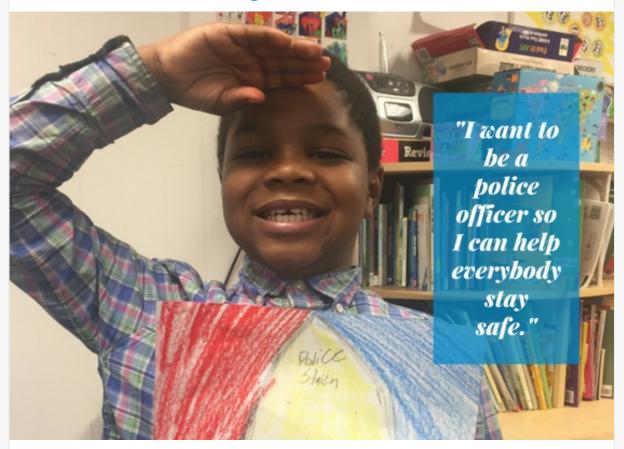


Children, Big Plans, and Volunteers



Greetings!

Homeless children can face serious obstacles: food insecurity, difficulty regularly attending school, worries about where they will sleep each night, and fears about whether or not their family will be okay.

Despite these challenges, regardless of their individual challenges, they all have big plans for what they want to be and do when they grow up.

At Nicholas House, we provide Programs that provide homeless children with the resources and stability they need to improve their academic performance, make friends and start making ambitious plans for the future.

During these uncertain times, we are grateful to awesome volunteers that continue to support homeless children and their parents and ensure that they have ALL the resources needed to thrive. "Giving back means that we still have hope in humanity. It shows that our life still has a purpose, and that love can go a long way." Shaney Downey, Nicholas House Volunteer.

To learn about safe and inspiring ways to volunteer during COVID-19 and beyond, please contact rfoster@nicholashouse.org

Paying It Forward: Meeting the challenge!

As COVID-19 continues to grip our Nation, our community though grappling with loss, health concerns, financial adjustments and more continue their amazing acts of kindness. As Nicholas House adjusts its health protocols to minimize exposure to the virus, the community continues to pay it forward by dropping off meals, and are supporting virtual activities that keep residents, volunteers and staff safe.



Our staff is meeting challenges by aggressively responding to the increasing needs of families. They remain committed to providing housing and food stability to vulnerable families.

We can probably all agree that this year has emphasized the importance of connection and relationships. Nicholas House's network of friends and neighbors has been essential to the overall success of our COVID-19 responses. Together, we have helped to create a safer and stronger community in a time of uncertainty.

"Working with Nicholas House, I have learned the importance of having a solid community of support. The very nature of Nicholas House thrives on that principle. Having a foundation of support has been critical to helping us address the greatest needs of families facing crisis." Nicholas House, Staff Member.

Please stay involved and connected with Nicholas House on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Learn more about our impact at www.nicholashouse.org

Thanksgiving Baskets Nourish Body and Soul





This year, generous donors provided a multitude of Gift Cards, and Thanksgiving baskets filled with unperishable goodies for Thanksgiving and beyond. The baskets were provided for and presented to families that recently transitioned from Nicholas House to our apartment-based programs. The families celebrated Thanksgiving, in a home of their own, this year with a bountiful feast provided by friends of Nicholas House!

"We appreciate the opportunity to donate to your organization. Your work is critical to the community and I commend you and the entire team at the Nicholas House for their work to help families in need and in helping them to get on their feet; especially during these difficult times." Melanie Jackson of Meunier Carlin & Curfman LLC.

Thank you volunteers for nourishing both the body and soul of families by renewing hope and reminding all of us of the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Coming up in our next issue:

- Shinning Lights and Shinning Bright: A glance at the Faith Community's **Impact**
- A Different Christmas Celebration: Perspectives from a Nicholas House Graduate
- A New Year A New Opportunity Special Holiday Message from Nicholas House's Board President

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