



Annual Report 2017

# A Message from the Executive Director

Stephanie Williamson



Over 12,000 children have been served by HHMD since our inception in 2011. In 2018, we anticipate opening locations in Pagedale, Soulard, and Fenton by April 1 and serving 7,000 children throughout the year. These are all being done through collaborative efforts with churches and other social service agencies that are serving the same population and working toward the common goal of helping families find stability.

I try to highlight at least one story in the annual report that best illustrates the community impact. I think this year's story truly embodies the mission and spirit of Helping Hand-Me-Downs. Over the summer, another non-profit called us about a family of six living in an abandoned building with no running water or electricity. Various community resources pulled together to provide temporary housing until one of our program homes became available. More than 20 skilled volunteers rallied to get the home ready for inspection and occupancy. The family moved in about four months ago and I am happy to report they have made every payment on time and have reached a point of stability that six months ago seemed unattainable. My favorite part of the story is that the children are eager to share their journey with other children who are in similar situations to provide encouragement and compassion. The resilience and kindness of this family is truly remarkable.

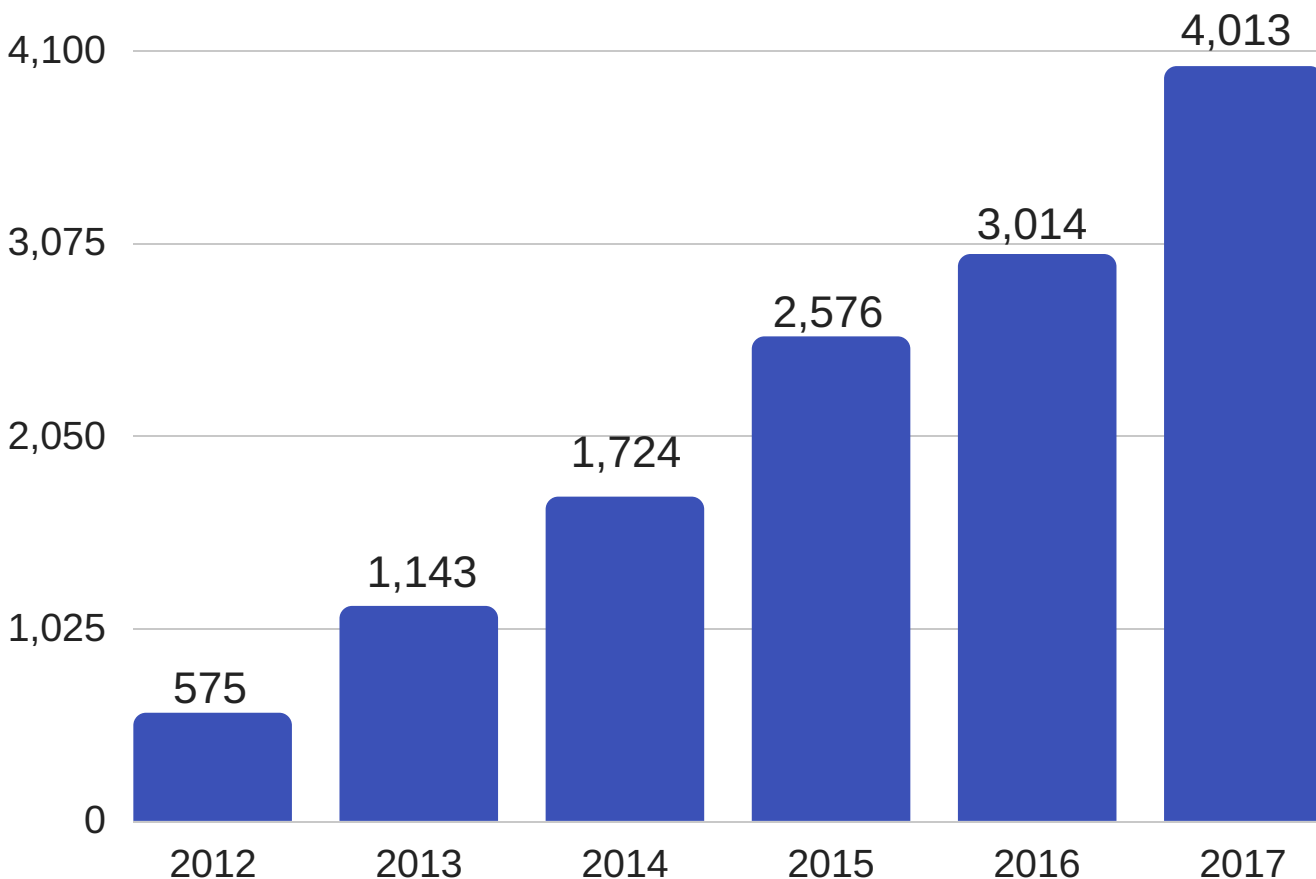
All the best,  
Stephanie Williamson  
Founder & Executive Director

# Our Mission:

HHMD enhances the quality of life for children and families in the St. Louis area by meeting their immediate needs, then connecting them with life-changing resources that foster independence.



## Total Number of Children Served



# What We Do

## **EMPOWERING FAMILIES**

HHMD works to empower families in need to achieve stability in their lives. When a family is referred to us by our network of over 100 agencies, hospitals, and shelters, we first ensure each family has the clothing and other essential items necessary to parent effectively. We then assist families in finding stable employment and safe housing, while connecting emotionally through one-to-one life coaching. We also connect families to other agencies that can meet their food, shelter and other emergency needs.

**DIRECT CONTACT WITH 749 MOMS IN 2017**

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## Families Seeking Stability Program

### **ESTABLISHED IN 2016**

In 2016, HHMD launched its Families Seeking Stability (FSS) program. The program provides additional services beyond a family's initial visit to HHMD. It helps families start to break the cycle of poverty and find stability and independence. The FSS program will provide assistance in finding housing and employment. In order to enter the program, a parent must commit to attending 10 weeks of Life Coaching and 5 Financial/Budgeting education sessions. To date, we have 5 parents enrolled in the program!



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# TOP 10 REFERRAL AGENCIES OF 2017

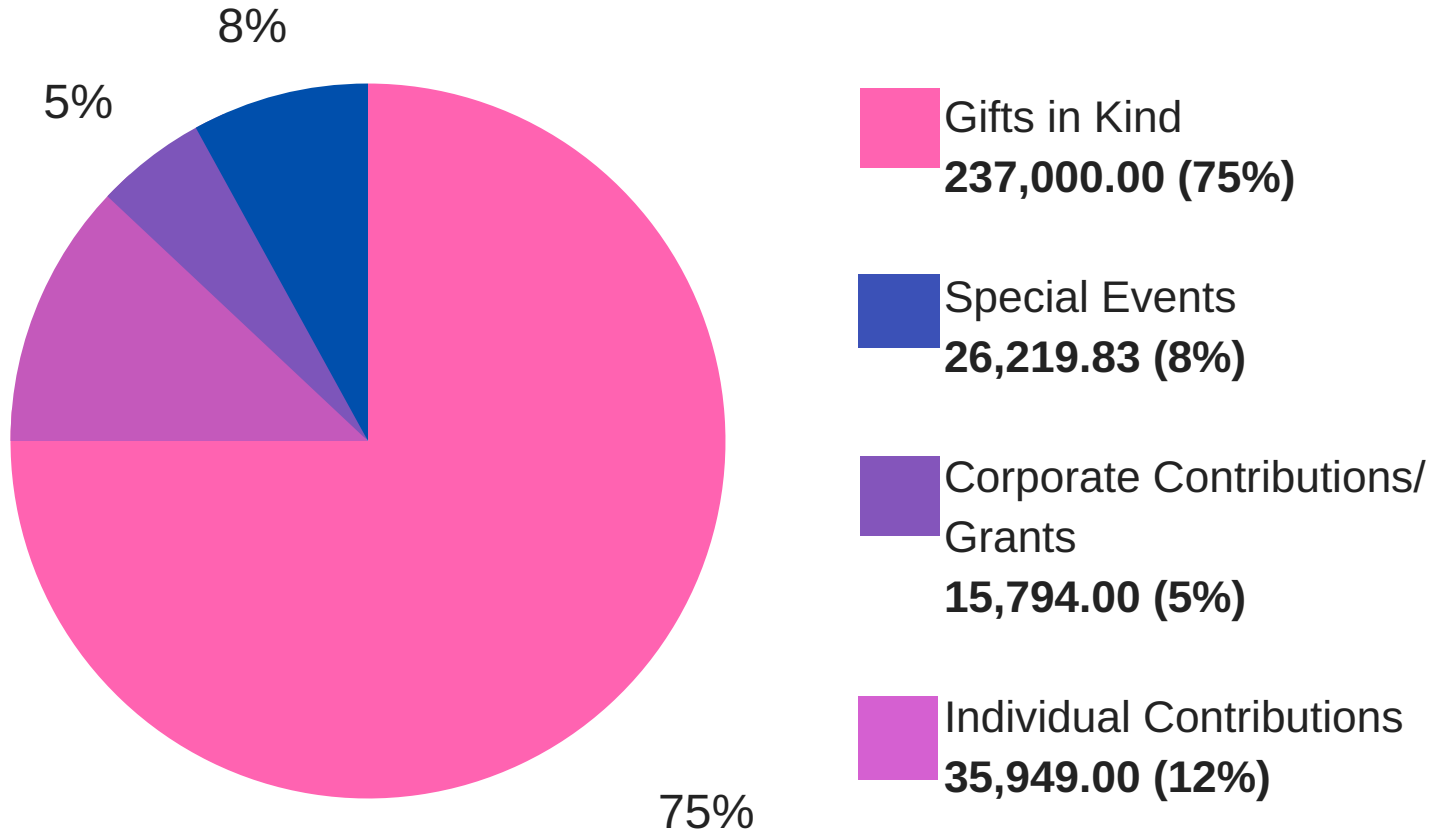
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Referral Agency	Number of Children Served
1. Headstart	414
2. St. Louis County	224
3. University City Schools	160
4. Southside Nursery	158
5. Normandy School District	150
6. Parents as Teachers	135
7. Nurses for Newborns Foundation	121
8. Riverview Garden School District	120
9. Every Child's Hope	120
10. New Horizons	120

# INCOME STATEMENT

Total Income:

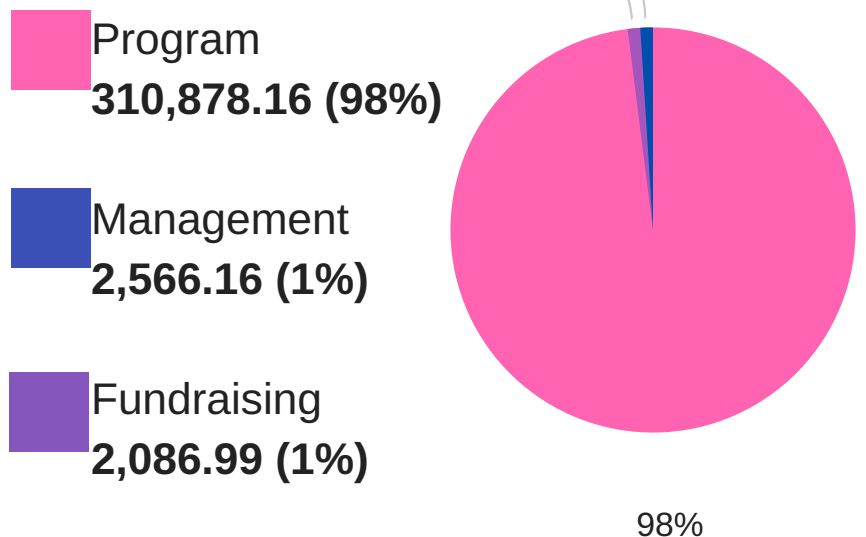
**314,962.83**



Total Expenses:

**315,531.31**

Net Loss: 568.48



# Statement of Cash Flow:

Beginning Balance



Ending Balance



**Net Loss: 568.48**

## Balance Sheet:

ASSETS

2,489.41

OPENING BALANCE

3,066.89

NET LOSS

568.48

EQUITY

2,498.41

# QUOTES

## FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Consistency leads to opportunity which follows up for a better life. This program elevates your mind and teaches you your own worth. Industrious behavior seeks your own purpose in life...amazing program!!!!

-Mom, Housing Program

Helping Hand Me Downs has been an incredibly invaluable resource for our families in the Healthy Kids Express Program at St. Louis Children's Hospital.. They make the referral process smooth and easy and are always willing to assist with specific requests if needed. The staff and families of St. Louis Children's Hospital are lucky to have them in our community!

-Referral Partner, BJC

One of the first things I noticed when I began volunteering at HHMD was the dedication of the staff and volunteers. Their commitment creates a wonderful community that spills over into the clients. They become a community while in the waiting room; they visit with each other and offer helpful suggestions. One of my favorite parts of the program is BIB (Our Bring-It-Back Program) which gives the clients a chance to be involved and to keep the program going. [Our other donors say they like the fact that their donations are not sold but given.]

-Volunteer









# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FROM 2017

- Directly provided stable housing for 4 families and set up housing program that can serve up to 10 families at a time
- Secured funding to hire 2 moms that have been working with HHMD as clients for the past 3 years
- Served over 4,013 children by meeting basic needs such as beds, clothing, shoes, coats etc.

# OUR GOALS

FOR 2018

- Open all four locations and select site for 5th HHMD in STL
- Serve over 7,000 children
- Expand housing program to serve 20 families



## BOARD MEMBERS

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