Living Grace Memphis
A Heart for Homeless Youth

Community Impact Report

2019-2020

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ABOUT

Living Grace is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on advocating for state level policy that directly impacts youth and young adults identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act and providing immediate resources for students with a focus on academic success throughout the school year.

MISSION

Our mission is to raise community awareness regarding youth and young adults experiencing various levels of homelessness and intentionally build relationships with local stakeholders to build a continuum of care for youth in need through policy and resources for academic success.

VISION

Living Grace will serve with fidelity and advocate for equity and access to ensure students protected under the McKinney-Vento Act receive resources needed for academic success.

BELIEFS

We believe every child deserves to learn in a safe and nurturing environment.

We believe in equity and access for all children to succeed and become productive citizens in our community.

We believe that policies should address the needs of children in all zip codes and neighborhoods.
Leadership

Founder & Executive Director
Sheleah Harris, M.Ed.
Verizon

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. L. Sha Fanion, Board Chair
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Thistle & Bee
Sister Supply

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Breath of Life Christian Center

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Property Management

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Adopted Schools

Schools Served in 2019-2020

**Hanley Elementary**
*Point of Contact*
Candace Fondren, CIS

**Hillcrest High**
*Point of Contact*
Kierra Williams, School Counselor

**MLK Prep High**
*Point of Contact*
Shamille Jones, School Counselor
Latangla Mills, School Counselor

**Additional Adopted Schools**
Hamilton Elementary
Hamilton Middle
Hamilton High
Hanley Middle
Melrose High
Adolescent Parenting Program
Frayser/Corning Elementary
Westside Middle

**Demographics**
Students Served: 25
Live in Shelters: 2
Live in Hotel/Motel: 7
Live with Family/Friends: 16
Have Children: 3
Gender: **11 Males  14 Females**

**Services Provided**
School Supplies
Toiletries
Mata Bus Cards
Grooming
Healthcare Referral
College & Career Readiness
MIFA Referral
Kroger Gift Card
Donor Report

Individual & Organization Donations

The Niche
Kimberly Jordan- Fluker
Cathy Daly
Esperanza King
Laura Gardiner
Stephania Jones
Consuela Turner
Cecily Kitchens
Nicole Thomas
Faye Payne
Shaketta Miller
Dairion Draine
Kyle Bennison
Latonya Fanion
Daisy Laird
Joyce Akins
Rachel Anderson
Yannik McKie
Raven Collins
Robyn Watson
Amy Brewington

Travis Hughes
Marion Hughes
Brittany Williams
Elizabeth Cloud
Joyce Brandon
Deidra Brooks
Monde Chisenga
Marquita Williams
Maria Pope
Memberships & Partnerships

Memberships
Community Alliance for the Homeless- Youth Committee
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth
Momentum Non-profit Partners

Partnerships
Memphis Area Transit Authority
tHairapy Loft Salon
City of Memphis Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Tri-State Community Healthcare
Communities in Schools
Achievement School District
Sister Supply