

## STATISTICAL CASE REPORT

Orion Area Youth Assistance provides confidential, short-term, family-centered counseling and referral services to youth and families who reside within the Lake Orion Community School District. In 2019, Orion Area Youth Assistance received 68 new referrals.

### Age of Referrals

AGE	TOTAL	FEMALE	MALE
4	1	1	0
5	0	0	0
6	3	0	3
7	2	1	1
8	7	3	4
9	1	1	0
10	6	3	3
11	3	1	2
12	5	3	2
13	11	5	6
14	14	6	8
15	6	4	2
16	9	6	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>

### Referral Sources

SOURCE	TOTAL	FEMALE	MALE
POLICE	6	2	4
PARENT/GUARDIAN	8	5	3
SCHOOL DISTRICT	46	24	22
DDHS/CPS	3	1	2
OC PROSECUTOR	5	2	3
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### Reasons for Referral

REASON	TOTAL	FEMALE	MALE
ASSAULT AND BATTERY	1	1	0
HOME INCORRIGIBILITY	3	0	3
PREVENTION	56	30	26
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2	0	2
RECKLESS DRIVING	2	2	0
UNLAWFUL ENTRY	1	0	1
POSSESS OBSCENE MATERIAL	2	1	1
THREATENING BEHAVIOR	1	0	1

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#### Inter-governmental Partners

- Charter Township of Orion
- Lake Orion Community School District
- Oakland County Circuit Court—Family Division
- Village of Lake Orion

#### Community Partners and Supporters

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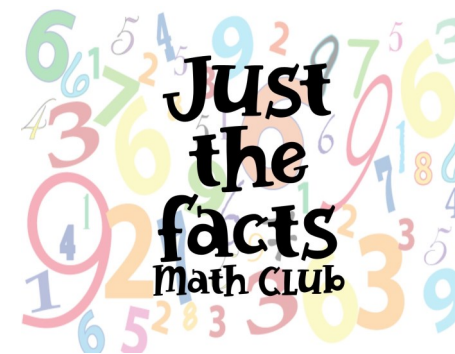
# ORION AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE Annual Report 2019

## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



2019 was a good year for Orion Area Youth Assistance (OAYA), full of progress and partnership development which is a testament to the commitment and compassion of our Board, financial supporters, volunteers, and staff. Our Board members, which include community leaders, educators, and law enforcement have worked hard to expand our reach to children, youth, and families and build awareness of our organization and programs in the community. Although we continue to offer casework services for those in need, we are increasing our efforts to provide programs and services that focus on prevention. Through our fundraising efforts, this year we were able to increase the number of skill building and camp scholarships offered, fund a summer program for

high risk preschool children, and pilot a successful tutoring program at one of the high need elementary schools in our district. We also partnered with a local organization to provide school supplies and backpacks to children and youth so that they could begin the school year with the right tools to help them be successful.



Just the Facts Math Club is a weekly program which began in January 2019 at Blanche Sims Elementary School. The program is a collaboration between Orion Area Youth Assistance, the National Mathematics Honor Society at Lake Orion High School and Lake Orion United Methodist Church. Just the Facts targeted 3rd grade students and focused on mastering multiplication facts. The approach was to engage the children in fun math games and introduce creative ways to practice math facts with the help from student mentors and guidance of professional caring adults. The program served 21 children.



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#### Orion Area Youth Assistance Mission:

*To strengthen youth and families and reduce the incidence of delinquency, neglect, and abuse through community involvement.*

**YOUTH RECOGNITION**

2019 marked our 26th annual Youth Recognition Awards ceremony. This year we honored 27 students who were nominated for their community service above and beyond what is required for graduation received Community Service Awards. Additionally, a new category of awards was added this year. 3 students received our first Personal Achievement Awards. These students were nominated for their triumph over a personal challenge. Congratulations to all of our 2019 Youth Recognition Awards winners!



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**CAMP & ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Summer camp and enrichment activities provide invaluable opportunities for students to learn new skills, make friends, experience new activities, practice teamwork, and often step outside of their comfort zones. Thanks to the Charter Township of Orion and the Village of Lake Orion who earmark funds for this program as well as the generosity of local businesses and individuals through our annual "Adopt-a-Camper" program, we were able to provide 69 weeks of summer camp and 9 enrichment scholarships for experiences like swimming lessons, tutoring, driver's training, and college tours. Additionally, this year was our first year of sponsoring the Early Childhood Explorers' Camp which served 17 Head Start students for three weeks of summer learning and enrichment.



Mia and her mentor Kristin



Mentors Plus connects students who could benefit from additional support with caring adult mentors who provide ongoing support and friendship for their mentees. If you are interested in learning more about how you can become a mentor, please contact Julie Stitt at 248-858-0045.

**HOLIDAY MART**

Thanks to the generosity of patrons and staff at our two local Dollar Tree Stores on Lapeer and Baldwin Roads and a program called Operation Homefront, we were able to host our first ever Holiday Mart. Shoppers were asked to donate a gift or toy for military families or families in need during the month of November. Between the two stores, 2,644 items were donated and used to create our Holiday Mart. Children of military families and children of families with financial need were invited to come in and shop for gifts for their family members with the assistance of special "helper elves" from Lake Orion Learning Options High School over the course of two days in December. Additionally, families were invited to come in on a third day to shop for their children. Mrs. Claus was on hand, along with adult volunteers to create a festive environment for shopping and enjoying cookies and cocoa. 53 children were able to shop for a total of 314 family members, and 53 families shopped for a total of 242 family members.



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**BACK TO SCHOOL**

OAYA and community partners, Lake Orion United Methodist Church and the Dollar Tree on Lapeer Road were able to supply backpacks and school supplies, customized by school and grade, to 96 children and youth in the Lake Orion School District. Shown in picture, retired Lake Orion Kindergarten teacher Martha Northcote, delivering supplies to recipients.



**FAMILY FUN FEST**

Annually, OAYA partners with Lake Orion Community Schools Enrichment Services to provide a free family fun fest filled with games, crafts, and other family friendly activities. This provides opportunities for families to have fun and connect with one another. Local businesses and first responders come out to help make it a fun night for all.



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