

Family Focused

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Family Services

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One hundred and forty years ago, Dominican Sister, Mother Mary Ann Sammon established what is known today as Saint Dominic's Family Services (SDFS). From its early beginnings as an orphanage in 1878, SDFS has grown into a multi-faceted social services agency that continues to meet the challenges of the communities we serve with compassion and dignity. As needs arose, SDFS has met the call, whether it be a nurturing residential environment for individuals with developmental disabilities, therapeutic learning opportunities or community based care coordination for those with mental health challenges. We are honored to be here for future generations in need.

Dear Friends,

In 2018, Saint Dominic's Family Services celebrated its 140th Anniversary. It was quite a milestone and one which gave us great pause to reflect on where the organization began and how it flourishes today as one of the area's oldest continuously run family-centered professional social services provider. We recognized and paid homage to those who committed their lives to helping those served by Saint Dominic's Family Services and engaged all of our family in the celebration.

We pride ourselves in providing compassionate care to those we serve so they may reach their greatest potential. Our 140th Anniversary provided an opportunity to unify us in our purpose, our place and our principles. This is what makes Saint Dominic's Family Services what it is and why it is admired by so many.

Through funding and generous support, our multi-faceted agency meets the challenges of the communities we serve by providing family-focused care through empowering people, preserving families and inspiring hope. We are pleased to share in this Annual Report some of our highlights and our fiscal stewardship in 2018.



Respectfully,

Judith D. Kydon

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M.A., M. E.d.
President & CEO

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First opened as Saint Joseph Orphan Asylum in then Blauveltville, NY to help neglected and homeless children from NYC

1881

School opened to serve the children



1883

The first cottage-type dormitories were constructed

491

CHILDREN ARE IN FOSTER CARE AND FAMILY SEPARATION PREVENTION PROGRAMS

122

CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL AND UPK

115

CHILDREN IN THERAPEUTIC K-12 SCHOOL

2,259 SERVED IN 2018



WE HELP OVER 1,273

CHILDREN MANAGE EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS IN OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

107

ADULTS IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENCES/SUPPORTED HOUSING

151

PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ARE IN OUR RESIDENTIAL PRGRAMS AND PARTICIPATE IN DAY HABILITATION ACTIVITIES

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1884

The first boy admitted, to prevent family breakup.

1889

Reception Center opened in NYC for Asylum admissions



1890

Institution incorporated as Asylum of the Sisters of Saint Dominic

1926

Began to place children in family foster homes in the Bronx



Foster Care & Prevention

Through our Family Foster Care program, we provide an avenue to bring stability to the lives of children who have survived neglect, abuse or abandonment. Every case is unique and we put the well-being of the child first. Reuniting families where possible is the desired outcome, but finding a loving and supportive foster family when not is of most importance. Family Foster

Care is extremely complex. That's why we also provide essential health and mental health services to assist children with varying levels of need. Family Connections Preventive Services Program is designed to strengthen families and keep children safe by working on change-focused interventions to overcome the challenges that threaten their ability to stay together.



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1942
Social Services
Department
organized

1954
Foster Home
Department
established with
adoption included

1959
Mental Health
Department
formalized for
children in care
with behavioral and
mental health needs

1960
New school built for
children in care



1962
Agency incorporated
as Saint Dominic's
Home

Developmental Disabilities

Saint Dominic's Family Services has a decades long history in providing homes for individuals with developmental disabilities, from young adults to seniors, in the most inclusive settings possible. Our residential programs provide 24-hour care and work with each person to develop skills to reach their fullest potential. We believe everyone deserves dignity and self-respect and is provided the safety and assurance

to live a healthy and productive life. Day Habilitation and residential programs offer an array of learning activities and community outings to further individuals' abilities at their own pace. Various person-centered activities include: independent living skills, job skills, volunteerism, recreation, exercise and arts. Service Coordination is also available to assist those in our residences and at home in the community.



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1967

Opened Bronx foster care office to provide more community services for children and families

1969-2006

Over the span of 37 years, nine group homes were established for emotionally challenged adolescents. In 2006, the remaining group homes transitioned to residences for individuals with developmental disabilities



1975

Sammon Health Center opens as comprehensive medical and therapeutic center to serve children in care. (Terrence Cardinal Cooke provides blessing)

1975-2006

Temporary Emergency Care for Adolescents in Rockland (TECAR) group home opened, later expanded care to region and became a psychiatric diagnostic center

Adult Mental Health

Mental health issues continue to be at critical levels in today's society, but the good news is in many cases it can be managed with the right care and support. Our Adult Mental Health programs help those challenged by mental illness to live in the most independent community settings possible. Individuals in our

Community Residences are assisted in group housing with counseling, medication management and other life skills to maintain good mental health and avoid hospitalizations. The Supported Housing program allows individuals to live in their own homes in the community, with services as needed.



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1979

School transitioned to 853 school for emotionally and developmentally challenged children



1979

Accepted seven unaccompanied minors from Vietnam in response to refugee crisis



1980-2006

Over the span of 26 years, 23 residences were established and remain for adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities



1983

Child Welfare Prevention Program opens in the Bronx

Children's Care Coordination

Our Children's Care Coordination programs help children aged 5 to 21 manage serious emotional and behavioral disorders at home with their families. Case management services enable children to be cared for in the community, avoiding hospitalization and residential treatment. Our programs work intensely

with the child and their family, as well as teachers and other professionals, to tailor the supports and services necessary for the child to recover and succeed.



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1984-1993

Over the span of nine years, three Community Residences were established and remain open for adults with mental health challenges

1992

TORCH (To Reach Children) therapeutic nursery opens, serving children with developmental delays



1994

Supported Housing Program for adults established in Rockland County



1996

Community-Based Services established for children with severe emotional or behavioral challenges in the Bronx

Therapeutic Preschool & Pre-K

Early education makes a big difference in how a child performs throughout their elementary and secondary years. Without it they often begin at a disadvantage and track behind their peers who have had it. This is particularly the case in high-need neighborhoods. Our Therapeutic Preschool and two Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) programs help children in high-need communities in the Bronx prepare for school and beyond. The therapeutic

classes provide a full range of educational and clinical services to children with special needs aged 2.7 to 5 years. The Pre-K programs are full-day for children aged 3 to 5 and include family engagement activities that support children's learning and school readiness. We also operate an evaluation center for children who may be in need of special education services.



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1998

Friends of Saint Dominic's fundraising organization incorporated



1997

Children and Families Empowered (CAFÉ) Program in Rockland assists families with children who have multiple challenges; transitions to Family Support Network in 2017



1998

Two Universal Pre-K Programs open in Bronx

2001

Children's Community-based Services begin in Rockland for children with severe emotional or behavioral challenges

2006

St. Dominic's Alumni Association was incorporated for former children's home residents to stay connected

Therapeutic K-12 School

Education is the key to the future and well-being of all children. It takes a special school to provide the educational foundation for children with social-emotional needs and other conditions such as autism, neurological impairments and learning disabilities. St. Dominic's School is this extraordinary school. It is a Therapeutic Kindergarten-12th grade school dedicated to meeting the academic and social-

emotional needs of extraordinary children. The school serves a diverse population of students who need a higher level of care than a traditional public school can provide. High school students working on their Skills and Achievement Commencement Credentials participate in an employment training program to provide them with hands-on experience to prepare for life after graduation.



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2010

Foster Care Department opens new Family Service Center



2014

TORCH Annex Pre-Kindergarten Program begins in the Bronx



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2017

Name changed to Saint Dominic's Family Services

2017

Home and Community-Based Employment Services introduced for adults



2018

140th Anniversary celebrated

Financials

Fiscal Year January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Through our fiscally responsible oversight, Saint Dominic's Family Services provides the best quality services possible to those in our care so they may flourish and reach their greatest potential.

Revenue and Support

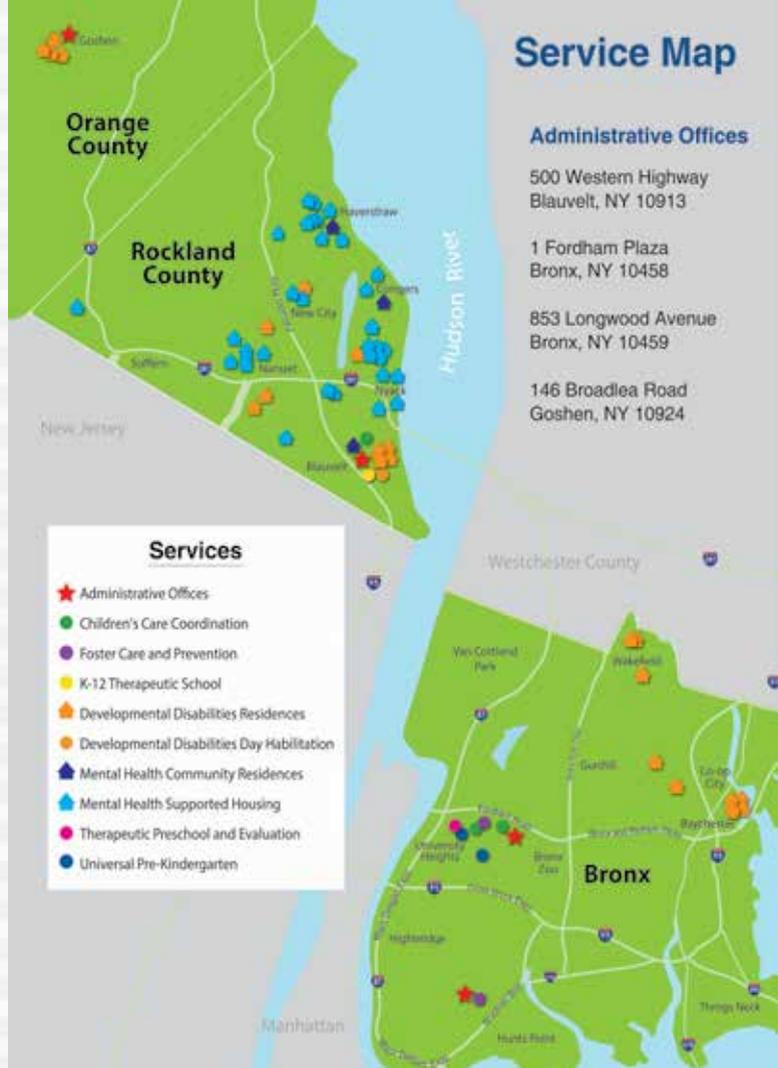
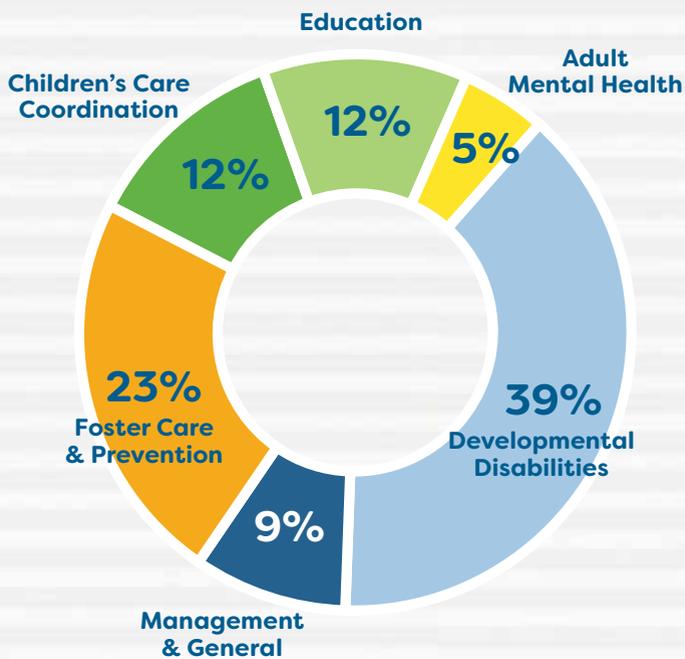
Government Grants, Contracts & Support	\$54,529,943
Private Grants, Contributions & Support	\$1,039,845
Total Revenue and Support	\$55,569,788

Expenses

Children's Care Coordination	\$6,461,833
Foster Care and Prevention	\$13,072,513
Adult Mental Health	\$2,878,592
Developmental Disabilities	\$21,705,120
Education	\$6,540,867
Management & General	\$5,063,576
Total Expenses	\$55,722,501

Total Change in Net Assets	-\$152,713
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of empowering people,
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