why we support the haven

$5,432,294

The Haven of Grace provides a safe, nurturing group home for young pregnant women to overcome obstacles and achieve stability. Through community resources, healthy future for themselves and their children. Founded in faith, we instill hope, dignity and the pride of independence, one family at a time.

Our Values:
Respect, Accountability, Responsibility, Dignity, Excellence.

The Haven of Grace (The Haven) is a non-profit organization. 

Our website is www.thehavenofgrace.org

Our mission:
"Serving women who are young, pregnant and homeless, we provide a safe, nurturing home, educational programs and long-term support for mother and child. Founded in faith, we instill hope, dignity and the pride of independence, one family at a time."

Established in 1988 by members of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, The Haven of Grace of a healthy birth weight, requiring no additional hospitalization. One child went home with his mother after a brief hospital stay. (The Haven had maintained strong outcomes in this area, when compared to the City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri, which have shown an 11.0% and 8.5% low birth rate, respectively.)

7 mothers worked toward their GED, while 7 attended post secondary programs at Saint Louis Community College, Vatterott College, Brown-Marine College and Saint Louis College of Health Careers.

10 mothers secured their own apartments, (24%), while others moved into shared housing with family or friends; or into other transitional programs.

59 families were served through our Aftercare Program, through case management, community referrals, Adopt-A-Family and emergency financial assistance.

A recent survey of Aftercare participants showed the following: Of 13 mothers surveyed, 88% were in stable housing; 9% were in temporary housing. Of those living in stable housing, one third reported living in market rate housing; 42% lived in subsidized, public or Section 8 housing.

We received strong leadership and support from volunteers and Board members.

Providing strong leadership and a comprehensive life skills curriculum focusing on seven core areas: Parenting, Emotional Health, Education, Employment and achievement.

Our Strategic Plan for 2014-2017 contains a strong program component. Along with two full Board retreats, surveys and interviews were conducted with current and former residents, board members, volunteers, staff members and collaborators. The Strategic Plan provides a road map and priorities for the coming years, methods and actions to accomplish these priorities, tools for monitoring progress.

Young mothers residing in the apartments experienced a sense of isolation, of not belonging. A decision was made to refurbish the apartments and provide a clean, safe environment for them to live in.

Our target group of young mothers is both transitional and permanent. Children are provided the opportunity to live on campus for up to two years, while paying an affordable rent and contributing to a matching savings plan.

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Net Assets:
Beginning of year: $5,623,266
End of year: $5,275,218

As a mother myself, I understand the desire to make the best possible life for your children. The Haven of Grace offers a unique opportunity to be able to help in the pursuit of giving mothers a chance to redefine their lives – and ultimately their children’s lives, too.

Kimberly D. Tuck, President and CEO, NurseWise, a Centene Company

Our employees really believe in the mission of The Haven of Grace and want to support it. We participate in The Adopt-A-Family program every year because we feel that we are helping to create happy memories for the mothers and their children. That is very fulfilling. Our teams are so passionate about what we do, the mothers we serve, the babies and children… by adopting a family and buying them gifts, we are actually giving ourselves a gift.

Just as we’ve seen, in the last year, participant accomplishments are on the rise. We know that the home environment and the educational programs in the program are both contributing factors. In fact, we’ve seen a 26% increase in college credits earned in the past year. This comes as no surprise given the highly collaborative way in which we partner with the community and the work we’ve done to improve the curriculum.