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A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

SPOTLIGHT

SPRING 2015

GENEROSITY GROWS

In Many Different Ways



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"Brighton Center has impacted my life in many ways. I don't know where I would be without them, just being affiliated with them for the last six months has made me stronger and more independent. The financial help and success skills have shown me how to be an adult, and to stand on my own two feet. The Center for Employment Training is an outstanding program. I could never be thankful enough for what they have done for me. I encourage everyone to join Brighton Center on their mission of changing lives." - Sarah

"Brighton Center has been with me through it all even when I had nothing. If you want to get a fresh start and turn a new leaf in your life, come to Brighton Center." - Charles



"This year I stayed involved in all kinds of after school activities, like Teen Coalition. It makes a difference, being involved, especially in Newport. I'm doing things that are going to help my future" - Bogan

"Brighton Center has been a great help to me. I have learned so much and it has encouraged me in so many ways. I see people who have made it, who have been through so much and they didn't give up despite the things they've gone through. It makes me say to myself, "if they can do it, I can do it. For so long I thought I was the only one who was dealt a bad hand at life, now I see there are people just like me and it feels so good to not be alone. I'm starting to feel good about myself, and it has encouraged me to do more." - Patrica"



BRIGHTON CENTER IS EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF A CARING COMMUNITY. TOGETHER WE STRENGTHEN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS ON THE HORIZON



Brighton Center has deep roots working with residents in Newport and thanks to a funding opportunity from the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) we are the lead agency advancing the Quality of Life Planning Process within Newport. The Quality of Life Process, developed by LISC, involves Brighton Center leading the effort in interviewing over 100 Newport residents to learn their hopes, dreams, and vision for the future of the community. The results will then be gathered and presented to residents at a community roll-out. The final goal is for the community to develop a Quality of Life Plan that contains strategies and tactics on how to accomplish their vision for the future. The Quality of Life Steering committee consists of Brighton Center staff, Newport residents, business owners, City officials and local school board members.

NOW ENROLLING...



Northern Kentucky Scholar House, set to open in the Fall, is officially accepting applications for single parents enrolled full-time in a post-secondary institution.

Northern Kentucky Scholar House provides the support and pathway to employment success for those who, traditionally, have experienced many barriers to complete their education beyond high school. Not only will parents be able to pursue skills and complete their education to improve their economic security and stability, but simultaneously will be ensuring their children are on a path from the earliest age to engage in lifelong learning.

The Development Team includes **Brighton Properties, Inc.**, Neighborhood Foundations, and The Model Group. After completing construction on the 48 two and three bedroom apartments with an on-site Child Development Center, Brighton Center Inc., will run the educational program giving parents access to a comprehensive array of bundled services and Neighborhood Foundations will manage the apartments.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals that are at least 18 years of age
- Obtained a High School Diploma or GED
- Single parent with primary custody of child/children
- Degree seeking, full time students in an approved post-secondary institution: Gateway Community & Technical College, Northern Kentucky University, Cincinnati State
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- Eligible for Section 8 subsidized housing
- Eligible to have household utilities in resident's name
- Highly motivated
- Children under 5 years of age must be enrolled in the Scholar House Child Development Center
- Attend life skills workshops and monthly meetings with a case manager who believes in your success!
- Meet current income guidelines for both housing and childcare programs - inquire today!

SCHOLAR HOUSE FUNDERS TO DATE

- Bank of Kentucky
- Clyde N. Day Foundation
- Duke Energy Foundation
- PNC Foundation - Jack J. Smith
- Price Charities
- Private donations
- Scripps Howard Foundation
- The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation
- The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and the William Riedlin, Sr. Memorial Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
- The John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, Trustee
- The R.C. Durr Foundation, Inc.
- Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America
- US Bank Foundation

To learn more about Scholar House and eligibility please visit www.brightoncenter.com

PREVIOUS EVENTS

FEAST FOR YOUR HOME

Raised: \$9,000

The 4th Annual Feast For Your Home event raised a record amount of money and was attended by over 250 guests at Best Furniture Gallery in Fort Thomas thanks to owners Craig and Carolynn Reis.

JEFF & JENN CHRISTMAS SHOW

Raised: \$5,000

The Jeff and Jenn Christmas Show not only raised money for Brighton Center, but also gave youth from Homeward Bound Shelter the opportunity to have a night out listening to Oh Honey and MKTO. The youth were also invited to a special meet and greet session.

80s THROWBACK PARTY

Raised: \$1,300

Katie Walters of Q102 and Mark Collier of Fort Thomas Matters joined together to make the 2nd 80s Throwback Party a success in raising money for the Brighton Recovery Center for Women. Several women from the Center volunteered their time setting up and assisting guests at check-in.

MARDI GRAS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN BENEFITING HOMEWARD BOUND

Thank you to all of the sponsors who made Mardi Gras successful.

- American Mortgage Service Co.
- Besties of Brighton Center
- Brighton Center Homeward Bound Shelter
- Brighton Center, Inc.
- Brighton Emerging Leaders
- Brighton Properties
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MAKE AN IMPACT

- ▶ **Donate your time through volunteering**
- ▶ **Set up a recurring gift plan on the website to make a difference every month**
- ▶ **Remember Brighton Center in your Will through a bequest**
- ▶ **Clean out your closets and bring quality donations to the Clothing Closet**
- ▶ **Attend one of our exciting events**
- ▶ **Check to see if your company offers a donation match program**
- ▶ **Create your own fundraiser or donation drive**
- ▶ **Make an instant impact by giving online**

THE MISSION OF BRIGHTON CENTER, INC.

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. With each issue of the Spotlight, we will share Brighton Center's mission in action with stories of lives transformed and hope restored.

GENEROSITY COMES IN MANY DIFFERENT FORMS TO CREATE LASTING IMPRESSIONS



GIVING BACK IN JUST AN HOUR

Invite Youth to your work site for a tour and job shadow experience.

Sort donations of food, hygiene products, or clothing at the Family Center's Food Pantry or Clothing Closet.

Present to trainees at the Center for Employment Training about workplace realities, career skills, and how to be successful on the job.

Spend one-on-one time or group time with residents at one of our senior living buildings.

Assist with Fall or Spring cleaning, landscaping, or planting of flowers.

Lead an activity for children at Bright Days Child Development Center.

Help with administrative tasks such as filing, phone calls, organizing or research.

Assist with event planning for one of our many fundraisers.

For more information about how to get involved please contact Beth Hodge at bhodge@brightoncenter.com or 859-491-8303 ext. 2331

GENEROSITY CREATES A THRIVING FAMILY

Ring, Ring, Ring.....imagine picking up the phone to a voice on the other end that changes your life forever. In 2011, while living in Utah, Liz received a frantic phone call from her sister. Her sister could no longer care for her young children. Liz, holding family dear to her, drove from Utah to Kentucky without hesitation in order to keep the children together. She left her home, job, and the life that she built in Utah and returned to her home town in McCreary County, Kentucky to gain full custody of the children.

In 2012, the five children were permanently placed with Liz and soon after moved to Newport Kentucky. Faced with a new set of responsibilities, and children that were depending on her, Liz sought out resources in the Northern Kentucky area and came to Brighton Center. Liz became involved with the **Family Center** and enrolled in the **Stable Families program**. Through Stable Families Liz worked with a Resource Advocate to connect to resources and stabilize her new family life to ensure self-sufficiency.

To help ease the adjustment into their new situation, two of the children enrolled in Brighton Center's **Youth Leadership Development program** so that they would

have after school activities and meet positive peers in a safe environment.

In early 2013, while still adjusting to her new role as guardian, Liz also took custody of a six day old niece born heroin addicted.

Over the past two years, Liz has connected to programs offered through Brighton Center and Newport Public Schools to enhance her parenting skills and the positive development of the children. Liz's hard work and dedication to being a great role model is paying off. The girls continue to stay actively involved in the Youth Leadership Development program and are true leaders.

All the children are doing well in school. Their positive attitudes and decision making are a wonderful testimony to the love, care and generosity that Liz pours into her family.

In addition, Liz recently started working with a Career Coach at **Career Connections** to seek flexible employment opportunities that allow her to earn the necessary income to support the household. She is currently working as an independent distributor for a local business from her home. She wants to remain involved in the direct care of the youngest child, who receives in-home treatment through First

Steps to deal with developmental delays that often comes with babies born addicted.

Liz not only answered a call that changed her life forever, but continues to seek out new opportunities that provide a structure for her and the children to thrive. Liz is not only an incredible role model to her nieces and nephews, but to all she comes in contact with.

Liz sacrificed a single life in Utah for a move to Kentucky and took on the responsibility of six children (ranging in age from 2-16) because she believes in family, and wanted to ensure that the children were not separated and grow up together as a family. She has sought out and received help to do all that is possible to give the children the opportunity to be successful. Her generosity and that of the community have allowed Liz to provide a safe, loving and nurturing environment for the children.

As part of the Cincinnati Enquirer's annual Wish List program, Liz's story was featured along with a list of needed items for the family. The generosity of many donors resulted in \$3,340.10 raised for the family. They received new beds for the children, brand new bedding, a dining room set, love seat, laptop computer, Microsoft software for the laptop, & therapy equipment for the special needs child.

A FRESH IDEA FOR GIVING BACK

Fresh, nutritious foods are often hard to come by for Newport residents but an innovative idea paired with a collaborative partnership are changing the landscape. After traveling around the country to see how other urban communities were addressing the need for better food options, Doug and Shelia Bray, owners of The Giving Fields, sought to use their expertise for a good cause.

The Newport Community Gardens project grew out of the Bray's desire to bring fresh food options to the area and as part of Brighton Center's strategic plan to support the health and wellness of families. A group of passionate community members, supporters, local organizations including the Campbell County Extension Office and the City of Newport came together to make the project a reality. Brighton Center, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Campbell County Detention Center provided plots of land on which 172, 4-foot by 8-foot low-maintenance raised-beds gardens were constructed.

Doug and Shelia Bray played a critical role in providing the needed expertise, bringing together a supportive group of partners,

and securing both monetary and in-kind donations to get the project started.

Residents of Newport now have the opportunity to grow and keep their own produce under the direction of garden mentors and volunteers. They will also have access to educational sessions on how to cook with fresh foods. Surplus produce in garden beds managed by Brighton Center and partners will supply the food pantry with healthy options for families seeking emergency assistance. A portion of the produce will also be sold to local restaurants to keep the gardens sustainable for years to come.

"Our ultimate goal is to prove the concept works and help some of the neighbors eventually put box gardens at their own residence. A large part of the goal is to educate people on how to make better choices and how to grow and prepare healthy foods. Hopefully we can expand this project to other parts of Newport and neighboring towns," Doug said.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



EL FREY

El first started volunteering with Brighton Center at the very beginning, when we were located on 8th and Brighton Street and our name was the Brighton Street Center. She became involved with the summer recreation program teaching the basics of sewing as a young mother. After a successful career owning a technology company with her husband Donald, El came back to Brighton Center in 2013 looking for a way to continue making a difference with the organization she watched grow and change over four decades. El initially helped with office administrative type projects but her involvement has expanded to event planning and execution. She played a vital role in helping Brighton Center host Wine Over Water in 2014 and continues to serve as chair of the committee. El's long-term commitment as a donor, volunteer, and advocate for Brighton Center has greatly expanded our capacity to continue carrying out our mission.

"I enjoy meeting new people and being part of a team. When we volunteer our time, money or talents we help make our planet a better place Volunteering with Brighton Center is an emotionally uplifting experience." - El Frey

For more information on volunteering please contact Beth Hodge, Donation and Volunteer Manager at bhodge@brightoncenter.com or by phone (859) 491-8303 x2331.

GENEROSITY RUNS IN THE FAMILY

THE ALBERT S. AND ANNA L. RAWE FAMILY FOUNDATION

Albert and Anna Rawe instilled a sense of community into their 12 children at a young age. In honor and memory of Albert and Anna Rawe, the family decided to honor the compassionate nature of their loved ones through the creation of the Albert S. and Anna L. Rawe Family Foundation.



According to Roger Rawe, one of the 12 siblings, "Our parents instilled values in us to understand the necessity of individual work and commitment, as well as to recognize the responsibility of serving the community and others. Having grown up in Newport, the Rawe family has always felt a connection with Brighton Center. Brighton Center's mission is all about helping others in need through numerous services, and is aligned with our family values and the Rawe Family Foundation mission. We recognize and appreciate the quality of work and passion of their staff," according to Roger Rawe, one of the 12 siblings.

Seeing the beauty of the values imprinted on them through their upbringing, the Rawe family decided to use their gift to give back to those youth not as fortunate. Recognizing that not all children have had the good fortune as us to have grown up in a safe and caring environment, the primary focus of the Rawe Family Foundation mission has been to help at-risk youth. Homeward Bound Shelter plays a key role in providing a safe environment and needed services to homeless and at-risk youth in Northern Kentucky, said Roger Rawe. Brandon Rawe, one of the grandchildren, visited the shelter recently. "After visiting for only one night, I understood the importance of the shelter. Protected within the walls of the shelter are some young boys and girls, not much younger than myself, who are struggling to overcome a family life or an environment that is much different than my own."

Brighton Center appreciates the generosity of the Albert S. and Anna L. Rawe Family Foundation and their continued commitment to our mission.

CLOTHING CLOSET PROVIDES INTERVIEW BOOST TO SHOPPER



The Clothing Closet is a great place to shop locally and make a difference. Every day brings in new treasures and items that are going to help other people. Mike, a Stable Families customer, came to the Clothing Closet to use his clothing voucher. Sometimes it is more difficult for men to find just what they need, but not on this day. Mike had been searching to find employment, which would ultimately help his financial situation. He came to the Clothing Closet hoping to find an appropriate suit to wear to his job interview. To his surprise he found a suit that was just his size! He later interviewed and was offered the position. Mike even took "selfies" of himself in his suit. The suit was definitely a boost to his self-confidence. This is exactly why the Clothing Closet is such an important resource to the individuals and families we serve.

GENEROSITY IN ALL FORMS



The kindergarten through eighth grade students of St. Bernard of Clairveau School made and donated over 60 blankets to the Early Child Succeeds program of Brighton Center! Every Child Succeeds (ECS) is a collaborative evidence-based home visitation program that includes 10 provider agencies (for which Brighton Center is one) whose Social Workers, Child Development Specialists, and Nurses provide services for first-time, at-risk mothers on a regular basis from the time of pregnancy until the child's third birthday.

FIGHT HUNGER, SPARK CHANGE GIVES NEW FOOD PANTRY LOCATION A \$15,000 BOOST

In the Fall, Brighton Center participated in the Fight Hunger, Spark Change Campaign with the FreeStore Foodbank and two other partner agencies to win a total of \$60,000 split between the four. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we placed in the top 50 for the nation to win \$15,000 of the total. The funding is supporting the newly opened Emergency Assistance services at our Boone County Shelby Street location through providing staffing support and offsetting the costs of food deliveries/logistics to provide hunger relief for Boone County Families.



From July -December 2014 The Shelby Street Emergency Assistance Program served



278 unduplicated Boone County households



599 unduplicated Individuals



Support from six volunteers



2014 HOLIDAY DRIVE: ENDLESS GENEROSITY



295

Volunteers gave their time to help



2,873

Individuals benefited from the generosity of others



8,731

Gifts donated thanks to the generosity of the community



\$197,930

Total value of the over 8,000 gifts donated for deserving families

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRIGHTON CLASSIC GOLF OUTING

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas, KY

11:00 am Registration
12:00 Shotgun Start
Golf followed by
Evening Grill Out



BRIGHTON ON BROADWAY GALA

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Drees Pavilion, Covington, KY

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Silent & Live Auction
Live Music
Cocktail Attire



WINE OVER WATER

Saturday August 29, 2015

Purple People Bridge, Newport KY

6:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Sample assorted wines and food while enjoying a live band and breathtaking views from the bridge.





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