Fathers & Families Center

Building Noble Legacies

2017 Impact Report

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

2017 was an exciting year full of changes and opportunities. I would like to thank all of those who supported Fathers and Families Center this past year; you share in the success of our participants. Staying true to our mission of "building noble legacies of fatherhood," together we provided services for over 1,100 fathers and their fragile families, helping them move out of poverty and on to self-sufficiency.

Although the path to self-sufficiency is not often straight - with detours along the way - the fathers and families that we serve demonstrate grit and perseverence; despite obstacles in their way. Their determination to be strong, engaged fathers, co-parents, employees and citizens motivates them to better their lives; and in particular around four key impact areas:

- Increased father engagement;
- High School Equivalency diploma attainment;
- Family formation and housing stability; and
- Training and employment for "a job - better job - career."

We hope that we can count on you to support our efforts as we continue to effect positive change in the lives of fathers and their families; and most importantly, their children.

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What we do.

Fathers and Families Center offers a holistic continuum of programs and services to help fathers and expectant fathers—of all ages—move towards a better and brighter future for their families. It starts with helping them develop a plan to meet family, employment, education and health goals. As they enroll in the intensive, three-week Strong Fathers class, they hone their fatherhood, life skills and job readiness preparation with a cohort of like-minded men: men who want to be more engaged and productive fathers for their children. As they progress, they can access our high school equivalency class; engage with our workforce development team to find a job; and/or enroll in advanced training certification programs.

Other services include:

- Mental health, addictions and relationship/couples counseling;
- Court advocacy and referral services;
- Barrier removal assistance for housing and job stability; and
- Interview clothes closet.

The "doors" never close on our alumni. As circumstances change, they can return to get assistance and support.

Why we do it.

The answer is simple. Kids need their dads. Need we say more?

2017

Over 1,100 fathers and families served.

310 Participants placed in jobs.

131 Participants received training certifications in the fields of welding, HVAC, CDL and forklift.

28 Participants received their high school equivalency diploma; increasing their earning potential by $100/week.

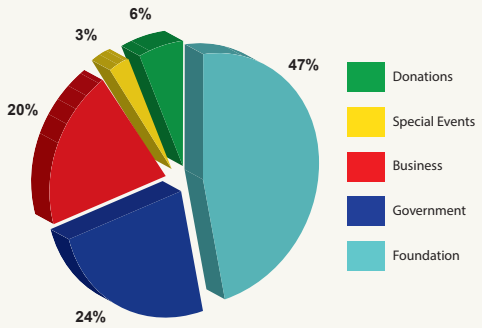
565 participants received counseling services to improve themselves and strengthen their families.

541 families received assistance for housing and job stability.

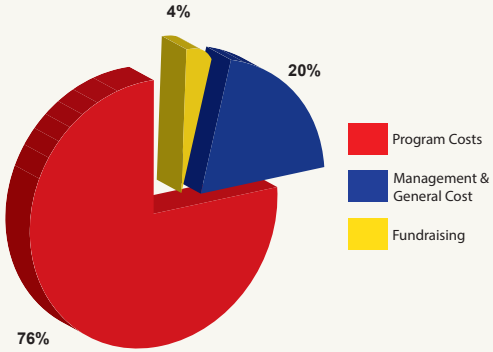
97% of fathers reported increased child engagement; with 45% having daily interaction.

Financials

Revenue: $2,431,904



Expense: $1,784,059



Faces of Fatherhood:
Heart of the Father Awardees

From left to right: *Kip Tew(Board Chair), Rafael Sanchez, John Dickerson, Earl Townsend, Greg Keesling, Thomas Frye (past participant and keynote speaker) Kevin O'Toole (MHS President), Wallace McLaughlin, PhD (President/CEO).*

Each year, Fathers and Families Center recognizes outstanding fathers from across Marion County. They not only represent the dimensions of fatherhood--*Involvement, Consistency, Awareness and Nurturing* - but dedicated service and commitment to community.

This year, Fathers and Families Center also recognized Senior Pastor Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr. of Eastern Star Church with the inaugural Heart of a Father Lifetime Achievement Award, not only for his support of our programs and services but his role as a servant leader: locally, nationally and globally.

Building A Noble Legacy:
Brian Robinson and Daughter Arriel

Brian was a 1997 graduate of the Strong Fathers program. He joined the class so that he could continue to be actively engaged and involved in his daughter Arriel's life. After graduating from the program, he served on the Center's Board of Directors as a participant representative to ensure their perspective was represented at the strategic level. He also attended Ivy Tech Community and completed an Associate's Degree in Machine Technology. Instilling the love and importance of education in his daughter, she received her Bachelor's degree from the IU School of Journalism in 2017 and is now pursuing her Master's Degree at Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

Although separated by distance, father and daughter still maintain a strong bond.

"We must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we can only imagine." - J. Rohn.

Volunteer Spotlight:
Hunter Heath III, MD

Dr. Hunter Heath is a retired Eli Lilly Executive, Professor of Endocrinology, and Fathers and Families Center's newest Board member. Dr. Heath first came to the Center to donate some of his old business suits to the FFC clothes closet. He was moved by our mission – building noble legacies of fatherhood - and wanted to become more involved. He soon found himself conducting mock interviews with participants to help get them "interview ready." At the 2017 Annual Board' meeting, he was nominated to serve on the Board; and currently serves as the Chair of the Fund Development Committee, providing leadership for corporate and individual giving.

"I have had a fortunate life, with experiences and achievements undreamed of in my Texas youth. Now retired, with time to think more clearly about people much less fortunate than I, Fathers and Families provides an opportunity to give back. It is a privilege to be part of the 'water on the stone' of poverty, poor job prospects, and family disruption."

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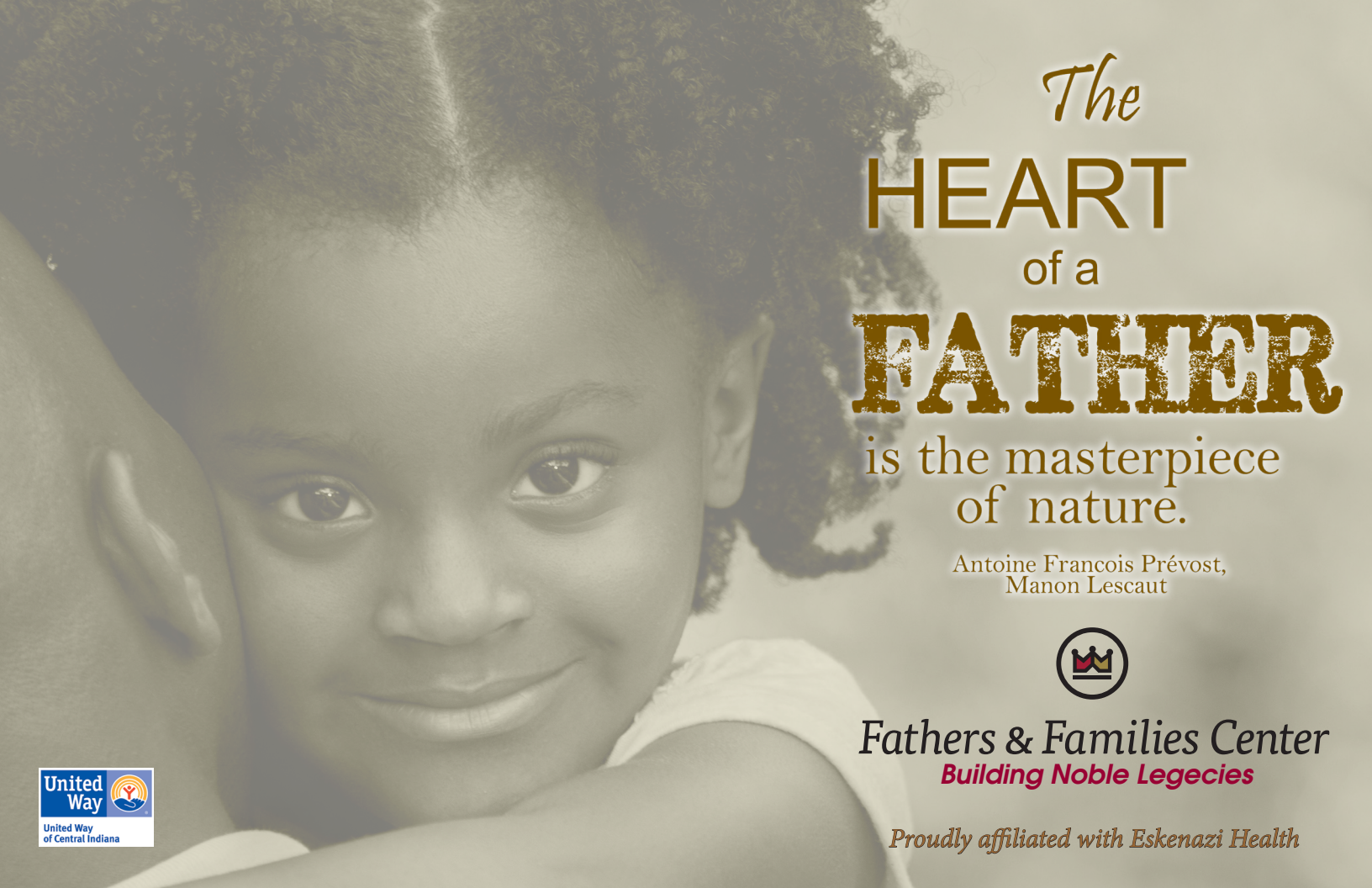

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Antoine Francois Prévost,
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