



Grace Manor Family & Friends:

We are so very thankful for the support of our community and the hard work of our employees over this past year. The success of our company is built on the efforts of our employees and the belief the communities we serve have in Grace Manor. Over this past year we have enjoyed many successes and seen much growth. In 2019, Grace Manor placed 112 children in stable, loving homes and opened 34 new homes in which we can offer a healthy environment to children in need. Achieving permanency for children in foster care is one of the primary goals of the state and our agency. **In 2019, we were able to achieve permanency for 101 children in our care, which is more than double the number achieved in 2018!** These children achieved permanent homes through reunification with their biological parents, permanent placement with relatives or through adoption. Grace Manor's focus has always been on improving the lives of children, and being able to support so many to permanent homes is a huge part of that mission. We have to say a huge thank you for the commitment that our families, employees and communities have shown to our agency and the children we work to protect.

Grace Manor is proud to serve many communities across East Texas. In Region 4, our Tyler office has fostered strong relationships with other community foster care advocates. One such is The Fostering Collective, an organization that supports foster families in many ways, one of which is providing collaborative babysitter training in an effort to minimize caregiver burnout. In Region 5, our Center office was able to expand and include a Nacogdoches space to better serve our growing base of families. In addition, the Center branch was awarded the John Harris Endowment, focused on building recruitment of foster families in Shelby County. Angelina Rotary Club and SFA 101 have been great community partners in our Region 5 work as well! In Region 6, our Conroe office was honored to be awarded The Rebuild Texas Grant, Phase 2, allowing an expansion of kinship services and supports post Hurricane Harvey. In addition, we have been able to expand our support of Region 6 into Walker County, opening new office space in Huntsville to better recruit and support foster families in that area.

On behalf of Grace Manor, please allow me to extend my personal and genuine appreciation to each and every one of you for your valuable contributions to this agency. Working with you this past year has been a pleasure and I am proud to have you all with us!

Sincerely,

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