



ORCHARD PLACE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





At Orchard Place, healing begins through the united efforts of our three service branches: the Child Guidance Center, PACE Center, and Residential Campus. With compassion and expertise, our mental health professionals walk alongside children and families creating a meaningful and lasting change in their lives.

Thousands of youth, hundreds of healing hands, and every dollar

Developing Strong Futures.

MISSION

Orchard Place provides a safe environment for children and their families to heal, find hope, be empowered, and build resilience to overcome mental health adversity.

VISION

Orchard Place makes a strong and lasting positive impact on the families we serve by providing a safe place, high-quality innovative and culturally responsive care, and a diverse array of research-based mental health programming and support.



2025 FUNDING SOURCES

- Medicaid: 62%
- Insurance: 9%
- Private Pay: 1%
- Other Government Contracts: 17%
- Philanthropy/Other: 5%
- United Way: 3%
- Juvenile Court: 2%
- Schools: 1%

A MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY



The Path Well Taken

History shows us that generosity is the reason Orchard Place continues to bring hope to thousands of children and families each year. Generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners like you, makes it possible for us to help Develop Strong Futures and facilitate healing moments. Moments like when a former client, returns as an adult to share successes and personally thank our therapists who helped them heal. Moments like when a staff member reaches important service milestones and is trained in new ways of helping kids. Moments like when a new community partnership is formed, sustaining and strengthening our ability to enhance our team and serve our clients. Facilitated by generosity, thousands of these moments have unfolded at Orchard Place in the past year. In this time, our team has helped provide 5,500 services to children and their families through programs that promote mental and emotional health. Our multidisciplinary care has changed lives and provided children access to the help they need.

The Challenges

These successes have come in moments of unprecedented challenges. Challenges that will not abate in the times ahead. The needs of our youth are many and complex, and demand for services remains high. The cost of providing services increases annually, along with societal inflationary pressures, yet traditional sources of funding, like Medicaid reimbursement rates (which help the children afford critical services through Orchard Place) have been frozen and stagnated. To put this challenge in perspective, roughly 80% of the children we serve at Orchard Place rely on Medicaid. With demand high, reimbursement rates frozen, and costs increasing, the challenges are unmistakable, yet there is hope. Choosing generosity in these moments of challenge can make all the difference as we strive to create positive futures for the children we serve.

Moments of Choice

This coming year offers countless moments to lead with generosity, and your generosity truly matters, through advocacy, giving, or volunteering. By using your voice in your community and with legislators, and by sustaining or deepening your support for Orchard Place with your time, talent, and resources, you help ensure that every child has access to the mental health care they need and a brighter, healthier future.

The Call

Our past successes inspire us to renewed action in the year ahead. The challenges we face provide a similar call, reminding us of why our mission matters and how much the children and families we serve rely on us. Looking ahead, Orchard Place remains committed to developing our team and our services to continue building strong futures with the children and families we serve. We hope that you too will heed the call and choose to respond with generosity in these moments of challenge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Danos', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Danos, President, Orchard Place Operating Board



“Orchard Place saved my life.” -Elly

HOPE GROWS AT ORCHARD PLACE

When Elly returned to Orchard Place’s Residential Campus, it brought back memories of a time when her life was spiraling out of control. At 13 years old, she was angry, running away, and struggling to survive.

“I ALWAYS SAY IF I DIDN’T GO TO ORCHARD PLACE, THEN I’D EITHER BE DEAD OR IN JAIL.”

Read more about Elly’s journey from adversity to hope and her determination to give back by scanning the QR Code.



A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN HEALING

Orchard Place is incredibly thankful to the EMC Insurance Foundation for their generous \$500,000 gift, an investment that's transforming how our therapists support children and families. This gift has launched a two-part training initiative that's giving therapists new tools and approaches to meet the growing mental health needs in our community.

"This opportunity will provide me with a more holistic approach to all of the children and families I serve in the Des Moines metro," said Jordan Reader, Residential Campus Therapist.



Orchard Place provides more than 5,500 services to children and families in Iowa. That need continues to grow. Staff report an increase in the number of youth entering Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC), with data showing one in five children suffer from serious mental illness. Thanks to EMC's support, therapists are now being trained in Family Systems Therapy and Social Thinking. Both of which are evidence-based approaches that strengthen families and help children develop social competencies.

"This training helps us do our jobs better," said an Orchard Place School Based Therapist. "It gives us the tools and support to provide optimal care and be the best advocates for children that we can be. Plus, it is such an amazing feeling that EMC cares about the work we do."

EMC Insurance Foundation has set a meaningful example of generosity and vision. Together, we can be a part of the solution by supporting the professionals who care for our community's children, helping more families find the path to healing.



EVERY JOURNEY STARTS SOMEWHERE

Children and families come to Orchard Place in many ways, but each path leads to care, safety, and healing.



At Orchard Place, there is no single way to ask for help. Children can be referred through schools, through family concerns, community partners, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), or the Juvenile Court System. However they arrive, our focus remains the same: meeting children where they are at and connecting them to the support they need to heal, find hope, be empowered, and build resilience to overcome mental health adversity.

CARE THAT MEETS CHILDREN WHERE THEY ARE

Orchard Place provides a continuum of mental health services designed to support children and families at every stage of their journey.

Outpatient Services

Providing mental health support to help children succeed emotionally, behaviorally, and academically.

Psychiatric Care

Comprehensive assessments and treatment to address complex emotional and behavioral health needs.

Community Based Services

Helping children build skills and stability at home, in school, and within their community.

Residential Campus

Intensive, structured care for children who need a higher level of support in a safe and therapeutic environment.

Our services are not isolated programs; they are designed to work together. As a child's needs change, care adapts. This flexibility allows Orchard Place to provide the right support at the right time, strengthening outcomes for both children and families.

DANIEL'S ROAD TO HEALING

A journey supported by care, coordination, and connection every step of the way.

The Journey Begins

Daniel was already receiving therapy with Orchard Place Child Guidance Center when concerns about his safety and behaviors increased. His School-Based Therapist worked closely with his parents, helping them understand that a higher level of care might be needed to keep him safe and supported.

Finding the Right Path

With guidance from his therapist, Daniel was referred to Orchard Place Residential Campus. Our Central Intake team answered questions, shared resources, and helped the family navigate the process.

Careful Review & Planning

Once Daniel's admissions application was submitted, Orchard Place's admissions team worked closely with his family and providers. They gathered records, discussed timelines and behaviors, and reviewed Daniel's needs in detail.

Residential Campus Care

Daniel was welcomed to the Residential Campus, where his care team worked together to support his emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs. Each child's placement is thoughtfully considered to ensure the best fit.

Preparing for the Road Ahead

As Daniel's time at the Residential Campus progressed, planning for his next steps began early. His therapist and case manager partnered with his family to create a discharge plan focused on stability and continued growth.

Continuing Support

Before leaving the Residential Campus, Daniel had plans to return back to his School-Based Therapist, and was referred to Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) at Orchard Place PACE Center. Orchard Place's intake teams helped coordinate these transitions ensuring Daniel returned home with a strong support system in place.

THE IMPACT OF CARE

Your support helps children and families find hope, stability, and healing.



More than **5,500 services** provided to youth and families in Iowa.



89% of youth & families stated they were satisfied with the services they received.



2,933 therapeutic services delivered



161 youth served at Residential Campus.



Served over **1,580 individuals** within community based programs

Behind every number is a child, a family, and a story of resilience. Orchard Place's impact is made possible through strong partnerships, dedicated staff, and the generosity of donors committed to mental health care that changes lives.

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Daniel's journey didn't end when he left the Residential Campus it continued with care that followed him home, back to school, and into the community.





LEGACY IMPACT

The Harriet S. and J. Locke Macomber Orchard Place Fund is dedicated to supporting innovative programs that Develop Strong Futures for Iowa youth facing mental and behavioral health challenges. With a deep commitment to charitable giving, the Macomber's established this fund through a \$5 million estate gift, creating a lasting impact on the lives of countless youth. For over 50 years, Harriet and Locke passionately invested in Orchard Place's mission, and their extraordinary generosity ensures that Orchard Place can continue to support youth and families for generations to come.

INVEST IN OUR MISSION TO DEVELOP STRONG FUTURES

Orchard Place is grateful to the many donors who have invested in our mission to provide a safe environment for children and their families to heal, find hope, be empowered, and build resilience to overcome mental health adversity.

Visit www.orchardplace.org/donate-now/ to learn how a gift to Orchard Place can provide hope and healing to youth across Iowa.



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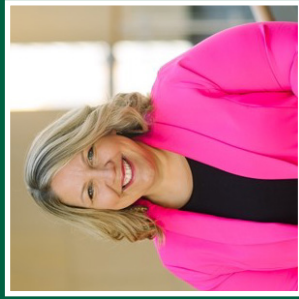
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