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Foundation

2018

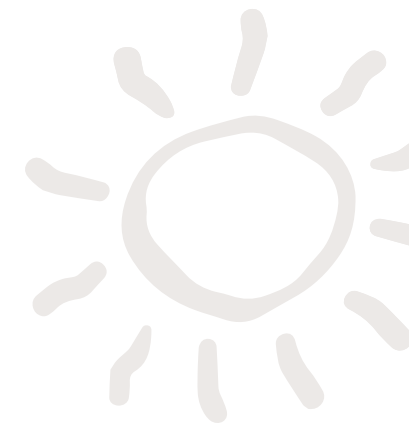
ANNUAL REPORT

EVERY YEAR APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FAMILIES AND 3,000 CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS IN COLUMBUS. EVERY DAY THAT WE FAIL TO END HOMELESSNESS IS ANOTHER DAY REAL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE LIVING WITHOUT A HOME. WE MUST ACT EVERY DAY WITH PURPOSE TO BREAK THIS CYCLE.

HFF was founded in 1986 by community volunteers who believed it was unacceptable for any child to be homeless and that belief continues to fuel HFF's mission and programming. We believe all children in our community should have a home—and the key to ending homelessness is a stable family. We must work together with a sense of urgency to break the generational cycle of homelessness by fostering independence for families who are currently living in poverty and crisis.

The great equalizer in society is a good education. The great resilience builder in life is hope. At HFF we create a hopeful, nurturing environment for families and children where they are engaged in year-round education, housing assistance and supportive services. HFF has a variety of programs that empower struggling families and expectant mothers to achieve stable housing and self-sufficiency. The HFF's education program educates and nurtures children, Pre-K through 8th grade, from the Franklinton community and beyond with afterschool and summer programs, and home visits that provide both education and intervention.

NOT ONE CHILD. NOT ONE NIGHT.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2018 yet another remarkable year for The Homeless Families Foundation! In addition to expanding services for expectant moms you helped provide housing assistance to 408 families and 1,052 children. This year the HFF Dowd Education Center is Celebrating 25 years of educating children. In 2018 the Center enrolled 96 students, prepared and served 7,328 meals, delivered monthly family activities, provided 440 hours of reading and math tutoring, and delivered countless hours of fun academic programming.

Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job of growing our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. Your dedication and support of our mission fuels the daily work of our amazing team and truly helps to transform lives. Together, we look forward to continued growth and our ongoing journey of nurturing children and stabilizing families.

Sincerely,

Beth Rice

*Beth Fetzer-Rice,
Executive Director*



OUR MISSION:

THE HOMELESS FAMILIES FOUNDATION (HFF) EDUCATES AND NURTURES CHILDREN WHILE EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO ACHIEVE STABLE HOUSING AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.



In 2018, HFF served over 500 families and nearly 1,300 children.

Current programming includes:

FAMILY STABILITY PROGRAM aims to break the generational cycle of homelessness by assisting families, within our sphere of influence with maintaining safe and stable housing when faced with a crisis. Families served by HFF address issues that arise that threaten their stability and self-sufficiency.

HEALTHY BEGINNINGS AT HOME (HBAH), a collaboration with CelebrateOne, guides pregnant women toward stable housing and supportive resources in an effort to reduce the region's high infant-mortality rate. HFF is the Lead Housing Stabilization provider.

HOMELESS PREVENTION FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS (HPEM) partners with Columbus' centralized homeless system to identify pregnant women with housing stability issues and help them gain/maintain safe, stable housing.

RAPID RE-HOUSING works with families to help them move from homelessness to stable housing and assists in their efforts to become self-sufficient.

THE HFF DOWD EDUCATION CENTER provides STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) focused academic programming for children in grades K-8. The afterschool and summer programs provide education and intervention to enhance social skills, self-esteem and overall health. Enrichment activities include: nutritious meals; fitness/recreation activities; field trips; and presentations from outside agencies that support education and well-being.

HFF'S SPARK (SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIPS TO ASSURE READY KIDS) program provides families of 3-5 year-old children with the skills and tools needed to prepare their children to enter kindergarten. Parent Partners conduct monthly, in-home visits to work with parents on becoming their child's first teacher.

IN 2018, HFF CHANGED THE LIVES OF CHILDREN THROUGH ITS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

THE DOWD EDUCATION CENTER SERVED



96

K-8TH GRADE STUDENTS
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
AND IN THE SUMMER



130

PRE-K CHILDREN AND
THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE
SPARK PROGRAM

SKILLS BEYOND READING AND MATH

The Homeless Families Foundation's (HFF) Dowd Education Center students have the opportunity to engage in social emotional learning (SEL) activities that are new and challenging in a supportive environment. The staff and students at the Center emphasize the importance of having a "growth mindset." This is the fundamental understanding that people are able to learn and grow, and that even when mistakes are made learning is still taking place. These efforts helped sisters Janiyah and Carliyah who grow very anxious when faced with new challenges. Their self-confidence has grown over the past year by participating in projects that interested them while building their self-esteem.



"SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING IS THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE SELF-AWARENESS, SELF-CONTROL AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS THAT ARE VITAL FOR SCHOOL, WORK AND LIFE SUCCESS. PEOPLE WITH STRONG SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS ARE BETTER ABLE TO COPE WITH EVERYDAY CHALLENGES AND BENEFIT ACADEMICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY."

www.cfchildren.org/what-is-social-emotional-learning

This past summer Janiyah had her first experience aboard a boat. Thanks to Wake the World, students spent a day at Grigg's Reservoir. They learned wakeboarding and acquired some skills for operating a boat. Living a life so sheltered from such things, Janiyah struggled to understand how the boat would be able to keep her safe in such deep water. With encouragement from staff and friends, Janiyah stepped onto the boat for an outing. Once on board she began asking the captain questions about how the boat was staying afloat. He was very patient with his answers. Janiyah was able to ask the questions, get the answers and evaluate the situation so she felt safe. She learned a lot about buoyancy. She was able to relax and have a great time. By the end of the day she was jumping off the back of the boat and playing in the water with her classmates.

Carliyah, participated in a culinary competition as part of the Fairchild Challenge at Franklin Park Conservatory. The competition highlighted her ability to work with others and learn new skills. Carliyah learned all about measuring, chopping and preparing food as well as how to safely use a stove. After an extremely nervous bus ride to the conservatory, she felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment when her team completed the recipe they had developed and presented it to the panel of judges. The team came in fourth place. Having this experience and this memory has helped Carliyah overcome a lot of self-doubt and her approach to new activities and projects continues to evolve for the better.

The SEL that takes place at the HFF Dowd Education Center is much more than the activities that are done every day in the classrooms. Students are empowered through the community of staff, mentors and other students to develop effective problem solving, self-discipline, impulse control, emotion management and self-confidence skills that will serve them throughout their lives.



You can find the recipe Carliyah and the team created at homelessfamiliesfoundation.org/recipe.html

A SAFE AND HEALTHY PLACE TO LIVE

Just like The Homeless Families Foundation (HFF), Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is committed to improving lives and communities. In 2018 Anthem made it possible for HFF to do just that through its support of HFF's Family Stability program.

HFF's Family Stability program assists families within our sphere of influence to help them maintain safe and stable housing. Family Stabilization provides: (1) financial assistance to close the gap between government funds for HFF's housing programs and the ever-increasing rent expenses for families; (2) one-time financial assistance to address immediate threats to stable housing that may include utility arrearages, transportation (bus tickets, auto repair), medicine, family funeral, etc.; (3) household items like sheets, blankets, pots and pans, dishes, towels, paper products, baby items, cleaning supplies, appliances and all of the items that help make a house a home; and, (4) food from our onsite food pantry.

In addition to providing ongoing support to help them maintain their housing, HFF works to improve the physical environment of children and families to enhance their overall well-being. HFF's Family Stability program provides linkages and referrals to physical and mental health agencies to help families overcome the lack of health care and trauma of being homeless.



HFF client, Kiara recently benefited from HFF's Family Stability program. HFF stayed by Kiara's side until she started her new job in early October. She and daughter Akira are now in a safe home and things are looking up. Kiara recently shared, "I owe HFF more than I could ever show! I appreciate all the help they have given Akira and me."

Katie Heenan, Anthem's Program Manager, Foundation & Social Responsibility explains, "Through strategic partnerships and programs, such as our collaboration with The Homeless Families Foundation, we are addressing social drivers that will help create a healthier generation of Americans."



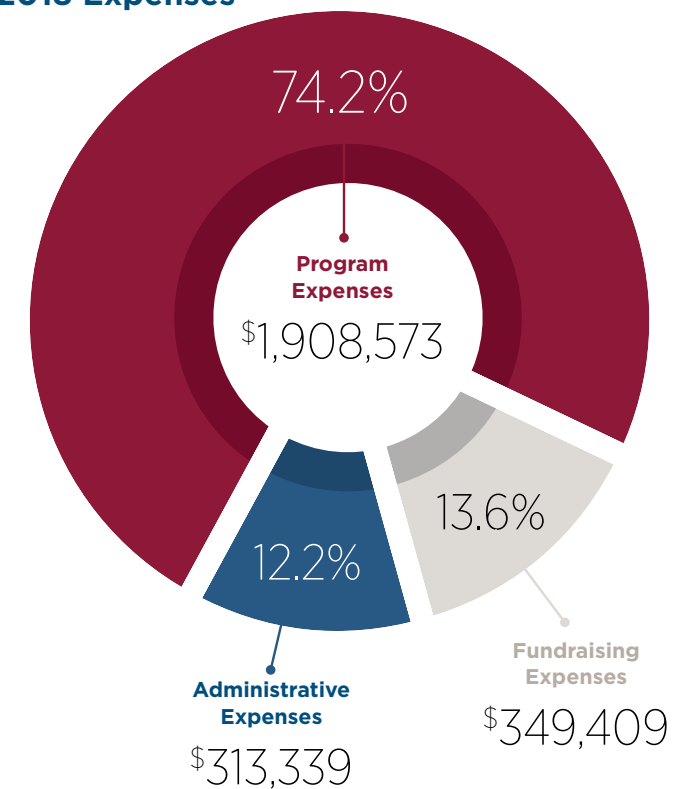
Thank you to Anthem and all our community leaders and partners for making this program possible.

2018 Annual Report Revenue

CONTRIBUTIONS:

17.3%	Individuals	\$440,789
51.5%	Government	\$1,310,066
15.0%	Foundations	\$382,781
13.2%	Corporate	\$334,547
3.0%	Community Organizations	\$75,421
	TOTAL	\$2,543,602

2018 Expenses



*Carry over funding from 2017 was applied to 2018 expenses.

The HFF Endowment Fund

Established in December of 2015, The HFF Endowment Fund allows HFF to achieve its greatest goals in the coming decades and have an impact in our community for generations to come.

IN 2018, THE FUND GREW BY 31.4% TO \$117,207

You can help HFF's Endowment Fund grow with an unrestricted bequest, planned, honorary or memorial gift. For more information, contact Donna Powell, Director of Donor Relations and Advancement, at 614-715-8342 or dpowell@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org.

HFF'S PARTNERSHIP WITH BUCKEYE RANCH CONTINUED IN 2018. AN ON-SITE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY

92 CHILDREN

WITH

486

HOURS OF ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS AND FAMILY COUNSELING.

80 HOURS OF GROUP SESSIONS WERE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS AT THE HFF DOWD EDUCATION CENTER ADDRESSING CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, BULLYING, SEPARATION FROM A PARENT, ANGER, SELF-CONTROL, AND PROBLEMS WITH PEERS AND PARENTS.

IN 2018, HFF PROVIDED HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO:

408 FAMILIES



86% OF THE FAMILIES HAD POSITIVE OUTCOMES

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT IN 2018

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594

VOLUNTEERS

DONATED

5,793

HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING



The Homeless **Families** Foundation

IN 2018, HFF WORKED TO:

HOUSE
1,052
CHILDREN

&

EDUCATE
226
CHILDREN

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