

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS PLACE

# Dear Friend,

Thank you for supporting the young women who call Our Friends Place "home." With the support of our generous friends, young women coming out of hopeless situations have an empowering place to live and grow into self-sufficient and contributing members of our community.

Note these startling comparisons:

#### Without OFP:

Of the children aging out of foster care,

- One in five will become homeless after age 18
- Only half will be employed by age 24
- 71% of women will be pregnant by age 21

# With OFP, over the past 10 years:

- 84% were actively employed at least part-time
- 88% enrolled in an educational or vocational program to increase employability
- 93% did not become pregnant

Your support has made a difference.

For more than 28 years, Our Friends Place has counted on your generosity to help meet the needs of young women experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect or poverty. We celebrate the lives you continue to help us change.

With appreciation,

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In addition to a Board of Directors, OFP has an advisory council that includes leaders from the community and from the board of past years. Advisory council members provide viewpoints that are valuable to OFP's programs and overall mission.

# YEAR FOR PAULINE'S PLACE



Dedication wall inside Pauline's Place.

Our newest building is dedicated to the late Sister Pauline Mullen of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, who was Site Manager at Beazley House for 13 years. Pauline's Place is the second location for our TLC program. Breaking ground in February 2014, Pauline's Place finally opened its doors to clients in 2015 and has successfully completed its first full year running in 2016. The new site doubled our room availability from years' past, thus doubling the number of young women we can serve!

# ANNUAL AUCTION & CASINO NIGHT

Our Friends Place held its 13th Annual Auction & Casino Night on Saturday, April 30,

2016. at the Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas. The evening featured casino games, gourmet food and savory cocktails, dancing, and live and silent auction prizes. Over 350 guests were welcomed by Event Co-Chairs Shanha Goodwyn (Community Volunteer) and Diane Hawkins (Vice President of Meeting Professionals International) and Honorary Co-Chairs Mary Frances Burleson (President and CEO of Ebby Halliday Realtors) and Peter and Suzan Fenner (Philanthropists, Owners of Search Real Fast). OFP recognized the 2016 Ebby Award winners Leigh C. Richter and the National Council of Jewish Women with a presentation of awards that night. This year's



2016 Event Co-Chairs Diane Hawkins (left) and Shanha Goodwyn (right).

event raised more than \$216,000 in much needed funds to provide a home and programming where young women learn the skills to live self-sufficiently.

# 6500 GREENVILLE AVENUE ...is our NEW office location!

Please be sure to update your address book with our new mailing address. Visit our website for more ways to contact us: www.OurFriendsPlace.org

# 2 NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Kadetrah Lockett came back to OFP as Beazley House Site Manager on July 25, 2016. Kadetrah was first employed at the OFP Group Home for girls in 2011. She brings

years of experience from other social service agencies in providing guidance and support to the clients she serves.



Cindy Washlesky joined OFP on August 23, 2016 as Program Specialist. Cindy manages the volunteer program, agency communication, and assists the Program

team with events. Before OFP, Cindy worked at several ad agencies in Dallas and owned a media consulting business for 14 years.

Our TLC program provides a stable home environment for young women ages 18-24. 2016 marks the first full year of two operating TLC sites-Beazley House, our designated historic home, and Pauline's Place, our new home completed in 2015 (featured on cover). Both sites welcome a client with a shared apartment, including a kitchen, common room, bathroom, and her own bedroom. Site managers live in each of the homes to provide extensive case management and a weekly meeting with each young woman in the program.



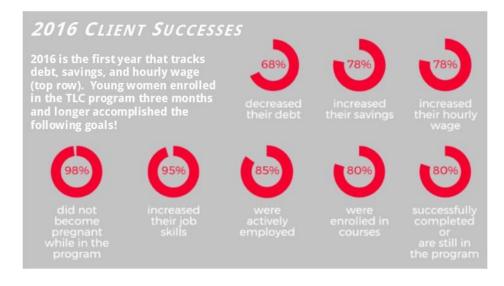
Common room in one of our TLC apartments. Three young women share an apartment, but each has her own bedroom.

# EMPOWERMENT, NOT ENTITLEMENT

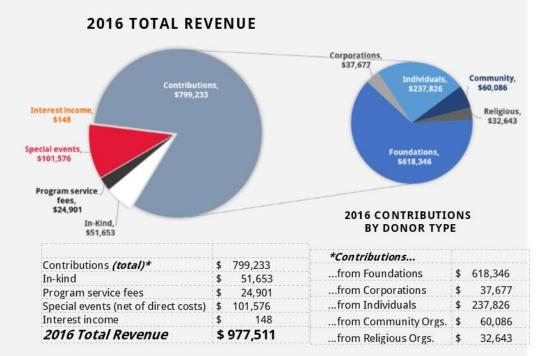
To be a part of the TLC program, clients are expected to be employed and attend classes. Clients also pay a small portion of their paycheck to rent and pay 10% of their paycheck to their own savings account. These steps help our young women become familiar with making monthly payments and ensure that they have savings to rely on when they transition out of the TLC.

In addition to individual meetings with the site manager, every client is expected to attend weekly skills groups. Lesson plans emphasize financial literacy, nutrition and cooking skills, and assistance in accessing healthcare, dental care, and mental health services. Skills night is hosted by one of the apartments on site and skills are taught by volunteers.

Young women can stay in our TLC program as long as they meet program expectations and keep progressing in their classes, even after age 24.



OUR REVENUE & EXPENSES OUR CONTRIBUTORS



### 2016 TOTAL EXPENSES



OFP is uses an independent auditor to conduct our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that the independent auditor plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial Total Revenues and Total Expenses above are true to our 2016 Statement of Activities and our Contributions breakdown by donor type are derived from an internal income tracking system.

We gratefully acknowledge the following friends whose generous contributions during the year have helped our young women soar to success. While we wish we could name all of our friends for their generous support, space limits our listing.

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