



TREATMENT RECOVERY HOPE

# 2018 IMPACT REPORT

## MISSION

TO RESTORE MOTHERS AND FAMILIES THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM OF TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND HOPE.

## VISION

INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLES OF INCARCERATION, ADDICTION, AND POVERTY NO LONGER EXIST.



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping create stories of treatment, recovery, and hope in 2018! ReMerge is stronger than ever due to our continually expanding group of committed staff, board members, volunteers, community partners, and donors. Thank you for coming together for ReMerge in 2018 to donate time, resources, talent, and vision for a better Oklahoma!

Twenty-three mothers completed the ReMerge program in 2018, avoiding incarceration and remaining in the community with their 51 children. These mothers are tax-paying citizens, modeling a brighter future for their children. Since our beginning in 2011, 114 mothers have graduated the program, impacting the lives of 288 minor children and saving the state more than \$14 million dollars by avoiding incarceration. While Oklahoma continues to remain number one in female incarceration, our message is strong and our program is working, thanks to each of you!

As we reflect on 2018 and all that was accomplished, we can't help but be just as excited about what the future holds. Since our inception in 2011, 1140 N. Hudson has been our home. We are grateful for this home and all that has happened in this place for the last seven years! Following a successful capital campaign and the acquisition of New Market Tax Credits in 2018, construction began on our new home in September 2018, led by the GE Johnson team. Our new home will include more than 19,000 square feet of space designed by our staff and ReMerge mothers under the leadership of REES architects. ReMerge will be located at 823 N. Villa, in close proximity to some of our key community partners: Positive Tomorrows, NorthCare, Variety Care, and City Care. Move in is set for late Fall 2019, and will allow us to serve an additional 25 mothers and families. None of this would be possible without your support!

In her book *The Moment of Lift*, Melinda Gates talks about how empowering women can change the world. She challenges all of us to “open our arms and our hearts to the people we’ve pushed to the margins.” Mothers graduate from ReMerge with a new found vision for their future, positively impacting their life, their children’s lives, and our community. Thank you for wholeheartedly supporting our efforts at ReMerge to welcome these mothers into our community and empower them to create a hopeful future for themselves and their children!

A special note of gratitude to Marnie Taylor, ReMerge 2018 Board of Director’s Chair and President and CEO of the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits! Thank you for your leadership and support of ReMerge and all the nonprofits across the state, and for always reminding us to:

*“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”*

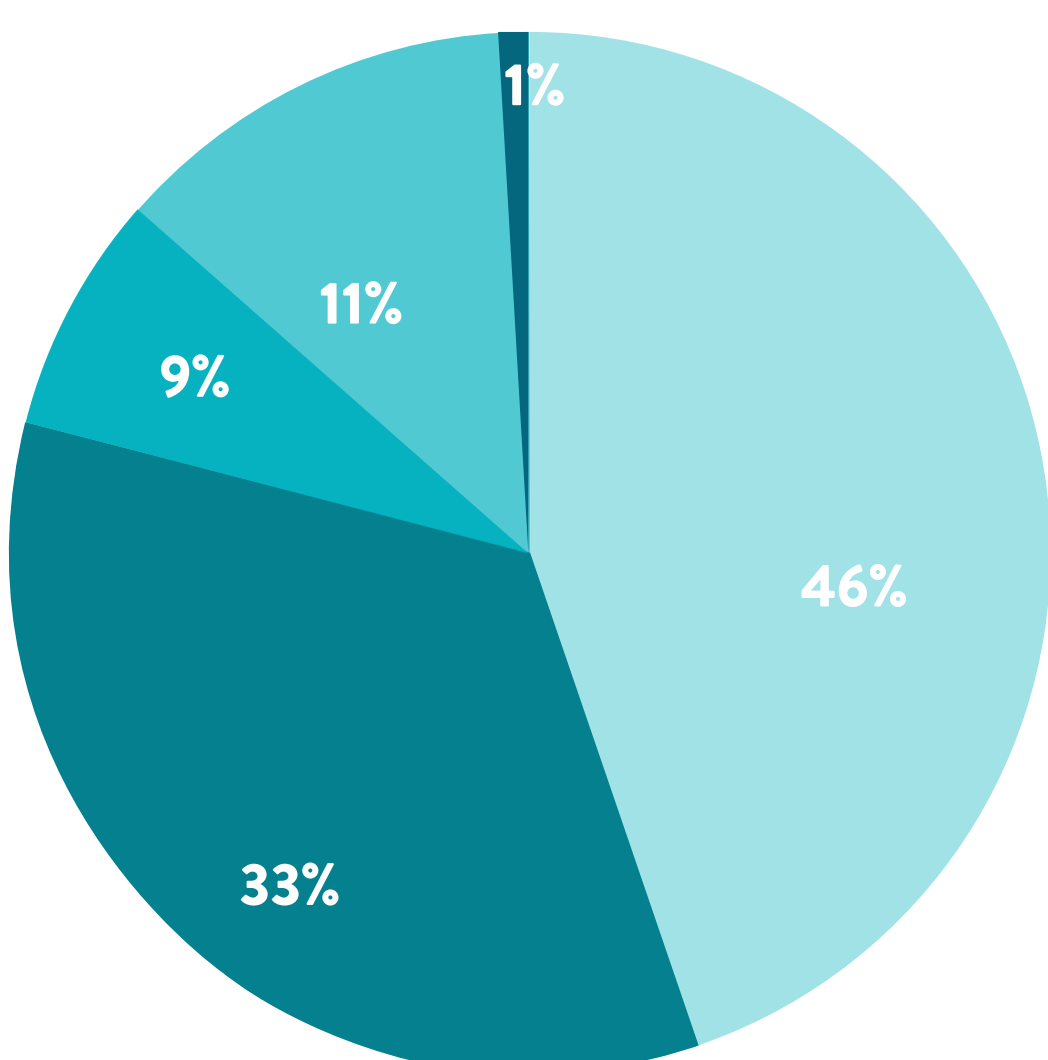
– John Wesley

With heartfelt gratitude,

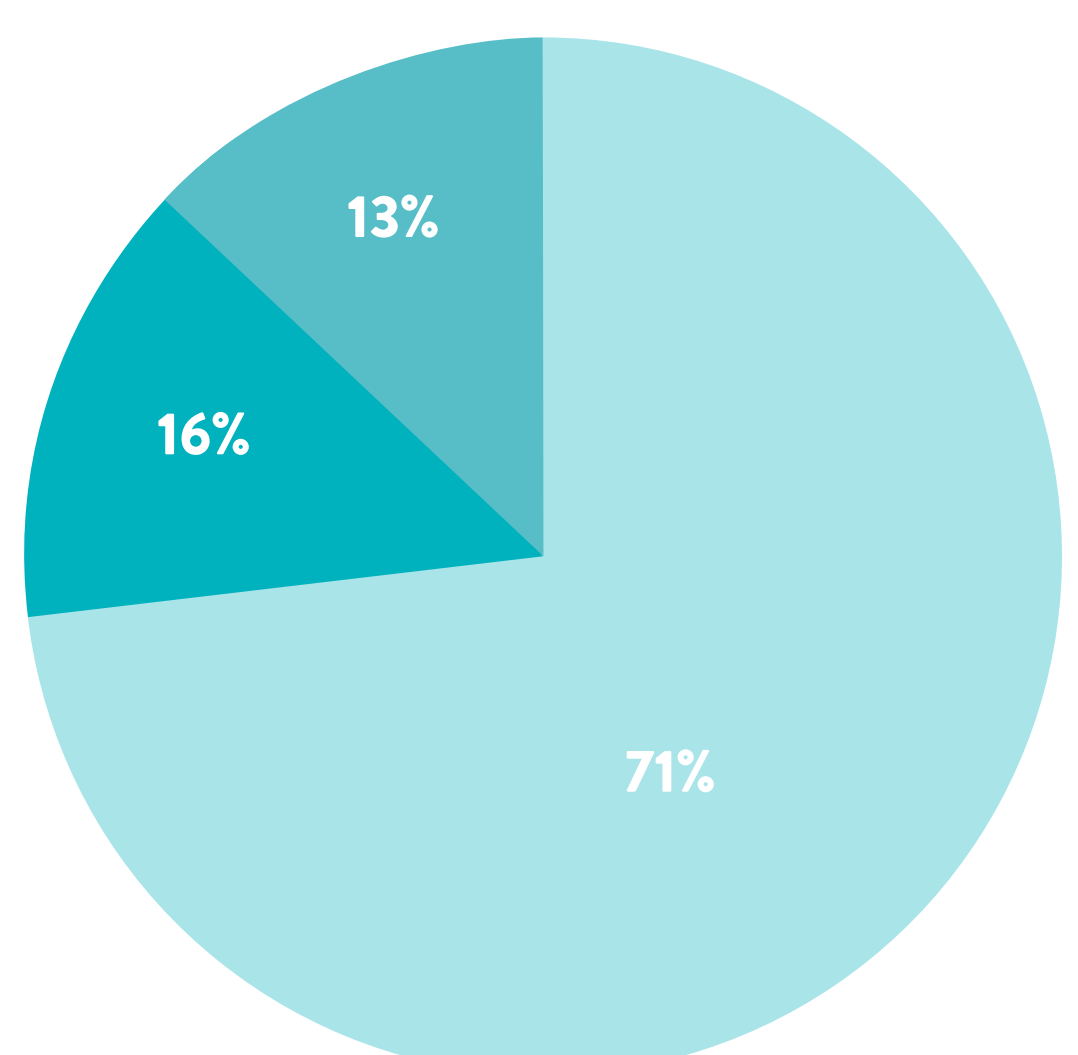


**Terri Woodland**  
**ReMerge Executive Director**

## 2018 OPERATING REVENUE



## 2018 OPERATING EXPENSES





# MEET ONE OF OUR MOTHERS



So I started using drugs when I was 12 years old. I was a very angry kid. I managed to graduate high school, somehow. I was hardly ever there. When I graduated I was pregnant. My son Draven was born and died 10 minutes later in my arms. After his death I ran deeper into my addiction. Some years later I met my children's father and now ex-husband whom I fell madly in love with. The first year was great the next 10 years turned out to be very violent, and almost a death sentence for me. I was blessed with my son Felix and my daughter Kennedy. I had no idea how to be a mother, I tried to break the vicious cycle of addiction but it never lasted long, and not to mention all the shame I felt for having my children in such a horrible and unstable environment, another vicious cycle of domestic violence. When I finally left him for good I barely escaped with my life. I was so broken, just a shell of a human being walking around, I was strung out and hated myself. I knew I was falling deeper and deeper into my addiction, and I did not want to drag my kids through my mess. I gave temporary guardianship of my kids to my best friend at the time. I was homeless living under a bridge, being a junkie, in and out of jail, completely broken and lost for almost 6 years. I remember not being able to walk down streets where schools were. It would kill me to see the kids outside playing. I wanted my kids and my life back so bad. I had no idea how to dig myself out of the hole of homelessness, addiction, self-hatred and hopelessness I got myself into.

The day I stepped foot into ReMerge I never looked back. Whatever my team asked of me I did and more. I knew this program worked, I had sisters in the program ahead me, I knew from the streets and I saw them being mothers and women that I looked up to. I now have my kids almost every weekend. My mom has full guardianship of them, however she sees a change in me, and trusts me with them. She is proud of me and our relationship is better than it has ever been. My kids are so resilient and they are also proud of me and glad to have their mom back. I have completed my Peer Recovery Support Specialist certification, and now will be starting a job where I will advocate for people just like me. I love myself now, I am thankful for my past and the things I have gone through and I see my story inspire and give hope to people on a daily basis. My future is bright and I am mom again. I can't ask for more.

– Crystal, ReMerge Graduate



100%

MOTHERS THAT HAVE GRADUATED FROM REMERGE IN THE LAST YEAR REPORT IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR MINOR CHILDREN

91%

OF THOSE THAT GRADUATED FROM REMERGE IN THE LAST YEAR HAVE EXPERIENCED IMPROVED HEALTH AS MEASURED BY THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COORDINATOR

96%

OF GRADUATES ARE EITHER EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR IN SCHOOL

114

REMERGE GRADUATES

288

CHILDREN IMPACTED

5%

RECIDIVISM

67% \*

COMPLETION RATE

\*through 12.31.2018

## COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

City Care exists to do the work few others are willing to do by providing food for the hungry, relief for the hurting, and holding space for complete restoration of lives that have gotten off course.

We are so grateful to call them our partner. In 2018, City Care partnered with ReMerge to build three completely furnished 3-bedroom, 2-bath duplexes in a small, gated community for ReMerge participants and graduates. The chance to offer new, beautiful homes to these mothers and families is meaningful on many levels. It is not only a fresh start and the opportunity to build a supportive, intentional community, but also reinforces that they are deserving of the best we have to offer! We are so excited that more duplexes will open in 2019 as well!

We were also “lucky” to have City Care’s CEO, Adam Luck, as our graduation keynote. His vision for Oklahoma City is so aligned with the work ReMerge is doing and he delivered a powerful speech encouraging compassion and action in others.

We have also partnered with both City Care’s Adam Luck and Tim Tardibono of the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Advisory Council to help educate the community on what alternatives to incarceration can look like in the community. They give group tours of the jail and then stop by ReMerge or TEEM to discuss how our programs are striving for solutions.

We are so thankful to City Care and the dozens of other community partners that we share this mission with on a daily basis. Our partners are working collaboratively to create a stronger and healthier community.

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