



### MISSION

Our mission is to connect young people aging out of foster care in Wake County with the resources and support they need for a successful transition to adulthood.

With your help, we create a circle of support around each young person we serve.

Thank you for investing in these critical programs for our young people and helping ensure that they become productive members of our community.



## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Hope Center at Pullen was a proud recipient of the GSK IMPACT Award.
- We launched a program that supports our young people who are parents themselves.
- Our Career Development Program continued to help our young people gain important work-related skills, both through our Internship Program and Micro Lending Program.

**WE CONNECT:** The Hope Center at Pullen connects young people aging out of foster care to the critical support and resources they need. Our staff and volunteers help our participants access a variety of housing options, further their education, explore career options and secure employment, build critical life skills, and take care of their mental and physical health. We also assist each of them in building a personal, comprehensive network of community support.

**WE NURTURE:** We work with our young people to create a flexible, youth-centered plan that is unique to the individual. Our young people work with us to chart their own life course. As one young person said, "Working with The Hope Center relieved some of the stress of aging out of foster care. They gave me the support I needed, listened to me, and then helped me determine the right path so that I can have a successful life."

**WE PARTNER:** Our goal is to ensure that young people with a history of foster care access the support they need to make positive life choices. We work collaboratively with other nonprofits (government, public, and private), dramatically increasing the likelihood that these young people will thrive as adults. Our staff spent 1,500 hours in 2015 working with our collaborative partners to ensure that young people have the services and support they need.

**OUR PROGRAMS ARE WORKING:** The percentages below compare Hope Center participants' outcomes to the national statistics for young people with a history of foster care.

### HOMELESSNESS

**ONLY 13%** of our participants experienced homelessness in 2015

**36%** is the national figure for young people with a history of foster care

### POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

**46%** of our participants pursued higher education in 2015

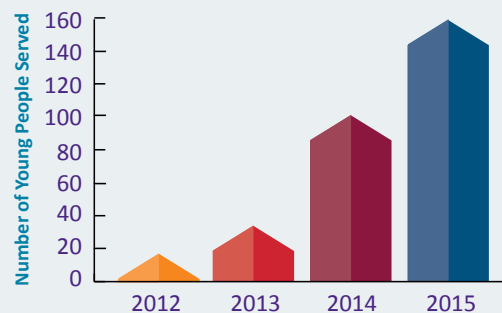
**ONLY 10%** of young people with a history of foster care nationally pursue post-secondary education

### INCARCERATION

**0%** of our participants were incarcerated in 2015

**25%** is the national figure of incarceration for young people with a history of foster care

### WHO WE ARE IMPACTING



**GENDER:** **82%** are female; **18%** are male

**RACE:** **79%** are African-American; **21%** are Caucasian

**AGE:** **11%** are 0 to 9 years old; **26%** are 10 to 15; **36%** are 16 to 17; **27%** are 18 to 30 years old

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### 2015 Support & Revenue

Individuals:	133,516
Foundations:	74,900
Special Events:	52,953
United Way:	139,097
Government:	48,964
In Kind:	35,291
Other (corporate, faith groups, etc.):	80,029
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$564,750</b>

#### 2015 Operating Expenses

Programs & Participant Support:	313,651
Development:	9,041
Facilities:	34,000
Administrative:	60,319
Other (depreciation, miscellaneous):	1,291
<b>Total Operating Expenses:</b>	<b>\$418,302</b>

### EXPANDING HOUSING OPTIONS

The staff at The Hope Center works closely with our young people to determine the best fit for their housing needs.



- We collaborate with Families Together to help program participants obtain and maintain safe, affordable housing.
- Through a unique voucher program designed for our young people with Wake County Housing and Community Revitalization Department, participants are provided with 2-year housing vouchers so they have more time to gain further education and identify potential employment opportunities.
- In 2015 we launched the Host Home Program in which host families provide housing to our participants. Our young people receive an enormous amount of individualized support while they gain the life skills, jobs, and education necessary for a move into permanent independent housing.