



HOMELESS  
CHILDREN'S  
EDUCATION  
FUND

## ANNUAL REPORT

NAME: a year in review

SUBJECT: 2021

Be the  
Answer

2021



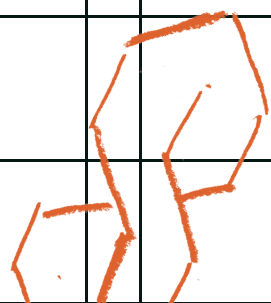
CLASS SCHEDULE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD	Mon	ROOM	Tues	ROOM	Wed	ROOM	Thurs	ROOM	Fri	ROOM
1			Set up time with Teen Outreach Program to go over financial aid applications							
2										
3			Go to after school program and have fun!							
4										
5			Apply for help with HCEF so I can go on a band trip							
6					Work with Teen Program to create career/college plan					
7										
8	Ask for help with Cap'n Gown payment									
9										

LETTER FROM CLASS PRESIDENT

Dear Friends, |

What can I say? 2021!

It is always worthwhile to reflect on the year’s end while planning for many new milestones. We will learn from 2021, as we did in 2020.

At HCEF, we had another remarkable year of service to youth experiencing significant challenges - exacerbated by the pandemic. Our partnerships with schools, housing organizations, and families were more important than ever. It was a year of adaptations, as we launched our first Mobile Learning Program, where we met families where they lived, sometimes on the front porch or wherever was most convenient for them. It was a year of transition, as our previous Executive Director, Carlos Carter, moved on after five years of exemplary service to HCEF. It was a year of celebration, as we held a virtual Champions for Children event that inspired and entertained us. And, it was a year of new beginnings, as we conducted the search for a new executive director to lead our mission into the future.

The most critical milestones came from the youth we serve. The young man who raised his math grades. The young girl who became a confident reader. The teens who attended our Hope Through Learning Award (HTLA) scholarship luncheon, filled with promise and dreams of advancing their education.

It all happens because our supporters understand that education matters. Compassionate mentors matter. You fuel us to move beyond accomplishment and achieve even more in the coming days.

Thank you.  
*Jo Clark*  
Jo Clark  
CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



LETTER FROM TEAM CAPTAIN

Friends,

As we rejoice over all our accomplishments in 2021 despite the ups and downs and sometimes insurmountable challenges the year brought us,

I want to say, "Thank You!"

Through the support of our board, donors, staff and volunteers, the Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF) accomplished incredible feats last year and is poised to achieve an even more significant impact in 2022 and beyond.

As your new Executive Director, I am a committed partner with our board and staff to help the organization accomplish three strategic goals in the next 12 months.

First, HCEF must increase its regional impact through strategic partnerships and smart program growth. This includes expanding the number of schools, shelters and afterschool agency sites in which we provide programs and services. The areas with the most growth potential are our K-8 Mobile Learning and Afterschool Shelter Programs, Teen Career Exploration Opportunity Program and DBT Social/Emotional Training. With the necessary resources, these opportunities will become a reality.

Secondly, diversifying HCEF's fundraising revenue mix by intensifying our focus on individual giving and sponsorships will strengthen the organization's financial resiliency. An aggressive awareness campaign in fall 2022 will accomplish this goal, expanding the community's knowledge of homeless children's plight while increasing the number of individual givers.

Lastly, we will realign and expand HCEF's organizational structure for long-term sustainability. Realigning our staff and recruiting additional professionals to serve on our care team will escalate our impact across Southwestern Pennsylvania. For example, we currently provide direct services to 400 of the nearly 3,000 McKinney-Vento students in Allegheny County. As we grow our team, we will be able to expand our impact to serve twice as many or more McKinney-Vento students for years to come.

In closing, I would also like to thank our donors and elected officials that continue to support our mission, vision and public policy objectives. Their belief in our organization is appreciated.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this incredible organization and look forward to its many future successes.

Ardana "AJ" Jefferson  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



K-8 HIGHLIGHT

MEET BRIELLE

WHO SHE IS:

Brielle is an 8-year-old girl, in second grade, who loves to learn. Her energy and creativity shine through.

HOW WE MET:

We met Brielle through our shelter after school programs in the fall of 2020.

WHAT WE DID:

When the family left the shelter, we continued to provide service through our Mobile Learning program—with 12 in person sessions. Setting up a table and chairs on their front porch for tutoring with books, learning games, and enrichment activities.

HER STRUGGLE:

She and her mother-Tyra- have experienced unstable housing that has resulted in them living in shelters and various residences, including friends and family. These moves took a toll on Brielle, and she fell behind in key milestones.

HOW SHE DID:

Our lessons focused on math and writing, but we also had fun with storytelling and imaginative play. We involved Tyra in activities, and she fully embraced the learning techniques.



The trusting and consistent relationship we formed became the basis for learning and growth. Successfully ending our service is a good sign. In this instance, Tyra summed it up this way: "My daughter is getting back on track. I just want to thank y'all for getting her caught up."



HOPE THROUGH LEARNING  
AWARD RECIPIENT



Meet Cecero

FILL IN THE BLANK:

Cecero is a humble young man. But his story is anything but. He has overcome so much, and we are so proud to play even a small part of his story. As an only child in a family struggling with many issues, including very serious mental health issues, cecero had to make some very adult decisions while not quite adult in age.

Bouncing between parents was not easy. At 15 he left his father's home when it was clear that “he

*“Things will only get better if you actually try to make them better.”*  
- CECERO

couldn’t take care of me.” While living with his mother, he not only graduated but also learned how to re-hab a house. Cecero is not choosing the field of contracting for his life’s work, but says he is very familiar with many trades.

HCEF staff met Cecero when he applied for college help. He was awarded a Hope Through learning stipend, and enrolled in ccac where he is studying film and his grades are stellar. He credits an internship he had with Steeltown as generating his interest in the art of filmmaking. When asked if H2LA award assisted him and his pursuits, he said it definitely did, as he bought a laptop that he can use for film editing.

We can’t wait to see his name in film credits, someday soon. Thanks to all our donors for investing in young people who have overcome so much, yet continue to achieve and dream.

# VOLUNTEER

MEET:

*Anthony DeLuca*

## BACKGROUND:

Anthony DeLuca is a longtime Pittsburgh resident who has been on both sides of the criminal justice courtroom—as prosecutor and defense counsel. To HCEF, he is a supporter and volunteer, assisting youth with unstable housing who need legal services.

## WHAT INSPIRED HIM TO HELP OUT:

Anthony recalls that he was impressed with the important work his father was doing, and he observed how meaningful it was for him.

This prompted Anthony to reach out to us a few years ago, and ask if he could help with our Teen Outreach Program in any way. Chis

McAneny immediately accepted this offer. Anthony has represented 7 teens that we've referred.

# SPOTLIGHT

## HOW HE FOUND US:

Anthony's father Dick DeLuca volunteered with HCEF for many years. His father was even named volunteer of the year!

## HOW HE FOUND US:

Anthony states that young people deserve second chances.

When young people make mistakes, they have a better chance to recover when they have community, family and school supports. Not having a stable home can put you at risk of a destructive cycle, including a pattern of criminal justice involvement. This cycle lessens your chances of a stable, constructive adulthood. Anthony is optimistic that with the right supports, even youth in the criminal justice system, can overcome past indiscretions, and move ahead with their lives.

## THANK YOU ANTHONY!

We are so thankful we can call upon Anthony for assistance and know that the students we refer are getting not only quality legal help but a compassionate mentor, who truly believes that brighter days are ahead. Thank you for being a great partner in our mission.



# BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENTS IN K-8  
PROGRAMS READ OVER

**6,024**

MINUTES IN 2021 AND  
OVER 330 BOOKS

**8**

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE  
HOPE THROUGH LEARNING  
AWARDS FOR  
POST-SECONDARY  
EDUCATION

**3**

NEW ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL PARTNERS  
WHO REFERRED  
STUDENTS

**7**

REFERRED TEENS TO  
PRO BONO LEGAL  
ASSISTANCE

AFTER SCHOOL, SUMMER  
AND MOBILE LEARNING  
PROGRAMS SERVED

**62**

STUDENTS (K-8)

RAISED MONEY TO  
BUILD A COVID-SAFE,  
OUTDOOR INTERACTIVE  
LEARNING SPACE WITH  
PARTNERS SOJOURNER  
MOMS AND THE  
PITTSBURGH ROTARY

**97**

PEOPLE ATTENDED ZOOM HEN  
(HOMELESS EDUCATION  
NETWORK) CALLS, SHARING  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND USEFUL UPDATES

**1,870**

FULLY EQUIPPED  
BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED  
TO 24 HOUSING AND  
HUMAN SERVICE  
PARTNERS

**24**

EMERGENCY REQUESTS TO MEET  
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS AND BASIC  
NEEDS INCLUDING FOOD,  
TRANSPORTATION AND CLOTHING

**\$6,743**

**24**

CAREER AND COLLEGE  
PLANNING SESSIONS  
WERE CONDUCTED

K-8 SHELTER  
PROGRAMS:

**5**

FAMILY NIGHTS, WITH  
FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS  
AND COMMUNITY  
BUILDING.



DONORS WITH A HEART FOR CHILDREN & EDUCATION

Multiple Choice & Fill-in-the-Blank

- 1.) Inga and Nate Briggs live in the South Hills with C.  
a) a cat named Milo  
b) their fifteen children  
c) their daughter, dog and chickens
- 2.) They first heard of HCEF through an awareness campaign held by their B.  
a) childhood friend Dave  
b) dentist, Dr. Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik  
c) nextdoor neighbor Susie
- 3.) Nate grew up in the B and Inga in B.  
a) French Alps, Lawrenceville  
b) South Hills, Germany  
c) Panhandle, New Jersey
- 4.) They said our cause resonated because of their A. For HCEF, they are proud supporters of the Hope Through learning Awards—our scholarship program for post-secondary education.  
a) childhood friend Dave  
b) dentist, Dr. Betty Jo Hirschfield Louik  
c) nextdoor neighbor Susie
- Both were fortunate to have a high-quality education and believe that all children deserve the chance to have an educational foundation that gives you freedom to be your best self as an adult. As Nate says “an education provides a C for everything else in life—personal and professional.”  
a) platform  
b) starting point  
c) foundation
- When asked to reflect on motivation to give, Nate shared that his grandparents in particular were always involved in helping others in their church and B. Inga shared that she was also motivated by the scholarship program and appreciated that it could be used for technical and trade training in addition to B.  
a) after school programs, sports  
b) neighborhoods, college  
c) social groups, crafts
- A indeed is a generous community. We are so lucky to meet and know some of our special supporters like the Briggs family.  
a) Pittsburgh  
b) South Hills  
c) Pennsylvania

Meet Inga & Nate Briggs



"We like to support smaller charities that really capitalize on the gift and get it to go the farthest they can"



FINANCIALS

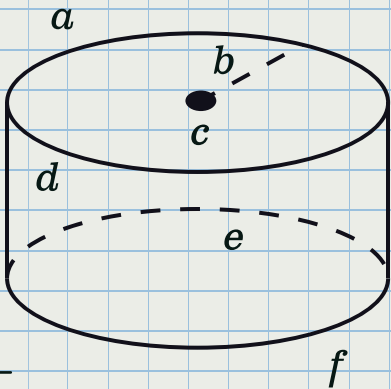
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

AS OF: 12/31/2021

REVENUES

- a: Contributions - \$316,359
- b: Grants - \$916,868
- c: Special Events - \$126,545
- d: Interest income - \$31,491
- e: Other income - \$499
- f: Realized/unrealized gains/losses - \$110,576

Total Revenue & Gains - \$1,502,328

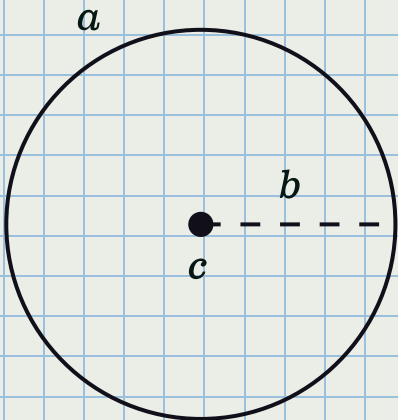


EXPENSES

- a: Programs - \$811,783
- b: Fundraising - \$101,929
- c: Administrative - \$48,946

Total Expenses - \$962,658

Change in net assets - \$539,680  
Beginning Net Assets - \$2,637,808  
Ending Net Assets - \$3,177,488



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

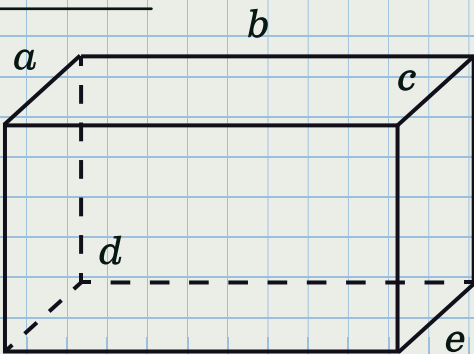
ASSETS

- a: Cash & cash equivalents - \$1,498,185
- b: Pre paid expenses - \$12,649
- c: Contributions & other receivables - \$19,656

Total Current Assets - \$1,784,400

- d: Investments - \$1,419,564
- e: Property & Equipment - \$4,176

Total Assets - \$3,208,140

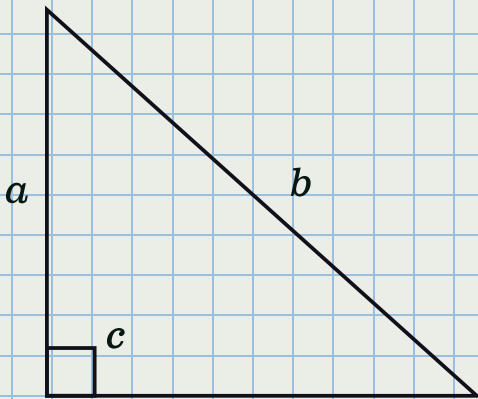


LIABILITIES

- a: Accounts payable - \$13,512
- b: Deferred revenue - \$3,275
- c: Accrued liabilities - \$13,865

Total current liabilities - \$30,652

Net Assets - \$3,177,488





"We have to continue to learn. We have to be open. And we have to be ready to release our knowledge in order to come to a higher understanding of reality."

- THICH NHAT HANH

"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody—a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns—kent down and helped us pick up our boots."

- THURGOOD MARSHALL

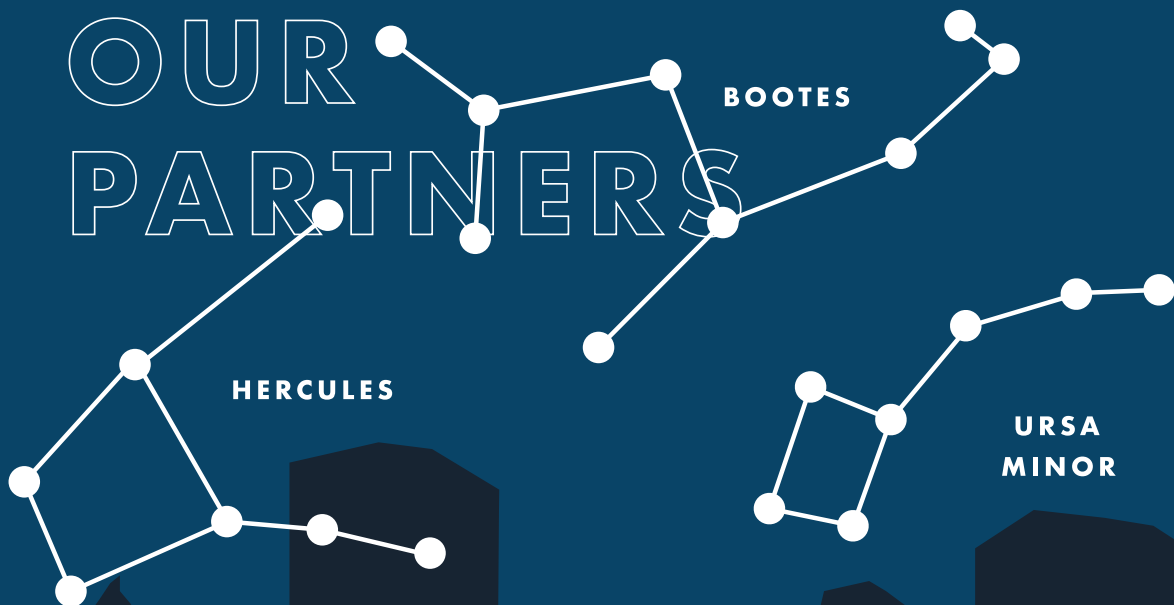
"We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

- MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

"Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself."

- THOMAS DEWEY

# OUR PARTNERS



## HOUSING PARTNERS

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| ACTION Housing                           | HEARTH   |
| Allegheny Valley Association of Churches | Light of Life Rescue Mission                   |
| Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center              | Naomi's Place                                  |
| Auberle                                  | Salvation Army Family Caring Center            |
| Center for Victims                       | Sister's Place                                 |
| Community Human Services                 | Sojourner House                                |
| Crisis Center North                      | Sojourner House MOMS                           |
| East End Cooperative Ministry            | Three Rivers Youth                             |
| Familylinks                              | Veterans Leadership Program                    |
| Family Promise                           | Womanspace East                                |
| Goodwill SWPA                            | Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh |
|  | Western Psych Neighborhood Living Project      |

## PUBLIC PARTNERS

- Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board
- Allegheny Intermediate Unit

## EDUCATION PARTNERS

- A+ Schools
- Pittsburgh Learning Collaborative
- Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Steel Valley School District
- Sto Rox School District
- Woodland Hills School District

## UNIVERSITY PARTNERS

- Duquesne University
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CONVERSION TABLES

METERS	YARDS	INCHES
1.000	1.093	39.37
.914	1.000	36.00

CENTIMETERS	INCHES	FEET
1.00	.394	.0328
2.54	1.000	1/12
30.48	12.000	1.000

KILOMETERS	MILES
1.000	.621
1.609	1.000

GRAMS	OUNCES	POUNDS
1.00	.035	2.205
28.35	1.000	1/16
453.59	16.000	1.000
1,000.00	35.274	

KILOGRAMS	OUNCES	POUNDS
1.000	35.274	2.205
.028	1.000	1/16
.454	16.000	1.000

LENGTH		
1 meter (m)	=	1,000 mm
1 millimeter (mm)	=	.001 m
1 centrimeter (cm)	=	.01 m
1 decimeter (dm)	=	.1 m
1 decameter(dkm)	=	10 m
1 hectometer (hm)	=	100 m
1 kilometer (km)	=	1,000 m

CAPACITY		
1 liter(l)	=	1,000 ml
1 milliliter (ml)	=	.001 l
1 centiliter (cl)	=	.01 l
1 deciliter (dl)	=	.1 l
1 decaliter (dkl)	=	10 l
1 hectoliter (hl)	=	100 l
1 kiloliter (kl)	=	1,000 l

WEIGHT		
1 gram(g)	=	1,000 mg
1 milligram (mg)	=	.001 g
1 centigram (cg)	=	.01 g
1 decigram (dg)	=	.1 g
1 decagram (dkg)	=	10 g
1 hectogram (hg)	=	100 g
1 kilogram (kg)	=	1,000 g

MULTIPLICATION TABLE											
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