

Difficulties  
mastered are  
opportunities  
won. - Winston Churchill



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## HAVANA NIGHTS GALA

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Drees Pavilion

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm



Enjoy a themed gourmet dinner, live and silent auction, live salsa band with dance instruction, and a celebration of our impact.

## SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Tower Park Amphitheater Fort Thomas, KY  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

A night of summer fun with live music by the Naked Karate Girls, local food, and beer trucks. Enjoy this free concert and bring nonperishable food items to stock Brighton Center's Food Pantry to help local families.



## WINE OVER WATER

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Purple People Bridge, Newport, KY

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm



Sample assorted wines, beer, and food while enjoying live music and breathtaking views from the bridge.

This is a sell-out event, so get your tickets early!

General admission and a limited number of VIP tables go on sale June 19 at [www.brightoncenter.com/wineoverwater](http://www.brightoncenter.com/wineoverwater)

# NEW WORKFORCE PROGRAMS CREATE OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER FUTURES



## CAREER BRIDGE

Career Bridge is a network of partners from the business, education, and nonprofit communities who work innovatively and collaboratively together to create a talent pipeline to fill the most in-demand jobs in our region.

The goal is to assist employers in providing their current employees, future employees, and/or any other underemployed individuals in our region a clear path out of poverty through progressive career development. In addition, the program assists job seekers on a career pathway that will allow them to gain self-sufficiency.

Here's how it works:

1. The sending employer identifies an employee for the program.
2. The employee is paired with a Brighton Center career coach.
3. The employee advances to a higher-paying job at a receiving company.
4. Brighton Center works with the sending employer to replace the employee with a qualified candidate.



*"People want to go to work and take care of themselves and for many individuals in our community the ability to get to work and advance might not look like a straight line. This creates an opportunity, a talent pipeline, for those that have been traditionally low-wage workers to then get on career pathways that allow them to achieve their hopes and dreams and to take care of themselves and their families."* - TALIA FRYE, Workforce Innovation Director



*"What we found was a really nice synergy between being able to help the community with community partners like Brighton Center and United Way and at the same time find some amazing talent from people that were looking to do more in their life, to contribute, and to work at a great company."* - JOHN KRONENBERGER, VEGA Americas



**It's Our Time**

a project of The Housing Authority of Covington and Brighton Center, Inc.

City Futures is a workforce development program designed to connect the residents of the City Heights neighborhood in Covington with quality employment services including career coaching, job readiness workshops, job training programs, resume services, and funding for occupational training services in high demand sectors. Residents can also receive financial coaching and family support services to assist them on their path to achieving their hope and dreams.

City Futures increases the opportunity for residents of City Heights to reach self-sufficiency by:

- Providing career coaching
- Connecting residents to education and job training opportunities that lead to employment
- Enrolling residents in the Job Plus Earned Income Disregard Program
- Offering financial coaching to improve financial literacy, grow credit scores, and build assets
- Working with youth ages 14 through 17 to prepare them for future employment and educational opportunities



Brighton Center would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to everyone who made our Holiday Drive a huge success. We could not possibly make this happen without the support of our donors, volunteers, and hard-working staff.

## 2018 HOLIDAY DRIVE BY THE NUMBERS



**1,737**  
individuals  
served through  
Wish Tree



**966**  
families received  
food



**919**  
individuals  
served through  
Adopt-a-Family



**179**  
children  
shopped at the  
Used Toy Sale



**221**  
generous donors

### Volunteer Groups

Beechwood High School  
Boone County Schools  
Brighton Center Employees

Dixie Heights High School  
Fidelity Investments  
Fifth Third Bank  
Getronics  
Girl Scout Troop #1895

Great American Insurance  
KAO  
Kroger Corporation  
NKY Convention Center  
PNC Bank

Taylor Mill Elementary Daisy Troop  
Turkey Foot Middle School  
UC Medical Students  
Youth Leadership Development

## OPPORTUNITY FOR HOMELESS TEEN OUTREACH



In November, Brighton Center received a \$142,405 grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Family and Youth Services Bureau to provide Street Outreach services within Northern Kentucky. We are the only organization in Kentucky to receive this highly competitive federal grant.

Street Outreach will provide aggressive community-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and forms of trafficking. This will include outreach, prevention, individualized assessment, service linkages, case planning, and follow-up for youth. Staff will utilize positive youth development and trauma informed care to help youth consider safe lifestyle options, to obtain an appropriate alternative living arrangement, and make a successful transition to adulthood.

The program will be located within Brighton Center's Homeward Bound Shelter at 13 East 20th Street in Covington, Kentucky. Covington is the largest urban city in Northern Kentucky with the second highest number of homeless youth in the state.



**750**  
number of youth expected to  
receive services over the next  
three years



**5,400**  
number of youth expected to learn  
about Brighton Center services  
over the next three years







## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER LIFE

**APRIL:** I've always been an alcoholic, but I never knew it. I thought I was just really good at partying.

It never ended up being a problem for me either. I did amazing in school, graduated third in my class, went to college, worked a full-time job, and bills always got paid. All the while, I was drinking heavily.

After I had my son, I was put in pain management for chronic pain. I didn't know I was an alcoholic so the thought that I might misuse my prescription never crossed my mind. By the time I was 30, I was abusing my pain medication.

I was arrested for the first time at 31 and was put on probation. I stayed clean for almost a year, but they weren't drug testing me. That's when I found Meth. I was always afraid of street drugs and to this day, I still don't know why I started using.

I got away with it for nine months, but finally landed myself in jail. I spent the next nine months in jail, finally made parole, and got sent to the Brighton Recovery Center for Women.

I was at the Recovery Center for Women for 10 months. The Center utilizes a strict schedule and routine. Every day was planned out; we woke up at a certain time, had classes

to take, we had to eat at a certain time, we had to trudge, attend community, and clean. I was never good at doing what I was told either. Even though I hated the rules in the house, I stayed. I stayed for my freedom and I stayed for my son.

I have my whole life back because of the Recovery Center. I now live in Sober Living and I am able to do things for myself. I continue to come back and volunteer for the house a lot. I get the girls to meetings, teach class for the girls, and come back for community. I am still very vocal about the struggles I faced throughout the program because I want to show the girls that you can hate it every step of the way and still get so much from it. I came away with gratitude and a new way of looking at life.

There is a solution, you just have to push yourself to achieve it. When I was using drugs and alcohol I felt so hopeless. I didn't think there was a way out, but there is. Before going through treatment I always thought I wanted to get back to the way I was before drugs. After going through the Recovery Center, I realize I am a better person now than I ever was before.

# MOTHER & SON BENEFIT FROM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

**SYDNEY:** I have everything I have been working so hard to achieve for the last five years. I graduated from Northern Kentucky University and landed a job where I can support my son and myself. I am home with him at night and on the weekends, and we live securely. It's so gratifying that all of my hard work has finally paid off.

I first heard of Northern Kentucky Scholar House five years ago. I was living at my parent's house and I needed a place to raise my son Bentley that offered support while I finished college. I thought this opportunity would be too good to be true, but I got accepted and moved in August 2015.

When I moved into Northern Kentucky Scholar House, I finally found a place I could trust to watch my son while I was chasing my dreams head on. It's an environment that I needed more than I thought I would. It is the whole reason I was able to finish school, work, and study while raising my son by myself. I would not have been able to finish college if it wasn't for the support I had through this program.

The best part of this experience was having access to Early Scholars Child Development Center. The staff truly care about your child's achievements as well as your own. They want you to succeed and they make sure you have the resources to achieve along the way. Having Early Scholars on site is extremely convenient, as well. I don't have to leave 20 minutes earlier to get to child care, I can just walk him across the parking lot. It was one less stress I had to worry about.

I graduated in December 2018 from Northern Kentucky University in Business Administration. I received guidance with my resume through Brighton Center and they connected me to job fairs around the area. Through access to these job fairs,



I got an interview for a miraculous job at \$16 an hour and I got it!

I am proud that I am finally self-sufficient. Now that I am where I've wanted to be, I am so much happier. I am raising a kid by myself, I finished school, and am working full-time at a job where I can support Bentley and myself. I am secure and I know I am only going up from here.

**Northern Kentucky Scholar House is part of a comprehensive statewide, two-generation self-sufficiency program for single parent families that provides affordable housing, child development services, and case management support as they pursue a degree in higher education. Northern Kentucky Scholar House is a partnership between Brighton Center and Neighborhood Foundations. The site houses 42 two-bedroom and 6 three-bedroom apartments and a high quality child development center, Early Scholars Child Development Center on the same campus.**



#### Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a full-time student enrolled in a post-secondary institution
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Already have a High School Diploma or GED
- At least 18 years of age
- Be a single parent with primary custody of child/children
- Attend life skills workshops and monthly meetings
- Children under the age of 5 must be enrolled in the Early Scholar Child Development Center
- Must be eligible for Section 8 rent subsidized housing



Information sessions are held monthly on the  
- 1st Wednesday at 10:00 am  
- 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm

To learn more or schedule a tour, please call  
859-491-8303 ext. 2801.

We are currently accepting applications for  
interested families.



# OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK



"I went to volunteer at Two Rivers Seniors Apartments with a team from work and happened to sit by a resident named Bonnie. She had a fascinating life story, an incredible indoor garden, and so much love to give. Once we had made this connection, I knew I had to return back to Two Rivers. I reached out to Brighton Center and they gave me this amazing opportunity to lead my own events there.

At this point, we have our regulars who know me well and come out to all my events. It's been incredibly fulfilling to learn their stories and to be a source of consistent engagement in their lives. They always express their gratitude for what I do, but to be honest, I walk away feeling grateful that they have so willingly embraced me." - TIFFANY



*Tiffany, a Junior Board member, has hosted a total of three "Happy Hour with Tiffany" events which included Root Beer Floats, Reindeer Games, and 'I Love' Bingo. These events included snacks and door prizes for the residents at Two Rivers Seniors Apartments.*

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY BRINGS TOGETHER THREE GENERATIONS

## FAMILIES OF SCHOLAR HOUSE MAKE VALENTINES FOR SENIORS

In celebration of Valentine's Day and as a way to spread cheer, Northern Kentucky Scholar House families joined together and created 72 Valentine's Day cards for the residents at Two Rivers Senior Apartments. The children and their parents hand-delivered the valentines to the seniors which brought lots of smiles to everyone. This was the first event of the year created to encourage family volunteerism and was a great success. Not only did the parents and children enjoy making cards together, but the seniors enjoyed the kind gesture and it brought together three generations of Brighton Center customers. We look forward to more family-friendly events in the future.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



family



group



individual



fit your  
schedule



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

For more information visit the "Get Involved" section of our website at [www.brightoncenter.com](http://www.brightoncenter.com) or contact our Volunteer Manager at 859-491-8303 ext. 2331.

We have an Amazon Smile Wish List! Under the "Get Involved" tab of our website, click "Wish List" for the direct link and a list of items our programs need.



# OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT A GREAT CAUSE

## SOLD-OUT ANNUAL 80'S THROWBACK PARTY RAISES \$16,000

On Saturday, February 2, a record-breaking crowd attended the 6th Annual SOLD-OUT 80's Throwback Party! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Brighton Recovery Center for Women and for making this year the best one yet by helping to raise \$16,000.

A very special thank you to our Board Member Katie Walters of Q102 (WKRQ) for her time and dedication in not only making this event successful but also for her passion in creating the event six years ago.

We would also like to thank Mark Collier of Fort Thomas Matters and all of the sponsors and volunteers for making this event possible and supporting women in recovery.



The Leftovers, Sly Fox, and Mark McFadden blasted 80's favorites all night long for a crowd of over 350.

Over the last six years, the 80's Throwback Party has raised over \$45,000 for Brighton Recovery Center for Women.

The 100-bed residential program is aimed at helping women recover from chronic substance abuse and addiction, and move toward a life of sobriety and productivity. The focus is to help the women change their behavior, skills, and attitudes related to their addictive lifestyles.

Brighton Recovery Center takes a long-term, holistic approach to recovery that is comprised of four distinct modules of progression and ultimately connected to an array of Brighton Center services.



# MARDI GRAS 2019



The 28th Annual Mardi Gras for Homeless Children, presented by Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell on Tuesday, March 5, helped support Brighton Center's Homeward Bound Shelter for homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth ages 11-17. Thank you to the following sponsors for supporting the event.

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- Turner Construction
- Youth Leadership Development Staff

**THE MISSION OF BRIGHTON CENTER** is to create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through family support services, education, employment, and leadership. We will achieve this mission by creating an environment that rewards excellence and innovation, encourages mutual respect, and maximizes resources.

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