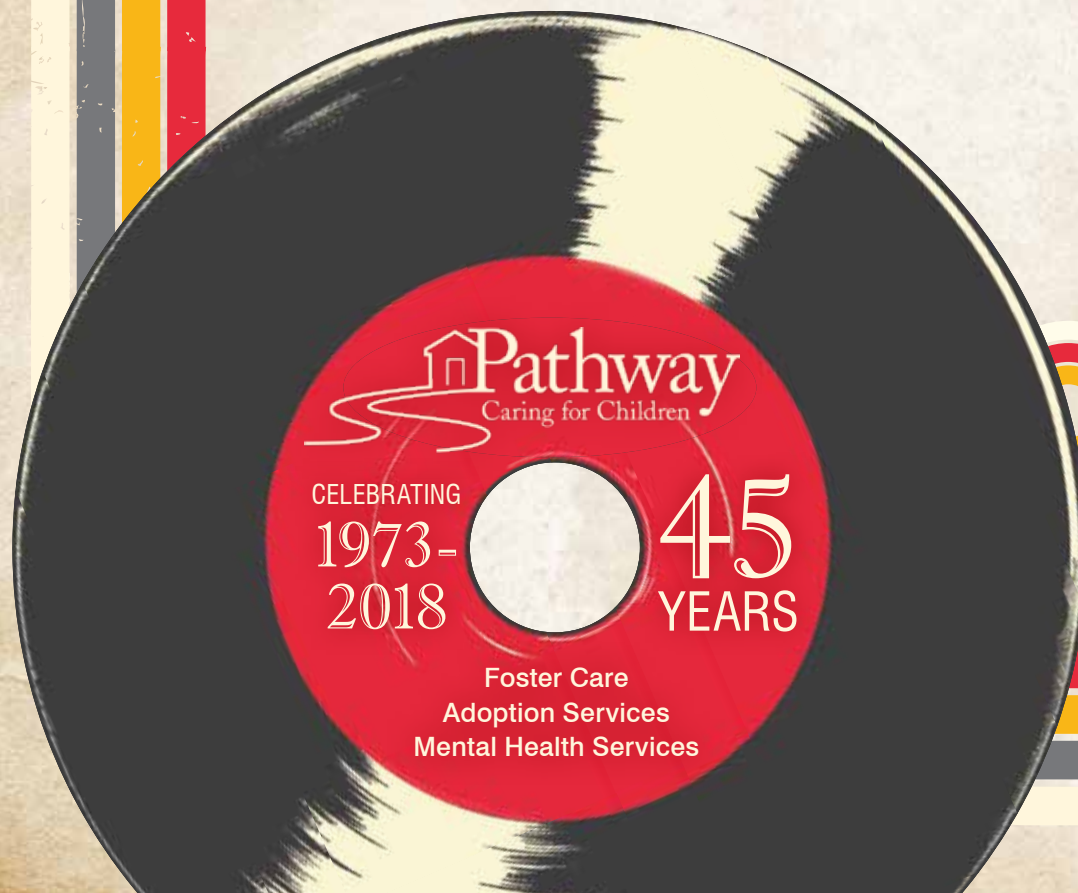




# 2018 Annual Report

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS | 1973-2018



## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### *Dear Friends,*

As we celebrate our 45th anniversary, I cannot help but reflect on all that Pathway has accomplished. To think that in 1973 Jim and Velma Bridges started Pathway with just four boys in a group home, and today we serve over 800 children and families.

I began working at Pathway as a college intern 25 years ago. At that time, Pathway was just starting the therapeutic foster care program, an approach which provides specialized training for the parents of foster children and teens with

significant emotional, behavioral, or social issues or medical needs. Today, that program is still running strong. I've seen the expansion of our services to meet the needs of our clients by providing mental health services to our foster children as well as to the community. In this annual report, you will see from the timeline that a lot has changed.

Through all of our agency changes, I am pleased to feature Pathway staff who have been with us for 20 years or more. The knowledge and experience that they bring is invaluable. Currently, we have a total of 70 staff, each one driving our mission to empower children and families to realize their potential and achieve the possibilities of their lives. You will see when you flip through this report that we feature one staff member in particular, our co-founder, Velma Bridges. We are fortunate to have Velma's passion come through when leading trainings, speaking at events, or connecting with staff when she comes to the office.

Pathway's foundation focuses on our seven values: love, recognition, respect, security, success, responsibility and personal involvement. Though they have evolved over the years, we still seek

to incorporate these values into our everyday work and help them become a reality for our children and families.

Jim Bridges explains, "To say that we love the children and families with whom we work is indeed an audacious claim. And yet, there is no real healing without love – and we are all wounded in some way and need healing. For us, the other six ideals help to define and clarify love."

We are grateful to those who support us in our mission and stand beside us as we continue to offer hope and healing. Many thanks to our donors, volunteers, current and former staff and board members, and community partners such as placement agencies, doctors' offices and hospitals. Pathway is proud of what has been accomplished these past 45 years and we look forward to our future!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Tracy".

Wendy Tracy  
Executive Director



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### 7 Values:

1. Love
2. Recognition
3. Respect
4. Security
5. Success
6. Responsibility
7. Personal Involvement

### Mission:

To empower children and families to realize their potential and achieve the possibilities of their lives through innovative mental health, foster care and adoption services.

### Vision Statement:

Strengthening the lives of children and families.

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## A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

*Friends,*

This year marked a milestone for Pathway Caring for Children – 45 years! – and for me, too: 10 years on the board.

The reason I joined remains the reason I stay - the work done here is profound.

The situations in which our children and families find themselves are often unspeakable. The Pathway case managers, therapists and support staff surround our clients with a balance of clinical care and compassion.

Join me in supporting a local organization that affects the fabric of our region: children and families.

Consider becoming a foster parent.

Talk to others about Pathway.

Help us help others through foster care, mental health services and extended support.

Blessings,



Sue Grabowski  
Board President



# 2017-2018 PATHWAY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Executive Director,  
Pathway Caring for Children

# Keeping the Dream Alive



In 1969, Jim and I started dating. He told me about his work as a foster care case worker at the county public foster care agency. He had a very large case load and knew the frustration of not being able to provide the support and help children and foster families needed. I remember him telling me that he sometimes felt like he was trying to put out a forest fire with a squirt gun. Jim began to see he

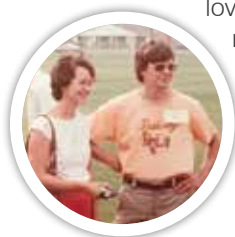
was participating in a foster care merry-go-round moving children from one home to another. He knew there had to be a better way.

Jim began to envision a community-based program that would provide support and training to foster families, so that these families could live through problems, and staff, parents, and children could work together as a team. Jim believed that it was very important for everyone to truly listen to one another in order to come up with the best solutions to problems in the family.

Then 45 years ago, the first four boys came to the first Pathway group home on Spring Avenue in Canton. This small, but significant beginning was the result of Jim's dream which has become my dream too. Jim wrote the following: "I count myself as one of the most fortunate people in the world, because I have been able to see my dreams come true. That's something that does not happen to most people."

Since the beginning, Pathway has been guided by Jim's ideals:

love, recognition,  
respect, security,  
success,  
responsibility



and personal involvement. Although Pathway has changed over the years by adding necessary services and adjusting to new issues in our culture and the overall child welfare and mental health care, these ideals still guide our work today. Our values statement is quoted below:

"Most importantly, we love and care for each youth individually. We recognize them as persons and teach them to respect themselves and others; provide them with the security of knowing that we are there for them; help them find paths of success in school, work and social relationships; encourage them in the assumption of responsibility for themselves and their actions; and become personally involved with them in their struggle for meaning and purpose in life."

I want to say that I am grateful for all of our staff, volunteers, board members, foster parents and you, our community partners. Your support helps us continue to offer hope and healing to 800 children and families that we currently serve. You help us keep the dream alive.

*Velma M Bridges*

Velma M. Bridges  
Co-founder



# Our History

**1973**

Pathway incorporated as a non-profit organization. Spring Avenue Group Home purchased with the aid of Deuble, Hoover, Stark and Timken Foundations. Founders Jim and Velma Bridges joined by original board members Dick Sankey, Jane Fawcett, Victor Helling, Bill Dykes, Bob Swisher, Howard Fauss and Bill Clark.

**1979**

Pathway foster home network initiated to meet the needs of neglected, abused, abandoned and troubled children.

**1986**

With the help of local foundations, the Harvard Avenue Group Home opened as a residence for adolescent boys.

**1991**

The Mother and Baby Program, a specialized unit of the Foster Care Network, began to provide care for pregnant and mothering teenage girls and their babies.

**1991**

After 17 years, the Spring Avenue Group Home closed.

**1992**

Pathway upgraded its foster home network to Treatment Foster Care. This program is designed for children and teens with emotional and behavioral problems.

**1994**

Pathway Support Services was organized to provide extra assistance to foster parents caring for children with emotional and behavioral problems.

**1997**

The agency's name was officially changed to Pathway Caring for Children.



1997

**1998**

Pathway created Post-Adoptive Family Support Services to provide help to adoptive families caring for children with special needs.

**1999**

Pathway became accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children and became a member agency of the United Way of Central Stark County.

**2001**

Pathway re-organized Post Adoptive Family Support Services, becoming Family Services to meet the growing needs of birth, as well as adoptive families for assistance in caring for children with special emotional and behavioral problems.

**2002**

Pathway received approval to participate in the placement of children for adoption.

**2002**

Pathway launched a fund-raising campaign to build three "Family Homes," each of which would care for four children supervised by live-in house parents.

**2003**

The first Family Home opened on 25th Street NE in Canton.

**2004**

The second Family Home opened on Mill Avenue SE in Canton Township.

**2005**

Pathway received approval to provide Medicaid services: Behavioral Health Assessment, Behavioral Health Counseling, and Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment.

**2005**

Construction of the third Family Home was completed.

**2008**

Services expanded to include mental health counseling for adoptive, foster and community children and families.

**2009**

Founder Jim Bridges passed away. Eric Belden hired as new Executive Director.



2003



*Family Home on 25th Street which now serves as our Jim Bridges Learning Center*



*Selma and Jim Bridges*

**IN CELEBRATION OF  
PATHWAY'S 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY,  
WE LOOK BACK TO 1973...**

The average cost of a  
gallon of gas was 40 cents



The first handheld cellular  
phone call was made





**2011**

School-based counseling began in local school districts.

**2011**

Staff organized the first T.R.U.S.T (Teens Realizing and Understanding Selves Together) Adventure Therapy Camp to give Pathway teens a fun summer camp experience while providing therapeutic support.

**2012**

Wendy Tracy named Executive Director.

**2012**

Decision made to close the Family Homes.

**2013**

Pathway dedicated the former Family Home on 25th Street NE in Canton as the Jim Bridges Learning Center to serve youth ages 12-20 with Transitional Age Services.

**2015**

Family Empowerment, a special program to teach the Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model training adoptive and kinship parents to provide effective support and treatment for at-risk children, is implemented.

**2016**

Pathway acquires the mental health department of Options for Family and Youth in Brook Park, Ohio.

**2017**

Pathway acquires the foster care department of Options for Family and Youth in Brook Park, Ohio.

**2018**

Pathway becomes a "Bridges" program provider, using a housing and case-management service model for young adults who left the custody of an Ohio Public Children Service Association (PCSA) at 18 years old, and remain eligible until age 21.

**2018**

Happy 45th anniversary!!



Secretariat won  
the Kentucky Derby



Free Bird, by Lynyrd  
Skynyrd, was at the top  
of the music charts

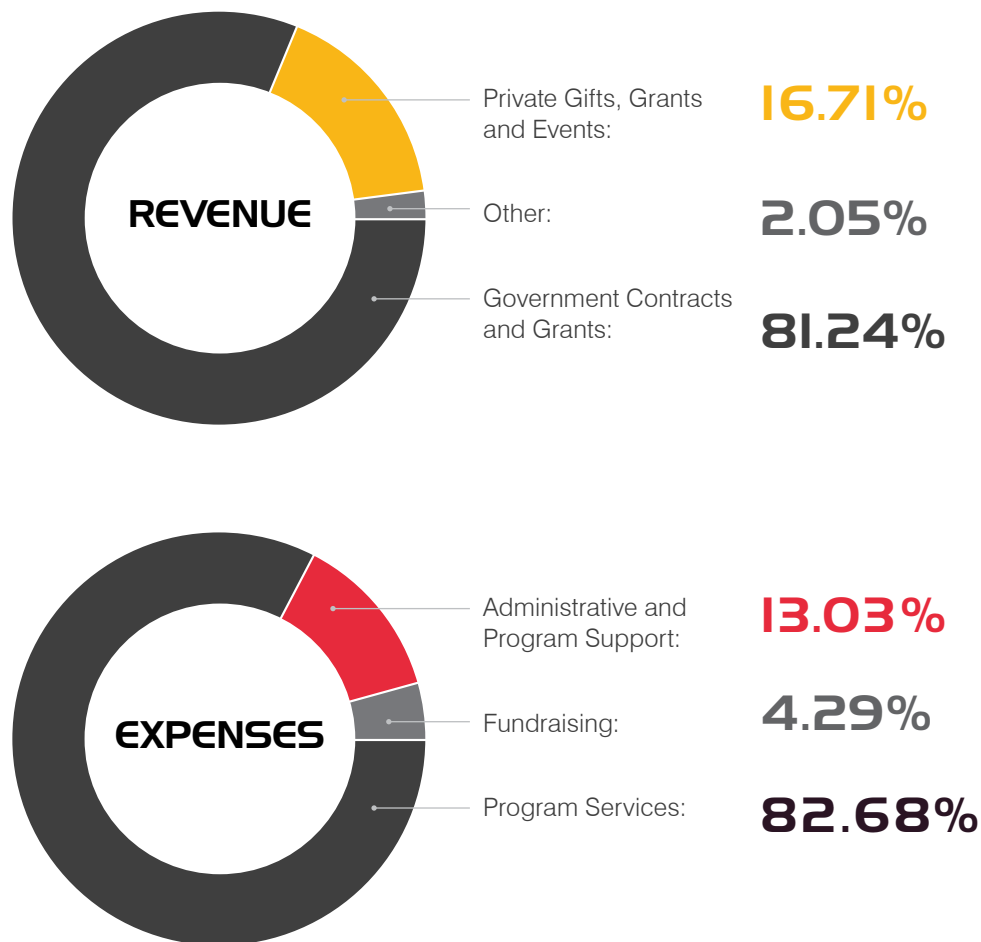


American Graffiti was  
playing on the big screen



# Financials

JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018



*Percentages reported as of June 30, 2018.*

# Volunteer Involvement

Pathway relies on a dedicated group of volunteers who enhance our programs and mentor Pathway children and teens. Our volunteers offer a special skill set that allows them to relate and empathize with our children, promoting trust and healing.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please contact Deborah Garrett, Pathway Volunteer and Donor Services Director.

Deborah Garrett  
dgarrott@pathwaycfc.org  
or 330-818-0416.

## Volunteer Hours

JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

**146**  
VOLUNTEERS

**1,351**  
TOTAL HOURS



### KAITLYN JUSTICE

Pathway TRUST Camp Volunteer



It has been really amazing to see each camper's progression throughout the week. From the first day when each was filled with anxiety and frustrations, to now where they have all been through a lot of activities together. Through this, the teens are friends and know they can trust one another. For me, I've been so moved and have grown a lot myself from this experience. My role has just been to listen and get to know each teen. It has been so rewarding to be able to build these lasting relationships.



*Volunteer Kaitlyn Justice and  
Pathway Case Manager  
Saylor Lykins*

# *Our Collaborations*

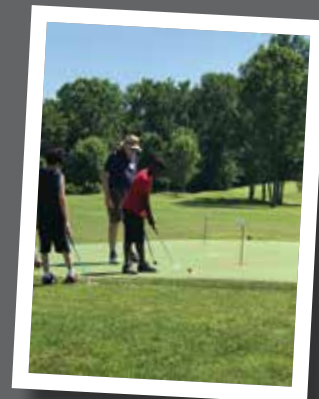
Pathway partners with several organizations in an effort to best serve and meet the needs of our community.



Through our partnership with ArtsinStark, Pathway children have had the opportunity to participate in collaborative murals, painting, mosaic tile work, wool needle felting and music production. Creating and utilizing art therapy can unlock ideas, thoughts, feelings and beliefs that can be powerful tools in the healing process.

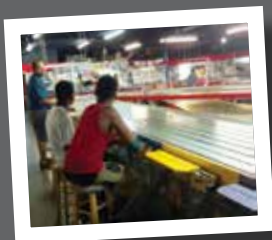


Pathway has formed ongoing programming with The First Tee of Canton to introduce Pathway children and teens to the game of golf. Pathway children develop values such as honesty and respect, and build character and leadership skills as they are challenged to take opportunities to improve upon and mature these values within themselves.





Hannah's House 119 is an organization focused on providing mentoring relationships for at risk youth. Volunteer mentors from BRAVE Group (Building Relationships through Activities, Volunteering and Education) have faithfully formed relationships with Pathway teens by participating in fun activities and community involvement. Pathway therapists and case managers support Hannah's House by assisting with groups for young mothers and teen girls where healthy relationships, life skills and coping skills are discussed.



Sitting on the Southeast end of Canton, The Martin Center acts as a community hub for agencies to provide support and necessary services. Pathway staff are onsite at The Martin Center three nights per week offering mental health counseling and case management services. By cultivating a trusted presence with the teens and surrounding community, several opportunities and relationships have formed.



Whispering Grace Horses rescues horses in need, and trains them to therapeutically work with children and families. Whispering Grace Horses provides an opportunity for Pathway children, therapists and case managers to immerse themselves in a peaceful and rejuvenating environment. It is a place where Pathway children and teens find connection and unconditional acceptance, opening the door for emotional healing.





# Staff Serving 20+ Years

## Velma Bridges

Co-founder

34 years

## Wendy Tracy

Executive Director

25 years

## Cathy Burkes

Administration Support Specialist

27 years

## Paula Gates

Post-Adoption and  
Kinship Services Director

29 years

## Ed Herman

Foster Care Case Manager

35 years

## LaDonna Jackson

Finance Controller

27 years

## Patricia Lott

Recruitment Director

23 years

## Tracy Roberts

Licensing, Operations,  
and Support Services Director

27 years

## Kirsten Wilson

Licensing Specialist

26 years



*Velma*



*Wendy*



*Cathy*



*Paula*



*Ed*



*LaDonna*



*Patricia*



*Tracy*



*Kirsten*

# *Celebrating 45 Years*



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# *You've Got the Right Guy!*

## MIKE, DEIRDRE, AND JACOB SALOIS



*Deirdre, Jacob, and Mike*

Coming to the conclusion that regret and wondering “what if?” was not an option, Mike and Deirdre Salois began the conversation surrounding adoption. Mike and Deirdre enrolled in foster care pre-service classes through the county and were licensed and approved to be an adoptive home. Filled with anticipation, the wait was on to welcome a child into their family. However, doubt started to creep into the Salois’ minds after setbacks and unforeseen circumstances were placed in their way with a couple foster children.

The back and forth heartache of not permanently keeping a child was too much. If a match with a child was not made by the end of 2012, Mike and Deirdre were prepared to make the decision to remove themselves from the adoption journey. Timing is everything. In December of 2012, Mike and Deirdre received the

call for Jacob. Jacob was officially adopted in November of 2013, which is now warmly referred to as “Family Day” and is celebrated each year in the Salois household.

At the tender age of four years old, the Salois’ were Jacob’s fifth and final home. Coming from abuse and neglect, experiencing domestic violence as an infant, and constant change left Jacob skeptical and confused about Mike and Deirdre being his permanent family. Screaming outbursts, aggressive hitting, stealing and stubbornness made everyday tasks difficult for

this strong-willed little boy. After an insurance shift with Mike’s work and little progress made with a different therapist, he and Deirdre were determined to find counseling and therapy that would work. This is when they gave Pathway a call.

Jacob began connecting with a Pathway therapist, but the progress would still fluctuate. Deirdre recalled, “I just didn’t know how much more I could take.” Mike and Deirdre realized that “typical” parenting techniques were not making any impact and opted to begin Pathway’s Family Empowerment sessions to learn Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). TBRI stresses that in order to bring about deep healing for children from hard places, parents and professionals alike must be attuned and connected to the child. Forming trust in the simplest tasks of everyday life helps to create a growing and lasting connection. After the first Family Empowerment session, Mike and Deirdre were given a set of TBRI strategy notecards. They came back the next week having read every single one. Being so willing to try, TBRI opened

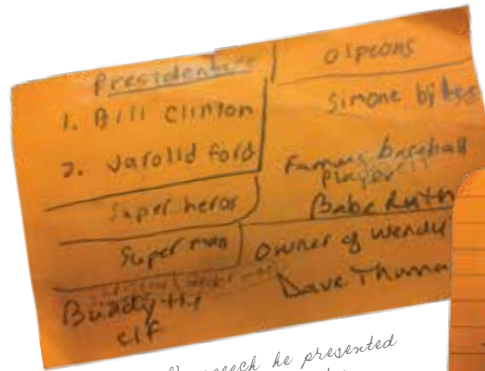


an opportunity for communication and trust between Jacob and his parents. Understanding why Jacob was sensitive to touch when he was upset, knowing how to work through behaviors instead of just stopping them for the present, giving choices, and realizing the underlying trauma in Jacob's behaviors were groundbreaking turning points for the Salois family.

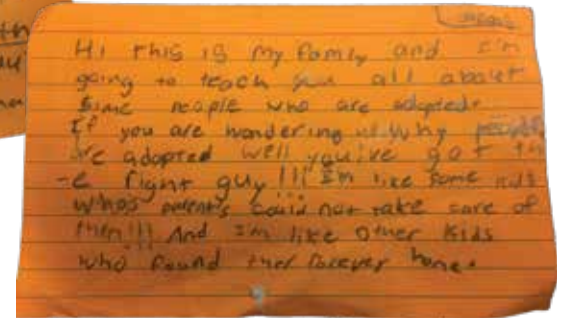
Jacob, an artistic and charming 9-year-old, finished 3rd grade with no red warnings on the classroom behavior chart or major behavior issues the entire school year! He even had the opportunity to invite Mike and Deirdre, his "mystery guests", to help share his adoption story with his classmates. Posing the question to his peers, "If you are wondering why people are adopted," Jacob followed up with the proud statement, "Well you've got the right guy!" Jacob knows who his family is and feels a sense of importance and meaning in knowing he is adopted.

We are honored to be part of the Salois Family's lifelong adoption journey. Pathway's post-adoption and kinship support groups offer a

foundation to build healthy, trusting family relationships and are open to all adoptive and kinship families. Our goal is to promote and empower permanent support systems among the children, families and community members we serve.



*Jacob's speech he presented to his classmates*



“I'M LIKE OTHER KIDS WHO FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOME.”

*Jacob Salois*



# Love is the Answer

## JIM AND KRISTI KADLECEK FAMILY

“Appendage” is how he was described. Something that was merely added. He was fed and housed, but never bonded, never part of a family. This was the word Pathway foster parents Jim and Kristi Kadlecěk read on the county report as they were asked to bring Bobby, a 6-year-old foster child, into their home.

Having fostered and adopted two teens before having children of their own, Jim and Kristi were seasoned and experienced when it came to the topic of foster care. There were several challenges and hardships



*Kristi and Jim Kadlecěk*

“YOU MUST BE WILLING TO REALIZE THESE ARE WOUNDED CHILDREN. LOVE IS THE ANSWER, BUT LOVE IS HARD WORK.”

*Kristi Kadlecěk*

endured in loving these siblings who could not reciprocate conventional love. Fast forward, and Jim and Kristi have grown their family with six children of their own. After interning with Pathway in the advancement department, the Kadlecěk’s second eldest birth child, Karli, urged her parents to consider fostering once again. As a family, the Kadlecěks sat down to discuss what it would be like to open their home to children in need. Jim and Kristi felt the call and the verse “Unto the least of these” was continually brought to their attention. Although some doubt and hesitation was expressed, they reassured their children that their core family unit was the focus.





Kristi recalls explaining to her family, "You must be willing to realize these are wounded children. Love is the answer, but love is hard work."

In the Spring of 2017, Jim and Kristi received the call about Bobby. Heartbreaking circumstances marked Bobby's past; a mother who chose to keep her two other children over him, living in different states and foster homes with no sense of passing time, and looking at the world with distrust and scrutiny.

After a short amount of time of being in the Kadlecsek's home, Bobby began to be very destructive, not only to things, but to other people. Explosive tantrums and rages, spitting and biting, and endlessly testing the willpower of authority until they gave into his whims. Jim, Kristi, and their two youngest birth children, Leah and Silas, were in the trenches. Kristi shared, "When you're in it, it just feels like it's not going to improve. We began to feel like we were in over our heads." After a nerve-racking and escalating situation while on the way to a Pathway counseling session, Pathway staff rallied around Kristi and Jim to offer more wraparound support. Consistent respite was established to give both the Kadleceks and Bobby a change

of scenery and much-needed opportunities to come back rejuvenated. Pathway also provided mentorship and further education on TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention). This trauma informed parenting method is a family-based intervention designed for children who have experienced relationship-based traumas, such as multiple foster homes, in order to reform trust and connection.

Kristi describes Bobby as one of the most perceptive and intuitive people she has ever met. "Bobby is a survivalist constantly assessing a room and questioning everything before making any decisions." TBRI radically changed the way Kristi and Jim were interacting with Bobby and they began to see progress. A true turning point was when Kristi and Jim shifted their parenting and realized Bobby's perspective: it can be scary when people are trying to love you after you've had so much hurt and disappointment in your past. Bobby began to realize he was part of the Kadlecsek family, and the attachment was blossoming. He was trusting that he was included and did not have to be so guarded.

Kristi expressed, "He is a sponge, soaking up everything and has grown leaps and bounds." Now a rambunctious 7-year-old, Bobby

loves to play basketball. He confides in Leah and has stepped into the little brother role with Silas. The whole family has truly been all in, and Jim and Kristi are confident that "Bobby was meant to come here and God's timing was perfect."

There are over 15,000 Ohio children in foster care. The time is now to be a foster parent, and according to Kristi Kadlecsek, "It is time well spent." Pathway staff provides all of the training and support you, as the foster parent, will need to provide love, guidance, discipline and stability for the children you welcome into your home.

To learn more, please contact Patricia Lott, Pathway Recruitment Director.

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**330-818-0444**  
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# Trust Camp 2018

"DO WHAT THEY THINK YOU CAN'T DO."

46 campers. 15 staff, interns and volunteers. Five days in the great outdoors. One unforgettable experience.

When you bring together teens of all different backgrounds and put them in an unfamiliar environment well beyond comfort zones, you're never really fully prepared for what's to come. The unexpected keeps everyone on their toes, but it is also what gives the greatest reward. It's a revitalizing and therapeutic experience where peers rally around each other, fears are conquered, unbreakable bonds are formed and inner strength is found.

Pathway teens chose 2018's TRUST Camp motto to be "Do what they think you can't do." 'They' – an overarching term used to describe the cards stacked against these campers. Whether it be internal fears and doubts, external obstacles beyond control, or the societal perception of not being able to rise above unfavorable circumstances, 'they' would be faced head-on.

## Zach's Story

'They' had given Zach a hard time before. Not quite fitting in, hearing

hurtful comments in the halls and having to leave a previous summer camp early due to the taunting of other peers. As much as Pathway staff prepare to avoid and mitigate any issues that may arise, there are still problems that are not able to be resolved easily. The root of the trouble causing Zach to feel excluded had been removed, but he still had a choice to make. Hoping Zach would finish the week, Pathway staff talked to him about the choice to stay or leave. Zach made the self-assured decision to stay because he had made friends and was having a great experience. These positives outweighed the negative interactions that could have made him want to leave. As the week continued, he grew more excited for each new opportunity. As Zach was packing up to return home, he said, "I appreciate each



of you. You supported me and helped me. And I finished the week!" That was what mattered – finishing the week strong! After camp, Zach's mom told his Pathway therapist that she saw a changed young man. His positive attitude and confidence has continued beyond the week of camp and impacted other areas of his life.

## Jack's Story

Although filled with anxiety and caution, 'they' did not get the best of Jack as he entered his first year of TRUST Camp. Everything was new; knowing only his sister and brother at camp, riding a horse, mustering up the willpower to cross a rope bridge 25 feet in the air, petting a bull python – each came with a new

“ I APPRECIATE EACH  
OF YOU. YOU SUPPORTED  
ME AND HELPED ME. AND  
I FINISHED THE WEEK! ”

*Zach*



challenge to face. Though horses are gentle creatures, their sheer stature is intimidating. Jack was not looking forward to his group's time with the horses. He hesitated to even step foot in the barn. Through encouragement, support and talking through his hesitations, Jack eventually walked in the barn. He slowly moved toward the mount, with Pathway staff walking alongside of him the entire way. He initially refused to pet Shiloh, the gentle giant saddled in front of him. Pathway therapist, Catherine Chudakoff, stood with him, meeting him where he was at, both physically and therapeutically. With time and feeling surrounded by support, Jack took a deep breath and swung his leg over to sit on Shiloh. Pure joy exuded from his smile. Jack more than succeeded as he sat with pride atop that beautiful horse!

The next day's agenda held the ropes courses for Jack's group. Jack walked up the steps, but quickly came back down with fear in his heart and tears in his eyes. Jack's sister was also at the ropes course with her group and encouraged

Jack to give it a try. "But it's so high," he told her. Jack intently watched his peers navigate their ways through the elements. It was evident that Jack was reconsidering his decision from the ground. Pathway Mental Health Director, Marcie Girdlestone, approached him and asked if he might want to simply put on a harness. Just before she finished her question, he was running back to be fitted with one. As Jack came back to the woods, his entire group, peers who he hadn't met before this week, began cheering and applauding with anticipation. Jack couldn't hold back his smile. Heart pounding and legs shaking, Jack climbed up the stairs to begin. Shouts of encouragement filled the air as Jack stepped out on the narrow rope. Traversing that 40 yards of rope was simultaneously terrifying and awe-inspiring! Emotion came pouring out as Jack climbed down to solid ground. Therapy intern, Q, celebrated with Jack for challenging his fears. He looked Jack in the eye with pride, validating the inner strength that he had just displayed. Chatter and excitement filled the vans heading back to camp. Above the noise one young man named Owen looked over the

“BUT HOW ABOUT MY BOY JACK? YOU ROCKED THAT!”

*Owen*

seat and said, “But how about my boy Jack? You rocked that!” Owen extended his hand for a smooth handshake with Jack who was beaming ear to ear. “Do what they think you can't do.” And indeed, Jack did.

These campers proved to themselves and others that they can, in fact, do that which ‘they’ and others thought they could not. These stories are what make TRUST Camp a special, impactful week. The unforgettable memories and accomplishments stretch far beyond those five days.

We extend our gratitude to Lydia Fach Photography for donating time and talents to capture TRUST Camp!  
[www.lydiafach.com](http://www.lydiafach.com)

# Donate Today

Pathway Caring for Children provides hope and healing for the broken hearts and minds of our children and their families. Will you please join us in our mission?

Your donation makes it possible for Pathway to rescue children by placing them in loving, supportive foster homes.

Your support helps nurture children through our adoption and mental

health counseling by meeting them in their struggles and giving each child hope.

Your gift enhances one-on-one mentoring services for children and teens.

Your contribution assists teens with independent skills that prepares them for life on their own when they turn 18 years old and leave foster care.

## THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Questions about donating to Pathway? Contact Pathway Community Engagement Director, Carol Hawk.

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# Our Services

- FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING
- FOSTER CARE SERVICES PLACEMENT, SUPPORT AND RESPITE
- POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT AND KINSHIP SERVICES
- SUPPORT SERVICES
- TRANSITIONAL-AGE SERVICES FOR TEENS
- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS AND FAMILIES
- SCHOOL-BASED THERAPY SERVICES



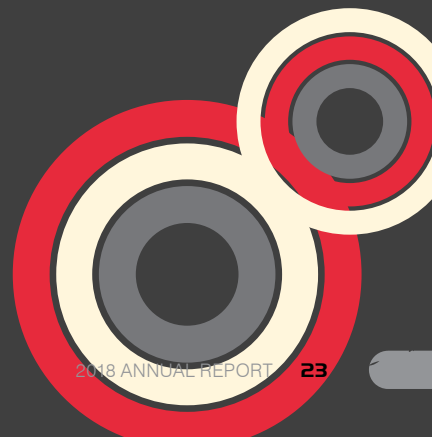
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## Accreditations

Pathway is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Pathway is funded in part by United Way of Greater Stark County, and is a Stark Mental Health Addiction Recovery provider. Pathway is also a member of the Ohio Children's Alliance.



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