

Program IMPACT

Annual Report

2016



OPPORTUNITIES
for Williamson & Burnet Counties



YOU ARE THE CHANGE

Dear Friends,

Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties continues to be committed to helping our communities thrive. Our mission, to eliminate poverty and promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency by combating its causes, is as relevant today as it was when we opened our doors more than a half-century ago.

While each year provides an opportunity to reflect on successes and new goals, this year gave us even more to contemplate. An evolving landscape, funding challenges and changes in services and among providers, required an even greater focus on our core objectives.

Despite the challenges, and thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, we continued to see positive results in the lives of those we serve. Early childhood programs, senior nutrition, housing programs and essential assistance programs have served thousands with supplemental education, food, housing and case management.

I want to thank all of our community partners and supporters. I want to thank our Board of Directors for providing guidance and faithfully representing their communities. I want to thank volunteers whose passion for community service helps sustain our agency. And, of course, I want to recognize Opportunities staff for carrying out our goals and objectives, and consistently serving above and beyond.

I look forward to 2018 with optimism and confidence in the people who make it possible.

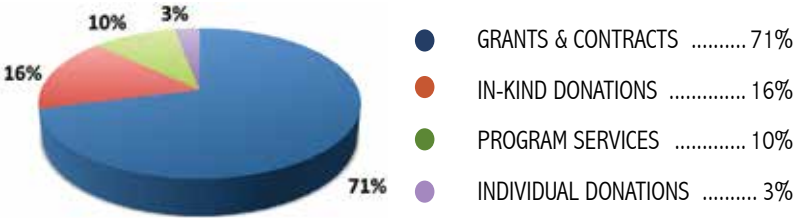
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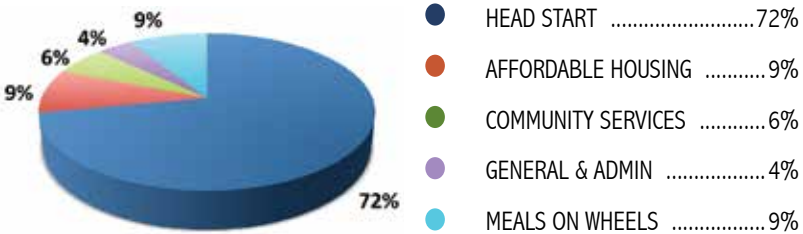
Executive Director



OPPORTUNITIES REVENUES \$14,217,036



OPPORTUNITIES EXPENSES \$14,255,704



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

Cash	\$793,360	Current Liabilities.....	\$870,630
Accounts Receivable	\$613,587	Long-Term Liabilities	\$8,463,931
Pre-paids	\$194,938	Total Liabilities.....	\$9,334,561
Property & Equipment.....	\$10,581,429	Net Assets	\$2,848,753
Total Assets	\$12,183,314	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$12,183,314

*Audited Numbers

MEALS ON WHEELS

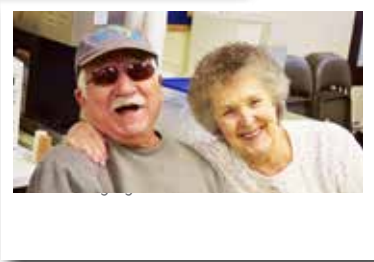
As the official local area Senior Nutrition Program, we provide hot, fresh-cooked nutritious meals to seniors in need each weekday.

We offer meals at select Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet County centers as well as home-delivered meals to those whose mobility is limited — thanks in large part to our faithful volunteers.

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One in six seniors struggles with hunger. We can provide a senior Meals on Wheels for one year for roughly the same cost as a single day in the hospital.

We served 1,882 seniors from five local senior centers located in Round Rock, Georgetown, Taylor, Leander and Marble Falls. Our centers provided congregate meals for 581 seniors and deliveries to 1,301 home-bound clients.



Our meals account for one-third of the US Recommended Daily Allowances, served hot and fresh, five days per week, 52 weeks a year. Of those seniors who received home-delivered meals:

- 95% report eating better
- 86% report feeling less lonely
- 95% report being able to remain in their homes longer

Of those seniors who visit congregate sites:

- 100% report participating in activities
- 100% report feeling better mentally and physically
- 85% report having made new friends

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Did you know a family with one full-time worker earning the minimum wage cannot afford the fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment anywhere in the United States? Now imagine someone out of a job.

HIGHVIEW RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Our facility in Marble Falls provides services to residents, including informative health programs and screenings, food distribution, and social activities to:

- 33 seniors
- 16 disabled persons

CEDAR RIDGE APARTMENTS

Cedar Ridge in Leander offers two- and three-bedroom apartments with family-oriented amenities. With our assistance:

- Ten resident families increased financial stability and were able to purchase their first home.
- Nine elderly and ten disabled individuals continue to live independently and comfortably.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Opportunities Community Services provide critical employment, adult education, utility assistance and budget counseling programs throughout Williamson and Burnet Counties.

A Change for the Better:

- 980 individuals served in Burnet County
- 7,338 individuals served in Williamson County
- 1,568 individuals received CEAP utility assistance in Burnet
- 3,773 individuals received CEAP utility assistance in Williamson
- 14 individuals assisted in obtaining skills required for employment
- 2 individuals supported in earning their Certificate of High school equivalency or GED

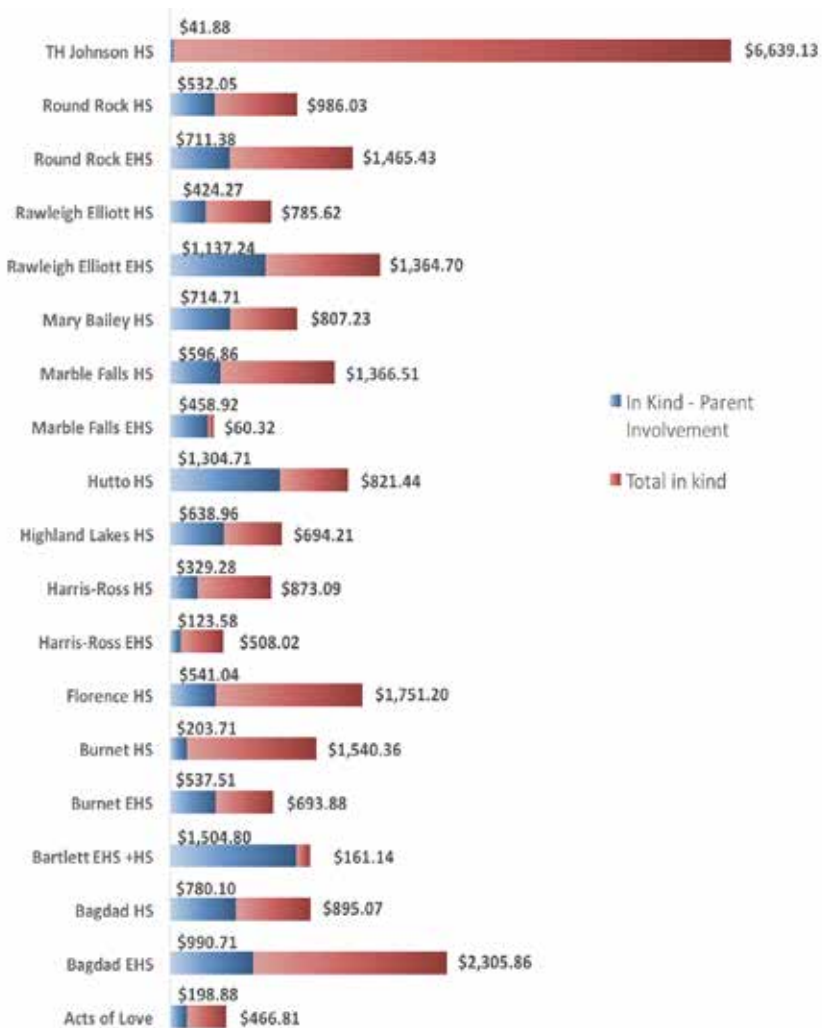


HEAD START

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child and family development programs that prepare children from birth to five years of age to become successful school students and members of society.

Williamson and Burnet Counties are made up of many diverse communities. Our cities include fast-growing urban centers like Round Rock; approximate population 106,000 and 29% economically disadvantaged, to rural farming communities like Bartlett, with an approximate population of 2,700, 70% of whom are economically disadvantaged.

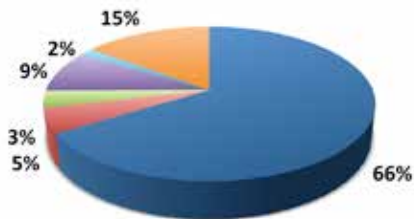
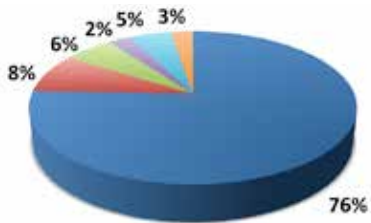
IN-KIND DONATIONS Value per child



THE DEMOGRAPHICS

EARLY HEAD START TOTAL: 305

HEAD START: TOTAL: 561



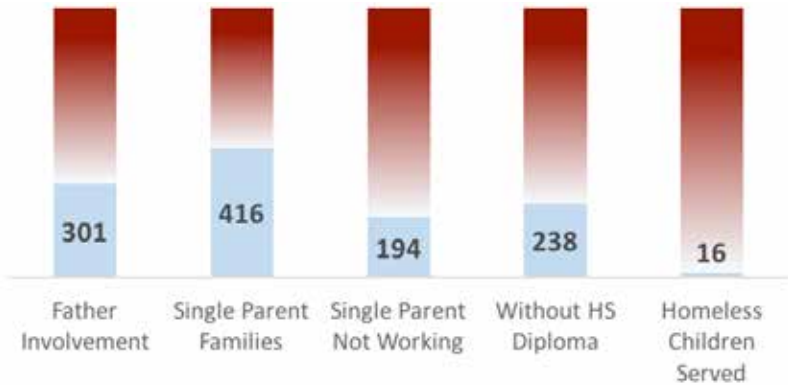
- BELOW THE POVERTY LINE 231
- TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) 25
- FOSTER CARE 18
- OVER-INCOME 8
- HOMELESS 15
- 100-130% INCOME 8

- BELOW THE POVERTY LINE 371
- TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) 29
- FOSTER CARE 20
- OVER-INCOME 49
- HOMELESS 9
- 100-130% INCOME 83



HEAD START FAMILIES

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL: 866

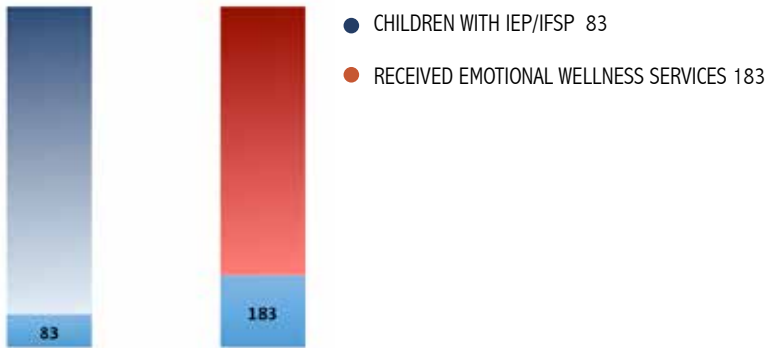


A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER:

- 823 children have health insurance
- 822 children obtained a regular medical and dental provider
- 789 children received preventative medical care while enrolled in Head Start
- 764 children received preventative dental care while enrolled in Head Start
- 803 children came up to date on their immunizations while enrolled in Head Start

HEAD START CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL: 866



HEAD START COMMUNITIES

- BARTLETT
- BURNET
- FLORENCE
- GEORGETOWN
- GRANITE SHOALS
- HUTTO
- LEANDER
- LIBERTY HILL
- MARBLE FALLS
- ROUND ROCK
- TAYLOR

Opportunities Head Start program, in collaboration with local school districts, operates 31 Early Head Start classrooms with children ages infant to three years old, and 36 Head Start classrooms with children ages three to five in Williamson and Burnet Counties. Eligible families are enrolled based on their level of need.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR WILLIAMSON & BURNET COUNTIES

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