From this conversation, stemmed a support system and family that would be transforming the community for the next 45 years. It is hard to believe that The Relatives has grown from a charming home on East Boulevard helping youth in immediate crisis to now a nationally recognized community leader offering expansive programs and services to ensure the safety, stability, and independence to more than 5,000 youth in Charlotte.

Our name was born out of a quick exchange with volunteers, but the idea of family has become the stronghold of our mission. A family supports you, loves you, and never gives up on you. Together we are all Relatives to the youth and young adults, ages 7 to 24, who seek refuge through our doors.

We provide them a home when they need a safe place to sleep. We are their comfort when they need a cooked meal. We are their support, providing little nuggets of advice like how to dress for an interview and making sure they are on time.

You are a part of this family. And you have been able to help us create a long-lasting effect in the lives of the most vulnerable youth and young adults, many of whom are homeless, runaway, have aged out of foster care, or struggle with mental health issues. Together, we are the family that never gives up and tells them, "You got this," even when they may not be so sure.

Over 4,500 students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are homeless and 1 in 5 youth aging out of foster care will end up homeless.

This means as a community, we have a lot more we can do to help the youth of Charlotte. But we can only do it with you. The Relatives is complete only with the support of every donor, volunteer, and partner who has joined our family over the years.

As a Relative, we hope you stay tuned for the next few years because with your help we plan to empower even more youth in our community and we need our entire family involved.

We sincerely thank you,

TRISH HOBSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
JOE FOSTER  
BOARD CHAIR  

" Where did you stay last night? "  
" I was staying with Relatives. "

" It takes all of us to lift youth out of crisis. "  
~Genine Donovan, Transition Coordinator

5,454 Total number of youth in our community who received support at The Relatives
614 Youth and young adults, ages 16-24, received support at the young adult resource center
235 Youth stayed at the crisis center for an average of nine days
5,560 Youth and young adults walked into our crisis center or called our crisis hotline
145 Young adults were assisted through our housing program
175 Young adults seeking employment secured a job
I am grateful they gave me the opportunity to do what I needed to do for my kids.”

The Relatives gave Nikita her first stable and healthy home in almost 8 years, but more importantly, The Relatives made it possible for her family to be reunited.

The Salvation Army brought Nikita to The Relatives, last Spring, to enroll in our young adult housing program. She started a job at Bojangles’ and moved into her apartment by the middle of the summer. Just in time for Christmas, Nikita was able to regain custody of her boys and bring them home for the holiday.

Your support of the young adult resource center and housing program gave Nikita stability... Stability in her job, stability in housing, and most importantly, stability for her three boys.

“The Relatives had my back and always told me I could do better.”

By age 19, Keiston had been living on and off the streets for two years. This was his normal - until he was shot while sleeping in his car in a grocery store parking lot. In that moment, Keiston’s perspective on life changed.

The Relatives’ young adult resource center worked with Keiston to secure a full-time job as a commercial painter and enroll him in our subsidized housing program. Keiston now travels all over the country with work and has experienced memorable moments like seeing the Seattle Space Needle and ocean for the very first time.

As a Relative, you helped Keiston celebrate two years of maintaining his very own apartment and the ability to dream of bigger accomplishments.
The Relatives’ youth crisis center is more than an emergency shelter. It is a place to plant roots and connect in a family-like atmosphere. It is a place where youth and families can find comfort and safety while planning their next steps towards stability.

Last year, Tamika Johnson was heartbroken when she had to drop off her son Mark, on his 7th birthday, and his four siblings at the youth crisis center. The Johnson family, originally from New York, had spent years on and off the streets before coming to Charlotte. They moved to be closer to family but found more security living in their car than with their actual relatives. Once again, they were homeless.

Although Ms. Johnson wanted to spend time with her son for his birthday, she knew it was more important to give her children a safe and warm place to stay. After spending hours with staff, she kissed her kids goodbye and promised to return the next day. That night, Mark spent his 7th birthday and first night away from his mother at The Relatives. Mark and his siblings went to school the next day and returned to the house on East Boulevard only to be greeted with a surprise - the staff had spent all day planning a birthday party that included dinner, cake, games, and presents. The best gift was having his family all together to celebrate. This small act of kindness gave Mark a new sense of family that he will never forget.

The celebrations only continued for this family. Within two weeks the siblings were reunited with their mom when The Relatives’ staff was able to help her find an apartment that she could afford. Ms. Johnson is forever grateful to The Relatives for helping her find a safe place for her kids and providing her son with a memorable birthday that he will carry with him forever.

The Relatives’ family surrounds kids with the compassion and love they need in a time of uncertainty. Through your support, you give children at our youth crisis center a reliable and loving support system, and families the hope of reuniting safely.

"The Relatives means my kids are safe!"

- Ms. Johnson, speaks to the warmth, understanding, and reliability of The Relatives’ staff.

For 45 years, The Relatives has been a beacon of hope and a source of new beginnings by providing youth and families with a safe place to come for solace, assistance, and a lasting sense of family.

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Thank you!
Where Your Dollars Go

A gift of:

$1,700 provides shelter, food, counseling, and safety for a child staying at our Crisis Center for 14 days.

$12,000 helps more young adults to obtain their vital records, transportation and work clothes ultimately eliminating barriers to independence.

$5,000 moves a young adult out of homelessness and into a home, creating stability in their life.

$50,000 for 5 years funds a Transition Specialist to offer intensive one-on-one counseling to our young adults to ensure that they reach their goals in housing, employment, education, and health and safety to reach independence.

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We are so grateful to our donors, both individual and corporate, volunteers, and community partners whose generosity allows The Relatives to provide safety, stability, and independence to the youth of Charlotte.
“I’ve always considered myself blessed, but you are not blessed until you give back.”

Shelley has been a part of the family at The Relatives for almost ten years. As a former teacher, Shelley has witnessed first-hand how the stress of being homeless leads to struggles in school, work, or in a young person’s social life. She was able to use her previous experience to develop character building workshops that engage and motivate the youth at The Relatives.

Many of her sessions focus on helping youth identify their positive traits to build self-esteem and a sense of empowerment. Shelley’s visits also give her a chance to reflect on her own life and how she can continue to make a difference for youth at The Relatives.

“Anyone can give their time. Take that step back to invest in learning about the crisis we have in our very own city. After giving your time, you realize that although we are more fortunate than they are, they are the real blessing.”

Thank you to the donors who have joined our Family of Giving. They have ensured we have the sustainable future for the Giving. They are dedicated to bridging the gap for an at-risk population and believe that everyone deserves a chance to be successful.

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