2015 Financial Donors

Thank you to all who have contributed to Front Steps. A list of donors who gave $1,000 or more in 2015 is below. Every attempt is made to provide accurate reporting to our donors and stakeholders. If your name or the name of your organization is missing or not categorized correctly, we apologize and ask that you notify us at 216.781.2250.

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- ADAHMS Board
- The Cleveland Foundation
- Community West Foundation
- The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation
- Cuyahoga County
- The George Gund Foundation
- Murphy Family Foundation
- David & Inez Myers Foundation
- Old Stone Church
- PNC Financial Services Group
- Reinberger Foundation
- United Way of Greater Cleveland

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- Sherwin Williams Foundation
- The Sherwin Williams Women’s Club
- Michael Talty and Helen Talty Charitable Trust
- Tucker Ellis & West LLP
- United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland

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- Stephen Bittence
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2015 Statistics

DEMOGRAPHICS
- 71 residents served at Front Steps
- Age: 6% 0-17 years; 22% 18-34 years; 58% 35-54 years; 14% 55 and up
- Ethnicity: 79% African American; 16% Caucasian; 4% Hispanic; 1% multi-racial
- 75% have a mental illness
- 32% diagnosed with alcohol dependency
- 39% diagnosed with drug dependency
- 17% have a chronic health condition
- 30% have a physical disability
- 43% have a history of domestic violence
- 58% have no income; 100% have an income that is less than $1,500/year

PROGRAMMING
- Over 400 individuals in the community served through Front Steps’ services
- 102 individuals received job training or furthered their education
- 63 individuals participated in Art Therapy
- 48 individuals participated in Nutrition Class
- 25 individuals participated in the Relationships & Communications Workshop
- 17 individuals participated in Women’s Therapy Group; 4 participated in Men Talk
- 11 individuals participated in Financial Literacy Class and/or Credit Repair Workshop
- An average of 28 residents participate in Social Hour monthly
- 64 people from the Work Experience Program through Cuyahoga County were trained and have worked at Front Steps

Run/Walk for Home Sponsors
- Ally Bellow
- The Cleveland Indians
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Dear Friends,

Front Steps Housing and Services (formerly Transitional Housing Inc.) has had quite a year! Here are a few of the things we’ve been up to:

- Completed our first year with our new organizational name – Front Steps Housing and Services.
- Continued to create and build upon collaborations with local non-profits and organizations, including the ADAMHS Board, Ursuline College, Cuyahoga Community College and Care Alliance to better serve our community and residents.
- Started several new programs including Health and Wellness (fitness class, grocery shopping, morning reflections), Trauma Focused Therapy, Group Therapy and Art Therapy.
- Served 71 residents under our roof and another 40+ who have come through our doors to receive services.

All of this has been accomplished to fulfill our mission of:

Providing individuals and families who are mentally disabled and/or economically disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County with permanent supportive housing and lifelong solutions to increase self-sufficiency and independence.

FRONT STEPS IS a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness in our community. It provides individuals and families who are mentally disabled and/or economically disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County with permanent supportive housing and lifelong solutions to increase self-sufficiency and independence.

FRONT STEPS SERVES men, women and children of all ages who are homeless and disabled (mental illness and/or substance dependency). Residents are referred by homeless shelters through the Cuyahoga County Central Intake process.

FRONT STEPS PROVIDES a safe and secure environment with 60 rooms all located within the facility; personalized case management to all residents; and programs to increase skills, confidence and independence. Many of the programs are not only offered to residents, but also to former residents and those in the community. The core programs are categorized as:

- CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
  Programs designed to teach the skills and confidence necessary to achieve independent living. Center includes health and wellness, financial literacy, household management, child rearing, family reunification, social skills, and peer support.

- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
  Programs designed to address overall mental health and wellness. Center includes workforce readiness workshop, on site job training, GED classes and other resources to further education and certifications.

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We would not be able to provide these services without the hardworking efforts of our Board of Directors and staff, as well as our loyal supporters and donors in the community. We appreciate your support.

In gratitude,

David Eddy
President,
Board of Directors

Sherri Brandon
Executive Director

Ways to Give

Front Steps would not be able to do what it does without the help of our generous supporters. Please consider giving in one of the following ways:

Donate: Your monetary contribution will go towards the safe environment, programs and services that are offered to the residents of Front Steps. All gifts, no matter the size, make a difference and are greatly appreciated. We also have a Monthly Giving Program, where your credit card will be charged a set amount each month, so you can give year-round.

Employ: As clients gain skills and experience at Front Steps, they will be looking for employment in the community. We have relationships with many local companies and hope that you and your company would be willing to join in our efforts.

Participate: Get involved by attending one of our events throughout the year. There is something for everyone. To receive information, visit our website, join our email list and like us on facebook.

Host a Fundraiser: In hosting a third party fundraiser, you would not only be raising much needed funds for Front Steps, but would be exposing our mission to a broader audience. You can be as creative as you like with your fundraiser and Front Steps is here to help.

Associates Board: If you are a young professional or know of a young professional looking to get more involved in the community, please consider joining our Associates Board which focuses on volunteer opportunities and fundraising events.

Learn More: If you feel like you want to give in some way but still have questions, we encourage you to talk to Front Steps staff, take a tour of the facility, or attend an event.

To get started today, please contact Maggie Byrne at 216-781-2250 or mbyrne@frontstepsservices.org or visit www.frontstepsservices.org.

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