

Thanks
for an
Amazing
Year!



Annual
Report
2015 - 16

UpSpring

ELEVATING KIDS THROUGH EDUCATION

Dear Friends:

Wow. You did it again. You helped make real change in your community by investing in UpSpring. With your support we were able to grow to a staff of five qualified individuals who served over 3,500 children experiencing homelessness – the most children we have ever served.

There are an estimated 7,000 children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky, and UpSpring strives to serve every single one of them. In a country where the average age of a person experiencing homelessness is 9 years old, organizations like ours are vital to our community's vitality. Without you, we would not be making the kind of change we are, and we thank you.

This past fiscal year saw UpSpring serve over 180 unique children at our two Summer 360° camps. We also launched our first-ever after school program at Newport Independent School. The program was so successful that we have also implemented a shelter-based program at Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center; expanding our reach to serve teens experiencing homelessness.

As we look to the future, UpSpring finds itself looking at its role in the area of early childhood education & daycare. On the horizon, we see a daycare facility at which homeless mothers & fathers can drop their children so that they can seek work and/or housing. This facility's working name is "Early UpSpring." Currently, childcare is a major gap in services for homeless families, and UpSpring strives to fill it. To do this, we will need your help and will be asking for you to join us in implementing a truly progressive and innovative method of combatting homelessness.

Lastly, in addition to the after school program at Lighthouse we are implementing another program for teens called "UpSpring Alumni." The program will teach kids about the different types of jobs available to them in the community, help them with college applications, and give them access to real-world internships. Stay tuned as this exciting program develops this year.

With the addition of the program at Lighthouse, and with the implementation of Early UpSpring & UpSpring Alumni, our organization will be able to serve the entire continuum of children experiencing homelessness – birth to eighteen. We will effectively increase our impact, and truly empower all children to break the cycle of homelessness & poverty.

As a result of this tremendous growth, we have entered into a three-year strategic planning process with Partners in Change. We can't wait to share our plan with you once it is finalized.

We look forward to continuing to grow & innovate with you. We appreciate you being on our Journey with us, and we look forward to making change with you again this year.



Mike Moroski
Executive Director



Pete Daugherty
Board Chair



All In A Year's Work!

Thanks to contributors like you, UpSpring made considerable headway in 2016. Here's a snapshot of what you've helped us accomplish with our programs:



Greater Reach

UpSpring expanded programming to serve teens experiencing homelessness with a program at Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center



Increased Staffing

UpSpring has grown to five full time staff members so as to serve children more effectively and efficiently



Looking Ahead

UpSpring has begun a strategic planning process that will enable us to grow responsibly as demand for our services continues to grow



On The Horizon

- Make strides toward opening a childcare respite center for children experiencing homelessness
- Expand the Resource Collaborative to reach more children
- Continue to invest in After School programming to fill the hours between school letting out and parents getting off of work
- Implement our three-year strategic plan

Help Us Make It Happen

Your contributions make all the difference. Whether donating time, supplies and/or financial assistance, you continue to help us provide vital educational assistance and programming.

Donate now at www.UpSpring.org

Mission

To empower children experiencing homelessness by providing opportunities for education and enrichment.

UpSpring at a Glance

Vision

To positively transform our communities by breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

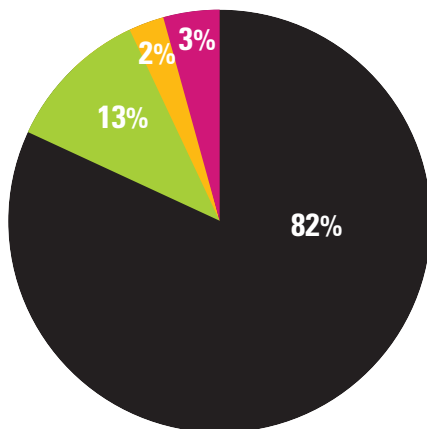


Our Financials

End of Year Net Assets \$201,090

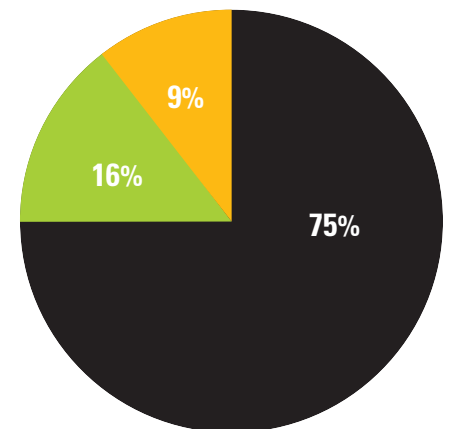
Total Income
\$525,182

- Restricted Grants
- Contributions
- Events
- In-Kind Donations



Total Expenses
\$516,351

- Program
- Mgmt & General
- Fundraising



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