



OUR FRIENDS PLACE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Helping young women soar to success.

OUR FRIENDS PLACE MISSION

To help young women break the generational cycles of abuse, neglect, poverty, and homelessness through empowering self-reliance and independence.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We thank you for supporting the young women who come to Our Friends Place for stability, guidance and a place to call home.



With your support, young women coming out of hopeless situations have had an empowering place to live and grow into self-reliant and contributing members of our community.

For 30 years, Our Friends Place has counted on your generosity to meet the needs of young women experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect or poverty. We celebrate the lives you continue to help us change.

With appreciation,

Cindy Tonnessen

Cindy Tonnessen
2017 Board President

Sue Thiers Hesseltine

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Executive Director

THE NEED FOR SERVICES IN DFW

\$11,702

The poverty line in Dallas¹

25%

of young women in DFW area fall below the poverty line

1 IN 5

teens aging out of foster care will become homeless after turning 18

1 IN 2

will be employed by age 24

71%

of females will become pregnant before age 21

1 IN 4

will experience PTSD

1 IN 5

children in North Texas lives in poverty

63%

of low wage earners in Texas are women²

1.2x

Texas women are 1.2x more likely to live in poverty than Texas men

3,500

homeless students recorded by DISD

1.1 MILLION

total youth population in North Texas³

¹ Dallas County Health & Human Services

² 2017 Dallas Women's Foundation Year in Review

³ 2017 Beyond ABC

OUR FRIENDS PLACE 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

HOURS OF CASE MANAGEMENT:

14,404

TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED:

118

RESIDENTS IN THE TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM:

40

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOAR PROGRAM:

78

SITES TEACHING THE SOAR PROGRAM:

6

LIFE-SKILLS LESSONS TAUGHT:

39

OUR FRIENDS PLACE TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (TLC) PROGRAM

Our TLC program provides a stable home environment for young women ages 18-24. Our Friends Place operates two TLC sites—Beazley House, our designated historic home, and Pauline’s Place, newly built in 2015.

Both sites welcome a client with a shared apartment, including a kitchen, common room, common bathroom, and her own bedroom. Site managers live in each of the homes to provide extensive case management and a weekly meeting with each young woman in the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a young woman between ages 18-24.
- Must not be pregnant or parenting.
- Must be willing and able to live in a shared apartment setting.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

- Employed either full-time or part-time.
- Attend school or vocational classes (enrolled part-time if they work full-time; or enrolled full-time if they work part-time).
- Pay a small portion of their paycheck to rent and 10% of their paycheck into their own savings account.
- Attend weekly life-skills lessons emphasizing financial literacy, money management, job skills, daily life skills, healthcare, relationships and more.



Young women can stay in the TLC program as long as they meet program expectations and keep progressing in their education, even after age 24.

Young women living in the TLCs take a field trip to the Microsoft Center at NorthPark for one of their life-skills lessons.



“Our Friends Place was my new beginning, but it was also a decision I made. It was a second chance and I took advantage of it.” Ashley enrolled in a Dental Assistant program while at OFP and she graduated with academic recognition and landed her first professional job during her time in the program.

2017 SUCCESSES FOR OUR FRIENDS PLACE TLC

Young women enrolled in our Transitional Living Center program accomplished the following goals.

72%

decreased debt

60%

increased hourly wage

100%

reported an increase in ability to: budget, manage money, find affordable housing, and live within her means

As little as \$250 in savings can prevent a young person from becoming homeless.

95%

increased job skills

90%

were employed part-time or full-time

100%

did not become pregnant while in the program

Women with a high school diploma earn 64% more than women without a high school diploma.

78%

enrolled in educational or vocational courses

92%

reported an increase in overall ability to perform skills necessary for success in life

INTRODUCING OUR OUTREACH
PROGRAM BUILDING...

Strengths
Opportunities
Allies
Resiliency

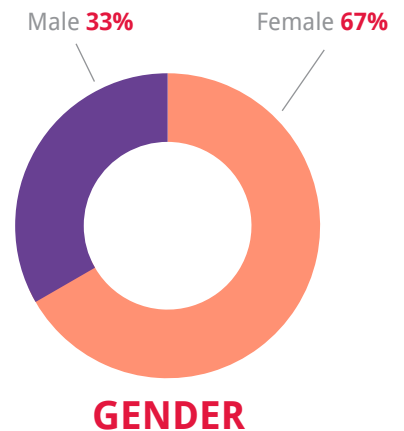
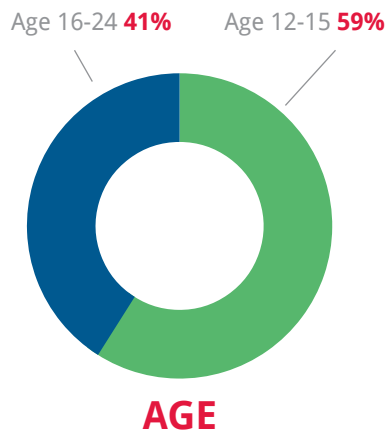
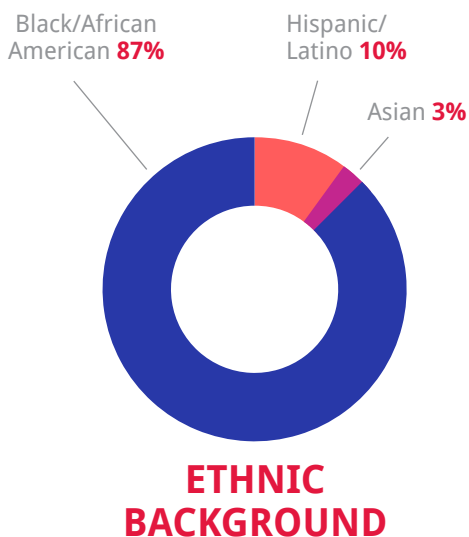
SOAR TO SUCCESS IS A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG WOMEN TEACHING LIFE SKILLS TO PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING HOMELESS.

SOAR OFFERS THE VERY LIFE SKILLS OUR FRIENDS PLACE HAS BEEN TEACHING RESIDENTS IN THE TLC PROGRAM FOR 25 YEARS.

THE LIFE SKILLS:

- Learn to build a foundation for success.
- Explore educational plans and support systems to get ahead.
- Learn what employers want from you and how to maintain the job you have.
- Understand the importance of money in the long term and how to connect to agencies who can help.
- Learn the importance of physical and mental health to lead a successful life.
- Understand options for stable housing and how to sign a smart lease.
- Build a guide for your future and design a roadmap to success.

THE BENEFICIARIES:



SIX SITES OFFERING OUR FRIENDS PLACE SOAR PROGRAM IN 2017



FROM WEST TO EAST:

- Boys & Girls Club Grand Prairie
- John Leslie Patton Jr. Academic Center
- Franklin D. Roosevelt High School
- Boys & Girls Club Greater Dallas
- Our Friends Place Administrative Offices
- Richland College

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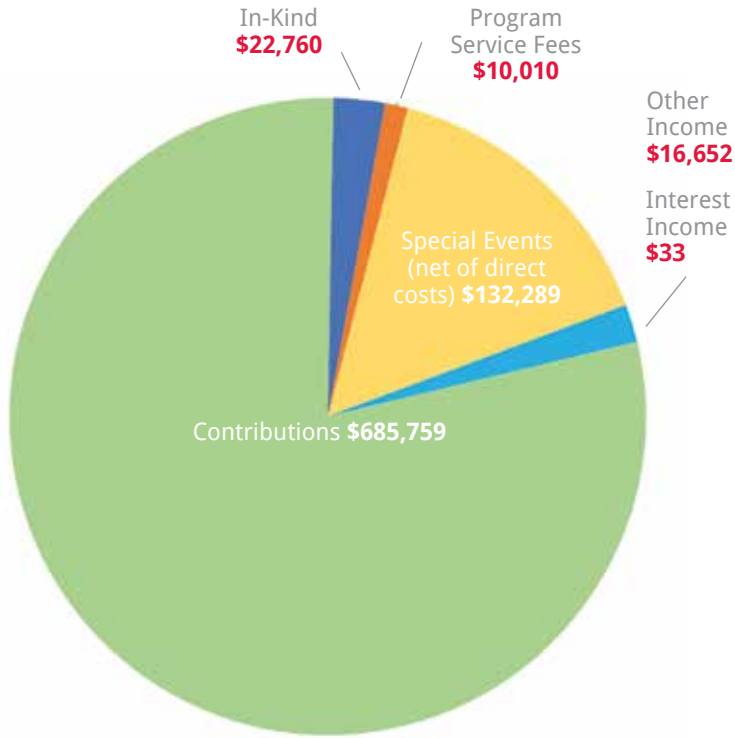
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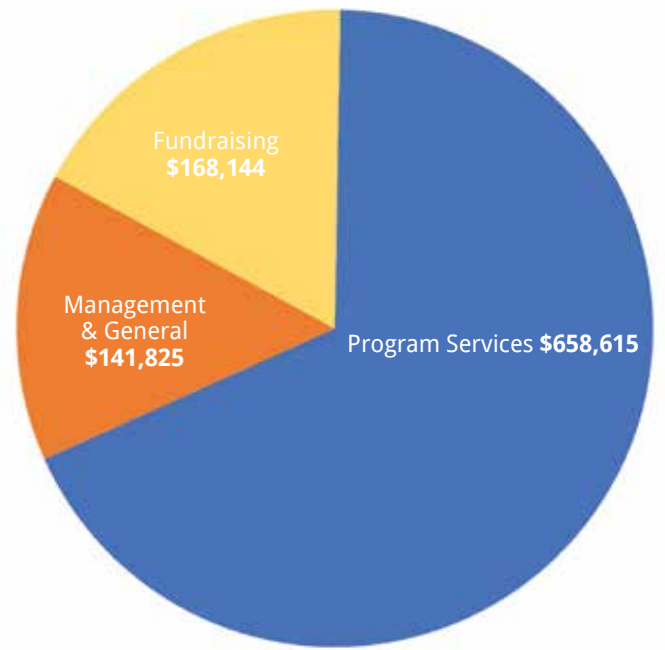
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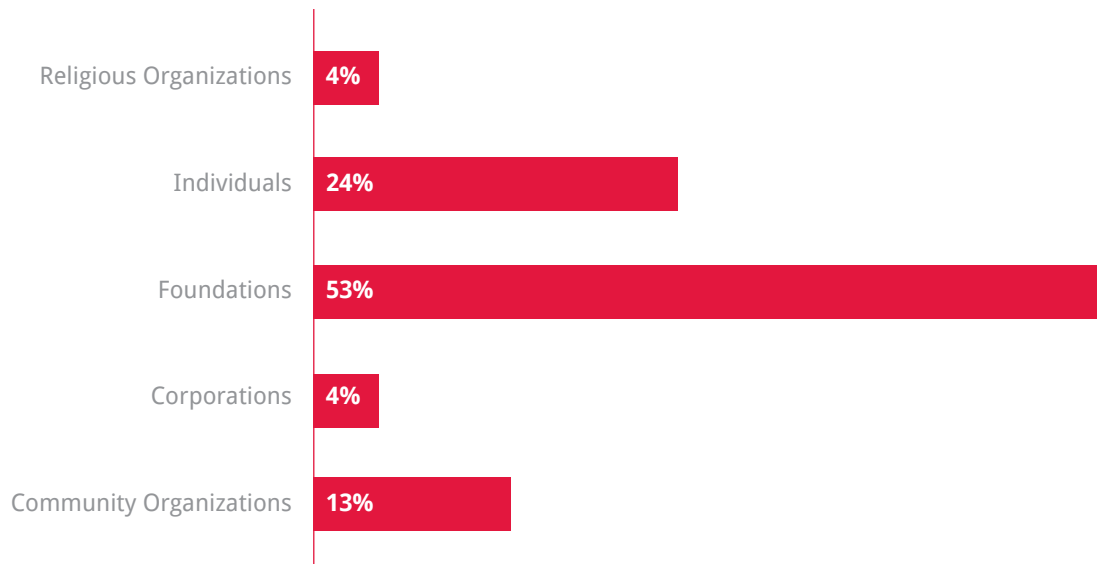
SUPPORT & REVENUE



EXPENSES

Our Friends Place financial statements were audited by independent auditors Sutton Frost Cary LLP who expressed an unqualified opinion. OFP financial statements are available for inspection at our administrative offices. 2017 Contributions by Contributor Type is derived from an internal income tracking system.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONTRIBUTOR TYPE



DONOR GIFTS OF \$2,500 OR MORE

We gratefully acknowledge the following friends whose generous contributions this year have helped our young women soar to success. While we wish we could name all our friends for their support, space limits our listing.

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OUR FRIENDS PLACE ALUMNAE GROUP

The Legends - established 2017



Self-named, “The Legends,” OFP’s alumnae group provides a unique support system for young women after they transition out of the TLC. Alumnae meet once a month to catch up, continue to learn from specialized OFP skills lessons, and plan their next group outing. Photo taken: Dec. 2017 at Our Friends Place 30th Anniversary Party



OFP program alumnae pose with executive director Sue Thiers Hesseltine at their monthly meeting. Photo taken: Jan. 2018 at Our Friends Place office.



OUR FRIENDS PLACE

Celebrating 30 Years of Soaring Heroes

December 2, 1987 is the day Our Friends Place opened the doors to our very first client.

Starting December 2017, OFP will be celebrating 30 years of serving girls and young women in Dallas... as well as celebrating all of the heroes who helped us along the way.

Our Friends Place 30th Anniversary would not be possible without our many heroic friends.

Thank you!

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