



HOUSING FAMILIES. TRANSFORMING LIVES.

UPWARD: FALL 2016

When the leaves start turning and nights grow cooler, it means our busy end of year season is underway. We've been hard at work planning holiday events and preparing to close 2016 on a strong note.

Last month, we completed our [2015 annual report](#) - a summary of our highlights from the past year. As we looked back on 2015, we saw the milestones we were able to achieve with your help. From donations and sponsorships to thousands of volunteer hours, your support made a tangible impact in the lives of the families we serve. It provided after school tutoring to children in our programs, furniture for families moving into brand new apartments, family therapy sessions and so much more.

As 2016 quickly comes to a close, we hope you'll help us accomplish even more this year and in the future.

Housing Families with the Help of TD Bank

We are excited to announce that Housing Up is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the TD Bank Charitable Foundation. The grant will support the renovation of our Partner Arms 2 building in Northwest, DC.



We are currently in the process of converting Partner Arms 2 from transitional housing to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), providing more permanent housing solutions to families experiencing homelessness.

We thank our partners at TD Bank for their continued support of Housing Up and their commitment to ending family homelessness in DC!

More Great News for Partner Arms 2

November has been full of great news for Partner Arms 2 and our Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. During a post-Election Day press conference, Mayor Bowser gave us something to smile about when she announced that Housing Up received two funding awards: 1) funding for a major renovation to preserve affordable housing at our Partner Arms 2 property and 2) as co-developer with Hines/Urban Atlantic for the Abrams Hall building on the Walter Reed campus. The project will accommodate senior housing as well as Housing Up's future office space.

The funding awards are a result of the Department of Housing and Community Development's 2016 Funding Notice and Request for Proposal Process commonly known as Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA). The funding will aid in the conversion of Partner Arms 2 from transitional housing to Permanent Supportive Housing, which serves chronically homeless families with mental or physical health disabilities. Our PSH program is based on the Housing First model, which focuses on quickly moving families experiencing homelessness into permanent housing with leases in their own names, and then providing support services. The conversion of Partner Arms 2 aligns with the federal government's priority for PSH programs based on the Housing First practice. We are excited to provide this evidence-based, best-practice program to more families in the District.

For more on the announcement, please visit our [website](#).

Follow Us!

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Staff Updates

We're happy to welcome Emily Koppel as our Manager of Volunteers & Community Engagement. Check out her Q&A on our [website](#).

Holiday Gift Drive

Housing Up is looking for individuals, companies, and church groups that are willing to adopt families in our program, in order to fulfill their Christmas gift wish lists. Every child deserves to receive presents during the holidays, and your partnership can help ensure that happens. If you have any questions, or want to participate, please contact Emily Koppel at ekoppel@housingup.org.

College Visiting Tour for Our Middle Schoolers

We recently took five middle schoolers to visit Morgan State University and learn about the college experience. Click [here](#) for the full story.

2015 Annual Report

Our 2015 Annual Report is available to view on our [website](#).



Filled with important information about our challenge to end family homelessness and interactive features, we hope this report gives you a deeper insight into our work and mission.