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Dear Friends,

The past year has been one of significant growth for UpSpring. We started new UpSpring After School programs, signed a contract for a new office space, and are serving more children experiencing homelessness than ever before. We're so grateful for the continued support from our community of volunteers and donors that has allowed us to make such strides.

In January, we expanded UpSpring After School to a new site at Ryland Heights Elementary. This expansion occurred while continuing our work at the Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center and Newport Intermediate School. We were able to expand because of the hard work we put into growing our partnerships, and word of our impact of empowering children experiencing homelessness is growing. We also saw significant growth in service with the UpSpring Resource Collaborative. Through nearly 100 community partners – including schools, social service agencies and family shelters – that know about the value and impact UpSpring provides, we were able to serve over 4,000 children for the first time in our 21-year history.

We also grew awareness for our mission at the 3rd annual UpSpring Benefit Bash in April. We welcomed over 200 guests to the Cincinnati Zoo and raised over \$90,000 in support of children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati. This event has become an exciting tradition to highlight the impact we're having in the community, and celebrate the supporters who make our impact greater.

At our Summer 360° program, we continued to empower students during their most vulnerable months for the 21st year in a row. With sites in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, our regional impact is making a difference in children's lives and helping to realize our vision of breaking the cycle of poverty.

To celebrate the end of summer our newly formed Young Professionals Board hosted their first event at Humble Monk Brewery. This group of passionate people do an incredible job of sharing our mission across new sectors of the community that we otherwise might not reach. We know that these YP members will be the leaders of tomorrow and their service is greatly appreciated.

To cap off an incredible year, we signed a contract with the YMCA to become partners at the newly formed Melrose Impact Center in Walnut Hills. The vision for this center is to bring multiple non-profits under one roof so that we may all increase our efficiency, our impact and advance our missions, uplifting our community in unison.

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

Sincerely



Alex Kuhns
Executive Director



Ryan Higgins
Board Chair



All In A Year's Work!



Greater Reach

For the first time, we served over 4,000 students through the UpSpring Resource Collaborative, providing everything children experiencing homelessness need to get to school, stay in school, and succeed in school.



Staff Training

Our program team became certified in trauma-informed care, a treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. Trauma-informed care also emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional safety, and helps survivors rebuild a sense of control and empowerment. These skills will allow our team to better meet the needs of children experiencing homelessness.



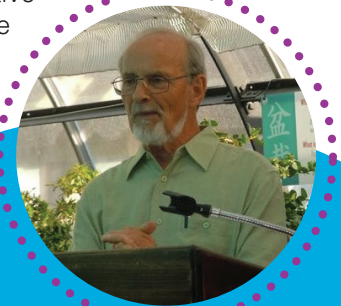
Expansion

We continued to expand our reach in Northern Kentucky by beginning a new UpSpring After School program at Ryland Heights Elementary School.



Bill Hutchinson Commemorative Fund

The Bill Hutchinson Commemorative Fund was established to recognize the dedication and passion of one of our most dedicated supporters.



Summer 360° Impact

- 95% of students felt like they could be successful at school after camp.
- 92% of students had hope for the future.
- 75% of students increased or maintained their literacy skills.

How You Can Help

Your generosity makes our work possible. Your donations of time, supplies, and dollars ensures we are able to provide vital educational assistance and programming to our community's most vulnerable children.

Donate now at www.UpSpring.org/give

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.

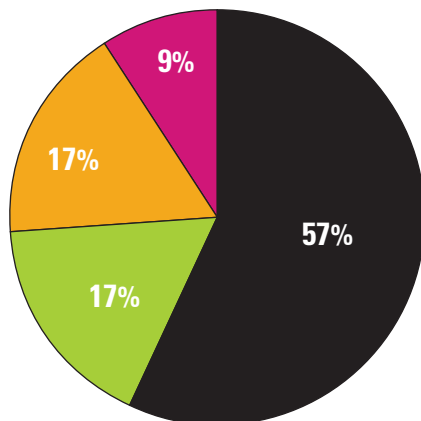


Our Financials

End of Year Net Assets \$201,948

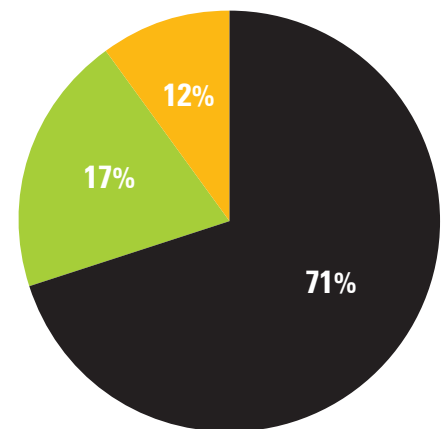
Total Income
\$534,900

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



Total Expenses
\$570,159

- Program
- Mgmt & General
- Fundraising



2019 Board Members

Courtney Barlow-Schulte,
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UpSpring Staff 2019

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