



In the past year, Our House helped **3,098** people find a new beginning by empowering adults, children, and families to reach stability in all areas of their lives.

#### **OUR IMPACT**



of families kept or obtained stable housing



of children met their developmental milestones



of clients earned above minimum wage

144% increase in average family income

### **WE PROVIDED**



safe housing to **946** individuals



mental health services to **664** people



reentry services to 218 adult clients



school care to **160** youth



quality childcare to **141** children and infants



case management to **278** families



Our House helped **472** clients find meaningful employment at **302** different businesses in the community, earning an average of **\$13.67** an hour. **73** clients also developed their marketable skills in job training programs on campus and in our resale stores.

Our community showed their support by donating **\$1 MILLION** worth of in-kind goods and services, while **1,015** unique individuals volunteered **11,419** hours in our programs.



## **Client Stories**

# OUR THOUSE



#### Paul

It wasn't until being struck by a car late one night that Paul could see it was time to turn his life around and leave behind dealing drugs. After two months of rehabilitation, and with no family and nowhere else to go, Paul came to Our House. The Career Center set Paul up with bus passes, a new resume, and a phone, and though he job searched open to close, Paul's background hindered his applications. To help him get a history of positive work experience, Paul is participating in our 9-month job training program working in the guard shack. Paul never thought he would even have a bank account, but with his new steady income he is excelling in his savings. With the help of our Mental Health team, Paul barely recognizes himself—giving up drugs, drinking, cussing, and finding his faith again. Paul also took anger management classes and utilizes the ARcare health clinic to keep up on his health. Paul knows that there is more self improvement he wants to do before moving out on his own, and he'll know when the time is right.

#### **Aydn**

Aydn has been a part of Our House for quite literally his whole life! Aydn's family lived in the Family House when he was born while his mother, Necie, was a job trainee in Little Learners. As Aydn grew, he started to show developmental deficits, and he was able to receive behavior, speech, and occupational therapy on-site. Aydn learned self-regulation skills and coping techniques, and these early interventions successfully helped Aydn meet all of his developmental milestones. Aydn's teachers saw him transform in to a leader in class, and he graduated this year to a public PreK program. Because Little Learners set Aydn up for success, he was quickly recommended to move up to Kindergarten! Necie is now a full-time team member in our Infant Room, and she has so much confidence in Aydn and her other children that have also transitioned from Little Learners to public school. Through the tools that Our House offers, Necie has become a huge advocate for her children's education and their success.



#### Joy

Joy's road to Our House began when her car was lost in a fire. With limited job options within walking distance, time slowly passed without being in the workforce. A gap in work history compounded the difficulty of finding employment, and Joy found herself homeless. Joy was able to stay with a friend for several months, but together they decided she needed more resources to find independence and financial stability again; Joy has now been in the Shelter since April. It had been several years since Joy worked with a computer, so making a resume was overwhelming to say the least, but our Employment Coaches supported her, and Joy is now participating in the job training program at the Our House Resale Store. Joy is able to take advantage of the bus pass program out of the Career Center, and she has been attending counseling with our Mental Health Manager to help process the changes of the past few months. Joy now feels like she is able to provide the same support to newer residents that she first received!