For 98 years, the Italian Home for Children provides a home for children who have experienced significant trauma, an education for children with special needs, and state-of-the-art in-home services to children and families. It is our belief that every child deserves a happy and safe childhood.

MISSION
Italian Home for Children provides an integrated network of powerful and effective programs to help children and families with emotional, behavioral, and educational challenges thrive in their communities.

VISION
At Italian Home for Children, we are creating communities where all children, adults, and families are embraced and empowered to reach their full potential.

Recently, Italian Home for Children has expanded our programs allowing our dedicated staff to work beyond our Jamaica Plain and East Freetown campuses.

This year’s annual report highlights the advancement of the Children’s Behavioral Health Initiatives and the people who are making a difference for each child, every day.
One day just a few weeks ago I walked by our largest conference room and noticed a meeting that literally had standing room only. Taking a closer look I saw that it was our outreach staff—clinicians who do in-home clinical therapy, mentors who provide counseling and support, and paraprofessionals who help families reach their goals. Later that day, maybe 4 o’clock or so, I decided to go by and say hi to this amazing group of staff. I went over to their area, but when I got there I found the offices and meeting rooms completely empty. For a moment I wondered whether I was mistaken that the meeting I had seen earlier was this group.

IT QUICKLY DAWNED ON ME that the staff who had squeezed into a fairly large room earlier in the day were now out in the community, helping a whole lot of children and families. They were in all parts of Boston and some surrounding communities, and some were down in the southeastern part of the state.

For close to 100 years Italian Home has received accolades for the great work we do on our campuses, but at that moment I realized the incredible reach we have now, helping some of the most vulnerable in our community where they live. Over the next year we are planning to grow our outreach programs to serve more children in more ways than ever before, though we’ll probably have to start using our gym for their staff meetings!

Michael A. Papile
Chairman of the Board

CEO, Italian Home for Children
Community Based Acute Treatment Program (CBAT)
Our co-ed Community-Based Acute Treatment program (CBAT) is a 24/7 hospital diversion service that provides stabilization and comprehensive assessment services for children, ages 4-12. This program provides care for children with a wide range of diagnoses and backgrounds including emotional, learning, and behavioral concerns as well as autism spectrum and/or cognitive limitations. Each child participates in an intensive short-term program of individual, family, group, and milieu therapy as well as daily educational tutoring and ongoing medication management. Other services are often utilized including sensory integration, occupational therapy, expressive arts therapy, and nursing. The average length of stay is 7-10 nights. Imbedded in the CBAT are Transitional Care Unit (TCU) beds for children who no longer meet hospital level of care but whose disposition plan is not yet finalized. The average length of stay is 30-45 days in TCU.

Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) Therapeutic Mentoring
Therapeutic Mentoring (TM) is an individual service for youth (ages 3-20) who need a mentor to help them generalize the skills they are learning from their therapist into community settings. For example, mastering communication skills, enhancing the ability to make friends, and addressing day-to-day challenges like how to handle conflict. The Therapeutic Mentor brings a child to locations that are very natural for them but sometimes faced with challenges such as making friends at the park, following directions at dance class, minimizing conflict during a basketball game at the YMCA. The Therapeutic Mentor is part of a team of providers dedicated to wraparound services and treatment planning for a child's best possible development.

In-Home Behavioral Services
In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS) is a team approach that works with youth (ages 3-20) and their family to resolve conflict and decrease concerning behavior, while teaching the family techniques that lead to more positive behaviors and independence that are sustained throughout their lifetime. Some of the concerning behaviors are aggression, self-injury, and non-compliance, and the skills learned help to break down communication barriers, increase independence, foster socialization, and enrich family cohesion. The team of masters level professionals and paraprofessionals also work closely with other providers involved in the child’s care through team meetings and constant communication.

In-Home Therapy
In-Home Therapy (IHT) is a team approach that works with youth (ages 3-20) and their family to increase their ability to provide effective support for their child, and to promote healthy functioning within the family. Upon graduating from this program, children often report feeling more in control and happier while caregivers report increased confidence in safety planning and improved family dynamics. The masters level clinicians and paraprofessionals also regularly speak with the child’s other providers for excellent continuity of care and best outcomes for the child’s well-being.

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Therapeutic After-School, Summer Camp, School Vacation Week Programs
Our out-of-school time programs are therapeutic day services for children ages 4-13. The children attend group therapy and engage in activities that will enhance their therapeutic and academic progress. Our clinicians and child care workers are working with about 12-15 children who have varying needs including emotional and/or behavioral concerns, developmental, cognitive, or learning disabilities, autism, and other mental health issues.
Trevor has been seeing an In-Home Behavioral Team member from Italian Home. A treatment plan was developed to help Trevor manage his behaviors in difficult settings where he felt uneasy and would often use inappropriate language. The staff provided Trevor with tips that help him recognize triggers and de-escalation techniques that he can use and Mom can support him with. Trevor also has a stuffed animal named Snowball of which he has a particular attachment. Staff, Mom and his teachers all recognize that Snowball is therapeutic for Trevor and have added the toy into his treatment.
Kinsey has been seeing a Therapeutic Mentor. Kinsey suffers from impulse control and extreme anxiety so as part of the treatment plan; the mentor helped Kinsey learn to appropriately interact with people outside of her family. Kinsey was having issues with being around other children so to help with that the mentor takes Kinsey to the park, out for treats, to the library all as a way to get her accustomed to being near other children. The mentor is also helping Kinsey to make friends. According to her father, Antoine, “Kinsey loves her mentor and this experience has helped the entire family”.

Italian Home for Children
For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2017

Revenue
Residential Programs 6,903,695
Mary Savioli Pallotta Educational Center 3,481,916
Family & Community Solutions 1,036,260
Community Programs 591,549
Fundraising 1,085,198

Total Revenue 13,098,620

Communities Served:
Belmont, Boston, Brockton, Cambridge, Chelsea,
Dedham, East Freetown, Framingham, Hudson, Lynn,
Malden,Millis, North Attleboro, Quincy, Revere,
Rockland, Somerville, Stoughton, Waltham, Watertown

Client Demographics:
White: 25%
Black/African American: 17%
Hispanic: 51%
Mixed/Other: 7%

*This breakdown is based only off of reported ethnicities
(Only 403 clients had ethnicity data)

Italian Home for Children is very grateful for our generous donors who helped us to raise just over one million dollars between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. For Italian Home for Children's full financials please visit us at italianhome.org.

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For more information on making a planned gift to Italian Home for Children, please contact the Development Office at 617-524-3116.

FY17 Fundraising
$1,085,198

Italian Home for Children and Families, Where They Live
Jennifer enrolled her daughter, Tabby, into the Therapeutic Mentoring program because she was having issues with conflict resolution and problem solving. Tabby was suffering in school and at home with these issues. The mentor worked with Tabby and her family to help her with these issues. The mentor also met with Tabby’s teachers to be sure that they were aware of the situation. According to Tabby, she feels better about herself and likes having the help from her mentor.
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Why We Give: My beloved wife and I reside in Moss Hill, a neighborhood located near Italian Home. We would drive by the campus every day and see the kids playing outside in the playground. One day, she mentioned, “We should give a donation to Italian Home because our kids have everything and these kids need our help.”

We have been donors for over 25 years and I continue to give each year in her memory.

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