



# EMPOWERING FAMILIES

WESTSIDE  
HOMELESS PREVENTION

WHP 2015-2016 Annual Report

## STABILITY = SUCCESS

We'd like to introduce you to four people whose families have successfully completed our 9 month Hand-Up Housing Program. A recent case study done by Greenhouse Social Ventures has shown that by investing \$1 in a family in our program, the rate of return on that dollar is \$20 over time. The individuals below are a perfect example of that high rate of return. Each family has overcome the obstacles of poverty to create a stable environment for their family. Each one's story is different, but through their hard work and tenacity, all are on the path for success.



Trey graduated from high school in June 2015 and joined the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves. His focus is on obtaining ASE Certification for diesel engines and to train in technology. He has a full time manager position at Discount Tire in Houston. In his own words, when asked what's most important - "Being a good role model for my brothers and sister and making sure they have a plan and set goals."



Mary is the mother of 5 children who successfully completed the WHP program. She was accepted into the Wesley Community Center's 8 week EKG program and upon completion will be transferring to HCC. She is driven and determined and on the path to a successful future!

Alicen is a senior at Northbrook High School, who while maintaining straight-A's as an honor student, is also completing college credit hours each semester. She is actively applying for college scholarships and is prepping to apply to Ivy League schools this fall. She is a talented singer in both her high school and church choirs, is active in the youth group at church and works part time at Hollister.



Lorenzo has always struggled in school and never had confidence in himself. Several times he wanted to drop out and would miss days at a time. His teacher, Ms. Dawn Dixon, believed in him and encouraged him to graduate. Now he wants to continue on to community college!

### OUR MISSION

Westside Homeless Prevention's (WHP) mission is to prevent and end homelessness for families by providing them with resources and supporting services that lead to self-sufficiency.

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Summer Camps +  
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**OVER 3,700  
 VOLUNTEER  
 HOURS BY 455  
 COMMUNITY  
 VOLUNTEERS**

THANK YOU TO  
 EACH & EVERY  
 VOLUNTEER WHO  
 HAS MADE WHP  
 WHAT IT IS TODAY!



## Dollar-A-Day Savings Program

Sui and Hup joined our program after losing his job. While in our program Hup found permanent employment and Sui found a part-time job. They have joined our Dollar-A-Day program and by the end of the year will have saved \$1200 that WHP will match dollar for dollar. They dream of using their savings to become US citizens within the next year and going to visit their family in Burma.



Volunteers lead camps, provide & serve meals, work in our office, collect much needed supplies and bring hundreds of smiles to WHP kids each and every year.

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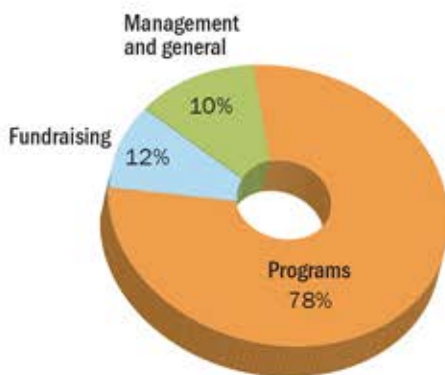
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EXPENSES: \$609,410



REVENUE: \$688,419

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as of June 30, 2016

(from the Independent CPA's Review of Financial Statements)

<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$564,231
Cash and cash equivalents, restricted	\$0
Prepaid expenses	\$1,066
Property and equipment, net	\$4,515
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$569,812</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$3,436
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,436</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	\$520,342
Temporarily restricted	\$46,034
Permanently restricted	\$0
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$566,376</b>

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** **\$569,812**

**From the Executive Director.** *Westside Homeless Partnership* has changed its name to **Westside Homeless Prevention**. Why? Because this better reflects our mission – to help families who are facing an eviction stay in their homes and to enable children to stay in their same classroom throughout the school year. Many children without a stable home environment miss an inordinate amount of school throughout the year which causes them to be “held back” a grade. Multiple studies have shown that children who are held back are twice as likely to drop out of high school before graduation.

What makes WHP unique in the Houston area? *It's not for everyone.* Our 9 month Hand-Up program is hard work! To be in our program, families who qualify must meet monthly with a case manager, learn financial management skills, attend parenting classes, and obtain a job within 60 days. In return for this hard work, WHP will assist them with tapered rent, utilities and child care. The outcome for these families is a stable home environment, children who see their parents as role models, family self-sufficiency, and children who are able to succeed in school. Stability in the home = Success for children and parents!



## Holiday Party and Adopt-a-Family

The Refuge at Memorial Drive UMC hosts an amazing holiday party for WHP families each December. A delicious dinner is served, music fills the space, while the children make candy houses, play games and visit with Santa for a picture. In addition, each family is paired with a group in our community through our Annual “Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays” program, each person completes a wish list and gifts are delivered right to their doorsteps.

## 2015-16 RESULTS

**100%** still housed after one year

**83%** of children stayed in the same school

**81%** of clients completed the 9 month program

**83%** average increase in client's income

### ORGANIZATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation  
Amy King's Piano Students  
Bob Johnson Monday Bible Study at CUMC  
Boy Scouts Of America Pack 598  
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Chapelwood  
CUMC Monday Morning Bible Study  
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Spring Spirit Baseball  
Searchers Class of Fairhaven UMC  
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