



DAWNING

Family Services



We create sustainable change
in the lives of our community's
most vulnerable families.

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WAYS TO GIVE

At Dawning Family Services, we recognize the support of our donors by remaining committed to sound financial management and complete transparency. You can rest assured that your investment will go directly to help families in crisis.



Become A Sustaining Supporter

Your investment in Dawning Family Services provides the support necessary to maintain critical services for homeless families in our community. You can start an automatic, sustaining and worry-free donation today by calling 813-875-2024 or visiting www.dawningfamilyservices.org. Your workplace may have a matching gift program!

Contribute To Our Capital Campaign

Help us build a 61-unit emergency shelter for families with minor children and a Family Housing Solutions Center to provide essential supports to vulnerable families in the community. Your gift will directly support these efforts.

Create A Legacy

Planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy by combining your charitable giving with your estate and financial planning goals. There are many planned giving options; contact us for more information.

Volunteer Your Time And Talent

Volunteers provide an invaluable service to Dawning Family Services, both onsite and at community outreach events. Contact us to learn how groups or individuals can give back with their donation of time and talent.

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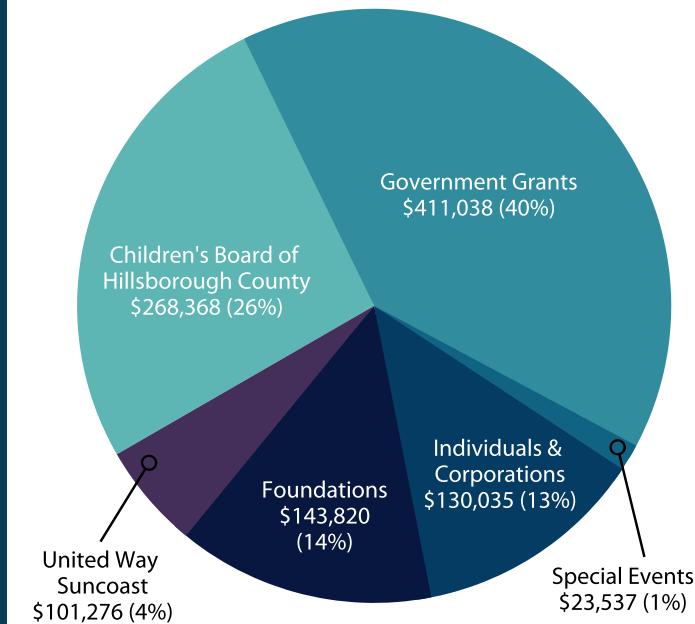
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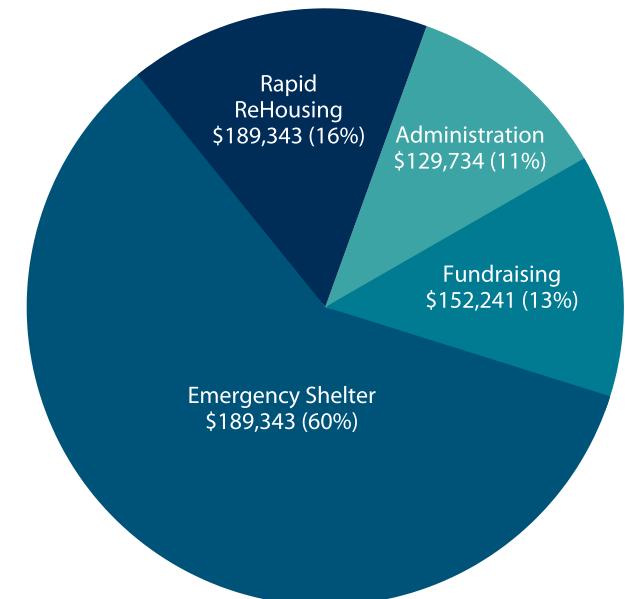
2019 FINANCIALS

(1/1/2019 - 9/30/2019)*

REVENUE: \$1,027,430



EXPENSES: \$1,159,220



*Dawning Family Services changed its fiscal year from Jan 1-Dec 31 to Oct 1-Sept 30, necessitating a 9-month audit for the period Jan 1, 2019-Sept 30, 2019. The next audit will cover the period Oct 1, 2019-Sept 30, 2020.

LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends,

In 1981 a group of committed volunteers founded Dawning Family Services (then Alpha House of Tampa) to meet the need for a safe place for a pregnant woman to live while awaiting the birth of her newborn. Thirty-eight years later, we understand so much more about family homelessness and factors that lead to it. In response, we have expanded our mission to embrace families of all shapes and sizes, and developed programs and strategies that help families move beyond homelessness to sustain stable, healthy households with thriving, successful children.

In 2019 we expanded our Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program to include serving families beyond those in our emergency shelter. This was the initial step in providing community services under the umbrella of our Family Housing Solutions Center model – the first of its kind in Hillsborough County.

As an example of our expanded RRH program, we are honored to share Amy's story with you. Thanks to our program and Amy's hard work, the better life she dreamed for her and her son was within reach. It is also thanks to your unwavering support that Amy attained her family's goals.

As we look toward celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2021, we will strive to continually improve and refine the ways that we work with and for families. As I write this letter, we are in the midst of COVID-19; the world is changing daily. But the work to get families securely housed remains unchanged. Please take the time to review our outstanding achievements from 2019.



It takes a community to end homelessness. Vulnerable families are truly counting on us to provide them with the most basic of human needs – a safe place to rest weary heads.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Langford
Chief Executive Officer

Vision

We believe that every member of the community deserves the tools to create and maintain self-sufficiency.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Emergency Shelter

Families with minor children and pregnant women who are homeless are provided safe housing and support services.



In 2019, we sheltered 108 adults and 182 children. 100% of families were homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Each family works with their case manager to develop a plan to secure permanent housing and to pursue income opportunities, and educational opportunities.



62% of adults advanced their education and/or improved their ability to gain and retain meaningful employment.



In 2019, 92 families received post-shelter support services.

Housing Services

Case managers maintain fidelity to "Housing First," a service delivery model that prioritizes providing permanent housing to end a family's homelessness. They assist clients with housing searches and placement, as well as maintain relationships with landlords.

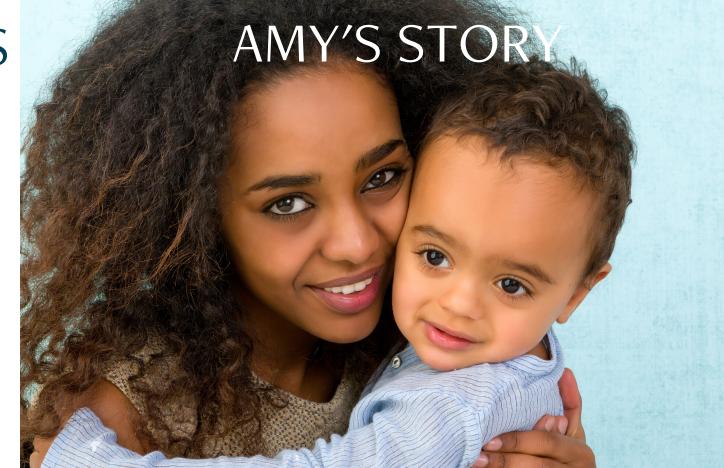


In 2019, 47 families were housed through our Rapid Re-Housing (financial assistance and post-shelter support) program.

55 families moved to permanent housing, at a \$3,417,150 savings to the community.

Program outcomes relate to the full calendar year

AMY'S STORY



Amy wanted a better life for her 3-year-old son, James, and sleeping in her car wasn't the one she envisioned. Thankfully Dawning Family Services was there for Amy and James with its Rapid Re-Housing program. This program provides housing expenses and case management for families staying in our shelter and for families, like Amy's, living in places not meant for human habitation.

Amy's case manager recalls how hard she worked to be housed. "Amy walked to many apartment complexes submitting lease applications. Even when she was denied because of a conviction and evictions in her past, she never gave up, but instead, continued to seek other places to apply." During this grueling apartment hunt, Amy maintained her part-time job that she had since 2017.

Eventually Amy was approved for a one-bedroom apartment, and Dawning Family Services provided financial support for security and utility deposits, and short-term rental assistance. Amy and James were finally in a safe place together. Once Amy was housed, her case manager helped her get counseling to address her history of domestic violence and lingering effects of a traumatic childhood. Since starting the counseling, Amy's life has improved markedly. Before, she was only able to meet the basic physical needs for James and herself; now, she is a fully-engaged mother who has a positive outlook on life and relishes her strong relationship with her young son. She recently got another part-time job (which may turn into a full-time position) and has remained in contact with her case manager.

Amy is so thankful for Dawning Family Services. She sees a brighter future for her and James.

Values

Acceptance | Commitment | Partnership