

Family Cornerstones 2016 Program Report

Thank you for your faithful support of Family Cornerstones and our programs. We had a very impactful year in 2016, with considerable growth. We served over 350 people through our programs. We hired an additional staff member, Kim Cross, to assist with the youth programs and promoted Amy Humphries to full-time to increase our capacity for Starfish. Below are a few of the highlights from our programs:

Starfish

- Jennifer and Amy completed 536 home visits- bringing resources, education, tools and support to 58 families with young children.
- 16 babies were born to Starfish parents.

BTG

- Several new adults signed up to be mentors.
- We have mentors and students meeting at Blythe-Bower Elementary School, Mayfield Elementary School, Unity Center and Cleveland Middle School.

Transitions

- Three six-week Transitions sessions were held (two at Unity Center and one at North Lee Elementary).
- We purchased materials for the Transitions Booster Session that we will begin to implement in spring, 2017. This will help families build on the skills they learned in the six-week session to further strengthen their relationships.

ITLT

- 38 students completed over 570 hours of community service, volunteering with 14 different organizations.
- We served students from every middle school and high school in both the county and city as well as home schooled students.

Below is a story from one of our Starfish mothers about the impact our program has had on her family:

AJ and her daughter enrolled in Starfish on November 19, 2015 after being referred by the Caring Place. Over this past year, AJ has accomplished many goals that her Parent Educator (PE) helped her set for herself and her daughter, such as purchasing a car (accomplished 3/11/16) so she could drive to work, enrolling her daughter in Early Head Start (accomplished 7/28/16) and moving out of government housing and into her own home (accomplished August, 2016).

Along with accomplishing her goals, AJ is more attentive to the education and development of her daughter. When home visits started, the child would throw the books and materials the PE brought which made parent/child interaction activities difficult. Now, a year later, the child no longer throws the materials. Mother and daughter engage in an activity for at least 20 minutes and read books together. The PE visits the family twice a month, and the family has only missed two home visits since enrolling. AJ thanks Starfish and her PE for being there for her and helping her to be the best mother she can to her little girl!

We know that we could not impact so many lives if it were not for the support of this community. There are many wonderful nonprofits, churches and businesses doing great work, and we are privileged to have partnered with over 70 of them in 2016. Your investment has supported our work by helping to provide curriculum materials, supplies, and teachers for our programs.

This year, we have hired an additional Parent Educator for Starfish. We are hosting more community-wide events including a Mother and Son event and a Reading on the Greenway event. We expect to increase our partnerships and expect our programs will continue to grow. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about our programming and your involvement, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Pugh

Executive Director
Family Cornerstones