“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” – Coretta Scott King

HOMEWOOD CHILDREN’S VILLAGE

2018 Annual Report
July 2017- June 2018
We believe that it takes a village to raise a child. Unfortunately, too many young people today are growing up without strong villages of support. Due to decades of disinvestment and historic challenges in communities like Homewood, many of our children’s villages are incomplete. Families don’t necessarily have the resources they need to provide the best and highest quality of life for their children - the kinds of lives they want their children to live.

Some of the families we serve in Homewood are thriving. We find it’s often because they have built a strong support system they can lean on. Some of our other families feel completely alone - single parents raising children with little to no support.

This is why the role of HCV is important. We walk beside families as they gather the missing pieces of support they need to raise their children. We work together with our families to create villages of support that are complete and whole so children can thrive and succeed. With the help of our many friends and partners, we can create vibrant and healthy communities of care for every child. This is the kind of communal environment in which all children should grow up. Growing up, it is powerful to know that someone will always be there to help. To care.

When we envision the future, we see a strong and supportive village for every child - one that is committed to the child’s care from cradle to career. This is not just a vision for children in poverty or children who are struggling. We believe that all children are entitled to this right and it’s what we work for every single day.

Our impact starts with our staff but continues beyond them. It comes through our partners. Our volunteers. Our families themselves. Our students. Our young people. It’s ultimately what happens when we all come together to form a village of support for our children. Together we make the fabric of our community stronger.

To reach our vision for the future we must all learn to row in the same direction. By doing this we can establish a dynamic community of care, one that wraps around every single child in every neighborhood. Together we can transform the lives of our youth. Together we can change our community and our city. It takes a village.

Walter Lewis
President & CEO
We are proud of the strong and supportive presence we provide in the schools that serve Homewood’s K-5 students: Faison, Lincoln, and Minadeo. Operating under a community schools model, HCV staff and AmeriCorps members focus on the academic, socio-emotional, and physical well being of students.

Throughout the school day, our staff provide support through academic coaching, small group learning, and case management. They work with students on building strong literacy and healthy social behavior. Students benefit from 1-on-1 relationship building and interventions from a caring, trusted adult.

558 Pre K-5 Students Receive HCV Direct Services

Academic Coaching
329

Behavioral Support
118

Tutoring
8

Interventions from a caring, trusted adult
18

Strong literacy

Healthy social behavior

1-on-1 relationship building

Academic coaching

HCV AmeriCorps

In 2017 we launched HCV AmeriCorps, a year long service program where participants support students and staff during in-school and out-of-school time settings. At the end of their service, AmeriCorps members receive an education award to go towards pursuing higher education.

When I first came to Faison, I met a young man who was consistently in the hall because he was being kicked out of class. One day I talked to him to see if he’d want to read with me and he immediately said yes. I started working with him and including him in my regular pull-out groups. As time went on, I started to see him in the hallways less and began hearing good reports from his teachers. Even his classmates said he’d been interacting with them better. I was really glad to see that I’d made enough of an impact on him to see such a turn around from him. Things like this are what make serving so worth it.”

Tiger Weaver, HCV AmeriCorps
In the 6-12 setting, HCV staff and AmeriCorps members work to keep regular contact with students beyond school walls. Staff work with students to develop a unique plan for successful life after high school. They focus on strong academic performance, life skills, and learning through experience. With the help of partner organizations, we connect students to opportunities around the city that align with their interests and future goals. Because of this tailored support HCV students outperform their peers when it comes to promise readiness, attendance, and student behavior.

Our support for Homewood’s children extends to their parents and direct caregivers. We connect caregivers to community and partner resources, life-changing education, and opportunities to be a voice for positive change in the community. Parent and caregiver services are aimed at education and lessening common stressors and burdens they face. We know that flourishing families means flourishing children.

28,858 pounds of food were distributed to over 200 families through the Power Pack program, 52% of which was fresh produce.

135 families are involved in 2 Generation services with HCV, including Circles and Baby Promise, a parenting support program.

250 turkeys were distributed in the November turkey drive.

40 coats were distributed in the January coat drive.

445 adults received information, resources, or referrals through HCV.

82% Acceptance rate to post-secondary institutions for HCV graduates in 2017.

91 youth participated in summer Learn & Earn.

24 work sites

HCV convened 24 worksites for the Learn and Earn Summer Employment program around the city of Pittsburgh. It included 12 hours of soft skills training.

Participant Spotlight

“If it was not for the Homewood Children’s Village programs my kids and I would be without shelter and food. Through Baby Promise and Circles, I was able to build-up enough self-esteem, to go out and find work and housing to provide for my family, while encouraging others by example.”

- Keanna Jones
Community Dinners

We celebrate our community of students, families, and neighbors every 100 days with a dinner open to the community. We welcome you to join us!

The Leadership Institute

Homewood is a community in which environmental toxins, asthma rates, lead exposure, and blighted properties are prevalent.

The Leadership Institute is a 10-week program that builds resident capacity so they can affect environmental and policy change. Adults and youth attend classes on topics such as: air & water quality, healthy foods & greenspaces, and organizing & advocacy.

Empowered and civic-minded residents can then assume leadership in determining the future of their community and families.

Homewood cohort for ROCIS (Reducing Outdoor Contaminants In Indoor Spaces)

- Air Quality Monitoring
- Green cleaning kits
- Box fans with air filters

45 adults completed TLI program.

100 water filters were distributed to filter out impurities such as lead in drinking water.

200+ attendees at the December community dinner.

Our neighborhood is a shared home where families live, work, and play. It is subject to health stressors that affect the ability of children to learn, including: food access, environmental toxins, and lack of safe green and play spaces. We collaborate with partner organizations to develop remedies to these stressors. Our key strategy is to build resident’s own capacity to further projects and policy goals towards creating a safe and healthy neighborhood for children to grown up in.
Just as we encourage our students to be, we are continuous learners who are passionate about improving our work at every turn. Our in-house research team is the critical driver behind program design. They set goals based on national research and indicators of success, evaluate the effectiveness of our efforts by measuring program outcomes, and make recommendations for program improvement. This helps us to continuously ask and answer the question: “how can we have the greatest positive impact for Homewood?”

We pride ourselves in our capacity to conduct analyses that provide a much more nuanced picture of our students and impact.

We are fueled by feedback

“How can we have the greatest positive impact for Homewood?”

Living data
HCV has developed a new system with data summaries updated daily that better aids our staff in supporting youth and families.

FINANCIALS

Income

- Foundation & Gov’t Grants: 89%
- Program Service: 7%
- Individual & Corporate Contributions: 3%
- In-Kind Contributions: 1%

Expenses

- Program Expenses: 84%
- Management & General: 8%
- Fundraising: 8%
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ROCIS
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Where every child succeeds!
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| Allegheny County Health Department | Pittsburgh United |
| Bike Pittsburgh, Inc | Poise Foundation |
| BNY Mellon Foundation of SWPA | Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise |
| Bosch Community Foundation | Quaker Valley School District |
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| Neighborhood Allies | XQ Institute |
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