



Nicholas House

HELPING HOMELESS FAMILIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

[2016 ANNUAL REPORT]



OUR **MISSION**

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NEW, BRIGHTER FUTURES... This is what Nicholas House provides for homeless families. In 2016, Nicholas House assisted 618 homeless children and parents, representing 167 homeless families, achieve self-sufficiency. We provided temporary housing along with comprehensive services and case management that made a lasting impact on each family. We could only make this impact because of the tremendous support and help of our community, volunteers and donors like you. Thank you!

We helped establish a brighter future for families by expanding Nicholas House services to provide a continuum of programs designed to assist homeless families at different stages of need. With plans to further expand our services, we continue our critical and unique role among homeless organizations by accepting any composition of family - single moms with children, single dads with children, couples with children, large families, and families with older teenagers. **We keep families intact!**

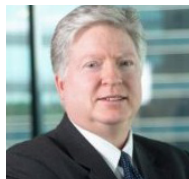
We have also taken a leadership role in creating a new and brighter future in the way services are provided to homeless families throughout our community. Nicholas House representatives serve on multiple strategic and planning committees in both the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County to create new processes and standards that are transforming the way homeless services are provided throughout the region and across all agencies. A new, brighter future for the region includes coordinated assessment and entry for faster housing, common use of best practices for impactful services, and more precise matching of families with services that are right for them.

Most of all, we ensure a new, brighter future by focusing on long-term outcomes and continuing to implement best-practice models to ensure we fulfill our mission. This past year Nicholas House staff were trained in Trauma Informed Care approaches and our policies were reviewed and updated so that we can better assist families going through the trauma of homelessness and past crises. This joins our adoption of other best practice approaches known as “housing first” and “harm reduction” philosophies.

Our efforts are aimed at more than ensuring housing. Our mission is self-sufficiency. We continue to show long-term impact with our two-year tracking data showing 75% of families remain stably housed on their own a year or more AFTER leaving our services!

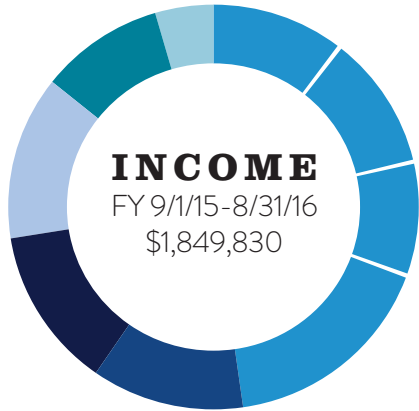
We are proud of our accomplishments thanks to the support of our donors, volunteers, friends, board and staff, but there is still work to be done. Thank you for your help in making an impact for homeless families and Nicholas House. We invite you to join us in continuing our efforts to end family homelessness!

Paul Lundy, CPA
BOARD PRESIDENT

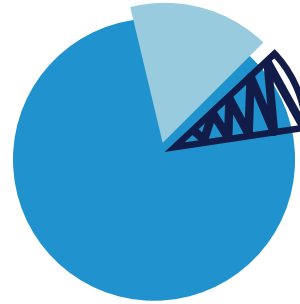


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2016 FINANCIALS



12% **INDIVIDUALS**
 18% **UNITED WAY**
 17% **IN-KIND**
 8% **FOUNDATIONS**
 2% **CORPORATIONS**
GOVERNMENT
 12% CITY 10% COUNTY
 5% STATE 16% FEDERAL



EXPENSES
FY 9/1/15-8/31/16
\$1,829,576

90% **PROGRAM**
 4.5% **MANAGEMENT**
 5.5% **FUNDRAISING**

2016 IMPACT



618
HOMELESS CHILDREN
& PARENTS PROVIDED
HOUSING AND SERVICES

167

HOMELESS FAMILIES
ASSISTED



71%
INCREASED
INCOME

75%

REMAIN SELF-SUFFICIENT
A YEAR OR MORE AFTER
SERVICES

32%

DECREASE DEBT



100%
OF CHILDREN GRADUATED
TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL

85%

OF STUDENTS INCREASED A
LETTER GRADE IN CLASSES

29%

OF STUDENTS IN SHELTER
ARE ON SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

89%

OF STUDENTS IMPROVED
BEHAVIOR

5%

OF PARENTS INCREASED
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL VIA
GED OR DEGREE



17,000+
MEALS SERVED



2,700+
HOURS OF VOLUNTEER
SERVICE

“I have been volunteering with and supporting Nicholas House for more than 18 years. The children are what keep me coming back to Nicholas House. I volunteer each month to encourage others to support this amazing organization that offers homeless children and their families hope for a brighter future.”

- ELAINE MCCLEAN,
VOLUNTEER

NICHOLAS HOUSE **PROGRAMS**

NICHOLAS HOUSE PROVIDES A CONTINUUM OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ASSIST HOMELESS FAMILIES AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF NEED AND CREATE NEW FUTURES

HOME AGAIN for families with enough income but needing initial help, leasing advocacy or homeless prevention assistance due to temporary crisis

HOMELESS TO HOMES (H2H) for families with some income but not enough, we obtain leases in their names as they pay 30% of their income toward rent and we provide a time-limited subsidy for the rent difference while we work to help the family increase income

BOULEVARD SHELTER

for families with no income needing immediate shelter to help stabilize the family, provide basic needs and establish a plan and goals to move forward

NEW HORIZONS

for families with no income plus additional barriers, this permanent supportive housing program provides services to chronically homeless families with disabilities

Want to help? Join us in the fight to eradicate family homelessness by giving your time and resources!

H O W T O M A K E A D I F F E R N C E



Whether by serving dinner, teaching an adult education workshop, leading activities in our after-school program, or being a chaperone on field trips, come volunteer your talents and passion! **CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER MANAGER** at (404) 622-0793, ext.106 or Nnyhoff@nicholashouse.org



Donations of essential items, money, stocks, and property ensure that we can continue to support families in their journey to self-sufficiency. To help us fulfill our mission, **CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT** at (404) 622-0793, ext.105 or Terry@nicholashouse.org

Dream **BUILDERS**

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Become part of our Dream Builders giving society by pledging your support of \$1,000 or more. Call (404) 622-0793, ext.105 or email Terry@nicholashouse.org

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NEW HOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Lachelle Jones and her six children became homeless after she left her children's alcoholic father, then was ordered to bed rest while pregnant with her youngest.

Forced to quit her job to ensure the healthy delivery of her son, she had to use up all of her savings just to pay day-to-day bills. She left the hospital after giving birth with nowhere to go.

After spending time in shelters that either separated her from her two teenage sons or required her family to move every week, Lachelle found Nicholas House. Lachelle was accepted into our Homeless to Homes program, which allowed her to keep her entire family together while she lived in a rent-subsidized apartment.

Working closely with a case manager, Lachelle was able to set aside enough money for a new car, the up-front costs to move to a new home, and an additional \$1,000 in savings.

In summer of 2016, Lachelle graduated from the Homeless to Homes program and moved her family into a beautiful 4-bedroom rental home. She now works full-time at a daycare and is close to completing her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, with plans to advance her career and increase her salary by working in the county school system. She is saving to buy a house and is thrilled to be back on track and planning for the future.

Thanks to Nicholas House programs and Lachelle's drive to succeed, her family's future is looking bright!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Nicholas House is grateful to our hundreds of donors and supporters. Special thanks to those who gave \$500+(*), \$5,000+(**), \$10,000+(***) over our last fiscal year (9/1/15-8/31/16):

★ Indicates Dream Builders Society Membership

DREAM BUILDERS SOCIETY

We are pleased to have more than 100 individuals who have joined the Nicholas House Dream Builders Society to show their deep passion and commitment to helping homeless families. As a Dream Builders Society member, these individuals have pledged a significant, multi-year, unrestricted financial contribution to support our mission. The following have made a new pledge commitment during the past year to become Dream Builder members:

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– Georgina Usher,
Volunteer

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