



## LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We're delighted to share the release of our fiscal year 2021 Annual Report. The year began amid the COVID-19 pandemic and continued into the world we know now. We commend our program participants, staff, and board for their tenacity over the past year. Because of you, our facilities remained a warm, safe place during this unprecedented time.

This year, we focused on gaining clarity, co-creating our environment, and exploring our impact on our participants and external stakeholders alike. From the start, we identified three strategic priorities to aid in our achievement of success in transitional housing programming.

- 1) We will create access to living-wage career opportunities for our moms.
- 2) We will continue to provide access to permanent affordable housing solutions.
- 3) We will develop a dynamic team that has an intentional focus on keeping people first.

As we continue to navigate this unknown environment in a pandemic, we acknowledge that we also have much to celebrate. We have the most generous supporters, from the anonymous donor who gave HEARTH's largest individual match donation to everyone who attended our first-ever virtual signature fundraisers.

During this past year, we prioritized the elevation of HEARTH's digital brand presence; it blossomed with a refreshed look and website. We are so excited about our new supporters we have gained across all of our media platforms.

Please continue to read and celebrate all things HEARTH with us! We hope to see you (in person) engaged and connected next year. Stay safe, healthy & optimistic! -MARISA C. WILLIAMS

## FINDING A HOME FOR EVERY FAMILY

Since 1995, HEARTH has served over 1,000 individuals, 350 moms and over 600 children on their journey to wellness. Seventy-three percent of program participants enter our facilities with no employment, and more than half receive public assistance.



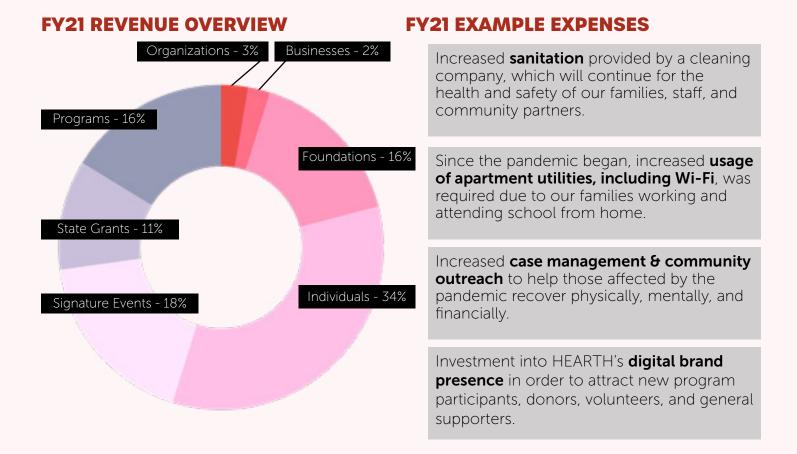
Couple that with motherhood's emotional and physical demands, and it's easy to switch into survival mode. At HEARTH, we want our moms to do more than survive. We want them to thrive.

To make this a reality in 2020 - 2021, we maximized our partnerships, expanded our community services, and practiced sound fiscal management to provide transitional housing and a range of



support services designed to educate, elevate, and activate our participants. The impact is evident.

Of our program participants, 81% obtain permanent housing after leaving our facilities. This fiscal year alone, our facilities reached 90% occupancy. Participants raised their credit scores, obtained full-time employment, and entered career development programs to achieve economic mobility. Their success proves that a safe place matters.



## **TESTIMONIALS**

"Over the past 25 years, we've seen the opportunities HEARTH has provided for women with children experiencing homelessness, and we wanted to encourage others to learn about HEARTH's mission and to support it financially. We're proud to support women who want to improve the lives of their families through education and hard work."

#### -ANONYMOUS DONOR

"FISA Foundation is proud to support HEARTH because of its long track record in changing the trajectory for mothers experiencing homelessness and who are also survivors of domestic violence. We have been impressed by HEARTH's comprehensive approach that not only provides women with housing and tangible items, but that also focuses on intensive and compassionate support services."

#### -SHANI LASIN, FISA FOUNDATION

"My favorite experience with this past year was working in the garden at HEARTH. It was great interacting with the residents and seeing their excitement about planting, growing, and, eventually, harvesting their plants. It doesn't take a lot to make a difference; just spending some time and showing them how to care for their garden, in turn, allows them to foster accountability and pride in themselves, both in the garden and in life."

#### -CHRIS BUSSHAUS, VOLUNTEER

"When my time ends at HEARTH, I see myself finally getting a permanent place for my son and me, and I can see myself furthering my education and making a name for myself. I intend on getting my license and looking for better job opportunities to help me reach my financial goals. I finally see a future I've never thought possible."

#### -HEARTH PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

## 2020 - 2021 DONORS

HEARTH gratefully acknowledges the significant contributions of our community and supporters. Collectively these gifts have a tremendous impact on our moms and their children. Thank you for your long-term support and commitment to eradicating homelessness. This list includes donations received in 2020-2021, up to \$500.

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