Thank you for uniting in a movement to help some of the most vulnerable young people find a safe haven and transform their lives. In just one year, we’ve made a difference for more than 6,000 youth who have experienced homelessness, have been victims of human trafficking—or both. We’re so inspired by the youth we serve. They demonstrate such resilience every day and inspire me as I watch them move toward independence and empowerment. They are making a positive impact in our community because of you. We will continue to serve even more abandoned and frightened youth with your help. We offer a heartfelt thank you for making their futures brighter—today and tomorrow.

PAUL KINDL, Interim Executive Director, Covenant House Missouri

Our Impact 2017-2018

CRISIS PROGRAM
141 YOUTH & TEENS
With open arms, we welcome youth to Covenant House Missouri 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For up to 45 days, youth may live on our crisis floor, where their immediate needs for sanctuary, food, shelter, clothing, and mental and physical health services are met. After that, we develop a plan to assist the youth out of crisis and into stability.

- 31% were from St. Louis County
- 58% were discharged to known safe & stable housing
- Youth from the Crisis Program attended 356 Life Skills classes

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
55 YOUTH & TEENS
The Transitional Living Program (TLP) accepts youth ages 16-21 and offers housing in one of our 10 two-bedroom suites for up to 24 months. While living on the TLP floor, youth further their healing process, continue their education, find jobs and develop independent living skills.

- 59% were discharged to known safe & stable housing
- Youth from the Transitional Living Program attended 418 Life Skills classes

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
2,354 YOUTH & TEENS
Our Outreach Team travels throughout St. Louis and surrounding areas, reaching out to youth sleeping on the streets, under bridges, or in vacant buildings. The team provides food, drinks, and clothing to meet immediate needs while making young people aware of the resources available and inviting them to accept the full spectrum of services offered by Covenant House Missouri.

SAFE OUTREACH AND RUNAWAY PREVENTION
3,791 YOUTH & TEENS
The Outreach Team also conducts Safe Outreach and Runaway Prevention presentations, advising youth about what to do if they are living in a dangerous situation.

Covenant House Missouri offers an array of services to ensure young people have the opportunity to thrive, including: employment training, job-seeking support, mock interviews, healthcare, access to legal services, and conflict resolution training.
Thanks to our generous donors, we have made a difference for 100,000 youth over the past 20 years. Thank you for your commitment to our mission! Covenant House Missouri was founded as an affiliate of Covenant House International in 1998 through the selfless determination and sacrifice of Tom and Doreen Gilliam. Moved by the reality of homeless youth and the determination to help them, they gathered friends and colleagues and mortgaged their own home to raise funds to reach out to young people in need. Through their commitment, Covenant House Missouri continues as a sanctuary offering healing, absolute respect, and unconditional love.

**Making College Dreams Come True**

Because of your generous support, Covenant House Missouri is able to provide vital, life-changing help for homeless youth. Every gift—from individuals, corporations, family foundations, grants, community fundraising efforts such as Give STL Day, and special events such as our annual Stan Musial Hall of Fame Gala, Sleep Out: Executive Edition, and Sleep Out: Young Professionals—matters to transform the lives of at-risk youth who need us.

Here’s just one story of a young person who was in crisis and is now thriving thanks to your generosity.

**Meet Cora**

Cora came to the Covenant House Missouri Transitional Living Program at age 19 because living at home was no longer a safe or healthy option for her. She was a smart, driven student who already had 18 hours of college credit classes that she took in high school. However, Cora had incurred debt for the college credit fees. Being on her own, she couldn’t afford to pay the fees, which meant she couldn’t apply to colleges. Her college dreams were fading quickly.

Thankfully, an anonymous donor believed in Cora’s future and paid her debt so Cora could move forward. After two years at St. Louis Community College, Cora earned a scholarship to a local university where she is majoring in biology with hopes to work in the genetics field. Cora’s hard work, along with the safe shelter and guidance from Covenant House Missouri, has made her bright future possible.