BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY
TWO GENERATIONS AT A TIME
At Almost Home, we want the young moms who attend and complete our program to have the power to improve their quality of life—for themselves and their children. Thanks to the support of people like you, 49 moms and their 49 children had the chance to do that in 2017. That means 49 families can open doors that were closed to them, and push past barriers that were keeping them from succeeding.

Almost Home’s staff and clients thank you for being a part of our story. You’ve made a difference in the lives of so many moms and their kids!
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POVERTY IS REAL

The federal poverty line is:

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POVERTY IS LOCAL

Over 1/3 of MO single moms live below the poverty line

In Missouri, 38% of single women with children live below the poverty line, and the poverty rate in the City of St. Louis is the third highest in the state at 28.8%. Research has documented long-lasting negative effects of poverty, including disparities in children’s health, educational progress, and social adjustment. Poor children are more likely to fall behind in academic achievement, require expensive medical treatment, and become delinquent. And according to the Brookings Institute, 42% of children born to women in poverty remain in poverty a generation later.

These barriers to earning present an “opportunity gap” that Almost Home’s Foundations to Success Transitional Living Program seeks to close through stable housing, education and employment support, therapeutic counseling, positive parenting, and independent living skills classes, giving teen moms a foundation on which to achieve educational and employment success, and ultimately, financial security.
Foundations to Success
Building a successful future starts with a solid foundation. Foundations to Success (FTS) provides a safe, nurturing environment to 16-20 year-old, low-income, single moms and their children. We meet their immediate needs for housing, food, clothing, and baby supplies, while also providing case management, counseling, and other support services that equip them to pursue and achieve their education and career goals.

Almost Home Apartments
Located across the street from our transitional living facility, our apartments are rent subsidized and in close proximity to Almost Home, allowing FTS Alumni to live independently, while still easily accessing support services.

Alumni Support Program
Former FTS Program clients have access to ongoing stabilization support, coaching, support groups, therapy, and referrals to community resources through the ASP program. Access to these services for up to eight years helps young moms achieve greater economic self-sufficiency.

IN 2017:

49 young moms were empowered by Foundations To Success
86 kids got a chance at a better future
46 moms received therapeutic counseling
25 alumni received continued support as they worked to achieve their long-term goals
When Kalynn and her daughters Makiya and Ky’ra came to Almost Home in September 2016, she knew she needed to make big changes to create a better life for her daughters. Soon after she began Almost Home’s Foundations to Success program, Kalynn found a full-time job at Advanced Auto Parts.

While working this full-time job, she continued looking for employment with a career path. Her persistence paid off, and she soon accepted a full-time job at BJC Healthcare. After working at BJC Healthcare for a year, she was promoted to work in the Radiology Department. In April 2017, she moved into Almost Home’s independent living apartments. She continues to receive support through Almost Home’s Alumni Support Program. Kalynn is putting money into a savings account, owns her own car, maintaining her own apartment, and most of all, her daughters are thriving in school.

Originally, Kalynn wanted to be a paramedic, but while working for BJC Healthcare, she was exposed to many different areas of the health care field. She learned that she enjoys radiology, and is excited to begin Radiology Technician training this fall. Kalynn is determined to continue changing the future for herself and her daughters, and she credits Almost Home with giving her the support and guidance she needed to succeed.
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### Assets
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $803,638
- Accounts Receivable: $332,880
- Prepaid Expenses: $12,411
- Property, Plant, and Equipment: $970,216
- Almost Home Permanent Housing, L.P.: $234,613
- Other Investments: $5,576

**Total Assets**: $2,359,334

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Liabilities
- Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses: $40,000
- Lease Payable: $5,173
- Other Liabilities-Small Dollar IDA Program: $953

**Total Liabilities**: $46,126

#### Net Assets
- Unrestricted: $2,092,668
- Temporarily Restricted: $220,540

**Total Net Assets**: $2,313,208

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $2,359,334

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### Support and Revenue
- Participant Fees: $7,076
- Government Grants and Fees: $357,102
- United Way: $96,711
- Individual Donations: $428,931
- Interest: $460
- Gifts In-Kind: $60,310

**Total Support and Revenue**: $950,590

Net assets released from restrictions: -0-
Satisfaction of program restrictions: -0-

**Total Net Assets Released From Restrictions**: -0-

#### Expenses
- Program Services: $702,479
- Management and general: $148,113
- Fundraising: $123,266

**Total Expenses**: $973,858

#### Changes in Net Assets

**Net Assets, Beginning of Year**: $2,336,476

**Changes in Net Assets**: $(23,268)

**Net Assets, End of Year**: $2,313,208
$10,000 or More
Gerald & Louise McNeive

$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous
Kenneth & Alexis Catalanotto
Teresa & Bob Katubig
Elizabeth Mehlich

$500 - $999
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Lauren Barnes
Carla Baum & Joan Pace
Dave Bradshaw & Fabian Marta
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Drew & Charli Kreienkamp
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Dana Lanier
Patricia Mclaughlin
Judith Pautler
Penny Pennington
Mindy Phillips
Yvette Porter
Dr. Joseph Prusaczyk
Que & Betty Purnell
Jeff & Julie Ramacciotti
Kurt Roither
Virginia Viehmann
William & Louann Voss
Miriam Wilhelm
Barbara Zielinski

$100 - $499
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Lea Ames
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Kathy AuBuchon

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Kevin Dunn
Laura Edwards
Randall Ehret
Thomas Epstein
Marcy Evitts
Keith & Maureen Fischer
Cindy Fitzgerald
Perry Fleming
Justin Flynn
Latasha Fox
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Stan Garber
Petra Gilmore
Joan Gooris
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Urban Chestnut Brewing Co.
US Bank Institutional Trust & Custody
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
Women In Business Network
Worldcom Settlement Fund
YourCause, LLC Trustee for MasterCard
Zielinski & Associates

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Anita and John O’Connell Family Fund
Bank of America
Berges Family Foundation
Bernice Priger Charitable Foundation
Blues For Kids Foundation
BNSF Foundation
Boeing Company - Employees Community Fund
Brackets for Good
Cardinals Care
Emerson Charitable Trust
Emerson Climate Technologies White-Rodgers Division
Engelhardt Family Foundation
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Fischer-Bauer-Knirps Foundation
Greater St Louis Community Foundation
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Kuhn Foundation
Marian Foundation
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Newman’s Own Foundation
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Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program
Pott Foundation
Racine Dominican Mission Fund
St. Joseph Parish - Cottleville
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United Way of Brown County
United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
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Volunteer Spotlight

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What do you enjoy most about working at Almost Home?
I love working with the kids; being there with them and their parents on Tuesdays and Thursdays is probably one of the things I look forward to each week. It seems like such a small thing to look after them, but when you think about the fact that you are caring for them while their mothers are in life skills classes which are going to not only better them, but also their children, you realize [why it is so important]. Another thing I really love is the relationships that I am able to build with the kids, to the point where they remember me the next time they see me or ask me not to leave when their parents come. The more I come to volunteer, the more I see how much of an impact I [can have] on the kids, and vice versa.

In your opinion, what words best describe the work that Almost Home provides for local families?
Almost Home provides the necessary support and stability for families to be successful in all aspects of their everyday lives. When I think of Almost Home, I think of hope; hope for the mothers, their children, and the community. There’s this aspect of Almost Home that to me, speaks to the idea: “you can do anything you put your mind to regardless of your individual circumstances, and we are going to be there to motivate and assist you along the way”. Almost Home sees the innate potential in individuals, and pushes them to see it in themselves. That’s what I see when I think of the work done at Almost Home.

EVENTS

BABY SHOWER

In August, Almost Home hosted the 8th annual Baby Shower. More than 125 guests attended, learned about our clients and programs, and supported our mission.

GOLF CLASSIC

Almost Home hosted our 24th Annual Golf Classic at The Courses at Forest Park in May. The tournament was attended by over 100 Almost Home supporters!

Celebration of GRIT

In November, Almost Home hosted our fourth annual Celebration of GRIT Awards at the Chase Park Plaza, where we honored six community members for their tenacity, dedication and passion, and the inspiration they provide for our young moms!
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