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For almost 50 years, The Relatives has provided youth in crisis with:



in place of despair

ACCEPTANCE

in place of rejection

EMPOWERMENT

in place of helplessness



Scan here to learn more about our new and improved Resource Center on Freedom Drive!

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letter from leadership



From a church basement to a home on East Blvd; from a single room in the Children and Family Services Center to a 16,000 square foot resource center on Freedom Drive; The Relatives has created a space for young people facing crisis in our community since 1974.

For almost 50 years, we have been a Relative to vulnerable youth and young adults in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. We envision a community where all young people in distress know The Relatives will love them, support them, and accept them as their authentic selves.

Young people in desperate or intolerable situations need the space to find safety and achieve stability.

They need room to grow into healthy, productive, and engaged members of our community.

Your support has helped create this space. Your generosity has helped build these structures. You have helped create the foundation upon which our caring staff can provide relief, acceptance, and empowerment to the most vulnerable members of our community. Thanks to you, there is room to grow at The Relatives.

Over the past year, The Relatives has made room for more youth and young adults to receive our services.

The Youth Crisis Center continues to serve young people, ages 7-17, as Mecklenburg County's sole emergency shelter for youth and adolescents while our new Runaway Prevention Specialists work with CMPD, Pat's Place, and other community partners to reach children on the street who have runaway or been pushed out of their homes.

After outgrowing its old location, The On Ramp Resource Center opened its new, permanent home on Freedom Drive last spring. Our new center continues to give young adults, ages 16-24, the tools necessary to achieve independence and offers shower and laundry facilities, designated GED tutoring rooms, a teaching kitchen, as well as spaces for workshops, camaraderie, and self-expression.

Thank you for being an important part of The Relatives family. The growth experienced over the past year would not have been possible without your support. We are so grateful you have chosen to grow with us and, by doing so, provided the spaces necessary to best serve our community's youth.

With gratitude,

Shamba Sandy

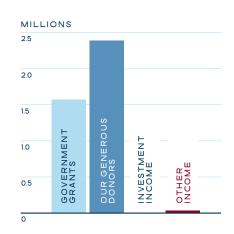
Trish Hobson EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2022 financial overview

The Relatives is grateful to the individual donors, corporations, foundations, government entities, and community organizations whose generosity is helping create and sustain spaces where young people experiencing crisis can grow into healthy, productive, and engaged members of our community.

Revenue, Gains, Losses, & Other Support

Government Grants	\$1,573,356
Our Generous Donors	2,390,097
Investment Income	682
Other Income	30,774
	\$3,994,910



Expenses

• Program Services	\$2,880,260
General & Administrative	167,810
Advancement	538,393
Depreciation	105,012
	\$3,691,475



your support in action

The Youth Action Board (YAB) is comprised of young adults who use their lived experience with housing insecurity to advise The Relatives on how to best serve unhoused youth. YAB members are paid for their time and \$3,120 provides 2 hours of weekly street outreach a year, helping The Relatives reach this often-hidden population.

2 HOURS OF WEEKLY STREET OUTREACH:

\$3,120



TAILORED SUPPORT:

\$4,000/week

\$4,000 a week provides access to comprehensive, tailored support for youth and young adults experiencing crisis, allowing them the opportunity to become healthy, productive, and engaged members of the community.

BE KIND

As Charlotte-Mecklenburg's only emergency shelter for youth and adolescents, The Relatives' Youth Crisis Center provides a critical safety net for our community's youth. It costs \$113 an hour to ensure 24/7 phone and in person care for homeless, runaway, or displaced children.

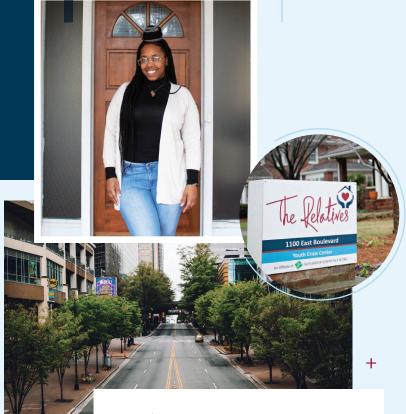
SET UP OF STABLE INDEPENDENT HOUSING IN CHARLOTTE:

\$2,264

The Relatives' Housing Program uses a scattered-site approach to provide unhoused young adults (18-24) with independent housing. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Charlotte is \$1,132 with many landlords requesting two-month's rent in advance as a security deposit. It costs \$2,264 to move a young adult off the street and into a stable home.

A SAFETY NET FOR YOUTH:

\$113/hour



Lack of reliable transportation can limit a young adult's ability to reach an educational goal or maintain stable employment, which is why The Relatives spends an average of \$1,500 a month on bus passes and Uber rides for On Ramp Resource Center participants.

TRANSPORTATION:

\$1,500/month

youth crisis center

Youth, ages 7-17, who have run away, are homeless, victims of human trafficking, or are experiencing crises with nowhere else to turn, can find safety at the Crisis Center. Youth and their families are assisted by counselors who help them identify what led to the crisis and work to establish a plan for safety and stability.

234

youth facing crisis found refuge, stability, and counseling services at the Crisis Center. 97%

of youth staying at the Crisis Center transitioned into a safe, stable environment. 3,345

calls came into the 24-7 hotline from youth, parents, caregivers, community members, and referral partners seeking to help young people in crisis. The Relatives staff made me feel safe and helped me work through some of my issues

- LANDON

FORMER CRISIS
CENTER RESIDEN



47

youth and young adults found help using a Safe Place Partner.

690+

Safe Place sites that partner with us in and around Mecklenburg County.



They showed me that stability was possible

- MELISSA
FORMER PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT

housing

Young adults, ages 18-24, who are at risk of homelessness, aging out of foster care, or fleeing domestic violence have access to our supported independent housing program. This effort is supported by intensive case management helping to provide educational goals, employment, and affordable childcare.

74

young adults were assisted through our housing program.

44

young children were placed in safe homes because their parents were young adults receiving assistance through our housing program.

89%

of young adults did not return to homelessness within six months of discharge from our housing program.



(THE NEW!)

on ramp resource center

Young adults, ages 16-24, can access GED tutoring, on-site mental health counseling, life skills workshops, and tailored case management as well as assistance finding employment and housing. The goal is for all participants to achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

HERE IS AN OVERVIEW OF ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS:

- Food
- Showers
- Clothes
- Laundry
- GED Tutoring
- · Employment Readiness
- · Case Management
- · Life Skills Workshops
- Mentoring
- · Housing & Mental Health Services

668

young adults dropped in for services at the On Ramp Resource Center such as a meal, shower, mental health counseling, or enrolled in case management services receiving one-on-one support to overcome obstacles.

86%

of clients supported through case management gained employment.

108

young adults received tailored, one-on-one support to help them set goals, overcome obstacles, and transition to independence.

breakfast with the relatives

Our 2022 Breakfast With The Relatives event created new beginnings for young people in crisis at our traditional venue, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. After a three-year absence, we were thrilled to be back at the church welcoming new family members and old friends.



The event's success would not have been possible without our wonderful sponsors, tireless volunteers, and–of course–our amazing donors.

Champion Sponsor \$25,000



For over 5 years, The Oliver Team has sponsored Breakfast With The Relatives at the Champion level because "we believe The Relatives is uniquely positioned to meet the growing needs of vulnerable, unhoused, runaway, and disconnected young people." The Oliver Team is proud to support The Relatives' vision of a community where all youth and young adults experiencing crisis can find relief, can feel accepted, and can be empowered to achieve stability.

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ON RAMP RESOURCE CENTER

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- ANNE BOCHMAN & PHIL BOCHMAN

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