

20 Years of Gratitude



Annual
Report
2018



UpSpring

ELEVATING KIDS THROUGH EDUCATION

Dear Friends,

We are proud to say that we just finished our 20th year of educational programming for children experiencing homelessness! Our hearts are filled with gratitude as we look back on all that we have accomplished in our 20th year, knowing that our success is not possible without the incredible support from our community. Not only were we able to increase our income and decrease our expenses from the previous year, we also served approximately 3,500 children, and for the first time, this included 13- and 14-year-old students in our Summer 360° program!

There are an estimated 8,000 children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky, and UpSpring strives to serve every single one of them. In a country where the average age of a person experiencing homelessness is nine years old, organizations like ours are critical to our community's vitality.

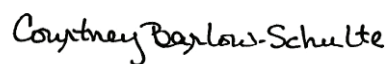
Our mission has continued to garner support across our community, and we are eager to share that our upcoming year includes multiple programming expansions. With increasing rates of poverty, it is essential that we continue to serve more children and increase our impact. While we maintain our work at the Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center and Newport Intermediate School, we are also adding two new sites (Ryland Heights Elementary School and Newport High School) to our UpSpring After School portfolio. Our increased impact won't stop there – after piloting a program for 13- and 14-year-olds in our Cincinnati Summer camp last year, we will be bringing the same growth to our Kentucky location in 2019.

We empower children to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty so that future generations can focus on achieving their dreams, not just survival. We know this mission is noble, but often it can be unforgiving. While we bring so much joy and learning to the lives of children in our programs we also hear some unbelievable stories about the adversity they are facing. After two decades of equipping our students to better themselves, we realized it's time that our staff have all the support they need to cope with the physical and emotional demands of this labor. After months of careful planning and research, we were able to adjust our finances, and we now offer a competitive benefits package to our employees that include Health, Dental, and Vision insurance.

We look forward to continuing to increase our impact and celebrate our success with you. Thank you for being a friend to UpSpring. Let's continue to empower children and break the cycle of poverty.



Alex Kuhns,
Executive Director



Courtney Barlow-Schulte,
Board Chair



All In A Year's Work!



Greater Reach

After piloting a program for 13- and 14-year-olds in our Cincinnati Summer camp in 2018, we will be bringing the same growth to our Kentucky Camp in 2019.



Staff Benefits

UpSpring has a team of five full-time passionate professionals, who work diligently to raise the standard of services provided to the children who need us the most. We now offer a competitive benefits package to our employees that includes Health, Dental, and Vision insurance.



Expansion

We are expanding! We are now serving students at two new sites. New programs at Ryland Heights Elementary School and Newport High School allows us to have an impact on more students!



Summer 360° Impact

- 92.3% of students felt like they could be successful at school after camp.
- 81% of students increased or maintained their math skills.
- 75% of students increased or maintained their literacy scores.

Help Us Make It Happen

Your contributions make all the difference. Whether donating time, supplies and/or financial assistance, you continue to help us provide vital educational assistance and programming.

Donate now at www.UpSpring.org

Mission

To empower children experiencing homelessness by providing opportunities for education and enrichment.

UpSpring at a Glance

Vision

To positively transform our communities by breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

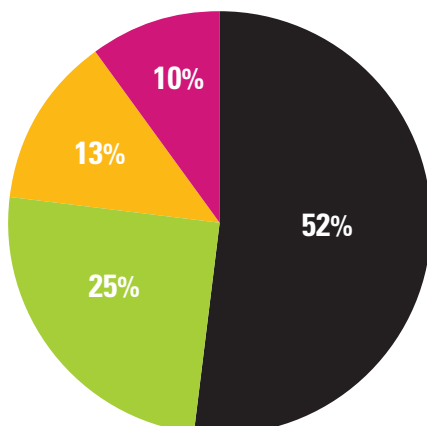


Our Financials

End of Year Net Assets \$255,371

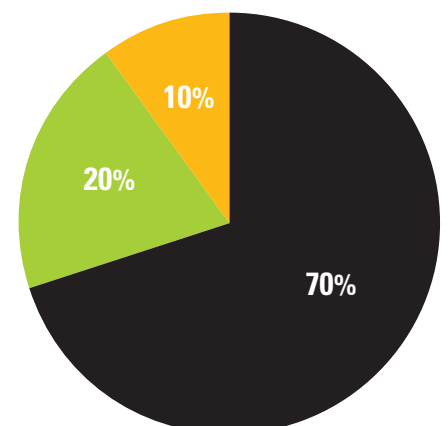
Total Income
\$657,924

- Restricted Grants
- Contributions
- Events
- In-Kind Donations



Total Expenses
\$568,794

- Program
- Mgmt & General
- Fundraising



Board Members

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