

UpSpring

ELEVATING KIDS THROUGH EDUCATION



**Annual
Report
2021**

Dear Friends,

This has been a very complex year, marked by an impressive blend of transition, sustainability, and growth. Three new program staff members joined our team: Maurice Stewart brought his organizational leadership skills to our program department and increased efficiencies in communication and administrative processes, and bolstered relationships with partners in our region; Jordan Mitchell brought his unique ability to connect with students and plan experiential programming that boosts their confidence as well as their academic achievement; and Olivia Jester brought a background in classroom education and valuable experience as a collegiate leader. During our staffing transition, we were proud to maintain our full compliment of programs in spite of the ongoing pandemic.

Along with service organizations across the country, the pandemic affected our program reach greatly. We know that homelessness is at an all-time high, however it is estimated that over 400,000 fewer students were identified as homeless nationwide. This discrepancy is quite disparaging when we know that COVID-19 has more drastic effects on those in poverty with underlying conditions and lack of access to healthcare. We're proud to say that despite this systemic issue in homelessness identification, our supporters stepped up to increase our impact.

We were able to couple our sustainability with innovations in our programming, namely UpSpring Buddies, a mentorship pairing with community volunteers and our students to create meaningful mentoring relationships.

It's a very exciting time to be a part of this organization, and we are so grateful to the network of support and collaboration that has been fostered around us.

Empowering youth together,



Alex Kuhns
Executive Director



Ryan Higgins
Board Chair



All in a Year's Work!

Expansion

We continued to expand our reach by beginning new UpSpring After School programs at: Lydia's House, Bethany's House, Phoenix Community School, and Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy. Though most of our programs had to be delivered virtually this year, we still had an impactful year.

A Hybrid Summer

Our plans for Summer 360° changed again this summer, but we were still able to meet the needs of the children we serve. We delivered camp in a hybrid model this summer, meeting in-person 3 days a week, and learning virtually for 2 days. We saw improvements in math, literacy and social-emotional wellbeing.

When incorporating the expected summer-learning loss, findings show that ALL children who participated in UpSpring Summer 360° benefited.

Supporters

We were proud to establish relationships with new partners including the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation, the Preston Brown Foundation, 7 Principles Foundation, Dick's Sporting Goods, and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

We were also pleased to continue our relationships with long-standing supporters like P&G Fund, Scripps Howard Foundation, Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation, Butler Foundation, Dater Foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Bigger Than Sneakers, EY, Duke Energy, Whiskey & Wishes, and Neediest Kids of All.

We were grateful to receive COVID relief funding from many of our partners, including the Horizon NKY Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Summer 360° Impact

- Over 70% of children improved in their math skills
 - The same pattern of benefits was visible on the other aspects of learning
- Data from the end of the summer revealed improvements in virtually all aspects of social-emotional learning:
- Ability to control their negative feelings (34% improvement)
 - Interest in learning (14% improvement)
 - Willingness to get along with others (7% improvement)

How You Can Help

Donate now at UpSpring.org/give

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.

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.

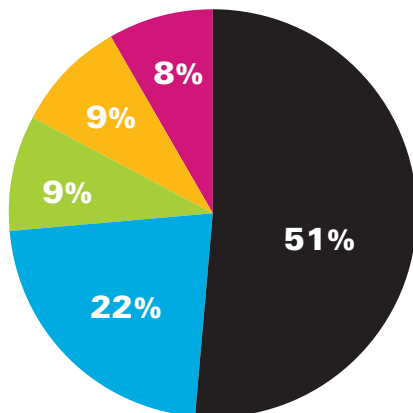


Our Financials

End of Year Net Assets \$625,420

Total Income
\$656,796

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



Total Expenses
\$499,731

- Program
- Mgmt & General
- Fundraising

