

2017 • GRATITUDE REPORT & SPRING APPEAL



LIFE IS BETTER
ON THE
FRONT PORCH.

Neighborhood Families • Youth Programs • Minor Home Repair

WE BECOME NEIGHBORS WHEN WE CROSS THE ROAD FOR ONE ANOTHER.

Dear Friends of Front Porch Alliance -

Good neighbors make good friends – the kind of people we can count on in raising strong and healthy families.

Thankfully, that neighborly connection is making all the difference for residents on our city's east side. With the support of Front Porch Alliance, families are benefiting from programs that not only educate and empower but help build resilience and resourcefulness to manage everyday needs and challenges.



As you review our Gratitude Report, please know that none of our many highlights and successes in 2017 would be possible without a kind and generous community of good neighbors. Thank you for helping Front Porch Alliance to:

- serve as mentors to young parents, many of whose upbringings and neighborhoods were lacking in family supports or positive models of healthy family development;
- link families with a network of community resources for affordable medical care, food pantries, child care and other social services;
- educate and mentor students through Partners in Active Learning (PALs) and an engaging Robotics curriculum;
- help keep neighborhoods safe and livable through our minor home repair program.

Here's to a 2018 that finds us crossing the road for one another – giving hope, resources and a neighborly hand to those in need.

With gratitude,

TOM ESSELMAN

DIRECTOR OF COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM
FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE & CONNECTING FOR GOOD

LISA SCHELLHORN

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE

Our Mission

Front Porch Alliance works hand in hand with Kansas City's eastside residents and community partners to build youth leadership and opportunities for families to make positive, lasting changes to their lives and neighborhoods.

Our Vision

Kansas City's east side kids ready for their future.

2017

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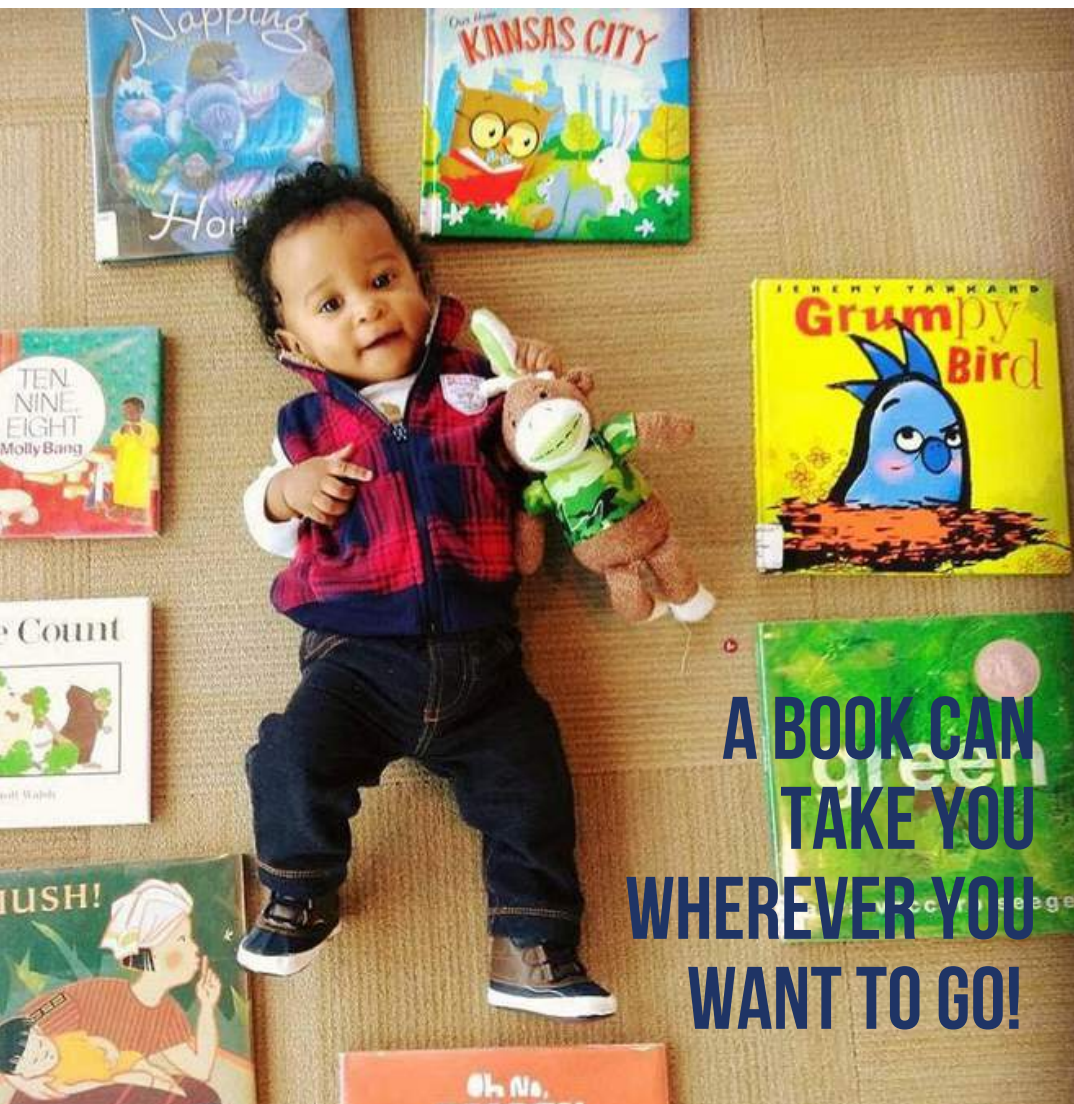
2017 • GRATITUDE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Healthy habits make for healthy lifestyles.

Monthly nutrition classes are part of the recipe to better health for many east side families.

Taught by dietitians and other educators, participants are learning about healthy cooking alternatives such as using spices and natural flavorings instead of fats and processed ingredients.

Following a field trip to the City Market, the group enjoys preparing a meal together at a nearby student kitchen.



**A BOOK CAN
TAKE YOU
WHEREVER YOU
WANT TO GO!**

Literacy & Play

Families served by Front Porch Alliance are exploring a world of opportunity through the Literacy & Play program. These family-friendly activities hosted at Turn the Page KC feature book giveaways, healthy lunches, developmental materials along with the chance to network with other parents in the neighborhood.



Showered with love and support.

New and expectant moms receive more than baby necessities at our Community Baby Showers hosted each quarter.

They get the gift of knowledge, resources and support, thanks to a rotating lineup of featured organizations such as Talk Read Play, Mother Child Coalition, Urban Community Connections and Missouri Care.

74 
children

and 45 adults benefited from the mutual support and healthy living activities of our Neighborhood Families programs.



80

children and their families benefited from weekly home visits by a parent educator to support healthy family development.



72

playgroup sessions last year encouraged mom-to-mom peer support and positive parenting education for healthy infant and child development.



ROBOTICS RULES!

In 2017, Front Porch Alliance provided broad access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning through with a fun and engaging robotics program at Faxon Elementary School.

Two teams of 5th and 6th grade students grew in knowledge and teamwork, learning to innovate, collaborate and solve problems.



90%

of families (41 out of 45) made key connections to community resources to help with immediate health and safety needs.

85 PALS

These Partners in Active Learning (PALs) support and mentor students at Faxon Elementary School. PALs work to raise student academic achievement in reading and math skills, while offering caring and consistent friendship.



small but

Weekly home projects in 2017 made positive gains in weatherization, safety and curb appeal through the Minor Home Repair Program.

MIGHTY!





2017 ● SPRING APPEAL

DEAR FRIEND OF FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE -

For residents on our city's east side, your gift to Front Porch Alliance helps children and families chart a course for a life of opportunity and hope.

Through parent education, family enrichment services, science/technology/engineering/math (STEM) education programs, youth leadership activities and minor home repair, we are reaching out and lifting up our neighbors in need. With one-on-one mentoring and support, Front Porch Alliance is making a difference - one life at a time.

One of the new moms in our Neighborhood Families programs perhaps said it best:

“For the first time in my life, I feel confident and supported. I have caring people around me who are not only helping me become a better parent, but also helping me become the very best version of myself.”

YOUR GIFT IN ANY AMOUNT IS MUCH NEEDED
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

WAYS TO GIVE

Share a one-time gift.
Share a monthly gift.
Serve as a Volunteer.



Neighborhood Families



Youth Programs



Minor Home Repair

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RISE & SHINE!

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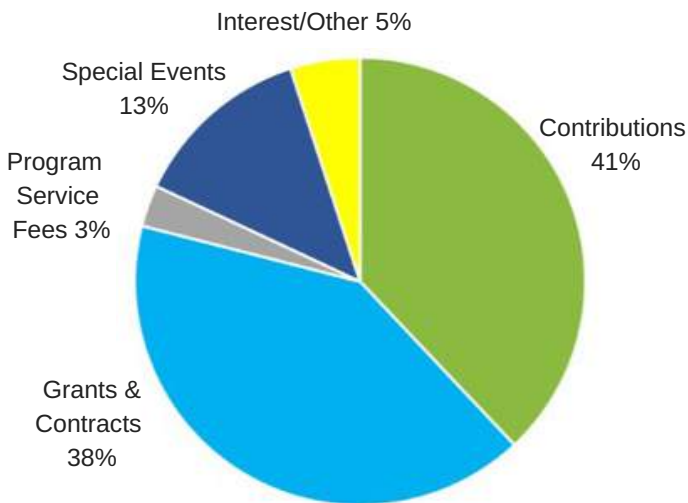
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A Benefit for Front Porch Alliance
at the Linwood Area Ministry
Place (LAMP) Campus

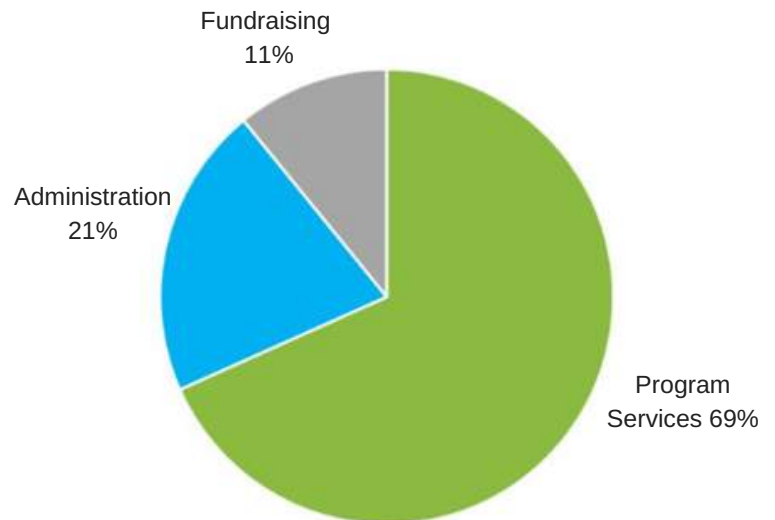
2017 GRATITUDE REPORT • FINANCIAL OVERVIEW JANUARY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017*

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE



Grants/Contracts	\$180,080
Contributions	\$168,158
Program Service Fees	\$13,225
Special Events	\$59,079
Interest/Other	\$20,072
Total	\$440,614

PROGRAM SERVICES & EXPENSES



Program Services	\$358,948
Administration	\$107,599
Fundraising	\$55,165
Total	\$521,712

*This overview reflects a recent change in fiscal reporting for Front Porch Alliance. Financial information covers an 18-month period, from January 1 to June 30, 2016, as well as July 1 to June 30, 2017, the new fiscal year-end. Board restricted assets covered the difference between revenue and expenses during this period of time.