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## Our Mission

To provide and mobilize the services needed to strengthen families and communities.

## Our Vision

To be widely acknowledged as a major catalyst and resource for promoting family and community strengths.

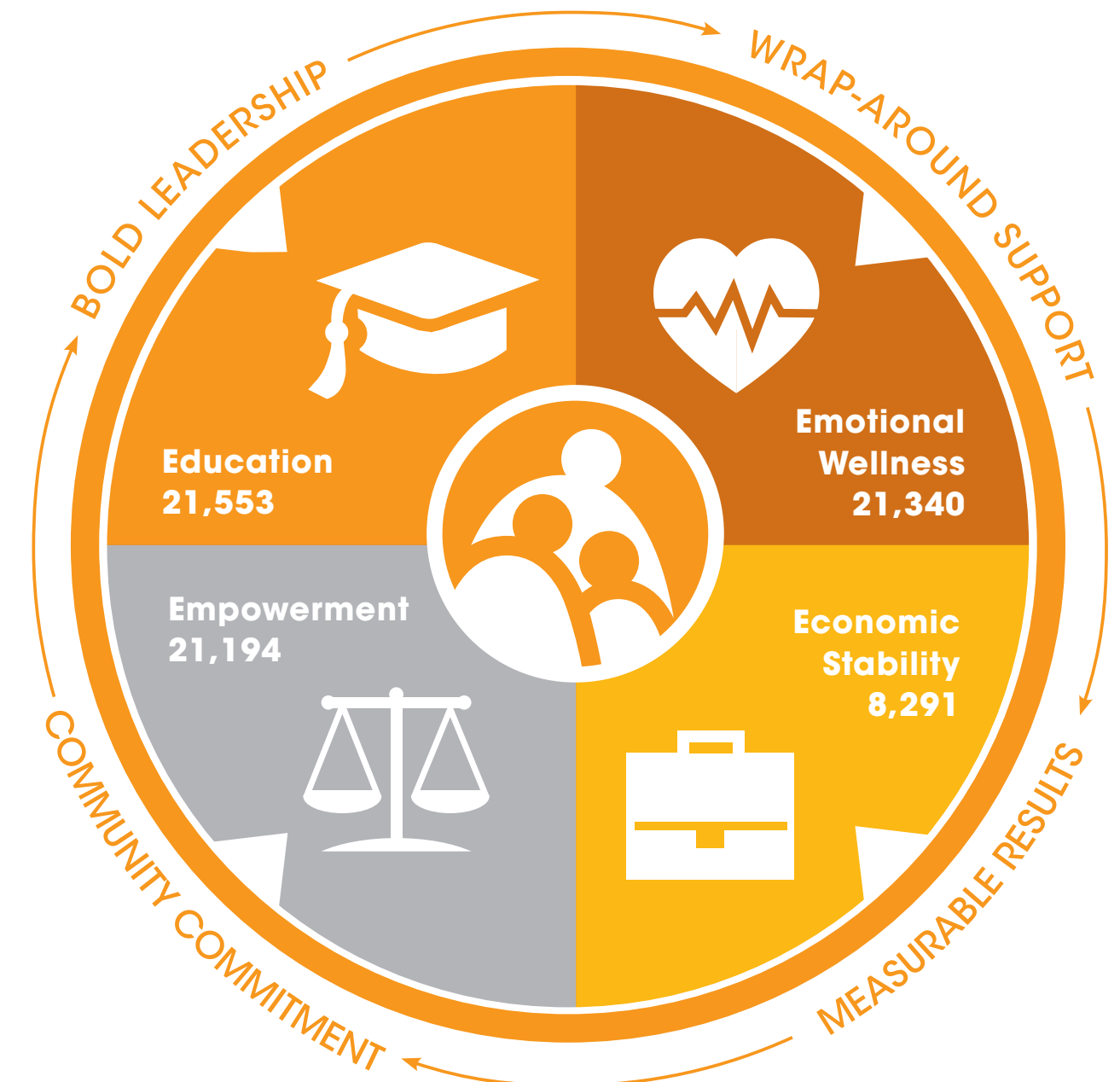
## Our Values

We value families and communities, their inherent strengths, their ability to grow, be resilient and find solutions to challenges. We value staff professionalism, ethical service delivery and programs that reflect our compassion for people.

We believe in effectively managing the contributions of our donors and funders through maintaining sound fiscal policies while striving for excellence.

We value expeditious decision making and informed risk taking in pursuit of our mission and strategies.

# HOLISTIC STRATEGY TO EMPOWER FAMILIES



### EDUCATION

We prepare young people and parents for success, from the early years throughout school, and all the way to college.

### EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

We encourage healthy and productive lives through counseling and mental health services, violence prevention and intervention, and older adult services.

### ECONOMIC STABILITY

We equip strong, self-sustaining families with the tools to find and maintain employment, achieve financial literacy, and build family wealth.

### EMPOWERMENT

We help families stand up and be heard by providing legal aid and court advocacy services to the Chicago area's most vulnerable people.





# 160 YEARS OF MPOWERING FAMILIES

When families are strong they can accomplish the impossible and fuel the success of their communities, cities and nation. For 160 years families have been the passion of Metropolitan Family Services.

Launched in 1857 as the Chicago Relief & Aid Society, later renamed United Charities and today known as Metropolitan Family Services, from day one we have focused on empowering families and communities. Spanning education, economic stability, emotional wellness, and empowerment/legal aid, we bring a spectrum of programs and services designed to help families maximize their potential.

This year our priority has been to keep leveraging resources to better serve the more than 72,000 clients we reach each year. To help direct agency initiatives and leverage resources, we have some new members of our leadership team. They are Chief Operating Officer Theresa Nihill (formerly Executive Director of the Metropolitan DuPage Center), and three Executive Directors: Angela Bentsen of Metropolitan DuPage; Rita Lopez Brosnan of Metropolitan Southwest and Southeast Chicago; and Roxanne Nava of Metropolitan North and Evanston/Skokie. Each brings extensive experience to their roles matched by a strong commitment to families and community.

Understanding that wise partnerships help generate superior results, we assumed fiscal leadership for

several dynamic nonprofits. We are fiscal sponsor of ACT Now Illinois, which promotes afterschool programming for students. We also serve as fiscal agent for the Greenwood Project, which is opening doors for minority students to financial industry careers, as well as the Institute for Non Violence Chicago (INVC), immersed in cutting-edge work to address violence in the Austin community.

That brings us to a special new initiative. As violence has become a top priority that our city must jointly address, Metropolitan has launched, in partnership with eight lead community organizations in nine of Chicago's highest-risk communities, Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P). CP4P's goals are to help reduce shootings and homicides, create and reclaim safe community spaces, and professionalize the field of community outreach. This initiative, which works in partnership with the Chicago Police Department, the Chicago Department of Health and Human Services, and the Chicago Department of Education, has been made possible by the support of multiple private foundations. Work is just beginning, but it is our sincere hope that CP4P will contribute to solutions that will transform and heal Chicago.

Metropolitan Family Services is 160 years *young*. We see challenges as opportunities. Families – their potential, persistence and power – will always be our inspiration. We hope that you will join us as we pursue another 160 years of **Mpowering** families.

**Ric Estrada**  
President and CEO

**John MacCarthy**  
Board Chair





## ADOPTION PRESERVATION

Katie was born in an unstable environment to drug-addicted parents before she and her sisters came to live with her aunt Gloria. “I was at the end of my rope. I couldn’t find anyone willing to help,” Gloria said.

For years Gloria used every resource available to her — from hospitals to local agencies — but could not find help for Katie. Finally, while calling every agency in the DCFS handbook, she reached Tiara Robinson, a therapist with Metropolitan’s Adoption Preservation program.

“It didn’t take long to trust her,” Gloria said. “She knows exactly how to handle Katie’s situation.”

For a year now Katie has received therapy, psychiatric services, anger management classes, therapeutic day camp, and weekly visits with a mentor — and Tiara has applied to extend services for an additional year.

“We will not leave you without help. That’s never going to happen,” Gloria said Tiara told her.

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

When Jazmin's sister told her about Metropolitan's Midway Children's Center two years ago, she enrolled her oldest daughter immediately. She already had a day care, but Jazmin wanted her children to start learning English as soon as possible.

"It's important because we only speak Spanish at home," Jazmin said. "If I didn't intervene they would struggle later on in school. I wanted to get them ready. I don't want them to struggle."

Now Jayleen, 5, and Guadalupe, 4, both attend Midway Children's Center, and when Jazmin's third daughter, due in October, is old enough Jazmin will enroll her at Metropolitan's Learning and Wellness Center. Jazmin wants all of her children to have the best start for their education, and eventual careers.

"The teachers make them feel comfortable and treat them like their own kids," she said. "They love it. They're always excited to come to school."

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## UPWARD BOUND

Journee joined Calumet Center's Upward Bound program as a freshman and now the high-achieving 17-year-old is one of the winners of this year's \$20,000 Chicago Cubs scholarship.

"I want to thank Ms. Greene and Upward Bound for seeing potential I didn't even know I had," Journee said. Upward Bound exposed her to possibilities she had never considered, such as majoring in business.

Journee's mom, Anita, couldn't attend college because she was caring for her sick mother. When she had her own children, she devoted herself to making sure they had opportunities she didn't have.

"Kids are an investment. The more you put into them, the more you get out," Anita said.

"I want to dedicate myself to my education and bring it back to my community," Journee said. "I want to go really far. I got that from my mom."

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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

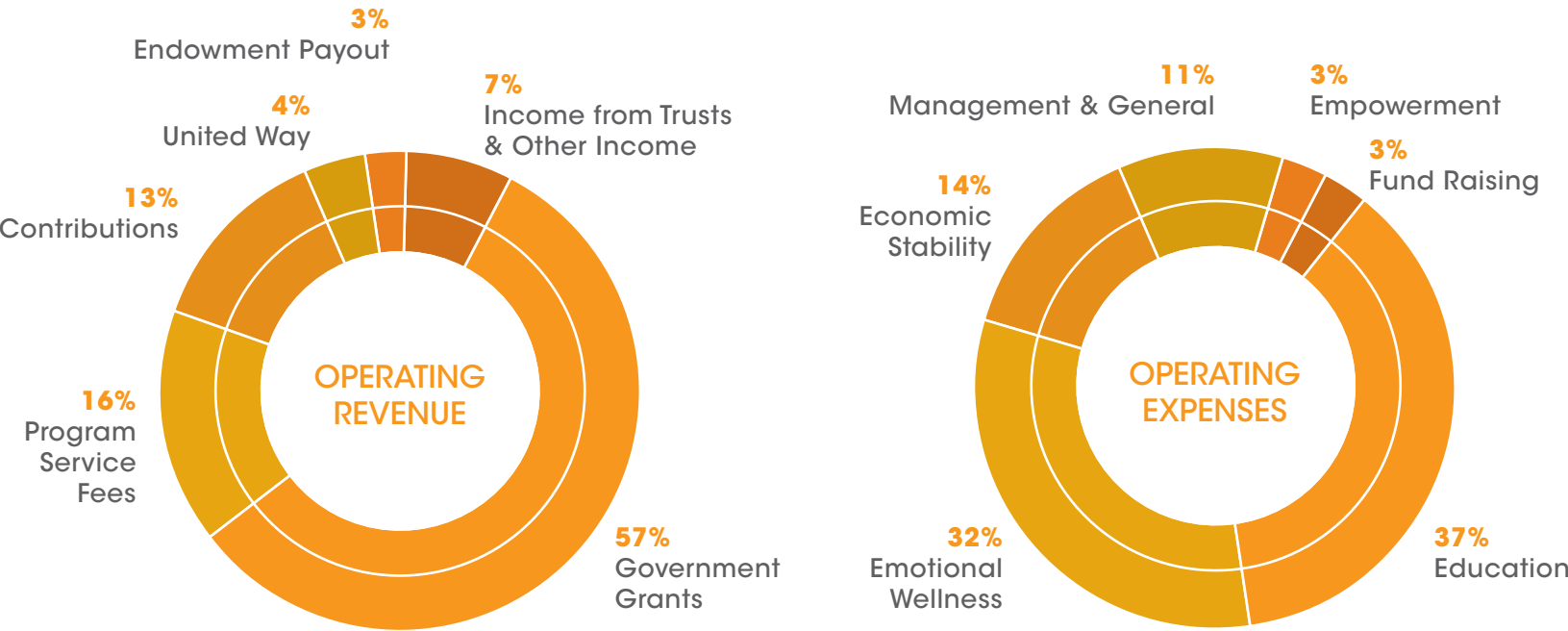
Amounts in 000's

OPERATING REVENUE	2017	2016
Government Grants	29,500	30,666
Program Service Fees	8,316	7,375
Contributions	7,003	6,090
United Way	1,825	1,888
Endowment Payout	1,318	1,820
Income from Trusts & Other Income	3,591	2,063
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>51,553</b>	<b>49,902</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Education	19,008	20,755
Emotional Wellness	16,294	14,458
Economic Stability	7,081	6,153
Empowerment	1,760	1,810
Total Program Expenses	44,143	43,176
Management & General	5,535	5,303
Fund Raising	1,664	1,712
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>51,342</b>	<b>50,191</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>(289)</b>
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Depreciation & Amortization	(600)	(647)
Net Investment Gains (Losses)	4,708	(4,880)
Change in Pension Liability	2,028	(4,095)
Change in Market Value of Interest Rate Swap	1,282	(1,128)
Other	2,551	3,050
<b>Non Operating Activity</b>	<b>9,969</b>	<b>(7,700)</b>
<b>Total Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>(7,989)</b>
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>47,449</b>	<b>55,437</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>57,629</b>	<b>47,448</b>
Contribution for Goods and Services	2,537	2,937

Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

# BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

Financial resources support our mission to provide and mobilize services needed to strengthen families and communities. We're more focused than ever, investing in work that directly empowers individuals and families.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

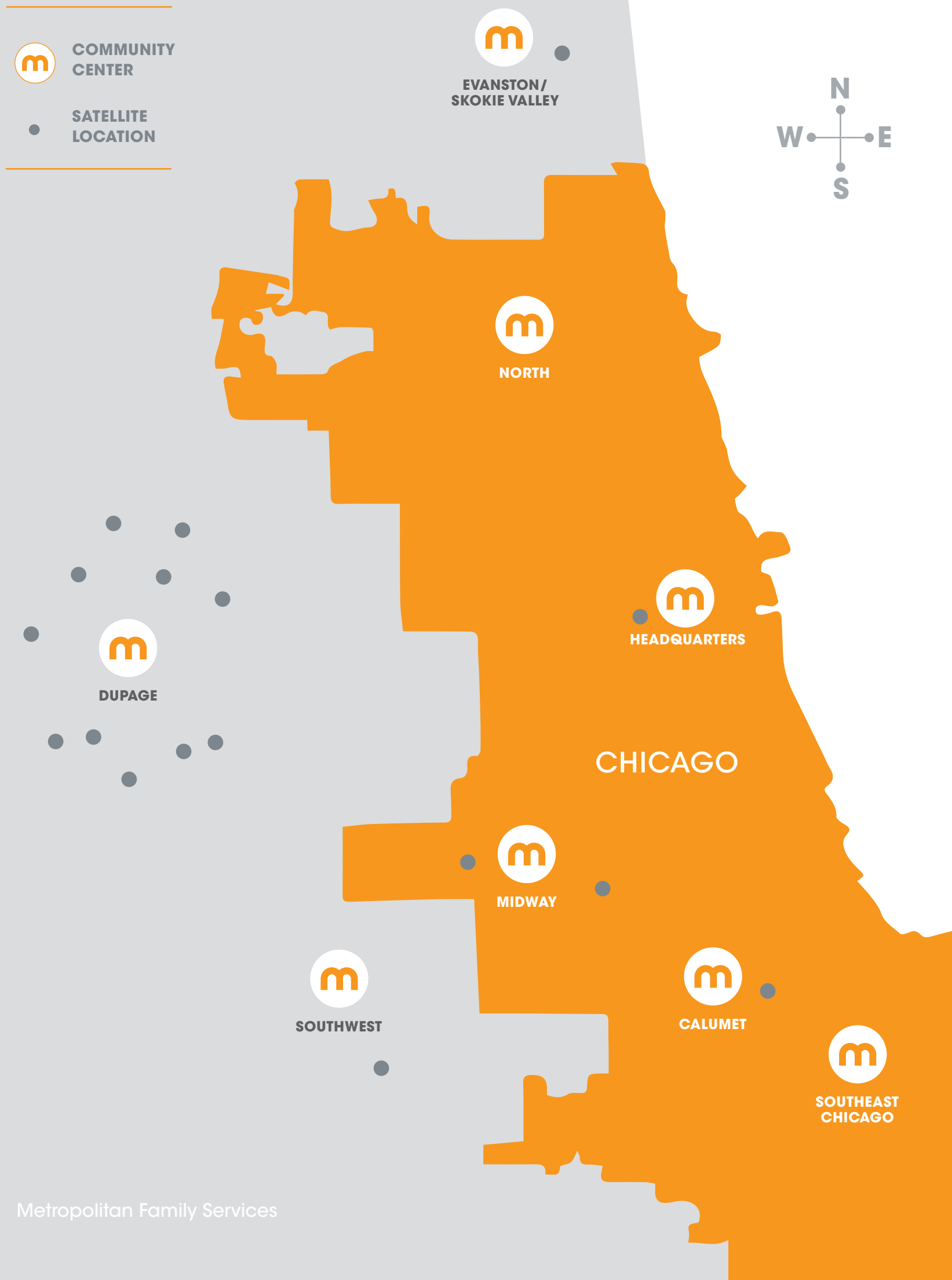
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ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash	2,856	119
Receivables	11,734	14,254
Investments	41,547	37,975
Interest in trusts	16,564	15,427
Property and equipment	17,038	17,599
Other	1,029	762
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>90,768</b>	<b>86,136</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accruals	2,981	3,806
Line of credit	4,675	6,975
Notes payable	931	988
Bonds payable	12,700	12,700
Pension liability	7,104	9,133
Other	4,748	5,086
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>33,139</b>	<b>38,688</b>
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## Four-Star Rating



Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating indicates Metropolitan exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities. Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities.



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# CELEBRATING FAMILIES

## 2017 In Review

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# THE FAMILY TRUST

The Family Trust recognizes those who have made a special designation in their estate plans for Metropolitan Family Services. Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to empowering families.

*"My wife and I are members of the Family Trust to support the generational ability for Metropolitan to continue serving clients that are truly amazing people in very challenging situations. We believe in providing help to families who are both deserving and in great need. Metropolitan delivers the highest quality service due to the most incredible and talented staff which we need to retain and promote.*

**- David Tropp, Member, Family Trust**

*Metropolitan has succeeded for 160 years by evolving and adapting to the needs of our community. Every day it partners with families, working with them to overcome tremendous challenges. The outcome is strong families and healthier communities. Committing to the Family Trust is an investment in the agency's longevity and its crucial work in empowering families."*

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## EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

### ADOPTION PRESERVATION

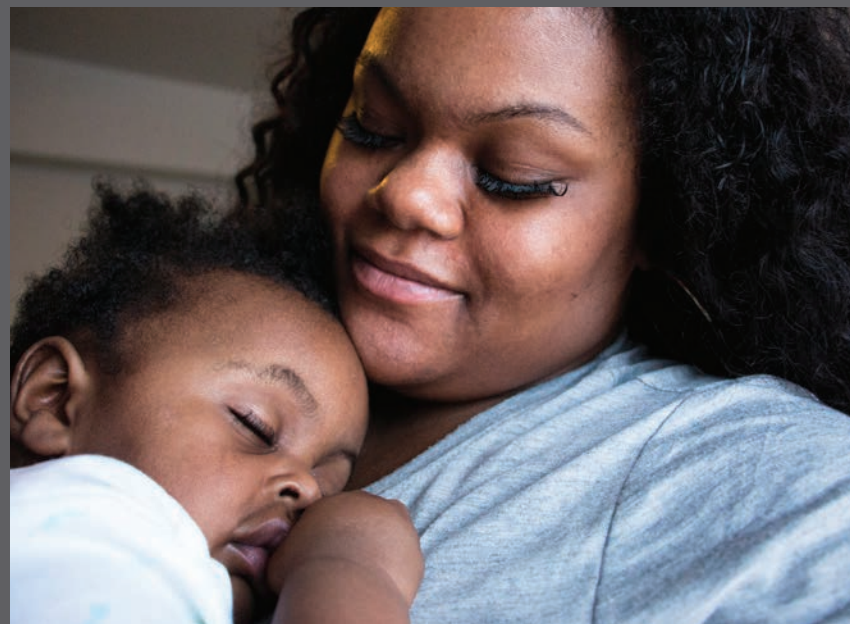
Helps families formed by adoption or guardianship with children who have emotional/trauma issues

**302** CHILDREN & **944** FAMILY MEMBERS

**100%** of families kept in their adoptive homes

**SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELING** **172** STUDENTS FROM 5 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

**88%** of students experienced improvements in their emotional symptoms and 78% sustained improvements in overall difficulties



## EMPOWERMENT

### VICTIM LEGAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Provides wrap-around legal and social services for crime victims

**298** clients served from

**46** Chicago communities and 33 suburbs

**2531** hours of direct service provided

Collaborated with **2** partner legal service agencies

## EDUCATION



**UPWARD BOUND** Prepares first-generation college students for success  
**10** graduating seniors accepted into college  
**\$743,508** in scholarships

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** **1087** CHILDREN were served within the Early Head Start and Head Start services

**81%** met or exceeded national standards

## ECONOMIC STABILITY

**84%**

of 544 clients gained skills and/or education, job or career credentials

**77%**

of 497 clients completed job readiness training

**74%**

of 462 clients increased their monthly net income

**59%**

of 370 clients increased their credit score

## LEGAL AID SOCIETY

- 6,600+** hours donated by volunteers, law students and pro bono attorneys, valued at \$1,237,611
- \$58,000** secured in financial awards for housing and consumer clients
- \$419,000+** secured in child support
- \$820,000+** secured in financial awards for domestic violence clients

**12,653** CLIENTS SERVED

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**7975** STUDENTS FROM **26** SCHOOLS AND **45** ZIP CODES

Teachers report that

**76%** of students needing to improve academic performance showed improvements

**74%** of students needing to improve homework completion showed improvements

**74%** of those students needing to improve class participation showed improvements

**71%** of students needing to turn homework in on time showed improvements

After participating in the program, 97% of parents report their child learned new knowledge or skills. 84% of students learned to work better as a team with other students. 98% of parents would recommend Community Schools to other parents

## YOUNG FATHERS

Helps clients establish a solid financial foundation and become stronger dads

**100%** achieved financial literacy  
**81%** improved job quality



## TIMELINE

Since 1857, Metropolitan Family Services has empowered families to learn, to earn, to heal and to thrive. Founded as the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, our organization has helped families get through the devastating hardships of poverty, world wars, epidemics and natural disasters.

Throughout our long history we have reached out to help the young and old, unemployed and working poor, long-

time citizens and new immigrants and those challenged by changing economics, troubled relationships, inadequate education and mental health issues. We've supported them with financial aid, counseling, education and legal services. But most of all, we have bolstered the strength that lies within each person, provided hope for a brighter future and helped individuals and families reclaim their dignity and purpose.



**1857** The Chicago Relief and Aid Society is incorporated by the Illinois state legislature.

**1871** Mayor Mason appoints the Chicago Relief and Aid Society to administer all relief, nearly \$10 million in money and goods, to victims of the Great Chicago Fire.

**1888** The Chicago Relief and Aid Society and Chicago Charity Organization merge, bringing a greater focus on poverty prevention to the organization.

**1909** The Chicago Relief and Aid Society and the Chicago Bureau of Charities merge to form United Charities of Chicago.

**1912** The U.S. Children's Bureau is signed into law, spurred by leading advocates and United Charities Board Members Jane Addams and Julia Lathrop. Lathrop would become leader of the Bureau, the first woman to head a federal agency.

**1919** The Chicago Legal Aid Society becomes part of United Charities. The renamed Legal Aid Bureau begins providing free legal service for civil law cases.

**1930** United Charities serves more than 20,000 people each month during the Great Depression.

**1934** United Charities helps establish the Community Fund of Chicago, now known as the United Way.

**1935** United Charities leader Joel D. Hunter serves on an official advisory council established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to help shape what would become the Social Security Act.

**1966** United Charities expands its services and opens its first suburban office in Palos Hills to serve Southwest Cook County.

**1985** A new office is established on Chicago's Southeast Side to serve the community that was severely affected by the closing of local steel mills.

**1987** United Charities furthers its expansion in the suburbs, acquiring the DuPage Center.

**1995** United Charities Changes its name to Metropolitan Family Services to better reflect the work and scope of the broad community it serves.

**2006** Metropolitan moves to its current headquarters at One North Dearborn in Chicago and continues to serve more than 50,000 individuals and families annually.

**2007** Metropolitan celebrates its 150th anniversary and convenes the Inaugural Summit on the Metropolitan Family, bringing together 300 prominent leaders to inspire new solutions to challenges facing families.

**2012** Metropolitan is awarded the contract for Head Start in DuPage County, acquires the court advocacy program, and is named United Way agency partner of the year.

**2014** Metropolitan launches the *Campaign to Mpower Families*, a \$25 million initiative to reach more families and strengthen communities with better services and an even stronger organization.

**2017** Metropolitan celebrates 160 years of Mpowering families.





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