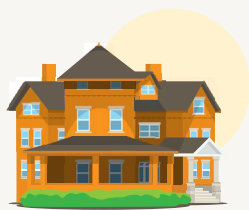




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Your support  
changes young  
peoples' lives.

Their stories  
can change  
yours.



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## Because you choose to make a difference, these young people can, too.

Meet a few of the youth impacted by your support of Huck House programs.

As a young mother and victim of domestic violence, Angel knows how to survive. But for herself and her son, she wanted to do more than simply make it through another day. Thanks to the Transitional Living Program track for young people who have experienced violence, Angel is now learning how to thrive. "I was blessed with the opportunity to rebuild my life." [Read more...](#)



Angel

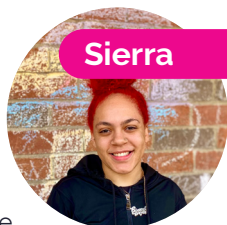


Donavin

Despite growing up in and out of foster care and facing homelessness at 18, Donavin never once gave up on his dream of going to college. The Youth Outreach Program helped him connect with resources to make that possible. He's working toward a brighter future, and not just for himself.

"I want to be the best I can be, and I want to do that for my parents. I still want to one day be able to help out my mom." [Read more...](#)

Food, clothes, and shelter aren't the only things a young person needs to grow. Without emotional support or the chance to develop any independence, Sierra found herself completely lost when she became homeless at 18. The Transitional Living Program gave Sierra a literal new lease on life. "Being in this program is starting to build my confidence. Things don't change overnight. But they do look different now and I feel more mature and ready." [Read more...](#)



Sierra



Tajmir

Homeless and diabetic, there was a point in Tajmir's life where he could barely manage to stand up, yet alone support himself.

Through the new permanent supportive housing program at Marsh Brook Place, Tajmir has found the help he needed to get his health under control and start taking back his life. "I gave up on life. But now my energy is back, and I'm motivated. I have the chance to do the things I need to do." [Read more...](#)

A victim of life-long abuse, Glen reached a point where they knew they "had to get out of the situation, or get out of life." With the Huckleberry House Transitional Living Program and counseling, Glen has found the opportunity to be their own person for the first time in their lives without fear of judgment or abuse. "We're not the best version of ourselves yet. But we are reaching for it. And we're not alone." [Read more...](#)



Glen

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**Every dollar donated, every hour volunteered, and every door opened makes the difference between a life on the streets and a life with direction, opportunity, and hope.**

**In FY 2021, with your support, Huck House:**

- Opened 96 new apartments for homeless and at-risk youth
- Provided 19,691 nights of shelter to keep young people off the streets
- Offered 9,336 hours of counseling and mental health intervention to youth and families
- Awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to Huck House program graduates

### **July 2020**

All 56 units at Kenmore Square fill up. Residents receive counseling and support to learn independent living skills and gain self-sufficiency.

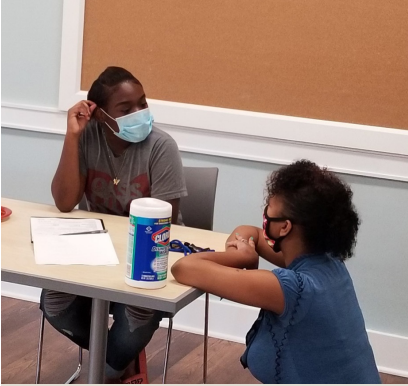


### **August 2020**

Marsh Brook Place opens as Central Ohio's first permanent supportive housing program for youth, offering 40 long-term housing units. A drive-through housewarming helps new residents feel right at home.



**Huck House offers a range of safe, furnished, and supportive youth housing options with 113 units at 3 different campuses.**



## September 2020

YouthBuild visits Marsh Brook Place to assist residents with school enrollment. Six young people enrolled at YouthBuild Academy.

A good education is a fundamental building block in any young person's success story. In FY 2021, 87% of youth in our housing programs attended school, graduated, and/or help jobs.



## October 2020

Huck House livestreams its annual Youth Awards ceremony, honoring 10 youth and 5 scholarship recipients.



Huck House earns *Columbus CEO's Best of Business Small Non-Profit* award for the second straight year.



## November 2020

The Danis Community Building at Kenmore Square passes inspection, opening up community space for art and cooking classes, support groups, dinners, and other activities that improve the lives of young people in our housing programs.





## December 2020

Even in a pandemic, our good friend State Rep. Dontavius Jarrells hosts the fifth annual Very Merry Huckleberry Christmas Party at the Crisis Shelter, drive through style.



## January 2021

As high-risk essential workers, Huck House staff members begin receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, allowing Huck House to safely increase capacity at the Crisis Shelter.

In FY 2021, 92% of young people coming to the Crisis Shelter found the support needed to stay off the streets and return to safe housing.



## February 2021

The Olentangy Liberty High School DECA Club hosts its annual powder puff game to raise money for Huckleberry House.

## March 2021

Huck House's Youth Outreach Program and YOP Shop move to the Kenmore Square youth campus.



In FY 2021, the YOP Shop addressed 360 requests from young people needing support to keep their lives on track, including housing support requests from 155 literally homeless youth.



## April 2021

The annual SLEEP OUT! Columbus event goes virtual and raises \$110,000+ to benefit Huckleberry House programs while increasing awareness of youth homelessness.



**Make your SLEEP OUT!  
Columbus 2022 *pledge* today!**

3,000 young people ages 14 to 24 experienced homelessness in Columbus in 2021 while another 4,000 were at risk of homelessness, unsure of where they would sleep on any given night.



## May 2021

Community members come out to spruce up the grounds at Kenmore Square and make our youth campus a more inviting, supportive space. Danis Construction organized the day, recruiting M+A Architects, Heapy, and Schaefer to help.

***Watch the video***

The Transitional Living Program boasts a 90% success rate, proving that counseling and independent living skills are key to creating long-term self-sufficiency and keeping at-risk young people out of the adult homeless system.



## June 2021

Allen S. Coleman, an African American History Professor at Columbus Community College, visits the Huck House Crisis Shelter to discuss the historical significance of June 19th and celebrate the Juneteenth holiday with the youth.

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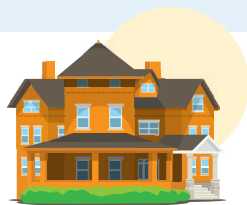
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