



Hope Cottage

# 2022 Impact Report



LOVING FAMILIES GROW HERE

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If there ever was a time supporting families was important, it is now. In 2022, the Hope Cottage board set our strategic direction, seeking to convene nonprofits, businesses and funders to collective action. After executing the launch of the new strategic vision (including a new logo and mission!), **Hope Cottage has had a tremendous year.**

I am **especially proud of our community partnerships.** We launched new services with Brother Bill's Helping Hand, added Jubilee Park's new Parkland Community Clinic, BridgeBuilder's South Dallas Community Market, Vickery Meadows, Community Does It, and Grand Prairie Pregnancy Center. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making these partnerships possible.

Hope Cottage has nurtured strong families and relationships throughout the Dallas community for over 100 years. Because of donors and supporters like each of you, who have helped all of our loving families to grow, **we have exceptional opportunities to meet needs across North Texas.** Our strength has come from our board, staff members and community, but most of all, from the families and children we see every day. I invite you to learn more about Stories of Hope and I **can't wait to see what we will achieve together next year.**

Sincerely,  
Andrea Carter



# FROM THE CEO



Our **mission** is to transform lives with the love of family through adoption, foster care, education and parenting support.

Our **vision** is a safe, loving family for everyone.

For more than 100 years, Hope Cottage has nurtured loving families in all their forms - because they are the essential links to a strong future for all of us.

## MISSION AND VISION

In March 2022, I felt deeply honored to be chosen to lead Hope Cottage, given its extensive history of service to Dallas families. I was thrilled by our commitment to **providing a safe and loving family for everyone**. The scope of this vision empowers us to dream big—such a great gift!

It has been my privilege to work with our dedicated team, whose members embody the spirit of Hope Cottage by helping to grow healthy, loving families. Together, we reimagined how we delivered services, so we could **help more clients**. We **expanded our services** in partner facilities, providing Hope Cottage's unique support for families. This increased our reach without greatly expanding our costs or infrastructure. Our parenting support department has already seen dramatic growth from these changes. We added kinship services to foster care. We continue to expand our educational offerings. In June of 2023, we will announce an exciting new program that will provide additional services to expectant mothers and contribute to healthier families in our community.

None of this was possible without our amazing staff, our community partners, our committed board leaders, and our loyal donors and friends. The transformative collective vision of these stakeholders laid the groundwork for our expanded community services. With all of your support, Hope Cottage will continue to flourish as a place where loving families, nourished by our re-energized and adaptive services, grow. **Thank you for your dedication** to our mission and your contributions to our success.

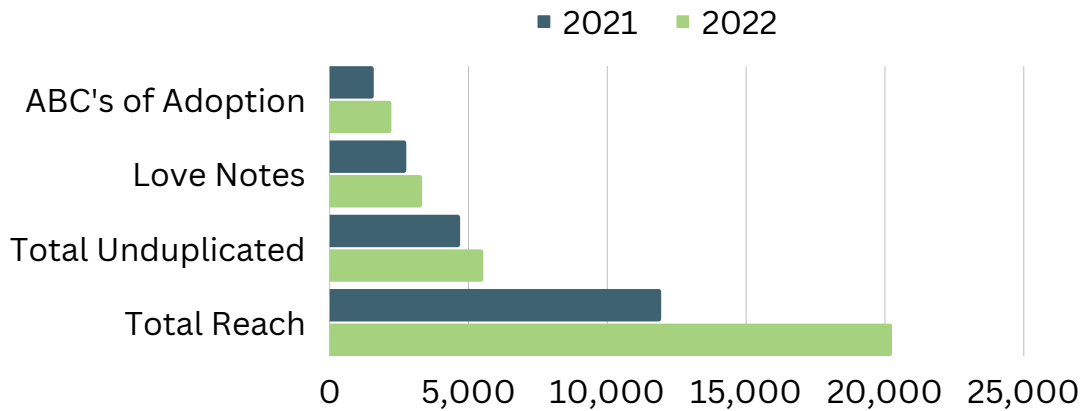
Sincerely,

Stephanie Bohan

80% of students are Very/Moderately likely to use non-violent alternatives during relationship conflict.



# EDUCATION



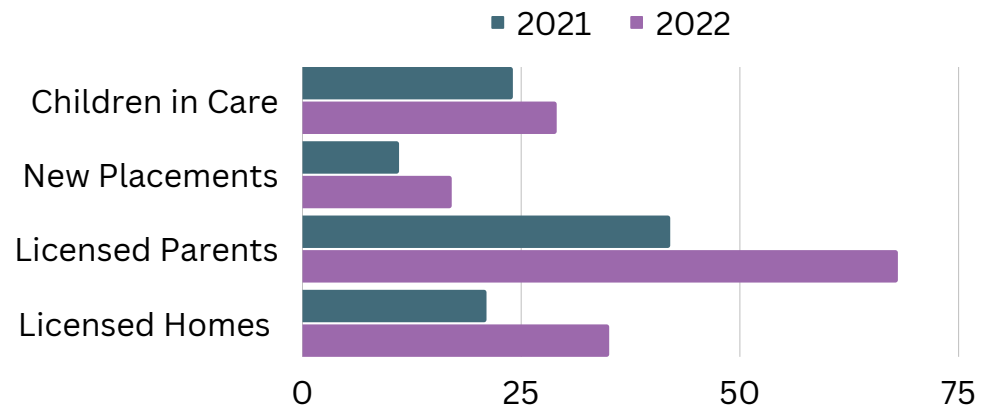
Our Education department focused on audience development, looking at how education could enhance each division at Hope Cottage. Education also invested in outreach to build partnerships, planning for 2023 when fewer ISD's will allow outside programs in schools. Because of this effort, we have seen eleven new partnerships, contributing to a very busy 2022.

# FOSTER CARE



28 Homes with Placements

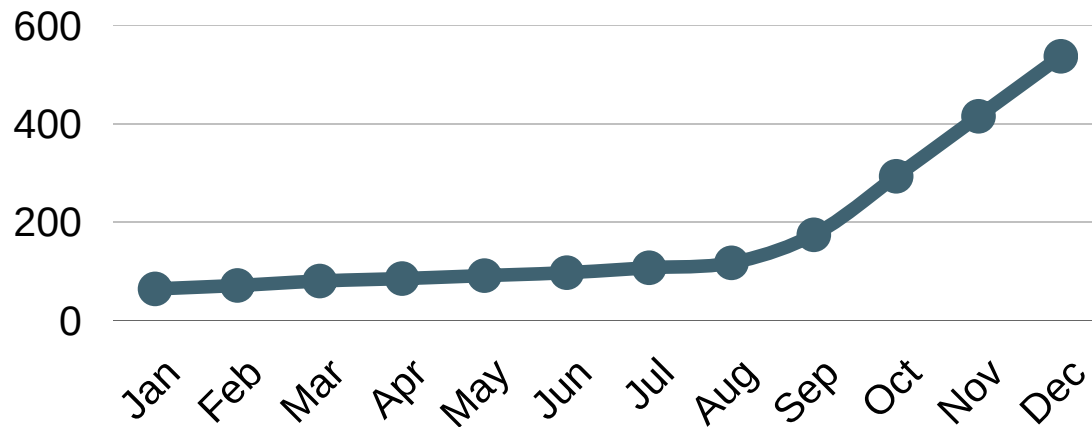
Foster Care facilitated our first kinship placement, signaling the change in focus throughout the foster care system. We anticipate huge growth in this program over the next few years. We negotiated contracts with OCOK and 2Ingage, extending our reach through North Texas, allowing us to serve many more families.



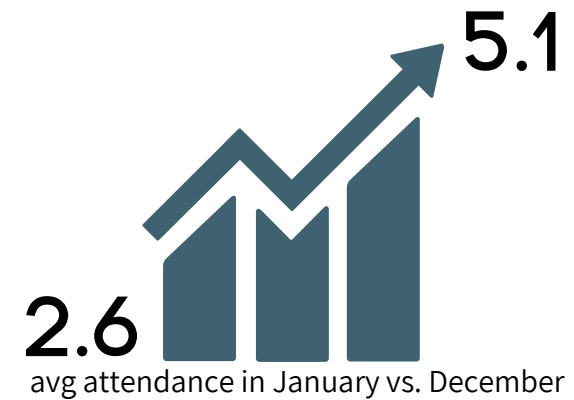


# PARENTING SUPPORT

Parenting Support moved out into neighborhoods. Growth in the last quarter showed that we were delivering a program that helped make families more sustainable and resilient.



**PARENTING CLIENTS (UNDUPLICATED)** Engaging clients at partner locations started in October.



## PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS

Class attendance is rising, efficiently using staff and client time.

# INFANT ADOPTION

**5** infants were placed with loving families

Infant Adoption reassessed the needs of the community post-pandemic, developed and renewed partnerships, and planned for a post-Dobbs future. We are focusing on maternal health in 2023.



"I ADOPTED MY SON JACKSON FROM HOPE COTTAGE IN 2017. I TEACH MEDICAL ASSISTING TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, AND I TALK VERY OPENLY ABOUT MY ADOPTION EXPERIENCE. I MIGHT BE KNOWN FOR SAYING 'ADOPTION IS ALWAYS AN OPTION'.



I WANT THE STUDENTS TO ALWAYS KNOW THAT THERE ARE OPTIONS, WHETHER THEY FIND THEMSELVES PREGNANT SOMEDAY OR STRUGGLE WITH FERTILITY, OR LIKE ME AND JUST CHOSE THAT ADOPTION IS HOW I WANTED TO CREATE MY FAMILY."

Partner Teacher in our Education Program



# IMPACT

"I AM HALF OF A SAME-SEX COUPLE WHO ADOPTED THROUGH HOPE COTTAGE. THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB EDUCATING US, SETTING OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR WHAT "TIMELY" WOULD MEAN BEFOREHAND, AND BEING HONEST ABOUT DIFFICULT INFORMATION.



THEY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND MERE PROFESSIONALISM, WHILE ADHERING TO STRICT ETHICAL STANDARDS REGARDING WHAT WAS BEST FOR OUR CHILD FIRST, THE BIRTH PARENTS SECOND, AND US THIRD (WHICH IS JUST AS IT SHOULD BE!). I CAN'T RECOMMEND THEM HIGHLY ENOUGH TO EXPECTANT MOTHERS CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR THEIR CHILD, OR TO STRAIGHT, GLBT, AND SINGLE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS."

Kimberly Davis, Adoptive parent

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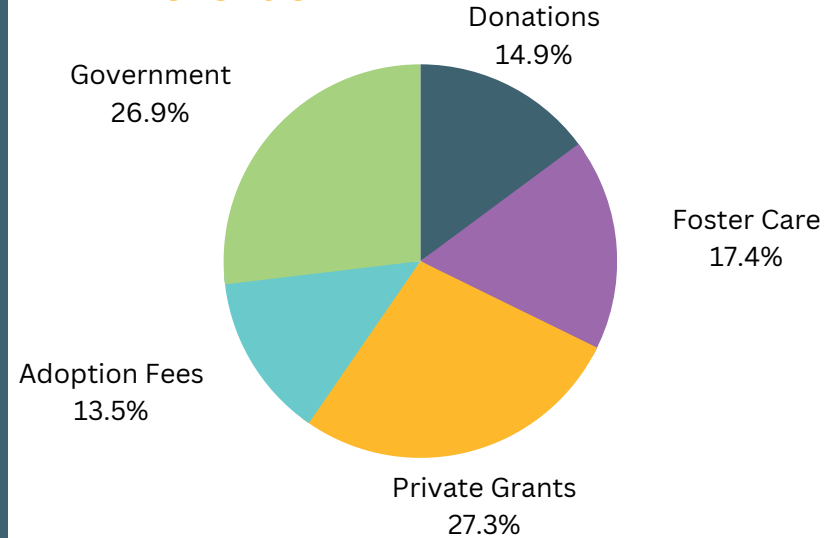
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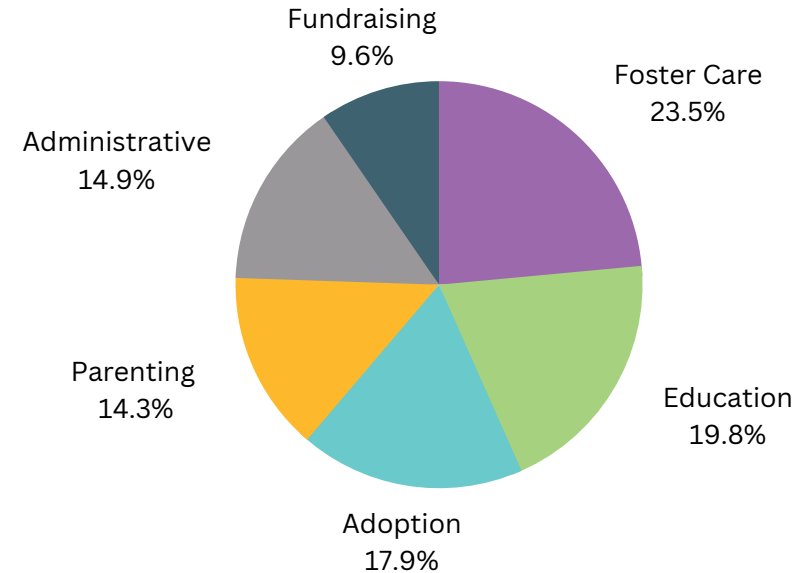
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--Marilee Babler

