



# Legacy

*Building Today.  
Transforming Tomorrow.*

Our legacy is not only measured in years, but in all the lives changed, futures restored, and families strengthened for generations to come.

SUNRISE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 (09/01/2024-08/31/2025)



## OUR LEGACY. THEIR FUTURE.



### FOSTER CARE

Providing safe, nurturing homes where children can heal and thrive.



### RESIDENTIAL

Providing structured, supportive care in safe, therapeutic environments.



### ADOPTIONS

Creating forever families and building legacies of love.



### INDEPENDENT LIVING

Empowering youth with skills, confidence, and resources for a successful independent future.



### FAMILY SERVICES

Strengthening families through therapy, support, and guidance.

## A MESSAGE FROM DALE SUTTLES, *PRESIDENT OF SUNRISE CHILDREN'S SERVICES*

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We all want to leave a legacy, to know that our lives counted, that it made a difference in a deep and profound way, and that we are making the world a better place. As Christians, we do so not for our gain, but to be there for our fellow man, or child, and to please our Lord and Savior. Sunrise Children's Services carries that mantle proudly and takes the task extremely seriously. Not for our sake. But for the sake of our children.

You may remember that in fiscal year 2024, we broke ground on Solid Rock Children's Ranch, a concept designed to build two state-of-the-art homes for children being overlooked in the system. These homes are made possible by land donated by a retired teacher and a generous monetary donation. The homes are now very near to completion. These dwellings will provide shelter for children for years to come, thus impacting lives only God could see to fruition. More children reached. More lives impacted.

Also in fiscal year 2025, we started a capital campaign to transform one of our campuses for children – the Cumberland Adventure Program in Bronston. The 35-year-old cabins have become severely outdated. To serve our children better, we want to rebuild with functional metal cabins that are larger in scale so we can provide more therapeutic services, and we want to provide more bedroom space so four teenagers would never have to share a room. When completed, Sunrise would have the ability to serve more children in a better environment, thus creating more impact on a vulnerable population. In addition, a gymnasium would provide ample recreation space and classrooms for learning. Our goal is serving a needy population better, more efficiently, more effectively, with more children having a chance for success. More children seeing the hands and feet of Jesus at work in their lives. That's leaving a legacy that will benefit kids for years to come.

Finally, we are helping children outside of Sunrise find ways to help our Sunrise children. During fiscal year 2025, we created a brand-new video for our Miles of Pennies fundraising program. This engaging five-minute video is entitled Penny Miles and Her Dog, Sunny! The video tells the same story that is in the Penny Miles coloring book, teaching kids of all ages what foster care is and how to connect with Sunrise. Churches have already shown this video during their Wednesday night children's programming and have utilized it for Vacation Bible School (VBS).

In these, and in other ways, we have truly created a legacy for our children in fiscal year 2025. We served 1,120 children and adults across Kentucky, responding to the 8,593 children placed in out-of-home care by the state (reported August 3, 2025). We completed 33 adoptions, celebrating our 724th adoption since the start of the program in 2006! And we were proud to report 12 professions of faith and 10 baptisms.

There is no doubt God is continuing to use Sunrise to reach Kentucky's most vulnerable. Will you join us in leaving a lasting impact on the children and families in our state? What will be your legacy?

Dale Suttles  
President



History

HONORING OUR BEGINNINGS.



Heritage

ROOTED IN OUR VALUES.



Promise

COMMITTED TO OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.



Hope

BELIEVING IN BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

# Legacy

Children & Adults Served  
Across Kentucky **1,120**

Adoptions Since 2006 **724**

Adoptions  
Fiscal Year 2025 **33**

Professions of Faith  
Fiscal Year 2025 **12**

Baptisms  
Fiscal Year 2025 **10**

# Creating LEGACY



## **Foster Parents Find an Amazing Team at Sunrise**

We have a new foster family that received their first placement of two children. The foster father is in law enforcement, and the foster mother is a schoolteacher. They received two little ones that do not speak English very well. Swahili is their first language.

When Sunrise staff told the family, they said they had a family in their church that spoke fluent Swahili.

The foster father had a few days when he was in a panic about the children and their future and experienced a lot of anxiety from it. He questioned whether they should still foster and keep the children or not. Our Sunrise staff found respite for the children while he took a break and talked things through. The foster mother kept planning, making appointments and felt sure they could make it over this hurdle. Which they did!

The foster father said, "It's just so wonderful to know and experience our Sunrise staff who helped us with respite and finding resources. We are blessed with an amazing team!"

### SUNRISE FOSTER CARE

Sunrise foster families open their private homes to hurting children. These parents function year-round, 24/7. The therapeutic, local, intensive care they provide for children is vital to our mission. Sunrise provides training and statewide support to foster families who nurture children from infancy through age 18.

#### Outreach

Sunrise foster care has Kentucky offices in Bowling Green, Danville, Elizabethtown, Lexington, Madisonville, Manchester, Morehead, Mt. Washington, Owensboro, Paducah, Pikeville, Somerset, and Williamstown.

#### Census

During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise foster care parents provided 63,227 days of care to 419 children. Many Sunrise children have medically complex or behavioral needs. Some are part of sibling groups or are teens. Sunrise embraces them all.

# CREATING LEGACY

FROM FOSTER CARE TO FOREVER FAMILY:  
THE BEASLEY'S JOURNEY

In February 2022, Taylor and Austin Beasley—then 23 and 24 years old—took a leap of faith that would forever change their lives. Unable to have biological children, the young couple decided to open their hearts and home through fostering. “I had a dream, and I was like, you need to foster,” Taylor recalled. “I felt like that was God telling me.”

That calling led them to Sunrise Children’s Services; that set the course for their journey. After several placements that ultimately fell through, the Beasley’s received a life-changing referral: two little boys, Leo—almost two years old—and Oliver, just nine and a half months old.

The road to adoption was anything but easy. Over the course of 895 days in the foster system—with 859 of those days spent in the Beasley’s care—the couple navigated unpredictable weekly visits and the constant uncertainty of whether the boys would ever be theirs. Amid the heartache and anxiety, Taylor’s belief in God’s calling and the support of Sunrise Children’s Services kept them going. “If not us, then who would care for these boys?” she reflected. With the support of

Sunrise Children’s Services, who helped secure the adoption, the Beasleys

finally brought Leo and Oliver home for good. “These are our boys,” Taylor said. “Their story is far from over, but opening our home and hearts to

Leo and Oliver truly saved them and completed our family.”



*“These are our Boys”*

- TAYLOR BEASLEY



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## SUNRISE FOSTER TO ADOPT

Every child needs love and protection. Most want a forever family. Sunrise’s foster-to-adopt program connects children and parents through training, Kentucky’s judicial system, and commitment.

### Outreach

Sunrise foster to adopt is offered in every Kentucky office where Sunrise foster care is at work: Bowling Green, Danville, Elizabethtown, Lexington, Madisonville, Manchester, Morehead, Mt. Washington, Owensboro, Paducah, Pikeville, Somerset, and Williamstown.

### Census

During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise foster-to-adopt-parents provided 2,586 days of care to 38 children. From this program’s inception in 2006 through Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise facilitated 724 adoptions statewide.



## SUNRISE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Young people, ages 12 through 18, receive therapeutic, in-patient care, 24/7, year-round at Sunrise campuses staffed by round-the-clock mental-health professionals.

In addition, two of its campuses offer vocational rehabilitation which provides transitional services for youth with disabilities. These services include finding employment after high school, transition to jobs, and continuing education.

### Outreach

Sunrise operates three residential campuses in Kentucky: Cumberland Adventure Program in Bronston, Spring Meadows Center in Mt. Washington, and Glen Dale in Elizabethtown.

### Census

During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise residential campuses provided 15,673 days of care to 117 children and youth.

## Glen Dale Center Helps Mother and Daughter Find Reunification

At 13 years old, Sarah's journey took a remarkable turn. Her early years were marked by instability as her mother struggled with addiction. During that time, Sarah lived with extended family but eventually entered the foster care system. Despite the challenges, Sarah always longed for a stable home and a relationship with her mother.

While Sarah was at Sunrise's Glen Dale Center in Elizabethtown, her mother made significant strides. After a difficult battle, she recovered from her addiction and maintained her sobriety. Sarah, too, was responsive, learning healthier ways to cope with the emotional scars left by years of uncertainty. As Sarah progressed, the possibility of reunification became more than just a dream. Both Sarah and her mother participated in family therapy, which proved to be a pivotal moment in their relationship. Sarah's mother learned essential parenting skills. Together, they began to rebuild the bond that had been fractured by years of separation. Therapy sessions not only helped them grow individually but also taught them to communicate and understand each other better.

When the time came for Sarah to transition back home, it was a moment of both joy and nervous anticipation. But with the support of the Glen Dale Center and their family therapy sessions, they navigated the process smoothly. Today, Sarah and her mother are thriving. Their home is filled with love, understanding, and the promise of a bright future—a true testament to the power of healing, recovery, and resilience.

Sarah's story is one of hope and transformation, showing that — with the right support — families can overcome even the most difficult obstacles and rebuild their lives stronger than before.

# THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDS WOODLAWN CENTER WITH LOVE AND SUPPORT



Throughout Fiscal Year 2025, the community of Danville has stepped up to care for the boys who live at Sunrise's Woodlawn Center in addition to the excellent therapeutic and psychiatric care they received from the dedicated Sunrise staff. From the police department sharing stories and donuts with the boys, to a gentleman from a senior living center taking them to buy Mother's Day gifts, the boys were aware every day they were surrounded by a community that truly cared. Other activities the boys experienced during Fiscal Year 2025 included swimming at a local pool, Easter egg hunts, a Shaker Village candlelight tour, and a special celebration of 100 days of school.



## **SUNRISE PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)**

PRTFs provide Kentucky's highest levels of psychiatric residential care to boys ages 6 through 18 who have been affected by trauma, abuse, neglect, and other psychological problems. Outcomes in Sunrise's residential programs exceed state averages in virtually every category.

### **Outreach**

Sunrise operates three PRTFs on its Danville campus.

### **Census**

During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise PRTFs provided 9,575 days of care to 73 children.

## Sunrise Independent Living Participant Drives to Success

When Peyton Adamic entered the Sunrise independent living program, she was a teenage mom to a one-year-old, had not yet graduated from high school, and was pregnant. Not the road many would choose for a successful future. But Peyton is an overcomer, and all she needed was some guidance and support. So, she turned to Sunrise Children's Services for help, and they responded quickly. Sunrise found an apartment for Peyton close to her high school. She soon finished school and graduated. Sunrise then introduced a new scholarship initiative aimed at providing single mothers within the program with a reliable used car. "This matching scholarship, made possible through the generosity of a dedicated donor, secures vital transportation to help these young women further their education and secure a brighter future for themselves and their children," explained Sunrise Vice President for Advancement Jake Pelfrey. "This scholarship is not just a financial boost; it's a lifeline that empowers single mothers to achieve their goals and break the cycle of poverty." It was great timing for Peyton. She met the criteria for the scholarship and was soon driving her own car. Now, she is not only figuratively, but literally, driving her way to success!

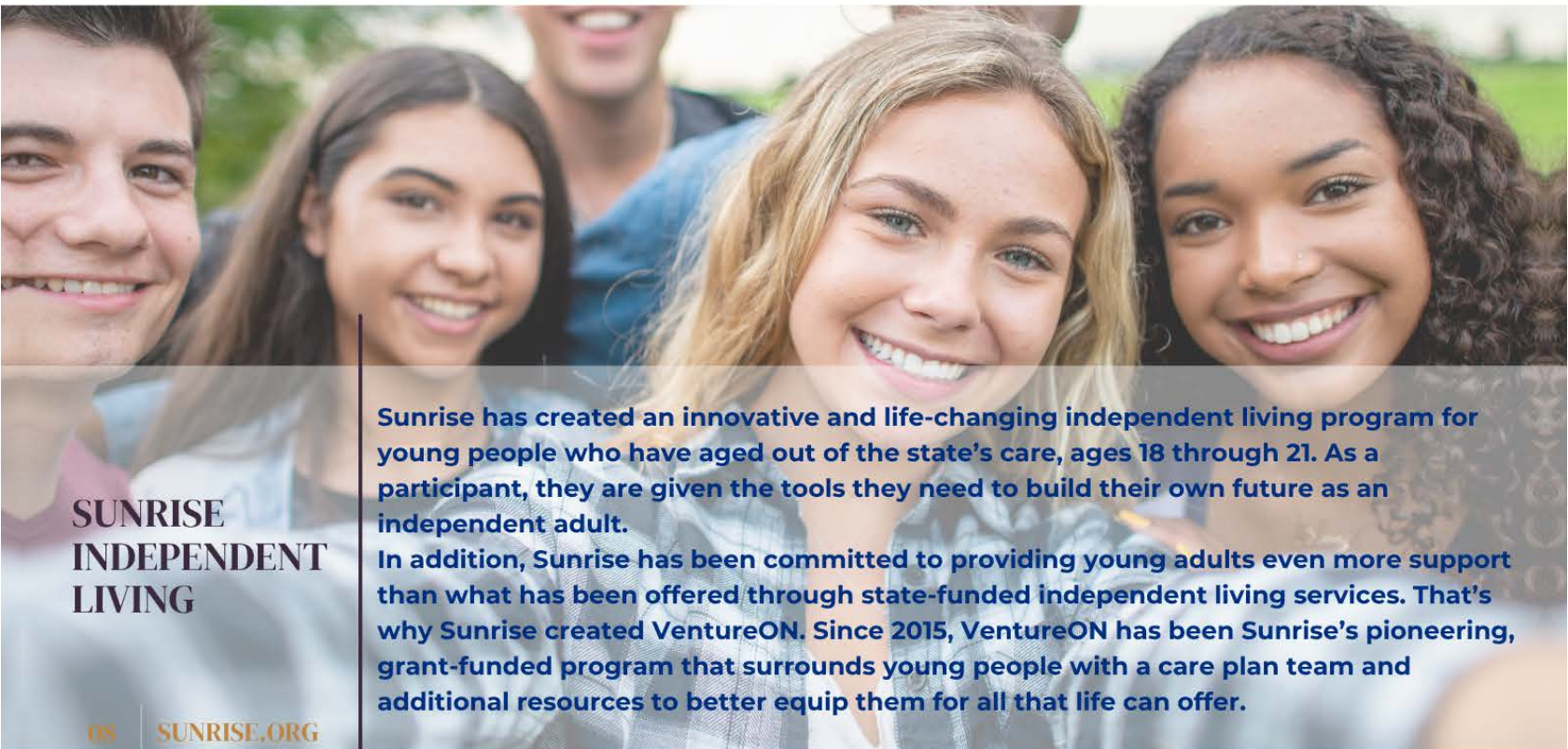


### Outreach

Sunrise has independent living programs at multiple locations across the state.

### Census

During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise Independent Living program provided 20,245 days of care to 108 young people.



## SUNRISE INDEPENDENT LIVING

**Sunrise has created an innovative and life-changing independent living program for young people who have aged out of the state's care, ages 18 through 21. As a participant, they are given the tools they need to build their own future as an independent adult.**

**In addition, Sunrise has been committed to providing young adults even more support than what has been offered through state-funded independent living services. That's why Sunrise created VentureON. Since 2015, VentureON has been Sunrise's pioneering, grant-funded program that surrounds young people with a care plan team and additional resources to better equip them for all that life can offer.**

# New Start Center Provides Specialized Care for Boys with Alcohol and Drug Addictions

New Start Adolescent Addiction Treatment Center is a service provided by Sunrise Children’s Services. We are an Alcohol and Other Drug Entity (AODE) located in the small town of Bronston, just south of Somerset.

New Start provides the tools and support the boys in our care will need to be successful. We use curriculum from The Change Companies which has created 10 journals specifically for adolescents in behavioral health and addiction programs. The “Keep It Direct and Simple” approach highlights core concepts appropriate for the adolescent using a non-judgmental focus on positive, strength-based strategies. Participants not only explore the problems that brought them into treatment, but they learn the tools and skills to make meaningful and lasting changes in their lives.

## Outreach

Sunrise operates its AODE at the New Start Adolescent Addiction Treatment Center in Bronston.

## Census

During Fiscal Year 2025 Sunrise’s AODE provided 363 days of care to 12 young men.



**SUNRISE  
ALCOHOL AND  
OTHER DRUG  
ENTITY (AODE)**

Sunrise’s AODE is a specialized program for male adolescents ages 12 through 17 who have alcohol and/or drug addictions. Sunrise offers inpatient rehabilitation services designed to help boys develop skills to overcome co-occurring problems without turning to alcohol or drugs.

**Outreach** Sunrise family services has Kentucky offices in Lexington, Madisonville, Mt. Washington, Owensboro, and Pikeville.

**Census** During Fiscal Year 2025, Sunrise's statewide team of highly-trained therapists, case managers, supervisors, and directors served 409 individuals



## Family Services Helps Families in Crisis

Sunrise family services program provides outpatient care to families in crisis across this state. Both individual and family services are available to address emotional, social, and situational problems such as stress, anxiety and depression, relationship issues, grief and loss, school or workplace difficulties, trauma, and more.

Sunrise team members are there to assist families in coping with an immediate crisis, a troubling experience, or a longer-term problem, while helping them heal.

Sunrise's team of licensed and trained mental health professionals have achieved the highest levels of education, experience, and credentialing in the fields of substance abuse treatment, clinical social work, counseling, and psychology.

Sunrise is there for families even before children enter the foster care system.

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# SUNRISE FINANCIALS

September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

## Revenue : \$24,388,218

Resident Support Contributions	\$21,152,047
	\$3,182,332
Interest and Dividend Income	\$53,839
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,388,218</b>

## Expenses \$27,121,227

Program Expenses - \$22,051,987 81.3%

Residential Services	\$11,633,175	42.9%
Community-Based Services	\$10,418,812	38.4%
Administrative Expenses	\$4,075,504	15%
Development Expenses	\$993,736	3.7%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,121,227</b>	<b>100%</b>
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*Our faithfulness today helps shape their eternity tomorrow.*

# FAITHFULNESS THAT OUTLIVES US

When we think about legacy, we often think first of estates, wills, or financial gifts.

Those things matter, but Christian legacy begins much deeper. It begins with the faithfulness of God.

Scripture teaches us that God's faithfulness is never confined to a single generation. His mercy reaches backward before us, surrounds us in the present, and stretches forward long after we are gone. Psalm 103:17 reminds us, "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children."

That phrase, "children's children," carries deep meaning, especially considering Sunrise's mission to care for some of the most vulnerable children among us. God's covenant mercy does not stop with us. He delights to work through the faithfulness, generosity, prayers, and compassion of one generation so that another generation might come to know His goodness. When we invest in children today, we are not simply meeting an immediate need; we are participating in God's generational work of hope and redemption.

Christian legacy is not merely about what we leave behind. It is about what we pass on. Psalm 78:4 says, "We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done." Legacy is not first about preserving our name. It is about proclaiming His!

At Sunrise Children's Services, we saw this kind of legacy throughout Fiscal Year 2025. Sometimes it looked like ladies making pillowcases so a child entering care had something personal, handmade, and full of love. Sometimes it looked like providing a car for a young adult who had aged out of foster care and needed transportation to work, school, church, or appointments. Other times, it looked like a land donation that helped create a place where children and families can heal, or an estate gift ensuring the mission continues for generations to come.

These gifts are not small in the kingdom of God. They are acts of stewardship, visible expressions of a deeper conviction: vulnerable children matter to God, the fatherless are not forgotten, and what God entrusts to us should be used for the good of others and the glory of Christ.

Hebrews 11:4 says of Abel, "And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks." That is Christian legacy: faithfulness that keeps speaking, generosity that keeps bearing fruit, and a life that continues pointing others to Christ.

That is faithfulness that outlives us.

Jake Pelfrey

Vice President for Marketing and Advancement

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# TO DO LIST

**“By partnering with Sunrise Children’s Services and donating my land to them in 2016 to develop Solid Rock Children’s Ranch, I ensured my legacy. My legacy is one of hope, stability, love, and happiness for the many children who will live at Solid Rock.”**

**– Judy Singleton, Sunrise donor and supporter**

**BUY STAMPS  
MILK**



**“Since 1869, Kentucky Baptists have been caring for Kentucky’s most vulnerable children together. From those ladies at Walnut Street Baptist Church who saw Civil War-orphaned children on the streets of Louisville to what is today known as Sunrise Children’s Services, we have worked together to care for kids, and that work has made a difference. We take great joy in the 735 children who have found a permanent home since 2006, and in every child in foster care and residential care. We are indeed better together, and at our best, when we are helping vulnerable children through Sunrise Children’s Services.”**

**– Dr. Todd Gray, Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director-Treasurer**

**“To me, legacy means continual faithfulness to Christ’s mission. That is what Sunrise Children’s Services has done in serving children and families in the Commonwealth for over 150 years. It is up to our generation to continue that legacy through praying, giving, and ministering to the needs of the most vulnerable in our state. My hope is that the Lord will use my financial contributions, volunteer time, and promotional efforts to fulfill His mission in this season, so that future generations can build an even greater legacy of serving children and families in the days ahead.”**

**– Dr. Todd Rader, Pastor of Ephesus Baptist Church in Winchester and Sunrise board member**





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