



Please enjoy these stories of **incredible life change YOU made possible!**

Your Donor Impact Report • January 2026

## Dahlia used to believe she was unworthy You helped her experience her true worth in Christ

**D**ahlia grew up in an extremely unstable home. Her parents had no income and were addicted to drugs. Their house was foreclosed due to no functioning utilities, and they lived in a car for more than half a year.

Dahlia's mom was incarcerated and her father was not stable enough to care for her. She was removed from his custody and placed in the foster care system.

**Because you wanted more for kids who have been hurt, Dahlia experienced safety and support from her first day on campus. She now knows that on her best days and worst moments, she is worthy of care. She has learned how to speak truth to herself and others.**

Your generosity has given Dahlia a fresh start. When she first arrived, Dahlia was extremely emotional. The slightest obstacle or struggle would be too much for her to bear. She would collapse in a fit of tears, fear and anger consuming her.

Dahlia's life had been chaotic and her "home" was wherever her parents decided to sleep that night. She never had an adult in her life who focused on her needs. She was bullied at school and she had



**You gave Dahlia a fresh start when she didn't see a reason to live.**

no friends. Dahlia did not believe she was worthy of love.

With your support, Dahlia became more confident and willing to learn. Her frequent emotional breakdowns became far less common. Dahlia even earned the youth of the month award and was so proud of herself!

Thank you for giving Dahlia a safe place to be heard and valued. Because of you, this young girl went to live with a loving foster family. Dahlia already calls them "mom" and "dad" and is teaching them some of the skills she learned at CCHO. What a wonderful gift you have given to Dahlia!

**INSIDE: MORE STORIES LIKE DAHLIA'S ABOUT THE IMPACT YOU'VE MADE ON YOUNG LIVES**

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## Your support makes healing and transformation possible!

As we enter a new year, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who have supported our ministry in the past and to those who will continue to stand with us in 2026.

Reflecting on the past year, we are humbled by the many ways children and adults have come to recognize their worth in Christ through your generosity and through the dedication of our compassionate staff.

There are days when the work is difficult and the challenges feel overwhelming. Yet even in those moments, signs of transformation emerge — a word, a nod, a quiet smile — and we witness the first steps of healing.

You are a vital part of the story God is writing every day at Christian Children's Home of Ohio and across our family of ministries. We are deeply grateful for you and pray your 2026 is filled with joy, knowing your support is truly making a difference.

Your fellow servant,



*PS - You're invited to the Heart for the Home Benefit and Auction on Saturday, March 21 at Greystone Event Center in Wooster. You'll hear more stories of life change and be renewed in your joy to help broken hearts heal.*

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## Connor was broken and hopeless You gave him a fresh start

Connor endured years of severe abuse and neglect. Surrounded by family patterns of substance use and incarceration, he eventually drifted toward the wrong influences.

Connor was told he would never amount to anything and he believed every word. He started to make bad decisions and ended up in juvenile detention. This was rock bottom for a hurting young man.

**Because of your generous gift, Connor was provided with a safe place to process his trauma and discover his worth. He learned his emotions didn't have to control him and there was hope. Connor was even able to graduate high school and had a graduation ceremony here on campus...one of the first in CCHO history!**

Connor recently discharged to a trusted family member who lives far away from the negative influences he had before. He has a safe and loving home to call his own and he is planning to pursue welding as a career. Connor has a renewed sense of purpose and hope. He truly believes he has a future worth living for. What a wonderful gift you have given to Connor!

HEART FOR THE  
home

Annual Benefit and Auction

Saturday, March 21, 2026 • Greystone Event Center, Wooster



Graham withdrew from everyone

## Because of you, he feels safe and supported!

**G**raham was a shell of himself. He had been physically and emotionally abused his entire life. He was frequently left alone with his younger brother, forced to become a caregiver at a very young age.

Graham would lash out at school, even at his little brother. Graham did not know how to control his emotions and as a last resort began to hurt himself. He was utterly helpless and hopeless.

**Because you believed this young boy's life had great value, Graham is experiencing hope and connection. He found his voice and learned how to express himself. He knows there are adults who will support him no matter his feelings or behaviors.**

At first, Graham was withdrawn and refused any help. His father's constant criticism and mockery had taught him that who he was would

never be acceptable. To protect himself, he stopped expressing his own needs altogether.

Your support helped change Graham's life. In therapy, he began to grow emotionally and relationally. He felt safe and heard when sharing his story. Before he was only a caregiver for his younger brother. Slowly he began to realize he had his own identity and learned how to be a kid!

Because you gave, Graham learned he was worthy of love. He learned to trust others, how to communicate more effectively and how to be assertive when necessary. Graham even started to ask for hugs from staff - what a testament to his growth!

Graham recently left CCHO and went to live with a foster family. In a couple of months, his younger brother will be joining him.

Thank you for helping Graham feel safe enough to trust again and learn his true worth in Christ. *Thank you for changing his outlook on life!*

## WILL YOU HELP?

# Mia needs a safe place to stay in the cold winter months

A new year has begun, yet many children living with abuse or neglect continue to face the same painful challenges — children like 11-year-old Mia.

**Mia needs your help. After being neglected and abused for most of her life, she needs a safe place to stay. And you can provide it for just \$60.**

Mia grew up living with fear and instability. She spent her childhood as a victim of physical and sexual abuse. She's witnessed more than a child should.

The cold months after the holidays can be difficult for many people. They can be even harder for Mia and kids like her who struggle each day due to the significant trauma they've experienced.

Your \$60 donation can help change that. **Your gift this month can give Mia access to the therapy and support she needs to recover.**

For years, Mia wasn't safe in her home. She



Help Mia be safe and feel safe this winter with your gift.

couldn't trust her family to take care of her needs. She doesn't believe she can ever feel safe or truly be loved.

Mia has nowhere to call home. And with the coldest months closing in, having a safe place to stay is critical, especially for children like Mia.

For just \$60, you can give Mia a day of safety and the critical care she needs to start building a healthy future.

You can help Mia and kids like her see they deserve to be safe. That they can have hope despite the abuse and neglect they've endured. That they are worthy of love and care.

**But the first thing to do is to provide a warm, safe place to stay. And you can do that with one \$60 donation.**

## YES! I will provide a night of safety for a child!

Please use my gift to provide a warm, safe place to stay and critical care for a child who has suffered abuse and neglect at home.

- \$60** to provide one night of safety and care
- \$120** to provide **two nights** of safety and care
- \$180** to provide **three nights** of safety and care
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help **as much as possible**

**Your gift is needed this winter!**



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