

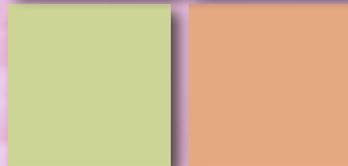
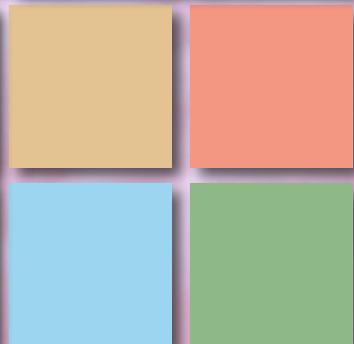
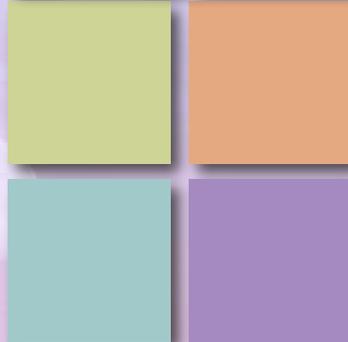
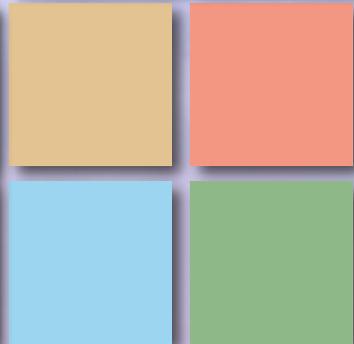
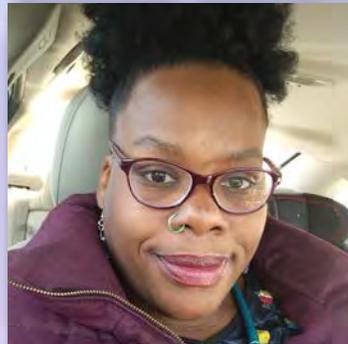
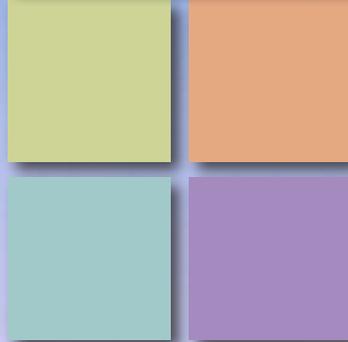


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# SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2023

# The IMPACT of GIVING BACK



# LEADERS ON THE MOVE



## WORDS FROM WONDA

Earlier this year, our Executive Leadership Team met to discuss our priorities for 2023 and beyond. To accomplish those goals, I am happy to share that Ellen Bates was promoted to Vice President. She will join me, Melissa Hall Sommer (Senior Vice President), and June Miller (Chief Financial & Administrative Officer) as we take steps forward for the Center's future. Several additional staff were promoted and are leading in new roles to best set up the Center for continued growth and innovation in serving our community.

At Brighton Center, we believe deeply in the potential of people and that everyone deserves the best quality of life possible. At the end of the day, everyone wants to be accepted, to belong, and to be connected to something bigger and greater than themselves. We know and understand that giving back is essential to making this happen.

It is because we value giving back that we wanted to make it the focus of this Spring Spotlight Newsletter. We are grateful to stand alongside our customers and give back together. On behalf of our entire team, I hope that you enjoy the highlights and stories in this edition!

Wonda Winkler  
President & CEO



**ELLEN BATES**  
Vice President

Ellen began her career at Brighton Center in 2013 as a Workforce Development Specialist, and for most of her tenure, she has led at the Director level at the Kentucky Career Center, Workforce Development, and recently in Housing and Financial Wellness. She is deeply passionate about our mission and will complement our Executive Leadership Team in many ways.



**LAUREN ALLHANDS**  
Director of Kentucky Career Center Operations

Prior to her promotion as Director of Kentucky Career Center Operations, Lauren spent the last nine years at Center for Employment Training most recently as Coordinator. In her new role, Lauren works with the 16 partner agencies within Kentucky Career Center - Northern Kentucky across the eight county region to connect job seekers and employers.



**CASSIE HITCH**  
Evaluation & Data Administrator

Cassie provides supervision and leadership for the evaluation, data, and grants team. She ensures execution of the Continuous Quality Improvement process, oversees the agency database, and tracking and monitoring of agency outcomes. Cassie has 14 years of experience in human services.



**JONIKA GREENE**  
Workforce Development Director

Over the last 14 years, Jonika has held a variety of leadership positions within Brighton Center in our Community Resource Center, Housing and Financial Wellness, and Workforce Development departments. She currently oversees our Workforce Development programs including Center for Employment Training and Trades to Success.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit [brightoncenter.com](http://brightoncenter.com)  
for additional details on each of  
our events

### Annual Gala



Saturday, April 22, 2023  
Drees Pavilion  
Covington, KY  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Brighton Recovery Center Celebrates 15th Anniversary



May marks the 15th  
Anniversary of this  
life-changing program

*More details to come  
on a celebration in May*

# FY23 SIX MONTH IMPACT

July 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

“ I am grateful and humbled to work for this amazing organization. Over the years I have seen the incredible impact that Brighton Center has in the lives of individuals and families in our community. Brighton Center has invested in me just as we have invested in those we serve. I look forward to the future and am excited to see our customers and our community grow. ”



## JESSICA SCHIERLING

Parenting Services Director

Jessica has 14 years of experience with our Every Child Succeeds program. She started her career as a Family Support Worker and was promoted to a Supervisor, Coordinator, and now a Director leading both Every Child Succeeds and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters.



## JENNY WILEY

Housing & Family Well-Being Director

Jenny has 10 years of experience impacting the lives of families. She started her career as a Resource Advocate and was promoted to Family Stability Supervisor, and then Coordinator before leading as the Family Center Director. She now oversees our work pertaining to housing, financial wellness, and child welfare systems change.



## WE'RE GROWING, JOIN OUR TEAM!

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We are hiring for multiple positions and looking for individuals who thrive in a team setting that makes a difference in the lives of children, young adults, families, and older adults every day! Great benefits, a focus on internal promotions, career development, competitive pay, and more!



3,405

individuals received Emergency Assistance with food and personal care items



2,592

home visits were conducted by our Every Child Succeeds and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters programs



92

individuals received job training at our Center for Employment Training in either Medical Assisting, Health Technology Administration, or Human Resources & Payroll Specialist



217

families with children in grades K-3 at imminent risk of homelessness received intensive case management services to stabilize their housing situation and maintain school stability



83

youth received crisis intervention services through Homeward Bound Shelter and 29 received emergency shelter care



70

individuals attended financial education workshops to increase their knowledge of financial concepts



12

individuals became homeowners

## Hunger Walk/5K



Monday, May 29, 2023  
124 E Mehring Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
9:00 a.m.

## Wine Over Water



Saturday, September 9, 2023  
Purple People Bridge  
Newport, KY  
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## FriendsGiving



Thursday, November 16, 2023  
Newport Car Barn  
Newport, KY  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

# STRATEGICALLY ADDRESSING REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS



Brighton Center's long-standing commitment to addressing community needs specific to housing development is accomplished in partnership with Brighton Properties, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brighton Center that was established in 1997. Brighton Properties accomplishes its mission by effectively managing rental properties which offer quality, safe, and accessible living conditions; developing and maintaining service environments that assist Brighton Center in achieving its mission; and developing quality housing that is affordable for both rental and purchase. Brighton Properties' Strategic Plan outlines goals for the next four years.

## BRIGHTON PROPERTIES STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026

**BRIGHTON PROPERTIES MISSION** is to assist individuals and families in obtaining self-sufficiency by developing housing opportunities that bring stability to families, individuals, and communities.

**BRIGHTON PROPERTIES VISION** is to be a unique organization that believes in a long-term commitment to superior management of our properties and community-driven neighborhood revitalization.

### HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



- Bold community response
- Family-focused
- High-quality, safe, accessible
- Affordable (no more than 30% of family income)
- Strategic partnerships
- Systems change driven by the community
- Newport pride & heritage preserved

### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES



- Superior management
- Sustainable operations
- Successful tax credit projects
- Engagement activities
- Skill building opportunities for residents

### SERVICE FACILITIES



- Premier facilities
- Regular short & long-term maintenance
- Capital needs are planned for & addressed
- Growth & expansion
- Maximum beautification
- Strong financial viability

### CAPACITY BUILDING



- Innovative revenue sources
- Utilization of volunteers
- Deeply knowledgeable staff
- Leadership at all levels
- Increased awareness



#### TONY HERMS

Director of Facilities and Property Management

Tony manages all 17 of Brighton Properties buildings including 307 residential units. He plans and executes all capital improvement projects ensuring all facilities are in impeccable condition.



#### STEPHANIE STIENE

Housing Development Director

In this new role, Stephanie leads housing development projects by responding to community needs, securing funding, and overseeing projects that provide individuals with access to housing that is affordable.

Over the years, Brighton Properties has developed 347 residential units with 307 still managed, maintained, and operated by Brighton Properties today. Brighton Center and Brighton Properties work in tandem to identify and address critical housing needs. Brighton Properties oversees housing development and property management to address the need, and Brighton Center wraps a comprehensive array of services around those being served.



*Jack and Pat are eating at a communal table in a common area of Saratoga Place. The staff decorated the room for Valentine's Day and encouraged the residents to bring a dish to share for a holiday potluck.*



**Pat:** I have been here 16 years. I have always lived in Newport. When my house got too big for me, I needed somewhere to go. I knew a woman who was living here, she was blind, and I would help her get to church. She told me I should move into Saratoga. She was older, but she was very independent. Brighton Center helped her in a lot of ways to be more independent.

**Jack:** I've been here since 2014. Time flies when you're having fun. I was somewhere else before I came here. Saratoga is the best place I have ever lived. You can't believe how nice the facilities are here. They remodeled the whole building -- every single unit from top to bottom. My last place didn't do parties or get-togethers or have social events; they were just a place to live.

**Pat:** You can always come here and find someone to talk to.

**Jack:** Yeah, you can always come to talk to people. I like it.

**Pat:** And if you're tired of talking to people, you can go back to your own room.

**Jack:** Or read a book. We have a nice library. And a lot of puzzles.

**Pat:** A lot of the residents like to do puzzles. They can do a puzzle in a couple days. I sat there one day for 2.5 hours and found one piece.

**Jack:** We participate in these events every time they have them.

**Pat:** We like to play games. We played Scattergories recently, and that was a lot of fun.

**Jack:** That was a good one.

**Pat:** Yes, that was a good one. He was sitting over there on his telephone, looking up the answers.

**Jack:** That's why they call me the cheater. Bingo is our number one sport.

**Pat:** We're playing Family Feud today.

**Jack:** You can join us! You can be Steve Harvey.

**Pat:** We do have fun. We don't always agree on everything, but we get along.

**Jack:** We love the staff here. I love everything about them. I've never had a bad experience with anybody. We're trying to get a group together to go down to the aquarium, the zoo, or the museum. Brighton Center treats us great. You couldn't go wrong with Brighton Center. If you ever get a chance to visit, we always love to have visitors.

# GIVING BACK IS PART OF OUR DNA

Our history is deeply rooted in the firm belief that giving back in support of others is an important responsibility of us all to ensure our community thrives and everyone has the best quality of life possible. It is innately part of our culture and self-sufficiency continuum in our work with our customers.

One of our agency values is: “Our dedicated staff are passionate about our mission, embrace growth and leadership, change to best meet customer needs, and are engaged in the life of the community.” Giving back is aligned with this value and allows each of us to engage

in something bigger and greater than ourselves. And at Brighton, our staff are so very fortunate to see the impact of giving in our daily work through our actions. Doing so allows us to lead by example and model the way for others.

Those we serve understand this too. They lean in and support each other on their journey to reaching their hopes and dreams. It is powerful and truly inspirational to watch – it is transformative. So, not only do our staff give back in big ways - our customers do too!



## KYLIE'S JOURNEY



I was a kid when I first came to Brighton Center for the Youth Leadership Development (YLD) program. I was looking for guidance and mentorship. At the time, I was a good student and an athlete at Newport Schools, but had some things I wanted to change about myself. Looking back, I think it was an opportunity for growth and experience.

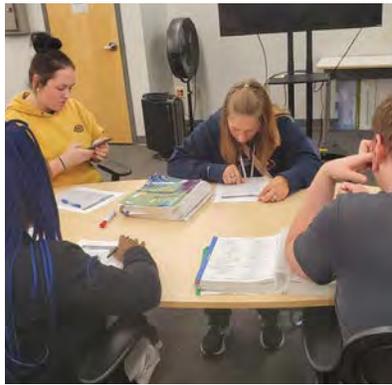
Brighton Center served my family for as far back as I can remember. Growing up in the community, I can recall going

to the Holiday Drive Used Toy Sale and picking out toys I liked. We also received a holiday meal box that provided an amazing, filling holiday dinner.

My life has changed tremendously since I first got involved with YLD in 6th grade. During my senior year of high school, I received the Jean Brown Scholarship. Brighton Center gives the Scholarship to graduating Newport seniors for college. This Scholarship helped me get the necessities I needed for college. I was able to get the laptop I needed for school, and it paid some of my tuition when tuition at my school increased. This Scholarship really helped my transition to college.

Fast forward to now, and I work at Brighton Center, getting to serve the very community that supported me as an Every Child Succeeds Home Visitor. Getting the opportunity to serve the community I grew up in has always been a dream

# BUILDING SOCIAL CAPITAL BY GIVING BACK



- **Peer Mentors** at Brighton Recovery Center provide critical support to fellow residents, lead recovery classes, and provide additional support alongside staff to women on their recovery journey. **Kitchen Peer Mentors** help with the daily operations of serving meals and being on the catering team for CENTER TABLE, *Catering with a Purpose*.
- **Ambassadors** at Center for Employment Training (CET) lead information sessions and tours for prospective trainees along with providing a warm welcome to new starts each week, and are a valuable resource to all trainees throughout their time at CET.
- Northern Kentucky Scholar House **Resident Council** helps to inform programming, provide support to other residents, and serve as liaisons to bring resident voice to the community.
- Youth Leadership Development club members participate in **youth-led service learning** projects that help give back to the community.
- Parents on the Building Community Well-Being **Parent Advisory Board** share their experiences and knowledge

about the child welfare system and help make positive changes so that families get the support they need.

- Young adults at Opportunity House who serve on the **Resident Council** help create community through planning events for fellow residents, bringing forward ideas for workshops, and serving as a resource to each other.
- Residents in our senior housing communities volunteer as **Floor Captains** to provide a friendly welcoming environment for new residents, along with ensuring a sense of well-being by being a safety net to other residents in the building.
- **Garden Mentors** provide their gardening knowledge to others learning how to grow their own food as a part of our 96 bed community garden in Newport.
- Many customers give back through **volunteering** both with Brighton Center and across the community. They see the impact volunteers have had on their life through our programs and want to pay it forward for someone else.

of mine. Working at Brighton Center allows me to do just that. It's genuinely a blessing.

Being able to graduate college and come back to inspire the youth in the community is something I am incredibly proud of. I know what it's like to feel as though few people believe in you, so to graduate college and show the youth it doesn't matter what other people say or where you are from, you can achieve your dreams.

I've worked at places where I have felt uncomfortable, so having a supervisor who genuinely cares and shows me that she cares about me AND wants to see me succeed and elevate in life helps me see that I have potential and the opportunity to do great things.

When thinking about working for Brighton Center, I think it's unique that the fact that they don't turn anyone away.

Brighton Center is an amazing place to work and be served. The Center has so many resources and people who can help guide and support you in ways to better yourself.



Brighton Center's **Jean Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund** gives graduating Newport seniors the opportunity to off-set costs of attending college.

The Scholarship was named after Jean Brown, a dedicated Emergency Assistance Advocate at Brighton Center from 1985 until her death in 1995. She was admired for her commitment to the community, her non-judgmental way of reaching out to others, and her positive, uplifting attitude towards life. She had a special gift for encouraging youth and believing in people.

# LARIKA'S JOURNEY



I first learned about Brighton Center in 2019 after giving birth to my third child. I was trying to figure out how to manage life as a single mom with three children and work. While seeking out resources, I learned about the **Every Child Succeeds** program and immediately enrolled. My Home Visitor was extremely helpful in ensuring my child was meeting developmental milestones and in providing a support system to me as a parent and as a person.

I was working at Speedway at the time, but knew I needed to get a more stable job with set hours. I mentioned to my Home Visitor that I had my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) credential and had worked in the medical field since I was 19. She told me about Brighton Center's **Center for Employment Training (CET)** program and the Medical Assisting skill division. This was in 2020, just after COVID had shut everything down, but I was determined to take this opportunity for a better career. I knew with this career opportunity that I would be able to have set hours and a salary where I wouldn't have to worry about our income.

Going back to school at CET was a real leap of faith for me. I wasn't sure how everything would work out, but I could tell the staff truly cared and had my family's best interest at heart. When I first started classes, my children were also doing school online, so we would sit together and all complete our work.

While at CET, my family and I were also connected to additional resources we needed in order to eliminate the many barriers we faced. **Emergency Assistance** services helped with food, clothing, and personal care items, allowing me to use our limited budget to pay for other necessities. The **Stable Families** program helped stabilize our housing situation. At one point, I was living in a hotel, and through this program, we were able to move into an apartment at an affordable monthly rate.

After my son turned two, we graduated from **Every Child Succeeds** and began Brighton Center's **Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters** program, which is helping to prepare my youngest for kindergarten. Knowing that he will not have to play catch-up when school starts

and may actually be ahead of his peers is a huge relief to me. My oldest, who is 11, is involved in **Youth Leadership Development**, where she participates in service learning projects, develops leadership skills, and explores education and career opportunities for the future.

I have also benefited from **Financial Education and Coaching** through workshops and one-on-one financial coaching. I have learned how to budget and better manage my money.

Another challenge that I, like many others, have experienced recently is finding quality child care, and yet again, the staff at Brighton Center helped connect me to quality centers.

My whole personality has changed since coming here. It's a complete 180. I knew that by going back into the medical field, I would need to lead by example. I became a CET **Ambassador**, helping fellow trainees and those interested in the program. I've also become involved with the **Building Community Well-Being** program as a member of the **Parent Advisory Board** and will be leading an upcoming parent café. This is allowing me to use my own experiences to help other families navigate community resources and develop our own strength-based support system.

Although it took me longer than the typical trainee, I finally completed Medical Assisting. I passed the Registered Medical Assistant exam leading to certification, which allows me to work as a Medical Assistant anywhere in the country.

My life has changed so much over the last few years. I was just surviving before and now I have a stable career path, a home, and my kids are thriving. I wish more people knew of all the incredible services Brighton Center offers and all the help provided to get people back on their feet. No matter what obstacle or barrier that has come up, Brighton Center has been there to help me navigate it.

# PATRICIA'S JOURNEY

I was just out of high school with a new husband, a new baby, and new college courses when I started taking pills to cope with the stress and to handle my feelings. Another baby and more difficult courses, and my substance use progressed. For 10 years, I wanted to get treatment. I kept saying that I was going to go, but I didn't. I was afraid of the unknown and afraid of not being in control. When I was arrested two years ago they asked me if I wanted jail or treatment and I chose treatment. I came to **Brighton Recovery Center for Women** on October 1, 2021.

Every day since the day I came, I would say I was leaving. I told everyone I wanted to walk out and never come back. I kept going through the program, but got stuck and had to go back to the start. I didn't want to go through it all over again, so I begged my mom to come and get me, but she wouldn't. She said she didn't want me to hold it over her head that I had to spend three years in jail. So I stayed.

When I was one week away from finishing and leaving for good, I got another restart that made me want to leave. I learned from the Department of Corrections that I could walk out the door without consequences. That day is when it all changed for me, and I realized I actually didn't want to leave. I wanted to finish this program for myself, to prove to myself that I can do this. So even though I didn't really want to do three more months of Phase 1, I completely surrendered. When I first got here I was doing it for my kids, but having the option to leave is what made me realize I had to do it for myself. I wanted something different, and I had to do it for myself before I did it for anyone else.

These women are amazing. I didn't get along with women at all before this experience. I had one best friend, and we parted ways because of my addiction. I never thought I could connect with women the way I do here, but I love each and every one of these women differently. They've



impacted me in different ways. I wouldn't have wanted to go to treatment anywhere else. This place has saved my life. They've given my mom and dad their daughter back, my kids their mom back, my husband his wife back, and me my life back. It's amazing. It really is. My son says that choosing treatment is the best decision I ever made. Something I never thought I would ever get is a year of sobriety. And I have it. It's a big difference.

I signed on to be a **Peer Mentor** in the kitchen, and it was a great experience. I get to help all the girls that I've watched come in the door, I get to see them give their all, and I get to give back by working with **CENTER TABLE, Catering with a Purpose**. I'm getting my food service management license, and I've been working with the **Financial Coaches** at Brighton Center to reduce my previous student loan debt and get ready to go back to college to get a degree in hospitality. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, so maybe someday I'll be able to open my own restaurant.

When I think about my advice to others, I get choked up. My advice is to give Brighton Center a chance. It's what I had to do. And when you give it a chance, you give yourself a chance.



CENTER TABLE, Catering with a Purpose is a social enterprise catering company that uses fresh seasonal ingredients to create delicious food for all occasions from backyard barbecues to business lunches and elegant celebrations. Profits from CENTER TABLE support recovery efforts and culinary arts training programs for women with addiction. When you hire CENTER TABLE, you delight your guests with exceptional food and service while helping transform lives. CENTER TABLE's catering and culinary training program provides residents in Phases I and II of Brighton Recovery Center with educational training and life skills to gain work in the food service industry after completion.

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## ADVANCING 2GEN WORK AT NATIONAL CONVENING

In February, Melissa Hall Sommer, Senior Vice President, participated as a panelist for Ascend's 2Gen FunderXChange sponsored by the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C. The panel discussed the role learning communities play in advancing 2Gen whole family work and the importance of centering family voice and lifting up family power.

We are so grateful for Melissa's leadership at the national level and shining a light on how data and customer voice are critical to our approach in creating a pathway to self-sufficiency. Through her work, she has collaborated at national convenings with the Administration for Children and Families, National Fund for Workforce Solutions, and Ascend to scale best practices in economic prosperity across the country.

## BRIGHTON CENTER HOSTS GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR

We were honored to host Governor Andy Beshear and other local nonprofits as he presented funding to Campbell County recipients of the Team Kentucky Nonprofit Assistance Fund. "The nonprofits we're celebrating are changing lives in Campbell County and beyond," said Governor Beshear. Brighton Center and Brighton Properties each received \$100,000.

The funds in support of Brighton Center and Brighton Properties were a true blessing to our work of ensuring those we serve are financially stable, independent, and have the best quality of life possible. Specifically, we are using the funds to support our workforce development and emergency assistance efforts and to ensure that families have access to housing that is affordable at 30% of their income.



## JOYCE "BRENDA" HOSKINS LEAVES LASTING LEGACY

Brighton Center and Brighton Properties were honored to receive a \$500,000 gift from the Joyce "Brenda" Hoskins Trust. Through this gift, Ms. Hoskins leaves a lasting legacy by establishing an endowed scholarship fund at Center for Employment Training to assist individuals in pursuit of a good job with a livable wage, benefits, and an opportunity for career advancement. This gift also makes it possible for Brighton Properties to develop housing units for Veterans and provide for both organizations the start-up funds for an Employee Emergency Assistance Fund that will help staff with a financial hardship. Ms. Hoskins was an inspiration. She came to this country with very little and through her persistence, grit, and hard work, she was able to build several successful businesses. Through her generosity, others facing similar challenges will be given the opportunity to find their own success.

*You can make a gift now that will support the mission of Brighton Center far into the future by leaving a lasting legacy through your estate plan. A planned gift to Brighton Center is the easiest and most effective way to contribute to the long-term well-being of our community.*

**The Benefits** • You can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime. • You can make a gift that does not affect your current lifestyle or your family's security. • You don't have to use cash to make your gift. Learn more at [brightoncenter.com](http://brightoncenter.com).

## MARDI GRAS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who supported Mardi Gras for Homeless Children, which benefits Homeward Bound Shelter, the only homeless and runaway shelter for youth ages 11-17 in Northern Kentucky. The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual event had a record breaking year to support area homeless youth.



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# NEWS & HAPPENINGS



## A LEAP FORWARD IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Brighton Center was accepted into the 2023 Opening New Doors Institute. The Institute is a five-month, intensive training program that features both in-person and remote training, as well as one-on-one consultation with experts in the development and operation of supportive housing. Teams completing the Institute will be provided with the skills and knowledge to turn a project concept into competitive applications for capital and other funding sources, and to join a growing peer network of professionals in the supportive housing field. This intensive training will give our team the opportunity to build our knowledge base and ability to secure the needed funding and long-term commitment necessary to create quality supportive housing.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

Building Community Well-Being Parent Advisory Board continues to lift the voices of families with lived experience by collaborating with THE PLUG to utilize art as a way to discover the power to make social change. They recently created a mural which is on display at Bright Days Child Development Center in Newport.

Building Community Well-Being partners with families as they build social supports, strengthen family relationships, connect to resources, and help to co-design the program. The goal is to work with key partners to develop a comprehensive community, child, and family well-being system. This project is a partnership among Brighton Center, the Department of Community Based Services, Family Nurturing Center, and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, and is funded through a five-year grant from the Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.



## JUNIOR BOARD WELCOMES NEW CO-CHAIRS

We are so thankful to our Junior Board for their heartfelt commitment and steadfast support. A special shout out to our immediate past Junior Board Co-Chairs, Brice Smallwood, and Alex Cardosi, for their dedication and inspiring leadership. We are excited to welcome our incoming Junior Board Co-Chairs, Murphy Stephens, and Laura Farmwald.

The Junior Board supports Brighton Center's mission through leadership, advocacy, volunteerism, and fundraising. The Junior Board offers young professionals a unique introduction to our diverse scope of work and the opportunity to strengthen their community leadership.

*If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved, visit [brightoncenter.com](http://brightoncenter.com).*



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY DRIVE



818 Families  
2,437 individuals  
received holiday food  
and/or toys



294 individuals  
volunteered their time  
to help make our Holiday Drive  
a success

## FRIENDSGIVING

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported FriendsGiving! A huge thank you to our Junior Board for planning and hosting this fun gathering and Co-Chairs Alex Cardosi and Brice Smallwood for their leadership. The event helped raise over \$10,000 in support of our comprehensive array of 48 programs.



**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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