



**Nicholas House**  
HELPING HOMELESS FAMILIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

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OUR **MISSION**  
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## MOVING FORWARD & CREATING CHANGE FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

**FORWARD...** In 2017, Nicholas House continued its work to help homeless families move forward and achieve self-sufficiency. With the support of our community, homeless families moved forward to new jobs, new homes and new possibilities. This could not be achieved without you!

Last year, Nicholas House assisted more than 550 homeless parents and children from 153 families with housing, case management, youth services, adult education and more while keeping them intact regardless of composition.

Nicholas House also is helping the wider community move forward in solving homelessness. After serving on multiple strategic and planning committees in the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County to create new processes for making homeless services more efficient and effective, we have joined with other agencies to implement a Coordinated Entry Process in which any individuals experiencing homelessness in Metro-Atlanta are assessed, assigned a vulnerability score, and then prioritized for placement in programs based on their need. With this process, we are making real progress in addressing family homelessness—and working to make family homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in Metro-Atlanta by 2020.

Nicholas House has a mission to help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency, aiming not just at short-term solutions but at families' ability to retain their own safe, stable housing long-term. To that end, we track graduates for up to 2 years after they leave programs—and found that 80% of clients remain stably housed a year or more after graduation!

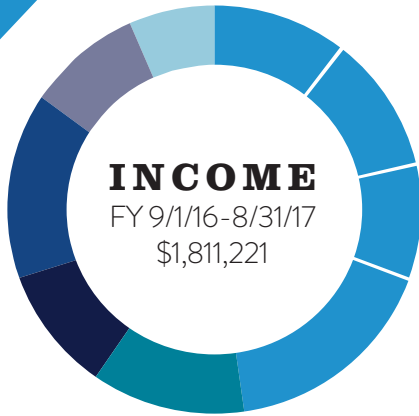
Thank you for being a part of the movement to transform lives for homeless families. We are excited for the changes that lie ahead and anticipate moving forward with you.

Paul Lundy, CPA  
BOARD PRESIDENT

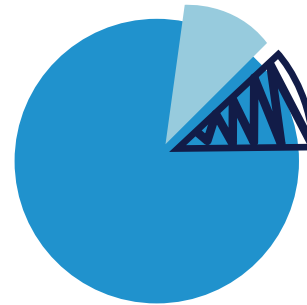


Dennis Bowman  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# 2017 FINANCIALS



- 15% **INDIVIDUALS**
- 18% **IN-KIND**
- 12% **UNITED WAY**
- 5% **FOUNDATIONS**
- 3% **CORPORATIONS**
- 17% **CITY OF ATLANTA**
- 16% **FEDERAL**
- 8% **STATE**
- 6% **FULTON COUNTY**



## EXPENSES

FY 9/1/16-8/31/17  
\$1,885,536

- 88% **PROGRAM**
- 5% **ADMINISTRATIVE**
- 7% **FUNDRAISING**



555  
**HOMELESS CHILDREN  
& PARENTS PROVIDED  
HOUSING AND SERVICES**

153

**HOMELESS FAMILIES  
ASSISTED**



96%  
**GRADUATED FROM  
PROGRAMS INTO THEIR  
OWN HOUSING**

80% **REMAIN SELF-SUFFICIENT  
A YEAR OR MORE AFTER  
SERVICES**



71%  
**INCREASED  
INCOME**

15% **DECREASE DEBT**



100%  
**OF CHILDREN GRADUATED  
TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL**

100% **OF STUDENTS INCREASED A  
LETTER GRADE IN CLASSES**

27% **OF STUDENTS IN SHELTER  
ARE ON SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

90% **OF STUDENTS MAINTAINED  
GOOD BEHAVIOR OR  
IMPROVED BEHAVIOR**



18,500+  
**MEALS SERVED**



7,000+  
**HOURS OF VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE**

*“I just really enjoy spending time with the kids. They are so funny, interesting, and teach me about play, creativity, and spontaneity -- these lessons add value to my life outside of the hours I volunteer at Nicholas House. I hope my volunteerism models for the young people to play and have fun in ways that are collaborative, inclusive, and kind.”*

- TREVOR DWORETZ,  
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!

## HOW GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

OUR COMMUNITY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALLOWS NICHOLAS HOUSE TO CONTINUE TO OFFER LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES



**\$100** provides 1 week's worth of snacks for homeless children in the after-school program

**\$250** provides 1 month of training and workshops for a homeless parent

**\$500** provides 1 month of housing, meals and support for a homeless parent and child

**\$1,000** provides 1 year of youth services program support for a homeless child

*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](mailto:Terry@nicholashouse.org)





# ANGELS FOR NICK

This year, Nicholas House was proud to recognize its most committed volunteers and supporters as Angels for Nick, celebrating them with an appreciation BBQ and engraved stones in our Garden of Appreciation. We are proud to honor these new Angels for Nick recognized on October 15, 2016:

- Ken Herrmann, *Nicholas House Founder*
- Assistance League of Atlanta
- Bright Horizons
- drawchange
- First Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
- Greater Deliverance Baptist Church
- Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church
- Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
- Dorothy Huenecke
- Emma Jackson
- Margaret Hylton Jones
- Mother's Kitchen
- Ollie Moore
- Sisters of Service
- Elizabeth "Beppy" Walton



## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

*Join thousands of volunteers making a difference at Nicholas House every year! Put your passion into action by providing a meal, tutoring, leading adult education classes, organizing an item drive or more!*

**CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER AND MARKETING COORDINATOR**  
at (404) 622-0793, ext. 106 or [Volunteer@nicholashouse.org](mailto:Volunteer@nicholashouse.org)



**TO DONATE, VOLUNTEER OR LEARN MORE GO TO [NICHOLASHOUSE.ORG](http://NICHOLASHOUSE.ORG)**

# YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH

At Nicholas House, we know that children are the ones who will permanently break the cycle of poverty and homelessness, which is why we offer a youth services program tailored to meet the unique academic, social and emotional needs of children experiencing homelessness. Nicholas House's youth services program includes:

- *Free after-school program for elementary school-aged children in shelter*
- *Free 8-week summer camp for children in Nicholas House programs*
- *Free winter camp*
- *Tutoring*
- *Enrichment activities*
- *Art therapy*
- *Field trips...and more!*





*After a lot of hard work and planning,  
Delilah graduated out of Nicholas House  
programs and became a homeowner!*

# INNOVATION BRINGS INDEPENDENCE

Delilah's life was turned on its head when her son was born premature and diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

A hardworking single mom to a beautiful daughter, she had completed her Associate's Degree and was studying for her Bachelor's in nursing when she unexpectedly became pregnant with her son. After he was born, managing her son's ongoing medical care left her unable to continue her studies or hold a steady job. When her son's father lost his job, they were left without income and evicted from their apartment.

Her son's father moved in with family in another city, leaving Delilah to manage her son's care and look after her daughter alone. Desperate for help, Delilah and her children bounced from one place to another before being referred to Nicholas House's New Horizons program for chronically homeless families with a disability. They quickly moved into an apartment provided by Nicholas House and worked with a case manager to get back on their feet.

Delilah needed a job that would allow her to control her own schedule, so after some planning she decided to start her own eco-friendly cleaning service. With the help of her case manager, she worked on her credit, built her savings, got the licenses and insurance necessary to get started, and built her cleaning business from the ground up.

Today, she has a strong residential client base and employs 6 part-timers, with plans to bring on full-time employees and transition to commercial cleaning. After a lot of hard work and planning, she graduated out of Nicholas House programs and became a homeowner!

Now that she has a stable foundation, Delilah has enrolled her son in a special-needs daycare and her 12-year-old daughter is thriving in school. She plans to re-enroll in school to pursue her dream of becoming a Physician's Assistant. Down the road, she hopes to open a foundation in her son's name to give back and help homeless families get on their feet.

We are so impressed by Delilah's journey and know that she will continue to inspire others and pay it forward to those in need. We can't wait to hear what is next for her!





# Dream BUILDERS

On June 15th, 2017, 154 special guests attended our Dream Builders luncheon. Attendees gave generously, with a number of people joining our multi-year giving society. They raised over \$60,000 to benefit Nicholas House programs and help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency!

We are so grateful to our sponsors Fidelity Bank, Kroger and Cox Communications -- and to everyone who contributed and helped give homeless families the chance for a bright future.



## 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 [Tterry@nicholashouse.org](mailto:Tterry@nicholashouse.org)

# 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:*

Kiana Johnson  
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