7,311,595	13%
Private Support	\$9,717,102	18%
Total	\$54,949,523	

Expenses

STOP CHILD ABUSE	\$3,431,827	6%
RECLAIM YOUNG LIVES	\$30,949,569	57%
RESTORE STRONG FAMILIES	\$10,301,833	19%
Administration	\$5,090,534	10%
Development	\$4,405,661	8%
Total	\$54,179,424	



For more Impact Report financial information visit www.olivecrest.org/about/annual-report.



“With your support,
we can help more
children and families.
Strong families and
safe kids are what
Olive Crest is all
about.”

~ Pike Lambeth
Chairman, Board of Directors

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A growing crisis.

The family is the core unit of any community, and when it's disrupted, the consequences are devastating. Without outside help, those consequences often devolve into a spiral of neglect, abuse, and even homelessness.

In fact, six percent of teenagers in the system will find themselves without housing, jobs, or other basic necessities when they turn 18, let alone the support and protection of a loving family. These kids then become vulnerable to other dangers...drugs, violence, human trafficking, and suicide.

Kids like Holly, Cory, and Kelvin were all homeless until they came to Olive Crest.

Our vision to ensure that every child has a strong family addresses a multitude of societal issues – one being child homelessness. When we avert a family crisis, we dramatically decrease the chance of a child ending up on the streets.

Olive Crest is committed to seeing that no child is abused, becomes homeless, or repeats the cycle of abuse. We're proud to have served 17,768 children and families last year, but there's more work to be done. With your support, we plan to serve 20,000 children and families this coming year.

Together, we can stop the cycle of abuse and enable at-risk children and families to become healthy, productive citizens.

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