DAYSPRING CENTER BELIEVES IN FAMILY! WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP HOMELESS FAMILIES INTACT, SO THEY MAY WORK TOGETHER TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS. IN ADDITION TO MEETING THEIR MOST BASIC NEEDS, DAYSPRING ALSO EMPOWERS PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO AFFECT PERMANENT CHANGE, HELPING THEM TO BECOME A STABLE, INDEPENDENT FAMILY AGAIN.

HOMELESSNESS HURTS
Homelessness is devastating for families. It disrupts virtually every aspect of family life and can tear them apart. From the more than 150 families seeking assistance every year:

- 60% are single mothers with two children under the age of 5
- 10% are single fathers with their children
- 30% are two parent families with 2 or more children
- 70% are working but earn less than $8,000 a year

EFFECTS ON CHILDREN
Homeless children are twice as likely to be in fair to poor health, and less likely to be immunized.

- They are more likely to have stomach, speech, and mental health problems.
- They are twice as likely to know hunger.
- They are four times as likely to fall behind their peers in school and social development.
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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY HALF OF THE TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION IN INDIANAPOLIS. ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, OVER 4,000 CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS IN CENTRAL INDIANA.

MISSION STATEMENT
TO LOVINGLY MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES SEEKING ASSISTANCE AND CONNECT THEM WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THEM REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL.

OUR PROGRAMS:

FAMILY EMERGENCY SHELTER
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the emergency shelter provides three meals a day, safe shelter, and support services for 14 homeless families at a time during an average stay of 45-60 days. At the shelter, families work toward their goals to be self-sufficient and independently housed.

FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM
A program that extends support services for up to nine months, if necessary, to formerly homeless families during the most fragile transitional period – shelter to independent living. Having access to valuable resources during a very fragile rebuilding period is essential to help families remain permanently housed and achieve their goals for long-term stability.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES PROGRAM
An extension of our core services, only tailored to children. The Children’s Services Program Director provides a more intensive and comprehensive approach to help homeless children overcome the detrimental effects of their families’ homelessness. The program assists over 425 children each year.
THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In a recent conversation with a longtime volunteer, I asked her why she continues to serve at Dayspring Center. She replied, “I can sum up my dedication in one word: family. When I walk through the doors of this building, it feels like home. The staff is family, those living in the shelter are family—we are all family.” Her words precisely capture why Dayspring Center exists: to cultivate a space where all that enter feel loved and supported.

Although I have served as Executive Director for 12 years, I am always astonished by the immense love which pours from the administrative offices, down the hallways to the kitchen, and upstairs to the residential living spaces. Each and every individual whom enter, whether for a spell or a more extended stay, are in some way fed by the altruism of the human spirit.

At Dayspring Center, we don’t take lightly the responsibility of serving others. Our efforts literally feed, clothe, and support the advancement of those struck by homelessness. In 2017 alone, we have assisted over 150 families in their pursuits of more prosperous lives. Dayspring Center has been successful in the former mission largely in part by the help of more than 250 volunteers. Our volunteers understand the significance of a helping hand, and the implications it holds for the betterment of lives.

All of us whom have had the distinct pleasure of working for this organization in some capacity recognize that it is our duty to take care of those in need. We also recognize the value of communal support. Dayspring Center would be completely incapable of filling a void in the Indianapolis service community without in-kind and monetary donations. We are grateful for the ongoing gifts bestowed upon us from individuals, small businesses, religious institutions, corporate sponsors, and the like. Sincerest gratitude to all those who have given in the past, continue to give, and are considering contributing to our unwavering cause of providing shelter, nourishment, and hope.

LET’S FACE IT, WITHOUT THE STEADFAST COMMITMENT OF SELFLESS PEOPLE TO COMPASSIONATE GIVING AND EMPATHETIC SERVICE, THE WORLD WOULD OVERFLOW WITH SUFFERING.

Dayspring Center happens to be such a place with a multiplicity of devoted hearts. And as demonstrated by our faithful volunteer’s testimonial, an unintended consequence of giving oneself to service can be the attainment of family. At Dayspring, we promote promising destinies for families. We see one another as more than workers or residents—we are family.

- Lori E. Casson, Executive Director
WE ARE THE FACE OF HOMELESSNESS TODAY

Within 48 hours of their arrival, Dave was back on his medication and Sherri was treated for depression. In the following weeks, Dayspring’s Case Manager began the slow process of breaking through Dave’s wall of pride, the one that prevented him from taking Veteran Administration benefits. Benefits he believed he was taking away from his military comrades. Gradually, Dave accepted help from the V.A. and within the month, the family was ready to obtain a place of their own. Dave and Sherri enrolled in the Follow-up Program. They were assisted in finding housing, as well as household items and soon settled into their apartment. As Dave continued to search for employment, Sherri was assisted with schooling for David, Jr. A gifted child, David, Jr. was enrolled in a neighboring magnet school. Soon after, Dave accepted a position in business development for a local company. The Follow-up Case Manager continued to provide support to the family for a second month, helping with household budgeting, transportation and food. It did not take long for David to establish himself as a valuable employee. After 60 days in the Follow-up Program, David was confident his employment was secure and he could once again provide for his family. “Being here completely changed how I look at homelessness. We are the face of homelessness today. It can happen so quickly,” David, father of three young boys.

DAVID COMMENTED, “JUST THINK, SIX WEEKS AGO WE WERE LIVING IN A SHELTER. NOW, WE HAVE A HOME, MY 5-YEAR OLD ATTENDS A MAGNET SCHOOL, I AM WORKING FOR A GREAT COMPANY AND MY WIFE AND I ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE WHERE WE ARE. DAYSPRING WAS A BLESSING! THERE ARE NOT NEARLY ENOUGH PLACES LIKE THIS.”

He is comfortable talking to anyone at any time. Some would say, a born salesperson. So it was no surprise, after his construction job was cut in the economic decline of 2009, Dave was very successful selling Cadillacs at a local dealership. Two years later, Dave married his fiancé, Sherri. Life was good. Sherri, a licensed hair designer, was able to stay home to care for their growing family over the next four years. By 2015, three boys, David, Jr., Liam and Elliott, would enter the world. However, upon the arrival of their third son, life would take an unexpected plunge.

New car sales plummeted nationally. Within the year, the Lawson family lost half their income, moved to a smaller home, lost their health coverage then their car. Too prideful to turn to family and friends for help, Dave would take odd jobs to try and keep the family afloat. The constant stress over finances was taking its toll on Sherri’s and Dave’s mental health. You see, Dave was a combat veteran. Served four years, two in Afghanistan, and suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Unable to afford his medication and struggling to feed his family, Dave called six emergency shelters before reaching one that could help - Dayspring Center.
A SURPRISE IN THE KITCHEN

It was almost lunch time at Dayspring Center. A young man sat at one of the banquet tables in the dining room struggling to peel sweet potatoes with a knife. I was compelled to grab my phone and capture the scene. His kind face and demeanor just drew me in. He introduced himself. His name was Malcom and he was training that day to volunteer on Sunday. Malcom has his own nonprofit organization called “Dinner and a Blanket.” His group usually does street outreach to the homeless but had decided to help homeless families at a shelter this season. During the day, Malcom is a professional chef and owns a catering business called “Mama’s Boy Catering.” His business is nationally known, and many celebrities call upon it when they are in town.

I asked how he heard about us and, wham, right out of left field, he said, “I lived at Dayspring Center when I was 8 years old, along with my twin sister, my auntie and her two children.” It was Christmas Eve in an eastside apartment complex. Malcom and the family were coming home from a Christmas festivity and saw a green piece of paper taped to their apartment door. EVICTION NOTICE. Auntie, Malcom, his sister and two cousins were unable to enter their apartment. A decorated Christmas tree, gifts under the tree, clothing, and all their belongings were locked up inside. With no place to turn, his aunt called Dayspring Center. No other shelter would take such a large family.

Malcom recalled his stay at Dayspring with fond memories. He recalled the volunteers who came in to celebrate the children’s birthdays (Holy Spirit at Geist Parish). The staff made the holiday fun for him and his brothers and sisters.

The family exited the shelter about 45 days later, assisting his aunt with affordable housing. As the years went by, Malcom and his family would not experience homelessness again. Malcom would spend many years in the South, graduate and earn a successful career as a chef.

“IT WAS MY TIME AT DAYSPRING CENTER THAT INSPIRED ME TO FORM MY OWN NONPROFIT GROUP. I REALIZED HOW IMPORTANT SERVICES LIKE DAYSPRING CENTER ARE TO PEOPLE IN NEED. I WANTED TO HELP, TOO.”
Dayspring Center’s volunteers continue to go above and beyond, providing critical support and encouragement for our staff and families. Over 250 individuals, employees from 40 companies, members from 42 churches/synagogues, and 18 community organizations made a significant difference in the quality of care we were able to provide homeless parents and their children in 2017.
It’s always a highlight of the week when the students from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School serve lunch every Thursday to the homeless families at Dayspring Center.

Returning for the 4th year, Marissa Heinz is an outstanding Camp Discovery Counselor. The kids love her!

Ivy Tech students stuffing baskets to ensure the homeless children at Dayspring Center would have a memorable Easter.

Charles Berry and Emily Deckard of Decatur Middle School organized a school dance and raised over $600 for Dayspring Center!

It was all over the news when Sarah Cummins’s wedding plans were called off and she chose to donate her reception at the Ritz Charles to several Indy homeless shelters, including Dayspring. Sarah also volunteered her time, along with her mother, Shelly, serving families at Dayspring.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE VITAL TO THE MISSION

Many local businesses provide valuable resources and services to Dayspring Center and often decline recognition for their efforts. They too are important members of the Dayspring Family and we would like to spotlight a few of the contributions they made in 2017:

Despite hot weather, the Schwabbies were at it again cleaning up our property. This was the seventh year Dayspring Center was chosen by employee, Kip Bloomhorst, for their service spot during Charles Schwab Volunteer Week!

Picking, shucking, and cleaning, thanks to this Kite Realty Group, the sweet corn from Dayspring’s garden is harvested and stored for the families’ meals in the coming months.
An impressive showing of volunteerism and support as Century 21 Scheetz employees show up at Lucas Oil Stadium on Sunday, October 22, 2017, for the Colts GameDay Collection for Dayspring Center.

Our newest neighbor, IKEA Fishers, jumped right in to help out their Indy community! As part of their grand opening festivities, they gifted Dayspring Center with $10,000 in IKEA home furnishings and held a drive for needed supplies.

Forum Credit Union held a "Jazz and Jambalaya" luncheon, servin' up traditional Louisiana jambalaya (prepared by Dayspring’s Kitchen Manager, Mr. Roscoe) to afford Dayspring Center a commercial ice machine.

The Pacers Organization regularly supports the families at Dayspring Center with special activities, supply donations and funding. It is always a special treat for the children when Boomer shows up!

One does not have to be at the shelter to serve local homeless families. Kara Gladish of Kahunify.com has significantly boosted Dayspring's social media following and maintained our website donating her social media and web development skills for the last seven years.
Most homeless children arrive at Dayspring wearing shoes that are two sizes too small! In October, nearly 35 children picked out a new pair of shoes at Shoe Carnival in Castleton compliments of our long time corporate partner Bottom Line Performance. The children were so excited about showing their new shoes to their parents!

In October, the homeless families at Dayspring enjoyed decorating pumpkins, roasting marshmallows and eating other fall fare during the Harvest Festival, hosted by the employees of Helmer Scientific.

Most families exiting Dayspring Center start over with very few household items. Ten newly housed families were surprised to receive new furniture for their home as part of The Room Place’s outreach program in August 2017. Pacers mascot Boomer pitched in and helped to unload the delivery truck. “I have never had new furniture!” said a formerly homeless mom who received a new couch and dining room table.
THESE LOCAL COMPANIES HELPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDY’S HOMELESS FAMILIES IN 2017.

Bolded company name denotes 10 or more years of dedicated service.

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THESE CONGREGATIONS SERVE MEALS TO THE FAMILIES AT DAYSPRING CENTER.

Month in, month out, and sometimes every week, several congregations faithfully serve Dayspring Center. Thank you!

All Saints Episcopal Church
Amazing Grace Christian Church
Christ Missionary Baptist Church
Eastern Star Church
Geist Christian Church
Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church (Birthdays)
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
Life Journey Church
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Solid Word Bible Church
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St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
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Volunteers from All Saints Episcopal Church
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MEMBERS OF OUR EVENT COMMITTEE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF DAYSPRING’S MAJOR FUNDRAISERS. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE CREATIVITY AND EFFORT THEY PUT INTO EVERY EVENT!

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FINANCIAL

INCOME

DAYSpring Center closed 2017 with a minimal loss compared to the previous year. The continued decrease in federal and faith-based funding was fully anticipated, but losses were not to the extent experienced from 2014-2016.

In keeping with the goal to better steward our private and corporate donors, Dayspring Center realized a 10% increase in both private and corporate gifts helping us to meet the needs of over 150 homeless families and 425 children in 2017. Local foundations continue to be a valuable partner in the Dayspring mission providing nearly 20% of our annual revenue. However, the need is great in central Indiana and foundation awards have been declining in amount to accommodate the many organizations applying for funds. We are grateful to the individuals, foundations, congregations, and corporations for allowing over 650 homeless moms, dads and their children the quality care and effective programming needed to help them return to a healthy, independent life.

INCOME 2017

- Corporate: 34%
- Other Organizations: 15%
- Government: 18%
- Foundation: 13%
- Congregational: 16%
- Individual: 3%
- Special Events: 3%

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES
EXPENSES

The accompanying pie chart shows expenses for 2017. Total expenses were $30,000 less than the previous year. Most expenses are incurred in the care of the families during their stay at our emergency shelter. Family services include the meal program, providing safe shelter and case management services. These are direct services for homeless families enrolled in Dayspring programming during their average stay of 45-60 days and account for 75% of total expenses. Dayspring Center continues to control Managerial and Fundraising costs at 25% or less, well below the industry standard of 35%. The biggest change to Dayspring’s budget is the loss of our transitional housing program, Wellspring Cottage. Since 1997, the Wellspring Cottage program, was part of the income and expense pies. However, the federal funds that supported several central Indiana transitional housing programs was not awarded and Dayspring was forced to close Wellspring Cottage.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES, TOGETHER!

Providing daily meals, safe shelter, and support services to over 600 homeless individuals every year is no small undertaking. We could not possibly meet the needs of every homeless mom, dad and child who walks through our doors without a caring network of donors, volunteers, corporate partners, local foundations and community organizations. The following is a mere snapshot of the accomplishments made possible by their financial gifts, supply donations and volunteer service in 2017.

Over 30,000 meals served to families in need in 2017.

At last 2,800 nights of safe shelter for families who had no place to turn.

125 families exited the shelter in 2017, obtained housing and are leading stable, productive lives today.

130 homeless children received daily tutoring to get back on track in the classroom.

An estimated 650 pillows and sheet sets were donated to ensure the families a clean, comfortable bed to sleep.

Volunteers served over 2,500 hours, helping Dayspring Center provide needed care to over 600 homeless moms, dads and their children.
A VISIT FROM CHARLES OAKLEY

Retired New York Knicks player Charles Oakley has chosen to use his love for cooking to serve people in need. On November 15, 2017, he, along with other local personalities, spent several hours in the Dayspring Center kitchen cooking up some of his favorites for the homeless families and their children. Other guests helping to serve the families were former Pacers player Monta Ellis (below right), IPS District Athletic Director, Jamal Smith, IUPUI Men’s Basketball Head Coach James Gardner, co-founder of Culture of Good, Inc. and CEO of Round Room, TCC, and Redux Scott Moorehead, and Indiana House Representative, John Bartlett.

HOLIDAY JOY FROM THE PACERS

The Indiana Pacers brought the joy of the season to the families at Dayspring Center on December 22. Not only did player Lance Stephenson visit, the Indiana Pacers brought gifts – Star Wars toys, Pacers items, gift cards for the teens at the shelter, and tickets for January games! The visit was part of Dayspring Center’s Santa Shop festivities, in which the children enjoy holiday activities and get to choose a gift for their parents for Christmas.
ESCAPE HOMELESSNESS DAY

On April 18, 2017, The Escape Room Indianapolis & Fishers directed 100% of the proceeds earned at both locations to Dayspring Center. Over $8,000 was raised to help Indy’s homeless families and their children!

9TH ANNUAL MINI-GOLF CLASSIC

Dayspring Center’s key fundraising event, the Mini-golf Classic, was spectacular for all who participated thanks to Title Sponsor, The Escape Room. Spidel Burnfin Team 2 had the winning score, breaking the streak of 3x winner Russell Martin and Assoc. They also took home the Spirit Stick award for the most creative spirit wear!

DID YOU KNOW?

FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

The average age of a homeless child in central Indiana is 7 years old.

Of all 50 states, Indiana ranks a disappointing 38th for children at risk for homelessness.

“Children experiencing homelessness are among the most invisible and neglected individuals in our nation. Despite their ever-growing number, homeless children have no voice and no constituency. Without a bed to call their own, they have lost safety, privacy, and the comforts of home. These losses combine to create a life-altering experience that inflicts profound and lasting scars.”
- Homelesschildrenamerica.org

In the U.S., adequate shelter and food for a family of four requires an average income of $48,778. The average family at Dayspring Center earns less than $10,000 a year!

How many gallons of milk do you think are served to the families and their children each month at Dayspring Center? At least 55 gallons of milk are served each month!

The most requested food item in the Dayspring dining room is hot sauce!
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL DONORS FOR ALL THAT THEY DO TO SUPPORT DAYSPRING CENTER AND LOCAL HOMELESS FAMILIES! WE SINCERELY APOLOGIZE IF YOUR NAME WAS LISTED INCORRECTLY OR WAS OMITTED.

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