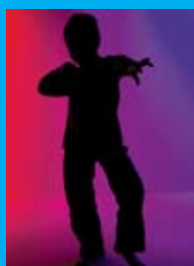


THE TLC HEALTH CENTER

Scott, 15, suffered with a condition which affected his ability to stay awake during the day. It became so difficult for him that one day he fell out of his chair in class. His classmates made fun of him. Scott was overweight, which compounded his health issues and made breathing difficult. At Kids in Crisis, he was put on a nutritious eating program that helped him lose 11 pounds. Through advocacy by Kids in Crisis, Scott received surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids. He left the hospital with improved breathing and is now happily living with his grandmother.



- This year, the TLC Health Center has served 97 children and adolescents through preventive and acute care services and provided 110 referrals to specialists. Since its creation in 1997, the TLC Health Center has helped more than 1,790 area children in need.

A key component in Kids in Crisis' approach to caring for children, the TLC Health Center provides desperately needed medical and psychiatric services to children in crisis. For many children, the visit to the TLC Health Center is their first time receiving comprehensive health care.

Staffed by a full-time Nurse Practitioner and consulting physicians, including a psychologist and psychiatrist, the TLC Health Center provides assessment and treatment for children in residence and referrals to local physicians for specialized care. It also prepares a thorough medical history, which leaves with each child, ensuring continuity of future care. ■

