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Programs include:

**Abuse and Neglect:** Promoting recovery for girls and boys ages 7-17.

**Achievement Center Program:** Specializing in a structured residential program for young men ages 13-17.

**Day Treatment:** Program for boys and girls ages 11-17 who face challenges in the community, school or home. The six day a week program includes a strong therapeutic component, academics and community service.

**Oxford Crossroads Alternative School:** Utilizing teachers from acclaimed Oxford Community Schools in specialized classrooms for students ages 7-17.

**Re-Entry Program:** Transitioning youth and their families from residential programs at Crossroads for Youth back to their homes and communities.

Every child deserves a chance, regardless of what type of situation they were born into, where they’re from or what health challenges they may face.

For some, they don’t have a place to call home. They don’t have people they can count on. At Crossroads for Youth, we are often the first people in their lives they learn to trust. It’s the first place they build healthy relationships. The first time they receive treatment so they can heal and build upon their hope and resiliency. We show and teach them through therapy they are accepted, appreciated, educated, loved and cared for.

We are all of this and more to more than 200 children treated in 2016. We recognize the need to expand programming to meet the current needs of at-risk youth and to create a more seamless transition into resident care. We actively seek out partnerships that allow Crossroads for Youth residents the chance to experience life through academe, sports and fitness, music, dance and art. In particular, the S.A.Y. Play Detroit Center is now providing our youth opportunities to improve their community, starting with themselves.

Thank you for joining us on our journey and for choosing to support Crossroads for Youth.

— **Marc Porter, M.A., Executive Director, Crossroads for Youth**

— **Ron Reynolds, Chairman, Board of Directors**

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Meet 17-year-old Tommy. Prior to arriving to Crossroads for Youth, Tommy had been placed in over 200 foster care homes since being removed from his biological mother at four-weeks-old. On top of moving from place to place, his extreme medical needs from lower spastic cerebral palsy limited his ability to walk. As a result of severe medical neglect, his legs were at a 60 degree angle bent to the side. Tommy identified Crossroads for Youth as a potential place he could go that may help him … a place he could trust … a place that would give him the chance he needed.

“The magnitude of his medical and physiological needs had to be met by someone he trusted,” said Chris Veihl, clinical director at Crossroads for Youth.

Immediately upon his arrival in December 2015, Tommy and the Crossroads for Youth staff conducted research to determine if surgery was an option to restructure his legs, if Shriners Hospital for Children-Chicago would perform the surgery and if he could recover at the Crossroads for Youth campus. The organization and the chief orthopedic surgeon came to the conclusion that yes, the surgery was possible. Yes, Crossroads for Youth would support Tommy during his recovery. Yes, we would give him a chance.

“He was adamant that if I wasn’t going to be there he wasn’t going through with surgery,” said Chris. “I promised I would be there and that the entire Crossroads for Youth staff and “brothers” would support him. We would all do this together.” And we did.

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“Yeah man, they are. Yes, they really are!” said Chris.

As Chris stated, “Now the real work begins for Tommy.” Tommy was discharged back to Crossroads for Youth in November 2016 after his successful surgery. He will now need to relearn how to walk, rebuild his muscles and complete six to nine months of intensive patient rehab.

Tommy has incredible strength and a resilient spirit. He’s already planning the next phase of his life … attending Oakland University to pursue a career in engineering.

This is the kind of success we strive for, for all children at Crossroads for Youth.

Every child that comes to Crossroads for Youth has a unique story, a different set of challenges and specific individual needs. Regardless of where they came from or what their story is, we do everything in our power to meet their needs…and then some.

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Fiscal year 2016 program highlights

- 162 children were serviced in a residential or day treatment program, based on a foundation of trauma-informed care.
- 100% of parents reported a positive change in their child, in the area of problem solving, after they participated in a Crossroads for Youth program.
- 100% of parents reported that they have seen a positive change in their child’s interactions with family after completing a Crossroads for Youth program.
- 100% of parents and youth reported that they have seen positive life improvements after they finished a Crossroads for Youth program.
- 85% of youth reported that they have earned passing grades throughout their time in a Crossroads for Youth program.
- 100% of youth reported that they have learned new problem-solving skills as a result of their time in a Crossroads for Youth program.
- 85% of youth graduated successfully from the Achievement Center Program.
- 20% of youth in the Achievement Center Program received their High School Diploma/GED certificate while attending the Crossroads for Youth on-grounds school.
- 265 youth participated in the Oakland County Re-Entry Program, a program that assists in reintegrating participants into their homes and communities following residential or day-treatment at Crossroads for Youth.