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inspiring hope changing lives

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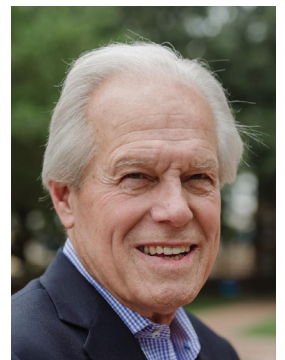
Message from the Board Chair

Thank you.....yes, thank you for a great 2019! Through your commitment, support and generosity, Faith Community Homes was able to deliver on our promise of serving more families in the northwest suburbs. In fact, you enabled us to assist 22 families, 26 adults and 45 children. Additionally, 26 of you volunteered to serve as mentors to our families. The mentors' caring and nurturing support, without question, have the greatest and longest-term impact on our families' paths to independence. A special thanks to each of you!

FCH embraces 2020 with excitement and renewed energy that you have provided. How? Through your overwhelming generosity to our year-end appeal! We received just less than \$35,000 in contributions, the largest dollar amount ever recorded for our year-end appeal. Thank you!

Moving into 2020, FCH would like to be able to increase the number of families we serve. We would also like to be more effective in getting low-wage earners in our families better equipped, trained and/or educated to qualify for higher paying jobs. To accomplish these goals, we certainly need your continued commitment, support and generosity. We could also use your help in spreading the word to your friends and associates about FCH as we "Inspire Hope" and "Change Lives".

Thank you again for a great 2019! Together, let's make 2020 an excellent start to a new decade!



Jim Mayer

Business Partnerships Support FCH



Faith Community Homes is fortunate to have partnerships with local businesses that have developed during the past year. One is a partnership with Illinois Spinal Care in Palatine; the chiropractor provides a free evaluation with a \$20 donation to Faith Community Homes. Ordinarily, the evaluation costs more than \$100. A second partnership is with Joe Stephens of Stephens Automotive in Palatine. Joe has received several donated vehicles that he repairs as needed; the vehicles are then given to FCH families seeking more reliable transportation. These two partnerships have been established through our participation in the Palatine Chamber of Commerce ExecNet meetings held weekly.

Illinois Spinal Care's Dr. Brian Mendoza flanked by Chuck Warner & Sarah Harte

Mission Statement

Strengthening northwest suburban families to achieve financial stability and independence through mentoring, rental assistance and support services.

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Special thanks to Elk Grove Township, Palatine Township, Wheeling Township, and the Village of Arlington Heights for providing significant financial and other assistance to our client families.

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Thank you for the generosity of so many donors who help to make Thanksgiving and Christmas joyous holidays for our FCH families.



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Thank You to Our Generous Financial Donors

We at FCH cannot begin to thank all of you who have supported Faith Community Homes so generously this past year. Your support has helped families find stable housing which lead to other important advances in their lives. Families are in a better position to increase their incomes, solve challenging problems, and provide a positive environment for their children thanks to your donations. The need is great – we hope we can count on your continued financial support!

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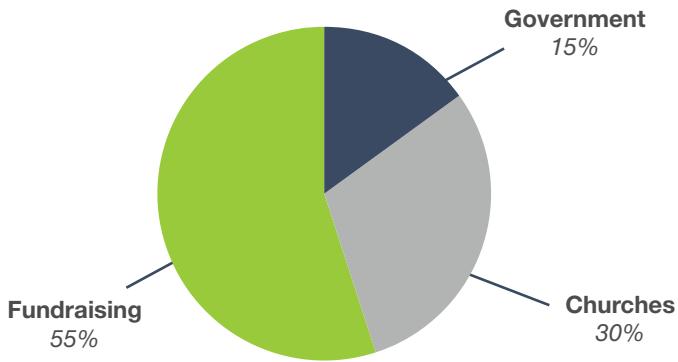
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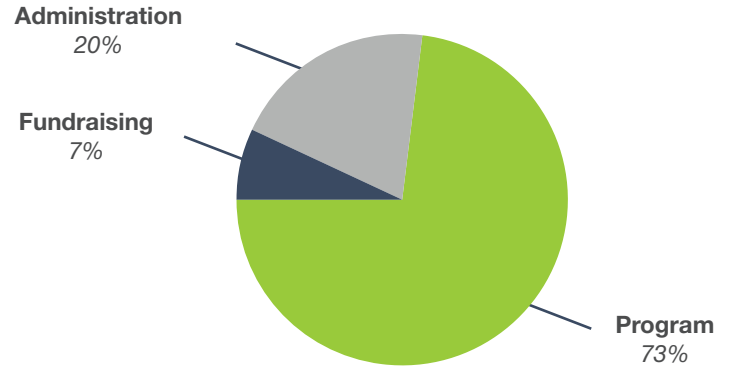
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FCH Adds to Board of Directors

We are thrilled to announce that two additional community leaders have joined our board of directors.



Alan Locke

Alan is President of Locke Financial Services in Palatine. After a successful financial management career, he founded the company, a registered investment advisory firm, in 1996. The firm serves more than 175 families in the area.

Prior to his investment career, Alan was employed by a prestigious Fortune 500 company where he rose to the rank of Director of Finance and Operations, with responsibility for corporate acquisitions, international finance and general management. He also served as an adjunct professor of finance at Keller Graduate School of Business.

Alan received his Bachelor of Science degree from Waterloo University and MBA from Clarkson University. His financial background and interest in helping families make him a valuable addition to the FCH Board.



Jennifer Strimling

Jennifer is currently Vice President of South Middle School PTA. Since moving from the Denver area in 2005, she has focused on bringing up a family while volunteering at numerous nonprofits. She has served at Southminster Presbyterian Church by sitting on the Board of Trustees as an Elder and a member of the Personnel committee. She has also served as Treasurer at Girl Scouts of America and Treasurer of the Dryden PTA.

In Colorado, Jennifer was employed as Regional Sales Director, Data & IP Services for AT&T. She held various positions in Sales and Marketing across the country for a decade with AT&T in Data and IP Services. After 9/11, Jennifer felt called to serve her community, and requested a retirement package from AT&T. She took on a position as the Director at LIFEspot in Highlands Ranch, CO, an organization dedicated to developing the potential of teens by providing a safe environment where they can develop positive relationships based on trust, respect and encouragement.

Jennifer received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Richmond and MBA from The Ohio State University. Her experience in both corporate and nonprofit/volunteer environments will no doubt benefit the Board.

Glenview State Bank Partners with Faith Community Homes

New support is coming to Faith Community Homes from Glenview State Bank. The Bank is family-owned and places great value on community involvement to improve the quality of life for residents. Bank management is very interested in the FCH mission and we look forward with pride to their participation and support.



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Your Financial Support at Work for FCH Families

Families in the FCH program face different challenges as they strive for success and self-sufficiency. FCH case managers and mentors are key in determining when and how best to assist families as they move forward. In the following excerpts, see how FCH supported several of our families as they endeavored to improve their lives (names are changed for privacy purposes).

The Faith Community Homes rent subsidy keeps a roof over a family's head while they work to get back on their feet financially. Single mom Elise's employer will pay her more per hour if she earns a professional certificate for that industry. FCH paid for the study guide and exam fee so Elise can take the certification test. Single mom Amanda works full-time and takes classes at Harper College. When the brakes on her car went out the same week that rent was due, FCH paid for the brake job.

When single mom Kathy had to stop attending classes because of childcare needs for her son, FCH paid for a computer so she could resume classes through an online program. When a mom or dad is working and parenting, we understand that any unexpected expense can derail the best-laid plans. We are proud to be part of the safety net to help these families avoid a crisis.

The last few years have not been easy for Lucy - her small business failed, and her marriage ended. Lucy racked up more than \$12,000 in debt on four different credit cards in order to provide for her children during these difficult times. Lucy's FCH mentors introduced new ideas for chipping away at this debt including living within a realistic household budget, using her tax refund to make lump sum payments, and paying off her highest-interest bills first. With coaching and through her own determination, Lucy paid off every credit card (and cut them up!) after 18 months in our program, all while working full-time and parenting three children. Her mentors taught her some basic financial principles and held her accountable to make progress toward her goals. But most importantly, they served as constant, reliable voices of reason and encouragement in a situation that, at one point, made Lucy feel hopeless.