

The Davis-Stuart

Piper

Annual Report

July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014



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caring for children and families.*



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Message from the Director



Mark Spangler, Executive Director

As you read through our Annual Report, I hope that you get a sense that we are busy building and rebuilding lives. All of us are challenged each day to fulfill the purpose for which we've been created. At Davis-Stuart, there are several reminders each day of why we are here. The youngsters that have been entrusted to our care help us keep that prospective. It is amazing to see young lives transformed by adults inspired with creative thinking and compassion.

This year was full of activity and the staff and residents accomplished so very much. Our program enhancements and expansions are the direct result of the agency's desire to fulfill our mission and remain relevant and responsive to the needs of children and families in today's culture. No doubt the challenges that youngsters face today require innovative interventions. Our staff is skilled and committed to develop these various interventions and to do so in a kind and compassionate manner.

We cannot accomplish what we do without the help of others. Committed individuals have made it possible for the agency to serve West Virginia's youth for 95 years. We have done so in various ways through these many years. However, our Guiding Principles remain constant:

- A trusting relationship is foundational in the healing process.
- Child care and teaching are compassionate.
- Assessment is systemic.
- Crisis situations are opportunities for growth.
- All behaviors are holistic in nature.

Please consider helping us continue this tradition of caring by exploring the various ways that you can help us in this most worthy endeavor. Perhaps you too will find purpose in the building and rebuilding of these exciting young lives that are exploding with potential and possibilities.



Dr. Lyn Guy, WVDE
Davis-Stuart Principal

Education at Davis-Stuart

"It might seem crazy what I'm about to say", but I believe this past school year was epitomized by the video we produced the last week of school. The lyrics to Pharrell Williams' song, *Happy*, provides a backdrop for a tough year which brought tremendous growth for the on-

grounds school here at Davis-Stuart.

board to address those students who came in with abysmal reading scores.

Having the Culinary Arts Program move to full time has been a terrific benefit all around. Not only does it allow more students to learn these skills, it made it possible for our school to be an Option Pathway School, a designation that allows students to pass the high school equivalency test (now called TASC) and get a diploma from their high school. In May, we had our first graduate in this program.



Big changes and improvements came about as Davis-Stuart School became a Title I school. This meant we would receive federal monies dedicated to instructional improvements and this, our first year, meant an influx of technology commensurate with the best public schools in the state. As of today, we have a ratio of better than one computer for every student. We also have



Smart Boards in every classroom, an amazing tool for 21st Century learners (think of a giant iPad and you've got it.) These monies also meant that this summer, we had a reading specialist on

Finally, with the video hitting YouTube, we did the near impossible. As Williams says, "aint nuthin' gonna get me down" and just working through the initial brainstorming with the students to the finished product brought everyone on board. Watch the video, you can't help but be infected by it's message:

<http://www.youtube.com>
and search for
"Our School Is Happy"

Even teachers got in on the fun of the video!



Spiritual Life

The Year at a Glance...

... that's an understatement. How can a year so full, pass so quickly? A glance seems to be all I saw of each day as time raced into the next. However, as quickly as the year has passed, my first year as the Spiritual Life Director at Davis-Stuart has been an incredible experience.

This year, the Spiritual Life Program has continued to thrive. We have seen many young people make commitments to Christ and share those commitments publically through baptism. We have also seen consistent interest and participation in our chapel services, Spiritual Life Groups, and local church attendance.

Our volunteers at Davis-Stuart make all the difference in the quality of our Spiritual Life Program. Local teacher, Hannah Vass, volunteers her time leading a Spiritual Life Group for girls, addressing the issues that teenage girls in our culture face today. Local high school seniors, Josiah Spangler, Abby Reynolds, and Caleb Elwell spend their Wednesday nights donating their time, talents, and abilities in our chapel services each week. Without them, and the support of our staff, it would be impossible for us to provide such events as bonfires, baptism services, movie nights, concerts, guest speakers, and all the other elements that add variety to our chapel services and Spiritual Life Program.

In addition to our staff and volunteers, the kindness and generosity of the West Virginia churches and individual investors from which our Spiritual Life Program receives support is what keeps our program alive. We could not continue without you. This year, we have been blessed to be able to give our chapel a bit of a makeover with the installation of beautiful new carpet. The chapel has also, officially, become the coolest place on campus with the addition of air conditioning! Additionally, your generosity this year provided our children with a Christmas season some will never forget. It is because of you that we are able to celebrate Christmas each year with a campus-wide Christmas service and dinner for our residents, their families, and our staff. We are exceedingly thankful for all of the gifts, the visits, and especially the Christmas Eve dinner provided for our teenagers who called Davis-Stuart home during the Christmas holiday.

Without your prayers and support, we could not be true to our vision by offering the opportunity for our young people to grow spiritually as they receive the nurture and care necessary for true healing here at Davis-Stuart.



*Matt Evans,
Spiritual Life Director*

New Faces



Amanda Scott
Development Officer

Ms. Scott oversees all community relations, marketing, fundraising, and special event projects. In 2011, she earned her bachelors of Sociology with a minor in Psychology from Fairmont State University. In that same year, she was recognized as a certified event planner from Pierpont Community and Technical College.

Lindsey Fleming
Assistant Group Home Director

Ms. Fleming is the key point of contact for Davis-Stuart's **four group homes**. In 2004, she graduated from Glenville State College with her bachelors of Psychology and Sociology with a minor in management. In addition to her degrees, Lindsey was also a member of the honors program.



Heather Quesenberry
Site Coordinator

Ms. Quesenberry graduated from Mountain State University in 2012 with her bachelors in Social Work and her A.A. in General Education. She is the communication between the child and their social worker, comes up with supportive counseling objectives, participates in court summaries, integrated summaries, and recommendation summaries.

Mandy Butler
Office Coordinator

Mrs. Butler is currently finishing her bachelors of Business Administration at West Virginia University. She takes on several responsibilities at Davis-Stuart of which her main objective being office coordination, licensing applications, and IT services.



FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS



Carol Lewis works with a young man on a riding lesson.

Relationships hold the key to an individual's success or failure. Equine Therapy uses the horse as mirror or metaphor for how an individual relates to others. Children at Davis-Stuart who participate in the Equine Therapy Program learn to evaluate their own behavior and to try new ways of being and doing in order to be successful. Through activities with the horse, individuals will learn skills that will help them to become more successful in their relationships, and therefore, life itself.

Licensed therapist, Carol Lewis leads our Equine Therapy Program; where teens are taught proper feeding, grooming, horse handling techniques, and



EQUINE

learn to identify the basic parts of the horse. Teens also learn the history of the horse, and how to perform specific maneuvers. As the program develops with each child and reliable horses are available, teens learn basic horseback riding skills, as well.



Equine Therapy at Davis-Stuart has slowly found its footing. Starting off in 2000 with only two horses, we are now equipped with a horse barn, 7 horses and more recently, 3 miniature horses. Some of our teens even showcased their horsemanship talents at the State Fair of West Virginia.

Lewis says the equine program started off “as just a dream” and to see the advancements and strides it’s made over the years is truly remarkable.



Janine Lazarus gives instruction

Davis-Stuart is always looking for new and exciting opportunities for our kids. We were presented with such an opportunity upon meeting Janine Lazarus with Goodladd Dog Training.

Lazarus hails from London, England and has an extensive background working with animals. For six years she worked at the New Skete Monastery, initially in the training kennels and finally as Brother Christopher’s Head Trainer and Program Director. She is the first female dog trainer to work with the Brothers and is featured and credited in the latest revised version of their book, “The Art of Raising a Puppy”.



CANINE

It was decided the best way to get this project started was to incorporate Greenbrier Humane Society Dogs. The children learned so many important lessons: responsibility, community, volunteerism, as well as the parallels between some of their circumstances and the shelter dogs. By the end of the day, they realized that not only can we do so much to make dog’s lives better-they can make our lives better, too!



The staff at Davis-Stuart is beyond excited about continuing with this amazing and unique project.

Owner, Goodladd Dog Training- Janine Lazarus, Development Officer, Davis-Stuart-Amanda Scott, Office Manager, Greenbrier Humane Society -Sarah Javier, Spiritual Life Director, Davis-Stuart-Matt Evans



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What can \$15 Do? VOLUNTEER!

You can purchase one of our Spiritual Life t-shirts! The t-shirts are uniting mind, body, and Christ! A wonderful way to show your faith while supporting our kids!



Do you think about Davis-Stuart and our kids during the holiday season? A signature Davis-Stuart glass ornament is the perfect addition to your tree and makes great gifts!

Davis-Stuart has been fortunate over the years to have so many dedicated individuals donate their time and talents to our teens. Whether it's helping with praise and worship during chapel, passing out Christmas gifts and giving an encouraging word, creating a special art project, or working with your hands, we always welcome talented and compassionate people to help our teens. Stop by as a

[church group](#) or [individual](#)

and make a difference

TODAY!



Spotlight on Nursing



Julie Byrd-Director of Nursing RN, Lisa Butler- Medical Records Technician, Debra Ballard-RN, and Tabatha Martin-LPN

Director of Nursing, Julie Byrd can remember when the Nursing Department consisted of Julie volunteering her time and knowledge whenever there was a question or concern about the health of one of the teens. Today, Davis-Stuart's Nursing Department is one that is efficient and larger than anyone would have imagined 25 years ago.

In December 1991, Julie transitioned from volunteering her time as a Nurse Consultant to becoming the one and only person in the new Nursing Department. Now, Davis-Stuart employs 3 nurses, Debra Ballard-RN, Tabatha Martin-LPN, and a Medical Records Technician, Lisa Butler. There is always a nurse on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

When a new child comes to Davis-Stuart they first go through a Nurses Assessment where the nurses will ask about the child's medical history and what they need. Often, the teens come with a lot of health issues that have never been addressed and this is the first step to bringing a child back to wellness. Julie says, "Sometimes, our teenagers come to us looking disheveled and ill; after a few weeks the transformation is amazing. They look like a different person after good nutrition, sleep, cleanliness, safety, and medical care."

In addition to our stellar nursing team, Dr. Jewell of Seneca Health Services comes twice a month for psychiatric services and staff from the Robert C. Byrd clinic comes once a week to address additional health issues. In a matter of 2 decades, Davis-Stuart has gone from having 1 nurse to having an entire medical clinic on campus!

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and our Nursing Department is a foundation of our village.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS & DISCHARGES

INTAKES

Number of Residents enrolled in Level II **Main Campus Program** as of July 1, 2013: **38**

(Maximum Occupancy: 44)

Total Number of Intakes for the Main Campus: 81

Total Number of Residents Served: 119

Number of Residents enrolled in Level I **Group Home Program** as of July 1, 2014: **20**

(Maximum Occupancy: 24)

Total Number of Intakes for the Group Homes: 45

Total Number of Residents Served: 65

MAIN CAMPUS

83 Discharges from July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014

59 or **71%** DISCHARGED CLOSER TO PERMANENCY (*DEEMED A SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGE*)

20 or **24%** DISCHARGED TO MORE STRUCTURED/SECURE ATMOSPHERE

2 or **1.2%** DISCHARGED AS AN AWOL/RUNAWAY

2 or **2%** DISCHARGED FOR MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC REASONS

GROUP HOME DISCHARGES **34 Discharges from July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014**

22 or **65%** DISCHARGED CLOSER TO PERMANENCY (*DEEMED A SUCCESSFUL DISCHARGE*)

4 or **12%** DISCHARGED TO MORE STRUCTURED/SECURE ATMOSPHERE

5 or **15%** DISCHARGED AS AN AWOL/RUNAWAY

3 or **9%** DISCHARGED FOR MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC REASONS

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