To those who help us put all the pieces together...
Children understand puzzles. From a very early age, toddlers delight in placing wooden pictures into the right outline. Those puzzles are easy, just like the puzzles in the very first days of HomeFront were easy. Which will be easier to transport to the motels – meatloaf or chicken dinners? What kind of vehicle will we need to take the children to the park – a sedan or a minivan?

Soon though, real long-term solutions to homelessness began to be sought. The puzzles got much more complicated – every family was a 5,000 piece jigsaw! And that’s when HomeFront found its secret sauce — the ability to put all the puzzle pieces together and offer families personalized, holistic plans of support to help them get out of, and stay out of, crisis.

This Impact Report is dedicated to the children who are counting on HomeFront to put their puzzle together, waiting to hear that click of all the pieces fitting into place; the sound that will mean safety, security and a life of dignity and promise for each of them. With your help, we can solve each one.

Many Parts Make a Whole
Dear HomeFront Family,

Over the last several decades, HomeFront has been nimble enough to react to all the new unexpected challenges and opportunities that each year brings. But in the past year, we have begun taking big steps to look squarely at our infrastructure and get ready for tomorrow's HomeFront.

Thanks to the support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, we will be able to influence the care that thousands of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness receive in our state. In the coming year, we will also be spearheading a statewide consortium of shelter providers. We are developing a needs-based, comprehensive technology plan and we are also “leaning in” to strategic board development.

And I am proud to say that we have increased our basic support staff wages enough to compete with Costco and Amazon for great potential entry-level hires. Our ability to recruit good staff is felt directly by our clients and we know that.

Our “nimble nature” resulted in great strides in two emerging programs last year. We have always sought to be the family that every child needs and we recognize that one of the key moments for guidance and love is as a child approaches the end of high school. Our tutoring programs are concentrating more on college prep and our volunteers are stepping up to help with college placement, a vital service that can be lacking at school. As our kids head off to college, their HomeFront family provides them clothes, dorm furnishings and a little pocket money to get started.

Another emerging program that gives me so much pride is our work with pregnant women struggling with opioid addiction. For My Baby and Me is a collaborative program with Capital Health, Catholic Charities, the Rescue Mission of Trenton and the Trenton Health Team. The program allows women to get clean during their pregnancy, give birth to healthy babies and obtain the skills and resources they need to become confident, competent parents.

This Impact Report highlights our impact in the community but it is really the impact of our donors, so I want to share funding results with you as well. We are just over halfway to our goal in our Endowment Campaign, with $2.2M more to raise to reach our $5M goal by October 2020. On the operating side, we have been successful at securing more corporate and foundation grants. These factors, together with a generous and growing community of supporters, put us just over the edge of being in the black last year. This translated into a whole new quality of sleep for me! Like our client families, my sleeping mind has been tumbling around on how to make it to the end of the month for as many years as I can remember and suddenly my sleep is deep and restorative. This new security could erode away in a few months though, if you don’t remain committed; so, please, stay with me and with our kids.

In humble gratitude,

Connie Mercer
Founder & CEO
Kim was pressured into dropping out of high school when a family friend offered her a job in their bodega down the street. Her family was always hungry and Kim thought she had made a smart decision at the time. But two years later, when the store closed, Kim found herself with her daughter Kyra, unemployed and hopeless.

Feeling like a complete failure, and with nowhere else to go, she and her daughter came to the Family Campus. During her stay at the Campus, Kim was able to fully immerse herself and devote much of each day to her education because her daughter was so well taken care of in the Atkinson Child Development Center on the next floor. Young Kyra was always so relaxed and happy when she picked her up each evening. She drops Kyra off at the Atkinson Child Development Center each morning on her way to her retail management job. “I don’t think I could get better childcare anywhere,” Kim states. “We are both so happy and grateful.”
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and eventually married, but her husband’s substance abuse ate up the money for rent and electricity. She hospitalized for two years and in physical therapy for sixteen more. She left school in the 7th grade. Crystal, mother of Tanya, has never known a life without hardship. Third degree burns at age three kept childhood trauma inspiring her with empathy to help other burn victims. “At HomeFront I finally got the chance to be the person I know I was meant to be.”

Crystal now attends Mercer County Community College, where she is pursuing a degree to become a burn unit nurse, her childhood trauma inspiring her with empathy to help other burn victims. “At HomeFront I finally got the chance to be the person I know I was meant to be.”

HIRE EXPECTATIONS

Life-Changing Accomplishments Happen Here

Long-term unemployed clients were successfully placed in jobs or received their high school diplomas.
PERMANENT HOUSING

It’s Never Just a House

When Alice and her three kids were referred to HomeFront two years ago, she was so depressed that she knew she was only hanging on for her children. She had worked her entire life but suddenly found herself without a job and with a foreclosed home. She had felt lonely and isolated for years. The HomeFront staff changed everything for her. They provided wrap around support, much-needed stability and friendship. They made her feel like she was really “seen” and had a family for the first time in her life. Slowly she began to bloom in her life. When Alice and her three kids were referred to HomeFront two years ago, she was so depressed that she knew she was only hanging on for her children. She had worked her entire life but suddenly found herself without a job and with a foreclosed home. She had felt lonely and isolated for years. The HomeFront staff changed everything for her. They provided wrap around support, much-needed stability and friendship. They made her feel like she was really “seen” and had a family for the first time in her life. Slowly she began to bloom in her life. Slowly she began to bloom in her life.

Today, Alice takes pride in her appearance and can even drive again for the first time in years. Alice says she is looking forward to being a proud mom at each of her children’s graduations.
As traumatic as homelessness can be for children, many of them struggle with other issues as well. That’s when the HomeFront Children’s Champion Team steps in. When 8-year-old Jayden came to HomeFront with his chronically homeless mom and three siblings, the little boy was suffering with serious behavioral and mental health issues including ADHD, anger and extreme aggressiveness.

The Team sprang into action connecting him with our many special needs partners and advocating for him at school. The Team made sure he got the right counseling and medications and worked with the school to get him classified for an Individualized Education Program.

Once Jayden was in the proper educational setting, he bloomed and became an honor roll student in 3rd grade! Through our housing placement program, the family is now in their own place and mom is enjoying being a kid for the first time in his life.
individuals were fed through free bags of groceries distributed to hungry families through our food pantries.

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FRAN'S FOOD PANTRY
Food Is Always First Priority – Then Comes Other Support

When Dave's wife died three years ago, he didn't count on life becoming as hard as it has for him and his daughter, Tanya. The store where he worked as a shelf stocker closed and he couldn't find another job, no matter how hard he tried. The unemployment he was receiving left very little money for food after he paid rent and, every week, food prices seemed higher than the week before.

By the third week of every month, he would barely eat so that Tanya could have decent meals and this only left him so weak he worried that he could not take care of her properly. When the eviction notice finally appeared on his door, he was terrified for Tanya, who has asthma and is prone to attacks under stress. They moved into the Family Campus desperate to find help, medical care and some permanent answers.

HomeFront eventually found the little family permanent affordable housing and a job for Dave as a construction worker. Dave works hard, but his salary is still not enough to afford enough food and he is especially grateful for the HomeFront food pantry. “They give me all the ingredients to cover breakfast and to put together Tanya’s favorite meal, tuna noodle casserole. She has learned to make it all by herself and enjoys making it for me so I will have a full stomach before I head off to work!”
visits were made to our FreeStore to obtain necessary household items and clothes free-of-charge.

RESOURCES NETWORK

All a Family Needs to Make a House a Home

The Brown Family's lives were in chaos after their apartment building burnt down on a freezing night last winter. When Mr. Brown missed several weeks of work to help take care of his now homeless wife and three children, he lost his job. When the Browns came to HomeFront, they had absolutely nothing and felt their devastation was total. That's when HomeFront's Resource Network swung into action with wrap around supports.

While case managers worked to locate a safe, affordable apartment, a HomeFront van took the family to the FreeStore for lots of clothes for everyone. Once a new apartment was found, the HomeFront box truck pulled up with beds, couches and tables and even lamps and cookware from the Furnish the Future program. When the family moved in, the refrigerator and shelves were stocked with food from the pantry.

HomeFront staff also helped Mr. Brown get a new job in ground maintenance on a corporate campus. The job was several miles away from the new apartment though, so the final piece of the puzzle was found, the HomeFront box truck pulled with beds, couches and tables and even lamps and cookware from the Furnish the Future program. When the family moved in, the refrigerator and shelves were stocked with food from the pantry.

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THE HUB
Fix It, Mend It, Give It a Hug

HomeFront’s go-to place, or command center, for all the families seeking safe haven at the Family Campus is called the Hub. You can get anything you need at the Hub – clothes if you don’t have any, an extra blanket, baby Tylenol® and a comforting rocking chair for a late-night fever spike, a firm hand on your shoulder and a quick phone call if your water breaks! If you need anything, practical or emotional, between 1 and 9 a.m., Grandma Annie is waiting at the oasis to fix, reassure, outfit, advise, hug and make everything OK.
THE HALLETT FAMILY LIBRARY

A Haven for Exploration

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Although quiet by design, the library is rarely at rest. Mornings start there with a daily motivational gathering for residents, who later may meet new friends there for a card game. Older children come to study and younger ones come to begin making their list for the summer reading program.

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CASE MANAGEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES

When the World Comes Crashing Down, HomeFront Stops the Downward Spiral

Henry had worked for an auto parts dealer for 25 years and was everyone’s favorite co-worker. He never forgot someone’s birthday, delighted in each and every customer and took pride in his neat and tidy appearance. He didn’t realize the darkness that was about to descend on him the day that he stumbled over a heavy tool bin and took a bad fall, severely injuring his back. Surgery was not an option and the unbearable pain was only alleviated by the meds his doctor prescribed. In addition, Henry, now on disability, was severely depressed as he missed having a sense of purpose and his friends at work. The hope was that the pain would subside over time and he could get his old life back, but it didn’t and, literally before he knew what was happening, Henry was an addict.

When he could no longer get any more pain meds from his doctor, Henry began to haunt the streets of Trenton to buy heroin with the money that should have been used to pay his rent. He totally isolated himself from his family as well. He told himself this was all temporary, just for one more day, one more week. The day he was locked out of his apartment, the shame and humiliation of this once proud and happy man was complete.

HomeFront connected Henry with Narcotics Anonymous, helped him keep his physical therapy appointments and found him another apartment closer to the post office where he returned to work after being clean for nine months. He is a different man now in many ways. His pride is returning and he looks forward to attending Thanksgiving dinner at his niece’s house this year.
ARTSPACE

A Home for the Creative Pursuit

Before becoming addicted to opioids after an injury, Lindsey was a Registered Nurse in a Level 1 Trauma Burn Surgical Care Unit in New Mexico. Her opioid addiction stripped her of her RN License, her home and her dignity. She came with her daughter to live with family in New Jersey a broken woman.

She was working with the Hire Expectations program to reinstate her nursing license when she wandered into the ArtSpace Room one day and truly began to put the pieces back together.

Lindsey explained, “ArtSpace has been the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual boost I needed so intensely. I have loved creating art since I was in preschool. ArtSpace can be seen as a luxury, yet what it offers is essential for the soul. To be given permission to just stop the daily bustle and be allowed, encouraged and supported in the pursuit of creativity is just priceless.” Today Lindsey is clean, has her RN license reinstated, is living in a beautiful apartment with her 11-year-old daughter and is working two jobs.
Sounds that Light a World

We thought we had a simple vision for the music room, but the local artistic community discovered it and made it a magnet for joyous sounds to the delight of our residents and their children.

Once a month, The Trenton Children’s Chorus arrives with about 40 drums of all shapes and sizes for dinner and a drum circle for the kids in the Joy, Hopes and Dreams program. For an hour, these kids get to be a part of something powerful and pound out everything that is in their heart.

Other wonderful sounds emanate from the spring musical performed by Westminster Choir College, the guitar sing-a-longs with the beloved Mr. Jesse and the musical styling of the Credit Suisse band, The Footstompers, and numerous other artists. No one ever feels the world is a dark place when they are in the music room.

Music Class

Eleven-year-old Amani came to the Campus with her mom and two siblings from a dilapidated motel. She was a withdrawn and scared little girl, with no social skills. In her second week, she attended a string music concert at the Center and was transported! She had never heard anything so beautiful and became determined to learn how to play the violin, an unheard of dream for a girl from the welfare motels! One of the musicians who performed lent her a violin and started to give her lessons for two hours a week. Soon she got better and better.

A private donor eventually gave her a violin of her own. Now at 13, Amani is the lead violinist in her middle school orchestra and is a veteran of 20 performances.
times families came to us for — and were given — shelter, food and life-changing assistance.

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COMMUNITY ROOM
Where Ideas for Building a Better World Blossom

We call this room, which looks like a conference room, a community room because it does so much to benefit both the Family Campus community and the greater Mercer County community as well. Besides being a place for HomeFront meetings or even private talks with supporters or government officials, the outside community has come see it as an important resource with more and more frequency. Groups that make a difference in our area such as the Junior League, The Anti-Poverty Network, the HIV Consortium and, most recently, the impressive Health Initiatives team of doctors, nurses and other area health care professionals came together there to work on improving the quality of life for everyone in our region.
Fourteen year-old Joel lives with drama and turmoil on a daily basis. It’s the only kind of life he knows. His mother struggles with mental health issues and he was living with his dad until he threw them out after a nasty fight with his mom. Just surviving at home is a struggle, much less concentrating on homework.

The Joy, Hopes and Dreams program is a lifeline for Joel. No matter what is happening or where he is living, he knows that the HomeFront “Magic School Bus” will show up and provide him a much-needed escape and a respite.

While the special activities rekindle his spirit, he is also grateful for the academic component of the program. Joel, explained “being able to sit in a cool, quiet place with a tutor helps me settle, focus on and finish my homework. I know how important school is. Joy, Hopes and Dreams, my tutor and Mr. Chris make me feel so much better about myself and what I can accomplish.
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Shayla and her two children came to the Family Campus in the wake of a tragic apartment fire that killed her husband and left the family homeless. The shock and enormity of their situation made Shayla’s blood pressure soar.

Slowly, as the family works through their grief and begins to pick up the pieces of their lives, Volunteer Nurse Mandy is helping Shayla come to terms with her health, her weight and her blood pressure. Shayla credits the exercise classes for helping her manage her depression and anxiety. She is determined to get healthy so she can be there for her kids for many, many years to come.
The four brothers, Damon, 12, Jackson, 10, Reggie, 9 and 6-year-old Andre always have each other’s backs. They had all done really well in school until they lost their other apartment and ended up where they live now. They tried to build a fortress of solidarity to insulate each other from the constant stresses of being poor and living in a broken-down apartment in a dangerous neighborhood. When the others were feeling low, Damon would always make his brothers smile by rapping Pokemon songs, his entertainment specialty.

However, nothing could dispel the anxiety that they all felt last spring as the end of the school year grew near. For the four boys, summer would be long, hungry months sitting doing nothing in a sweltering apartment because there would be no school meals and it was too dangerous to play outside. Then their mom heard about the free HomeFront summer camp – and transportation to and from!

At camp at the Lawrence Community Center, there was always fun stuff to do, air conditioning when it gets really hot, and tutors to help get them back on track academically. Best of all, they got breakfast, lunch and a snack every day, so it wasn’t so terrible if they came home to a really small dinner. Also, it was at camp that they found a new, shared fascination for computer science and now all attend a Thursday night coding class!
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HomeFront received over $5,200,000 worth of goods and services throughout the year from corporations, churches, civic groups and private citizens. These goods – furniture, appliances, household goods, automobiles, computers, clothing, food and toys and critical pro bono services – enrich the lives of countless families. We, and they, thank you.

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The challenge of reducing the number of homeless families in greater Mercer County continues. We are as dedicated as ever to ensuring that the safety net provided by HomeFront be kept strong so that we can continue to support those who need us most.

In 2018, we carefully invested more than $11,800,000 to provide access to safe and secure housing, tools for success, basic necessities, and a nurturing environment for children of homeless families, allowing them to live with dignity as we work with them to break the cycle of poverty.

The critical array of services that HomeFront provides requires the ongoing support of our benefactors. We are committed to being responsible stewards of the generosity of the many individuals, businesses, foundations, churches and congregations, schools and government agencies who support us throughout the year with gifts of time and treasure.

For 2018, we again received a clean audit and maintained a 4-star Charity Navigator rating while ensuring that more than 90 cents of every dollar received is spent supporting the families we serve.

– William F. Hackett, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer

### FY 2018

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**
- Cash and cash equivalents $366,922
- Accounts receivable $398,177
- Accounts receivable - Homes by TLC, Inc. $189,566
- Grants and contracts receivable $443,071
- Pledges receivable, current portion $270,000
- Prepaid expenses $98,363

**TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS** $1,766,099

- Investments $1,577,877
- Pledges receivable, net of current portion $478,325
- Property and Equipment, net $6,452,139

**TOTAL ASSETS** $10,274,440

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses $383,800
- Deferred program income $31,926
- Loans payable, current maturities $60,000
- Line of credit $4,976,754

**TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES** $475,726

**LONG TERM LIABILITIES:**
- Loans payable, net of current maturities $420,000

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** $895,726

**NET ASSETS:**
- Unrestricted $2,199,506
- Temporarily restricted $5,026,208
- Permanently restricted (Endowment) $2,153,000

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** $9,378,714

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $10,274,440

### FY 2018 Revenue – $11,872,271

- Miscellaneous 6%
- 15% Government
- 7% Corporate & Foundation Grants
- 20% Service Fees
- 18% Individual Contributions

### FY 2018 Non-Operating Revenue - $359,309

- Misc. – Mortgage Debt Forgiveness 17%
- 29% Endowment
- 26% Temporarily Restricted
- Misc. – Endowment Gains 28%

### FY 2018 Expenses – $12,156,244

- Management & General 5%
- 3% Fundraising
- 27% Emergency Services
- 7% Housing
- Client Support Services 58%
Volunteers gave over 52,000 hours last year to help HomeFront families.