

It's a bird!  
It's a plane!  
**No, it's...**





**YOU!**

**Our Super  
Hero Squad!**



JAMES L. KAUFMAN



GREGORY T. MOONEY

**You might have noticed we have not been subtle this past year in calling on you Heroes.** You are out there helping make a difference in the lives of children, families, and adults with complex needs. We **Marvel** at your generosity and passion for stepping up in so many ways to provide opportunities to build promising futures.

The heart of our work at Abbott House will always be about helping human beings recover from deep trauma, and intervening to prevent and minimize trauma in the first place.

**You, along with our amazing staff, make up our Super Hero Squad.**

It is our work together that impact in the lives of the children, families, and adults we care for that builds the durable foundations they need to thrive.

Yet, our very mission of **social justice** faces a barrage of looming threats that aim to further jeopardize those in our care.

Without you, we could not begin to make a difference. Inside you will read about our **Super Hero Squad** and hope you consider joining.

**We continue to be grateful for your commitment and your investment. Now more than ever, we need your advocacy.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James L. Kaufman".

James L. Kaufman, LCSW-R  
*President and CEO*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory T. Mooney".

Gregory T. Mooney  
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**100 Heroic  
Volunteers**



**300  
Marvelous  
Donors**



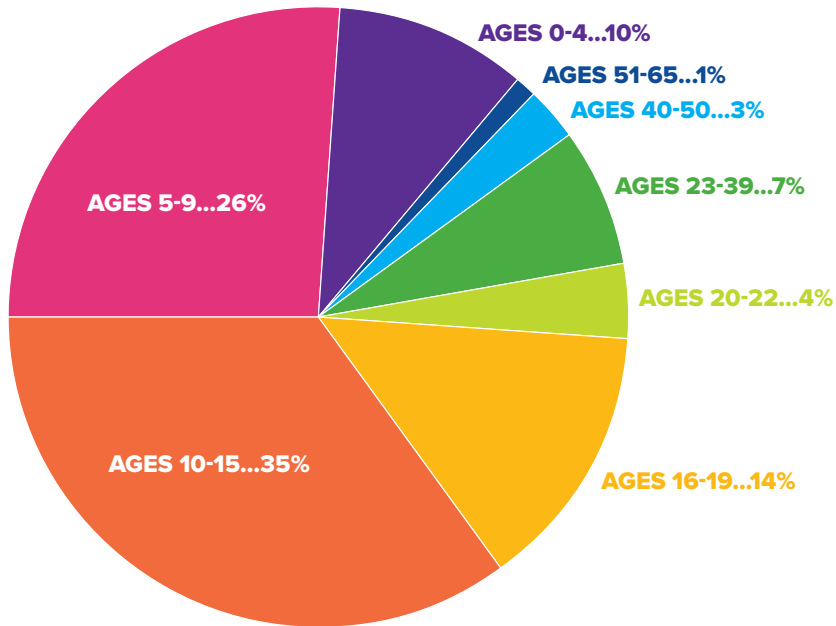
**650 Super  
Staff  
Members**



# Who We Served

**TOTAL  
Children,  
Adults and  
Families  
2,453**

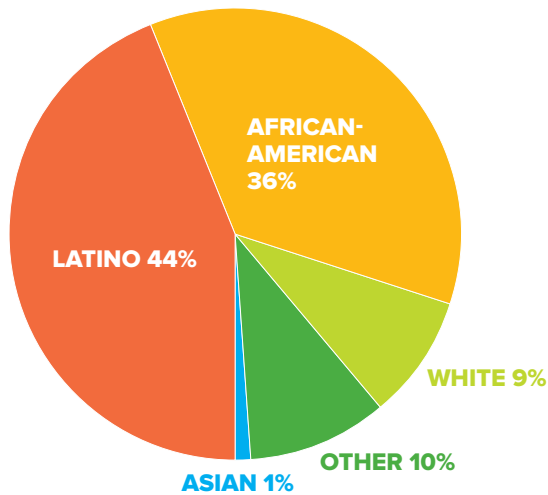
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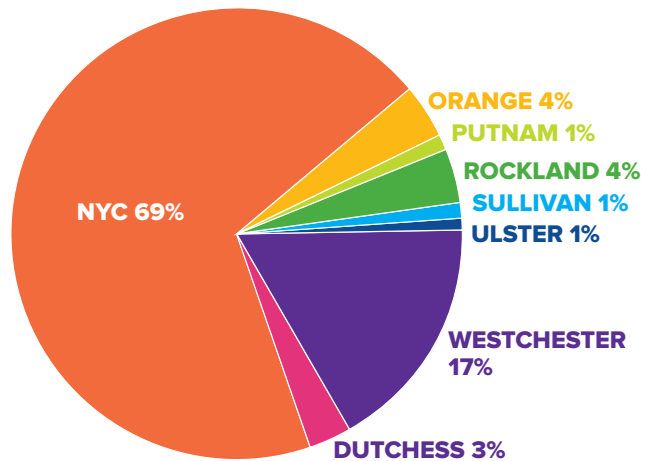
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## Ethnicity



## Location





## WHY HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NOW?

### Because...

- The consequences of not doing enough are dire.
- You want to end generations of abuse, neglect and poverty.
- Our communities prosper when children and families thrive.

The long-term impact of abuse and neglect is staggering for children. They are more likely to have poor health, become homeless, lack sufficient education, and are unprepared for employment which limits many to low-skill jobs and becoming dependent on welfare.



## PROGRAMS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our Super Hero Squad helps children in foster care and those in jeopardy of being removed from their family by providing the foundational development of healing, safety and opportunities they need to thrive in family settings. Through counseling, health care, life skills, academic support, employment training, cultural enrichment and the like, you help them find their place in the world.

### SERVED BY PROGRAM\*

#### Prevention:

Bridges To Health (B2H) - 362  
Community Schools Resources - 252  
Counseling Services - 55  
Family Assessment Community Engagement (FACE) - 32  
H.E.A.R.T Permanency Resource Center (Program started 12/16)- 11

#### Foster Care:

Foster Care/Therapeutic Foster Care – 522  
Foster Family Recruitment, Training and Support - 214  
Group Homes - 39  
Non-Secure Detention (NSD) - 73  
Transitional Resources for Children (TRC) (Program started 6/17) - 15

Working with children and families to recover from deep trauma, and intervening to prevent and minimize trauma in the first place is not easy. Every individual is different. Every circumstance is different. But what we strive to do in all of our programs is to help children and families achieve small successes to begin building a foundation that moves them forward.


\*Some children receive multiple services.





## **THANKS TO THE SUPER HERO SQUAD, HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR MANY SUCCESSES:**

- Jasmine made honor roll.
- Tyler saw the Lion King on Broadway. That was his first time experiencing any type of cultural enrichment.
- Kesha, an 18 year old girl with developmental disabilities in our group home learned to tie her shoes and prepare simple meals – this is a really big deal!
- Kids in foster care received backpacks with school supplies to start the school year off on the right foot.
- Gerard in our group home had a successful internship at a restaurant that led to a part time job.
- 500 kids received a holiday gift that helped them feel loved and deserving.
- Paul wasn't fearful of where his next meal was coming from or where he would sleep.
- After being sexually assaulted in the work place Gabriela with support, achieved her goal of going away to college.
- All children in our new HEART program are safely with their family.
- 95 children in foster care returned home to parents or relatives.
- 5th grader school attendance increased to 92.4% in our Community Schools Resource Program.
- 92% of children in foster care were promoted to the next grade.
- 57 children were adopted.



Thanks to Abbott House I've learned a lot during these months I've been here. **Small life lessons to help with all the ones that are still coming.** I give thanks to God for keeping me strong and not breaking down into tears.

**I want to thank all the staff here for allowing me to be mad, happy and have all sorts of emotions.** I appreciate everything you have done for me. You were there for me when I needed you. **You kept my head up, you helped me to be a better Mom.**

You are super awesome. You listened. You made me laugh. You made us look pretty with your make-up supplies. You taught me tricks in Algebra. **Thank you for keeping my hope up.** Sometimes you were super strict, but that came in handy. I appreciate that because while it was challenging, you gave me huge life lessons. You taught me so much and very life changing. Dr. Rodriguez, **I will never forget you and how you made sure me and my baby had everything we needed** and you took such good care of me and my daughter.

**Thank you so much Abbott House for taking care of me and my baby.** May God be with you all.

Love, M

*(16 year old mom with her 6 month old daughter)*



I don't know what would happen with these kids. Many of these kids and adults don't have families. We'd like to see more community awareness. A community, I think, is enriched if those at risk kids have hope.

— Doris Minsker, Supporter



To make an impact on one child, and that child calls you, even if it's ten years from now, you know you're doing a good work. Everyone isn't able to pull themselves up by their bootstraps without help. That's what Abbott House does and that's why we're here to help them because we see the work.

—Joyce Steven, Foster Parent





## WHY SUPPORT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES NOW?

### Because...

- The consequences of not doing enough are dire for these adults and their aging families.
- You want to help them reach their potential.
- Our communities prosper when adults with developmental disabilities thrive.

The long-term impact of living with a developmental disability can be frightening, including poor health, living in poverty, a strong likelihood of being assaulted, becoming isolated and not thriving as a human being or reaching their potential.



## **PROGRAMS SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Our Super Hero Squad helps adults with developmental disabilities by providing the foundational development of safety, community integration, and opportunities they need to reach their full potential and independence. Through counseling, health care, life skills, employment training, cultural enrichment, community engagement activities, and self-advocacy, you help them find their place in the world.

**Each adult with developmental disabilities we serve has their unique capacities, circumstances and challenges. Many no longer have family involvement. Our three programs supporting them include:**

**Residential Services - 103    Day Habilitation - 38    Medicare Coordination - 93**

## **THANKS TO THE SUPER HERO SQUAD HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF MANY SUCCESSES:**

- Diane and friends prepare animal treats at the New Rochelle Humane Society
- Laura received a Leadership award for her volunteer work in helping to prepare and distribute lunch at Garrito Manor; Senior Residence.
- Ray helped deliver knapsacks filled with food to local children in need with The Food Bank.
- Gerald helps deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly.
- Michael can't run on the court, but with the help of his teammates and the Mercy College Women's Lacrosse team, Michael takes long distance shots in weekly basketball games. "He Scores!"
- Georgia and Charles love to dance and had a blast at the Halloween party.
- Juan started employment training to help fulfill his goal of getting a job.
- Brian celebrated 20 years working at Stop & Shop.







When you see a child have a breakthrough, and the light goes off in their head that “I’m good,” it’s like Nirvana. What keeps me going is the fact that I can do this with the help of Abbott House. Put the work in now. It’s our children, that’s our next generation.

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., came to Abbott House, he credited Abbott House on a Biblical sense, “To whom much is given, much is required.” I’ve been given a lot and I’m not the only one. I’m not saying everybody can have a foster home, but everybody can do something.

You can do something to make a difference in a kid’s life, in a family’s life.

— Lori Walker, Foster Parent

## 2017 Financial Overview

### REVENUE

Government Grants & Contracts .....	\$42,980,137
Contributions .....	\$293,289
Rent Income .....	\$48,250
Other .....	\$930,971
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$44,252,647</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services .....	\$40,332,831
Management & General/Fundraising .....	\$4,220,576
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$44,553,407</b>

# You make a world of difference in helping children, families, and individuals build a better future! Thank you!

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You're dealing with at risk adults, at risk kids. Some are developmentally disabled. Others are just psychologically at risk, or at risk because they have no parents. Who's going to take care of them? Abbott House has been the hidden gem. Politics will dictate how much money they get, as opposed to need. The politics can kill you. If there's no private help, if there's no community help, how does an agency survive? The people who they serve are the ones who get hurt.

—Eliot Minsker, Supporter



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Our own foundations are constructed on the work of highly skilled staff, community and corporate volunteers, and incredibly generous donors — all with a steadfast commitment to building promising futures for our children, families and adults.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP BUILD BRIDGES TO A PROMISING FUTURE FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS?**

#### **Volunteer**

You know you love to give back and at Abbott House we are committed to helping you find the right experience for you... from mentors, to bringing your unique skills and interests, to leadership opportunities – all to help people thrive.

#### **Donate**

You can offer support to many urgent needs in a number of ways that make a direct impact building promising futures.

#### **Create your own drive/fundraiser**

You can do some pretty amazing things to raise money for Abbott House or help collect much needed items to help improve lives. It can be fun, and fit into your life.

#### **Keep in touch**

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for being my  
Super Hero**



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Super Hero  
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