

# 2018 Annual Report

## Hands Across The Water





## Our Mission

Hands Across the Water (HATW) is dedicated to building and supporting families, committed to the belief that every child deserves a home and loving family.

## HATW Programs



Foster Care



Infant Adoption



Waiting Child Adoption



International Adoption



Mental Health Services



In-Home Parent Education



Pregnancy Support Counseling

# From the Desk of Executive Director, Katie Page Sander

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2018 was a year of significant growth at Hands Across The Water, both in terms of overall income and expenses, but also in staff size. Going into 2019, our 20<sup>th</sup> year of service to children and families in Southeast Michigan and around the world, Hands Across The Water now employs 40 hard working staff members that served more than 600 individuals and families in 2018.

For the seventh year in a row, HATW was recognized by the Human Rights Campaign's All Children All Families initiative as a leader in serving LGBTQ children and families. This growth and recognition is due, in large, to our incredibly passionate and caring staff who dedicate themselves to our mission and to work that is not often glamorous, but which impacts lives for generations.

HATW's reputation for quality care and services has also driven more visibility and interest in the community for our work. The past year saw the generosity of more individual and corporate donors than ever before. Thank you to all who have been a part of the growth and success of Hands Across The Water. It's a true pleasure and honor to serve the community and to be a part of strengthening and building families. I can think of no greater vocation.



Katie Page Sander, LMSW  
*Executive Director*

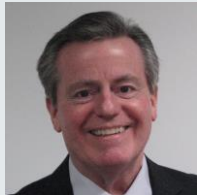
# Agency Leadership: Our Board of Directors



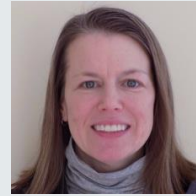
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LMSW - President



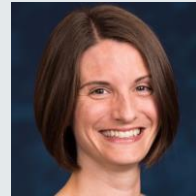
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Vice President



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Secretary

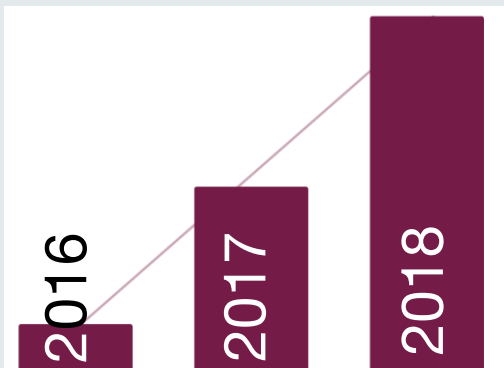


Belinda  
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Ph.D



Darlene  
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BBA, CPA

# 2018 Year In Numbers



**The number of supportive donors driving HATW's mission has grown 7x since 2016**



**158**  
youth in the child welfare system received high quality foster care services through Hands Across The Water in 2018



**39**

women facing an unplanned pregnancy received free in-home pregnancy counseling



**257**

Individuals received in-home parent education services to improve the safety of their home and their skills and capacity as a parent



**52**

youth and adults received behavioral health treatment through expanded services to Medicaid recipients

**42**



youth in our care found their forever family in 2018

# Special Projects in 2018



Through a partnership with Peace Lutheran Church, Samaritas, Michigan Foster Care Closet, and Judson Center, Hands Across The Water held our first annual Back to School Celebration. Over 100 youth in foster care were served in a single afternoon and received comprehensive 'back to school' resources, including haircuts, clothes, school supplies, a mobile dentist, and more.



Hands Across The Water participated in #GivingTuesday for the first time in 2018. Through our community's generous contributions, we provided over twenty disadvantaged families a gift and grocery card for their holiday meal.



Hands Across The Water celebrated our status as a Leader in Supporting and Serving LGBTQ+ Youth and Families through a successful open house and appeared at the Ypsilanti Pride Festival.

**“Hands Across The Water was very helpful and I believe I was given the tools I need to improve my parenting, especially with my older children. I feel confident that everything I’ve learned will make me more of an effective parent with my younger children and improve my relationship with my older kids”**

**- HATW Client**

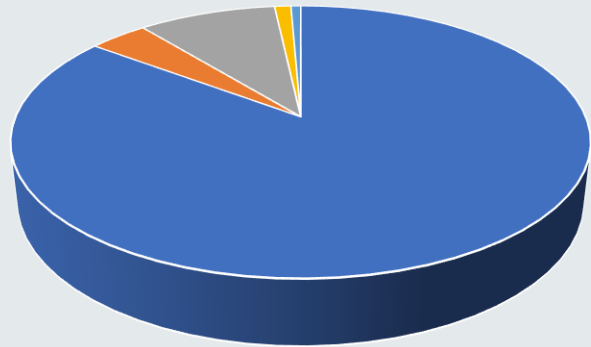




**“ The thoughtfulness, love, and generosity [of HATW] is an inspiration to keep moving forward with confidence... It’s a blessing, as are all of you. My son and myself are closer than ever. I am so deeply touched and grateful ” - HATW Client**

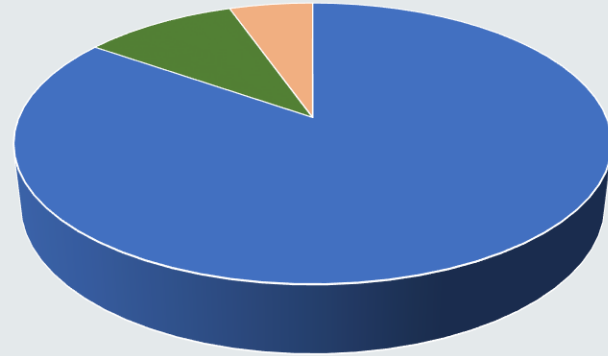
# Statement of Operations - 2018 Fiscal Year

Total Income: \$2,438,003



■ Contracts  
■ Private Pay  
■ Grants  
■ Insurance Reimbursements  
■ Donations  
■ Other Generic Income

Total expenses: \$1,864,362



■ Personnel  
■ Building and equipment  
■ Program expenses

# 2018 Hands Across The Water Supporters

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We wish to thank the following individuals, families, companies, community organizations, and foundations for their generous support of Hands Across The Water during the 2018 fiscal year.

## Community Members

Margaret & James Sander  
Roy & Stacy Townsend  
Kristen & Nick Seguin  
William Ensminger  
Charlotte Cole  
Marion Spitzley  
Erika Wolf  
Carol Rose Kahn  
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Megan Hathaway  
Jennifer Pedley  
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Anonymous (Santa Claus)  
Bill Mayer and  
Christie DeBurton  
Catherine Bartholomay  
Jennifer & John Haft

# 2018 Hands Across The Water Supporters

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## Community Organizations

Big Family of Michigan  
University Lutheran Chapel  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Liberty School Saline  
Pi Beta Phi  
Delta Tau Delta  
University of Michigan Athletics  
Angels on Call  
Generosity Project  
**Corporate Supporters**  
Mancinos  
Busch's Market  
RoosRoast  
Leslie Science & Nature Center  
Quality 16 Cinema  
Aveda Institute  
Oriental Trading  
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Decode Detroit  
Go! Ice Cream  
Oz's Music  
Bivouac  
Dow Gardens  
Firekeepers  
Blank Slate Creamery  
Airtime Trampoline  
Glass Academy  
Oasis Hot Tub Garden  
Putterz  
Cherry Republic  
Jiffy Mix  
Soaring Eagle  
Waterpark and Hotel  
Goodrich Quality 16 -- Corporate  
Little Caesars Pizza  
Sprouting Chefs  
Better Made Snack Foods  
Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery  
Frisch's Big Boy

Kahootz Toys  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Badger Balm  
Grand Rapids Escape Room  
Learning Express Toys



Shutterbooth  
Fresh Thyme  
Pixie Entertainment  
Zap Zone  
Lucky's Market  
Belle Tire

Zingerman's  
Frutig Farms  
Zoobooks  
Catching Fireflies  
A2 Ice Cube  
Zippy's Car Wash

Blue Cross Complete  
Blanford Nature Center  
Thomson Reuters  
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra  
Celebration Cinema  
Splash Universe  
Gold Fish Swim School  
Ann Arbor Art Center  
Henry Ford  
Toyology Royal Oak  
Keva Planks  
Literati  
FAAC/Aerotech  
Ann Arbor Ballet Theater  
Emagine Theater  
The Ride - Ann Arbor  
Iorio's Gelateria  
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