



Nicholas House

HELPING HOMELESS FAMILIES ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

PROGRESS [2014 ANNUAL REPORT]



OUR **MISSION**

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[A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR]

PROGRESS...It's what we strive to achieve. Progress for each homeless family we serve. Progress as an agency helping homeless families. Last year, we made great progress on both fronts with the wonderful help of our community and donors. Thank you!

Last year, Nicholas House assisted more than 450 homeless children and parents, representing 140 homeless families, achieve self-sufficiency by providing temporary housing along with other comprehensive services and case management.

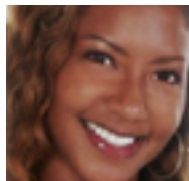
We began 2015 with strategic ideas on how to further expand our mission impact and energize our supporters. **We put those ideas into action by:**

- **Launching two new programs**, *New Horizons* and *Home Again*, that provide wraparound services, addressing the needs of homeless families at different stages of need. These join our already successful *Boulevard Shelter* and apartment-based *Homeless to Homes (H2H)* programs.
- **Implementing our five year strategic plan** which calls for us to triple the number of families we serve. We are well on our way, projecting a 50% increase in the number of homeless children and parents we will help in 2015 alone.
- **Winning a prestigious and highly competitive \$100,000 grant** to purchase two new vans for our programs and an enhanced security system at our shelter on Boulevard.
- **Executing a comprehensive, multi-year fundraising plan** to reach more supporters and to ensure continued impact on more families lives.
- **Hiring a new Director of Development** responsible for executing the fundraising plan, several new case managers for our new programs, and soon a housing coordinator focused on helping families more quickly gain access to leases.

Nicholas House continues to adopt best-practice models and programs to ensure that we continue to fulfill our mission and meet the needs of hundreds of homeless children and their parents in metro Atlanta. 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. Together we can help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency!

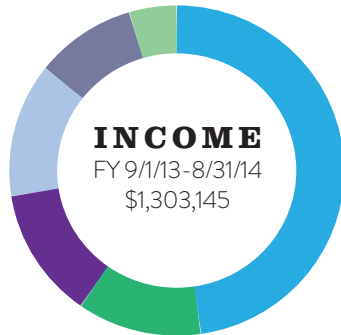
Thank you for your help in making progress happen for homeless families and Nicholas House. We invite you to join us for exciting new progress in the future.

RaeNee Jemison
BOARD PRESIDENT

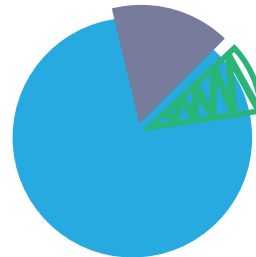


Dennis Bowman
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2014
FINANCIALS



- 14% **INDIVIDUALS**
- 14% **UNITED WAY**
- 14% **IN-KIND**
- 48% **GOVERNMENT**
CITY, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL
- 7% **FOUNDATIONS**
- 3% **CORPORATIONS**



EXPENSES

FY 9/1/13-8/31/14
\$1,280,053

- 88% **PROGRAM**
- 8% **MANAGEMENT**
- 4% **FUNDRAISING**

2014
IMPACT



450+

HOMELESS CHILDREN
& PARENTS PROVIDED
HOUSING AND SERVICES



15,000+

MEALS SERVED



70%+

REMAIN SELF-SUFFICIENT
A YEAR OR MORE AFTER
SERVICES



2,000+

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER
SERVICE

"We enjoy preparing and serving dinners every other month at Nicholas House. The families living at Nicholas House are really special people and we are lucky to get to know them. It is a great experience for all of us."

- THE BRONFMANS,
VOLUNTEERS

THE JOURNEY TO SELF SUFFICIENCY

Humble, smart, loyal, determined, and gracious. These words describe Ms. Stiles, a single Grandmother who found her life turned upside down when her daughter could not properly care for her children.

Without hesitation, Ms. Stiles came to the rescue and agreed to take custody of them. Caring for three children under the age of five years was no easy task, but Ms. Stiles did everything she could. After trying her best to meet the children's needs, she soon found that too large of a portion of her income was being poured into childcare costs, and there was not enough money remaining for rent and daily living needs. Quickly, she fell behind on her rent payments and could no longer afford both shelter and care for her Grandchildren. However, thanks to a network of community resources, Ms. Stiles quickly enrolled in the Nicholas House Homeless to Homes (H2H) program. Through the parenting classes that were offered, Ms. Stiles received essential tips in caring for three young ones despite her age. Her case manager

helped her find affordable childcare and other assistance programs that gave Ms. Stiles the foundation she needed to thrive. She now has a job where she's making enough money to provide for her family, and has been able to not only maintain stable housing, but save over \$3,000! While professionally trained as a hair stylist, she soon discovered a passion for caring for children, and received a scholarship to attend school in hopes of opening a daycare center. Seeing how important affordable childcare was to the success of her family, Ms. Stiles is determined to provide that for others who are in her shoes. When asked what dreams Ms. Stiles has for her Grandchildren, she responded "I want them to respect themselves and others, to treat everyone well; to be healthy, successful, and humble. Finally, I want them to appreciate everything." Judging by the resiliency and strong character of Ms. Stiles, we have no doubt that the children will grow up to be just like her—humble, smart, loyal, determined, and gracious.

"I want them to appreciate everything."

- MS. STILES

PROGRESS FOR 2015 & BEYOND

I volunteer at Nicholas House, because it's a way to give back to the community. It's a way to help a child with an important aspect in their life, which is school. It's a chance to empower a young child and let them know anything is possible if they put their mind to it.

- MONIQUE JONES,
VOLUNTEER

As the need for homeless services continues to grow, so do we! We've added two new programs to reach homeless families at differing levels of need. Our Home Again program focuses on homeless families with enough income to maintain rent but who remain homeless due to lack of savings needed to pay the substantial upfront costs of establishing housing. The Home Again program will rapidly rehouse these families with initial move-in assistance and help to re-establish a stable home long-term. We project re-housing nearly 200 people in the coming year with this program!

On the other end of the spectrum, our New Horizons program, will house 20 chronically homeless families (approximately 65 people) with disabilities, along with wraparound services in the coming year. This program is

implementing national best practice models for this population that has the highest barriers and difficulties to long-term self-sufficiency.

These new programs join our already successful Boulevard Shelter and apartment-based Homeless to Homes (H2H) programs to provide a continuum of services for homeless families at any particular level of need. Supporting all of these programs is an ongoing Housing Stability/Aftercare program that follows families for up to two years after leaving our programs to help maintain the gains made and ensure continued stability.

We believe that we can and will end family homelessness in Atlanta, but we cannot do it without you. Come join us in this fight to eradicate family homelessness. Your talent, resources, and passion are needed!

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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



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 Ccherry@nicholashouse.org

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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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★ 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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I volunteer at Nicholas House because I believe every family deserves safe housing. And regardless of upbringing or income, we all have the same dream for kids and opportunity for a better life"

– CHANTEL ADAMS,
VOLUNTEER

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