



Second Story

Youth Services and Safe Shelters



Annual Report *2019*

Second Story transforms the lives of children and youth, helping them stay safe, make positive decisions, achieve educational success, and overcome personal crises. We offer children, youth and families hope for brighter futures by providing counseling, shelter and neighborhood-based support.

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a letter from Judith Pittman, CEO



Each year Second Story's annual report highlights where our money comes from, where it goes and the number of young people we have helped. We take this accountability seriously. You entrust us with funding so that we can help homeless youth and youth in crisis be safe and follow a positive path.

While the numbers are important, we also assess whether our programs are effective and who they are serving. One of the things we are seeing is an increasing number of young families experiencing homelessness in ALL of our programs. Our Rapid Rehousing program, part of Second Story for Homeless Youth, recently helped provide a home for a young woman who had four children. We also have had teen moms and dads at our Culmore Teen Center and at Second Story for Teens in Crisis.

We don't know exactly why we are seeing this increase, but we know that being a young parent puts a young person more at risk of becoming homeless. A study by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago estimates that nationally as many as 1.1 million children have a young parent who experienced homelessness during the past year, and that unmarried young women who are pregnant or parenting are 200% more likely to become homeless than other youth.

At Second Story we are committed to helping young people in need whether they are single or have children of their own. With stagnant government funding and both increasing costs and need, we rely on your help. We need to increase our number of caring counselors and locate additional housing so that all young people have safe havens where they can grow and thrive.

Thank you to all the supporters, volunteers, staff and amazing young people who made this year's successes a reality and who are on board to continue to keep young people safe in the coming year.

Thank you.

Judith Dittman
CEO

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our programs

Second Story for Teens in Crisis

Second Story for Teens in Crisis is a completely voluntary program for young people 13 to 17 years old. In addition to safe shelter, food and clothing, each teen receives intensive individual, group and family counseling and help keeping up with their education.



Second Story for Homeless Youth

Second Story for Homeless Youth helps homeless high school students and youth with housing and case management using a combination of host homes, rental assistance, and rapid re-housing.



Second Story for Young Mothers

Second Story for Young Mothers provides housing, counseling and training to women aged 16 to 24 who are pregnant or parenting and experiencing homelessness. With a focus on parenting skills, completing an education, job readiness, and basic self-sufficiency, young women learn to support themselves and their children.



Second Story in the Community

Second Story in the Community serves the communities of Culmore, Annandale, and Springfield through neighborhood-based drop in centers for families and after-school support for young people.

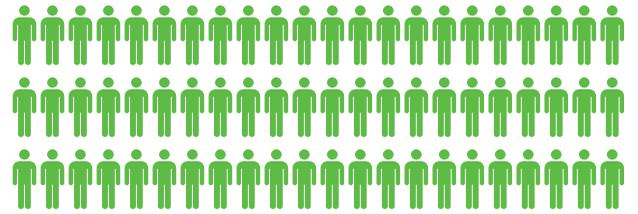


24-hour Crisis Hotline

Second Story's emergency hotline is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for young people in crisis. Teens can call 1-800-SAY-TEEN or text TEENHELP to 855-11 to reach a live counselor.

14,765

volunteer hours



3,000

received clothing



7,340

meals served



700

received school supplies



1,488 volunteers



Miriam's Story

Miriam always knew her family wasn't quite...normal. Her mom was manipulative and unpredictable and didn't let her go out much or make friends. So when Miriam turned 18 she was eager to have some freedom. But things didn't turn out like she had intended - she dropped out of college and became pregnant. Scared and without support, she asked her parents to help her become a good mom and a self-sufficient adult. To Miriam's shock, just weeks after she gave birth to her daughter, they rejected her - throwing her belongings in their front yard and telling her she needed to figure it out for herself.

Feeling hopeless, Miriam returned to her daughter's father, even though he had been abusive. Before long her new family was spending months at a time in homeless shelters. This wasn't the life she had wanted for her daughter, but she had no idea how to create a fresh start. Then one day a staff person from Second Story for Homeless Youth met with Miriam and introduced her to the program. Miriam applied and was accepted. Second Story helped her find an apartment, secure a steady job, and enroll in college classes, something she'd always dreamed of.

Miriam graduated from Second Story for Homeless Youth this year. She's engaged, her daughter is doing well, and she's employed full time. Second Story allowed Miriam to not only pursue a hopeful future but also create a safe and stable home for herself and her daughter.

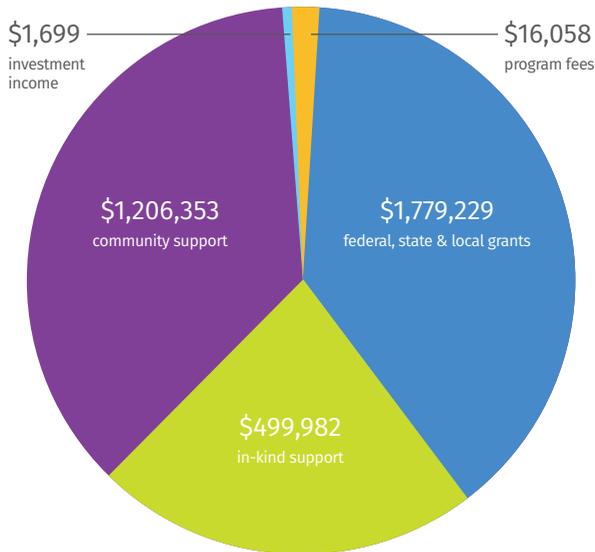


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32 young families housed

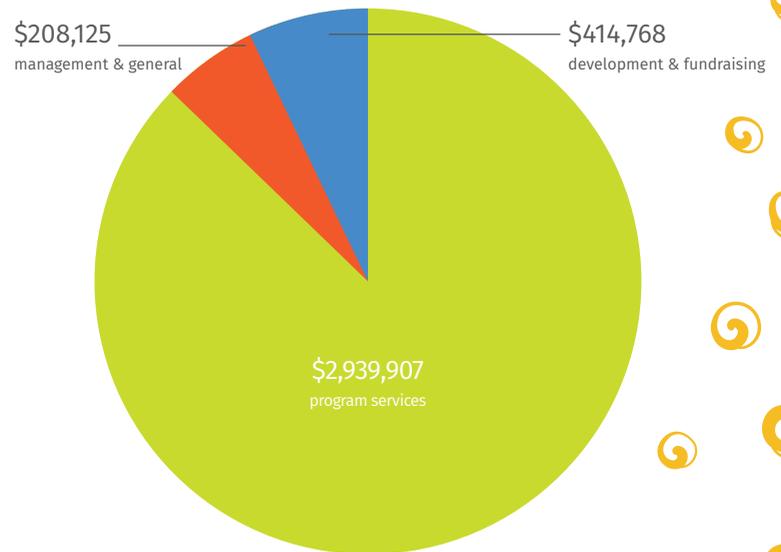
In supporting youth aged 18 to 24, we also housed 47 children. This means Second Story helped bring 32 young families out of homelessness in fiscal year 2019.

Where Our Funding Comes From*



*Information obtained from 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

Where Our Funding Goes*



*Information obtained from 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

Residential Programs

Second Story for Teens in Crisis



- 85 youth supported
- 100% exited to a safe situation
- 1,095 bed nights
- 972 hotline calls

Second Story for Young Mothers



- 11 mothers and their 11 children housed
- 192 served non-residentially
- 90% with improved parenting skills
- 100% exited to a safe situation

Second Story for Homeless Youth



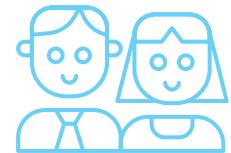
Transitional Living Program

- 17 youth and their 1 child served
- 86% exited to a safe situation
- 23 received case management and other services



FCPS Youth

- 23 youth and their 2 children housed
- 100% graduated from high school
- 100% exited to a safe situation
- 47 received case management and other services



Rapid Rehousing

- 35 youth and their 33 children housed

Community-Based Services

Second Story in the Community



Culmore Teen Center

- 296 students served
- 100% graduated from high school
- 100% accessed homework help



Safe Youth Projects

- 147 students served
- 100% accessed homework help



Family Resource Centers

- 17,391 received drop in services

100% of students in the Teen Center + Safe Youth Projects stayed gang free

Program statistics obtained from 7/1/18 - 6/30/19.

Second Story is grateful for funding provided by Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.

Housing and supportive services are provided to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or handicap, and particularly to those who were least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.