

2015/16



FAMILIES TOGETHER
a PLM organization

annual report

Housing First for Children

In our first full year of implementing national best practices through the Housing First model, Families Together helped more families move into housing more quickly, and helped them experience greater success over the long-term.

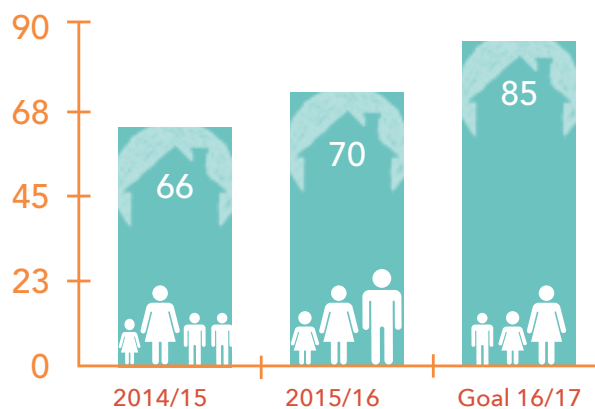


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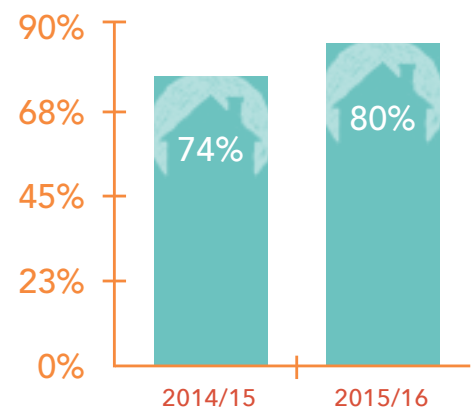
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▶▶▶ "As a parent, what you want for your children is for them to be warm, fed, safe, and have a place to sleep." *Yasmine*

more families housed



Families moved into permanent housing



Successful transition from enrollment to housing



“Being homeless, you have no control. It doesn’t matter if you’re on the street, or staying with a friend, or sleeping in a hotel.” *Jermel*

A stable home

provides an essential building block for a healthy, thriving child. Compared to the average child, the child without a home is 2-4 times as likely to:

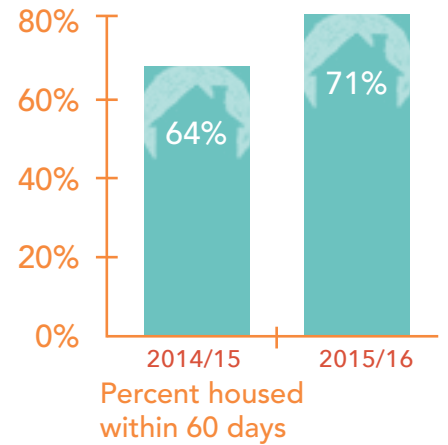
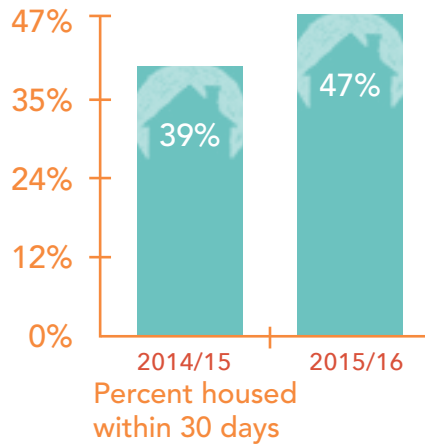
- ▶ Get sick
- ▶ Experience emotional/behavioral problems
- ▶ Show delayed development
- ▶ Have learning disabilities

*Source: National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Our Key Strategies

- ▶ Keep families together by providing short-term housing in our three-bedroom apartments.
- ▶ End the immediate crisis of homelessness by providing connections to permanent housing and temporary rental assistance.
- ▶ Create the conditions for long-term success by providing life skills training and a Mentor Advocate for up to a year.

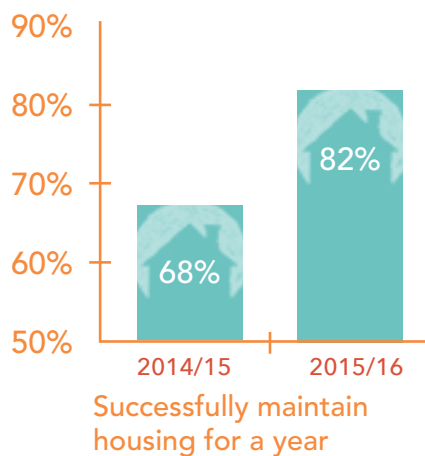
ending homelessness more quickly



Housing First is an **approach** to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing **homelessness** to permanent **housing** without preconditions.

Putting children first. Families Together follows the Housing First model with a children first focus. We make it possible for families with children to remain together and help the parents wrap their children with the love and support needed to rebuild the family’s resilience and become self-sufficient.

greater long-term success



Our accomplishments would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers!

585 Volunteers

2,924 Hours Volunteered

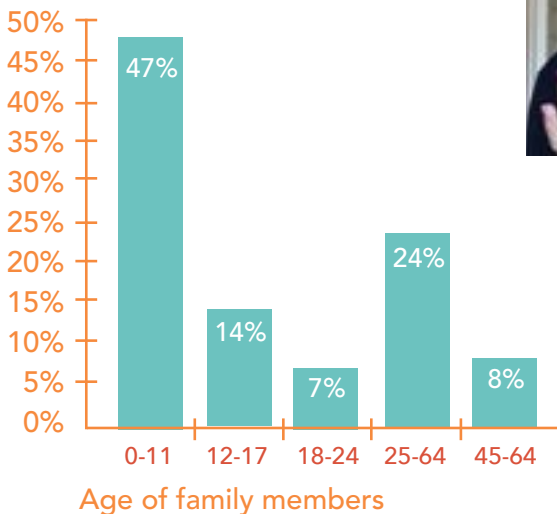
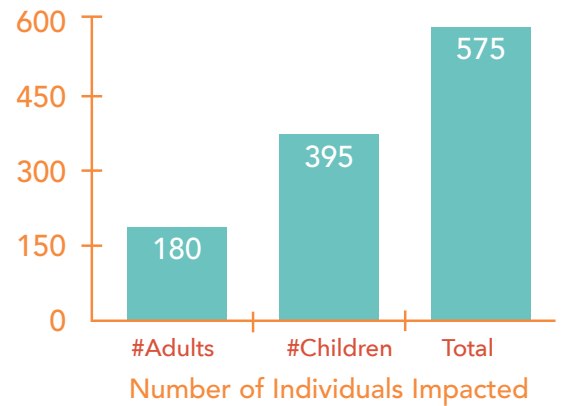
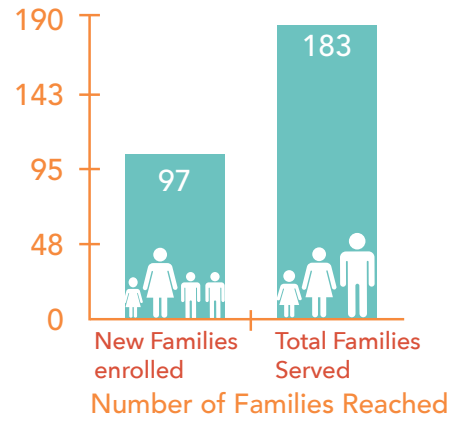
Cultivating a Kid's Curiosity

Families Together initiated two new projects in 2015/16 to fuel and nurture a child's natural curiosity and desire to learn. The **Kid's Curiosity** project empowers homeless children and youth to beat the odds by helping them keep up and succeed in school, as well as participate in hands-on learning and enrichment activities.

▶▶▶ "I'm in a much better place. I feel strong and happy. Having a home ... you feel human again." *Kathleen*

The project provides age-appropriate after school programming and weeklong day camps focused on team building, leadership training and having fun during summer and other school breaks. The **Children's Garden** provides a supplemental food source for families in our program and a unique teaching tool for the children staying with us.

numbers impacted



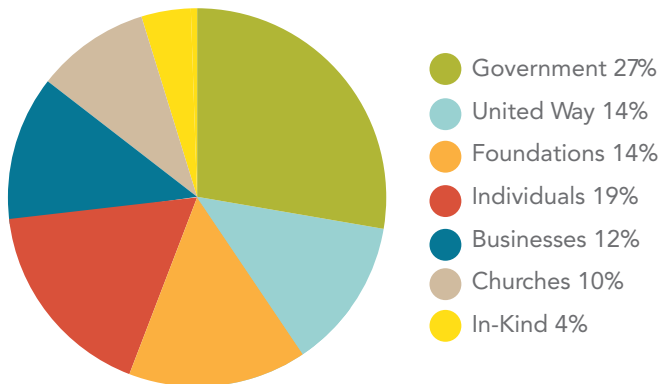
New Logo Unveiled

In 2015/16, we unveiled our new logo and revised name which focuses on keeping Families Together. The foundation of the logo honors our Pan Lutheran Ministries heritage. The child's handprint at the center signifies our commitment to putting children first, and the rising sun engenders the hope that begins with a home.

▶▶▶ "I attended financial workshops, which were life-changing and helped repair my credit." *Deanna*

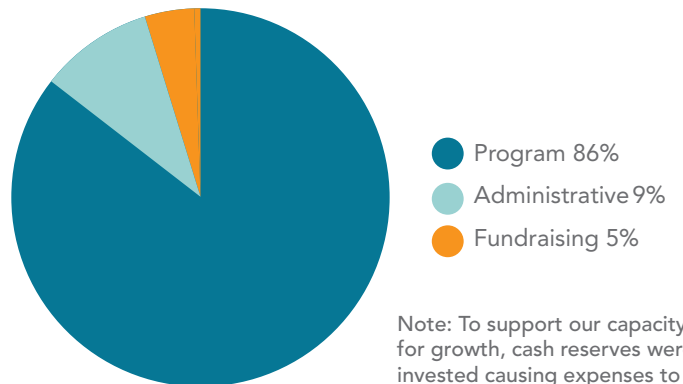
Revenue 2015/16

\$931,884



Expenses 2015/16

\$1,067,051



Note: To support our capacity for growth, cash reserves were invested causing expenses to exceed revenues.

Corporate Partners & Leadership Circles

Community Catalyst

John Rex Endowment
Searstone - LSA Management, Inc.
The Stewards Fund

Community Investor

Bank Of America Charitable Foundation
CarMax Foundation
Coastal Federal Credit Union Foundation
Gipson Family Foundation
Hurricanes Kids 'N Community Foundation
Wells Fargo Bank
Workplace Options

Community Builder

A. E. Finley Foundation
Fifth Third Bank
PNC Foundation
TrialCard, Inc.

Community Partner

BB&T Bank
Storr Office Environments

Community Advocate

Burleson Research Technologies
Complete Pet Care Animal Hospital At Falls Pointe
Duke Energy Foundation
Enterprise Holdings Foundation
Food Lion FEEDS Charitable Foundation
Naran Family Dentistry
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Rolf and Carrie Tweeten Charitable Foundation
Skin & Cosmetic Solutions
Smiles of Cary
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Faith Leadership Circle

Christ The King Lutheran Church
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Holy Trinity Endowment Fund

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Resurrection Lutheran
Saint Michael's Episcopal Church
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
Saint Philip Lutheran Church
The Summit Church

Community Leadership Circle Leader

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Karl and Brenda Wagner

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Mary Jane Selgrade

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Anonymous - Cary, NC
Anonymous - Raleigh, NC
Bruce and Gretchen Bailey
William and Vera Beers
Lori Bowersox
John and Brenda Chaplinsky
Walter Chmielewski and Beth Melcher
Joan Coley
Jim Dicke
Glenn and Dorothy Faurot
Allen and Cathryn Hewett
Tim and Leslie Hitesheh
John and Julia Kolb
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Phyllis Rideout
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Lewis and Sandy Wuori



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We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. We connect families with children to stable homes as quickly as possible so they can begin the process of bettering their lives and achieving independence.

Families Together (officially named PLM Families Together) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. We are grateful to all who make our work possible.



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