

2018

Annual Report



ALMOST

HOME

TRANSFORMING FUTURES TODAY



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY
TWO GENERATIONS AT A TIME

103

young moms and their children

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, 48 moms and their 55 children had the chance to do that in 2018. That means 48 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!**

THE NATURE OF POVERTY

POVERTY IS REAL

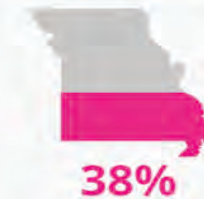
The federal poverty line is:



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POVERTY IS LOCAL

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



In Missouri, 65% 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 extensive 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.

The Cycle of Poverty



THE ALMOST HOME CONTINUUM OF CARE

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 service that equip them to pursue and achieve their education and career goals.

48 Young moms were empowered by Foundations To Success.

55 Kids got a chance at a better future.

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 (ASP)

Former FTS Program clients have access to on-going 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 2018:



27 Alumni recieved continued support as they worked to achieve their long-term goals.

48 Moms recieved therapeutic counseling.

Jessica's TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY



Like so many young moms who turn to Almost Home for help, Jessica was just a teenager. She met and fell in love with the father of her sons, becoming pregnant for the first time at 17. Eventually she dropped out of school and moved from house to house. Jessica was living with her grandmother when she made the decision to find stability. She searched online and found Almost Home.

Jessica was ecstatic to complete Almost Home's Foundation to Success (FTS) Program and eager to live in her very own apartment. Staff tried to convince the 20-year-old mother of two to wait for an Independent Living apartment across the street from Almost Home to become available, but her enthusiasm thwarted her judgment. Jessica moved into an apartment farther away and in an unsafe neighborhood.

"They tried their best to convince me not to move into that apartment, but I wanted to be independent. Thinking back I should have listened."

— Jessica



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$638,670
Accounts Receivable	\$464,539
Prepaid Expenses	\$11,052
Property, Plant, and Equipment	
Other Investments	\$903,887
Almost Home Parmanent Housing, L.P.	\$234,613
Other Assets	\$2,453
Total Assets	\$2,255,214

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$21,344
Lease Payable	\$3,635
Other Liabilities-Small Dollar IDA Program	—
Total Liabilities	\$24,979
Net Assets	\$1,985,319
Unrestricted	\$135,437
Temporarily Restricted	\$109,479
Total Net Assets	\$2,230,235
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,255,214

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue

Participant Fees	\$2,480
Government Grants and Fees	\$313,601
United Way	\$93,867
Donations	\$393,563
Interest	\$992
Gifts In-Kind	\$51,037
	<u>\$855,540</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	\$0
Total Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$0
Total Support and Revenue	\$855,540

Expenses

Program Services	\$688
Management and General	\$148,326
Fundraising	\$101,312
Total Expenses	\$938,513
Changes in Net Assets	\$(82,973)

Net Assets, Beginning of Year

Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$2,313,208</u>
	<u>\$2,230,235</u>

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Kathy

Volunteer Spotlight

What do you enjoy most about working at Almost Home?

Well, pretty much everything! I am primarily a child care volunteer. I enjoy spending time with the babies and children of all ages. It is especially rewarding after they get comfortable with the volunteers and when they see us they run into the room happy we are there to play with them. I also enjoy the opportunity to help the children who are new residents get comfortable in the child care room, so their moms have the time they need for learning new life skills.

What is your favorite memory at Almost Home?

I have two great memories to share. There was a mom with two children who had left Almost Home, and then decided to return for more growth for her and her children. Mom and her kids remembered us. I asked if she was okay, and her response was "I am now." The second memory is from a visit with Santa. A newer mom was not quite comfortable with Santa her 5-day-old baby for a picture. After observing the other moms and children with Santa, she became more comfortable and allowed me to place her baby in his arms for a picture, to create a nice memory for both of them.

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 25th Annual Golf Classic at The Courses at Forest Park in May. The tournament was attended by over 100 Almost Home supporters!



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