



FLORENCE CRITTENTON PROGRAMS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IMPACT REPORT

20
23



BY THE NUMBERS

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

- **20** young women & **10** babies served in the residential program
- **5,813** nights of safe shelter and support
- **66%** of high school students regularly attended school and achieved credits towards graduation
- **75%** of high school graduates pursued employment or post-secondary education

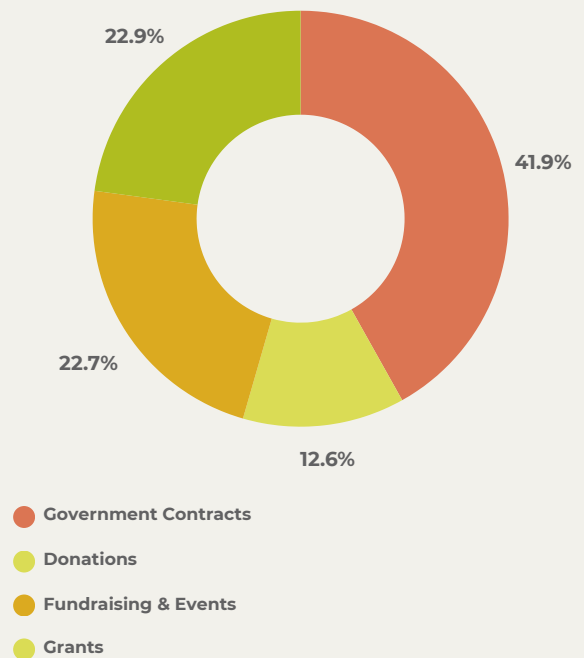
HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- **18** mothers & **20** children transitioned from homelessness into their own home
- **94%** of mothers showed improved job readiness
- **\$2,538** average increase in monthly income

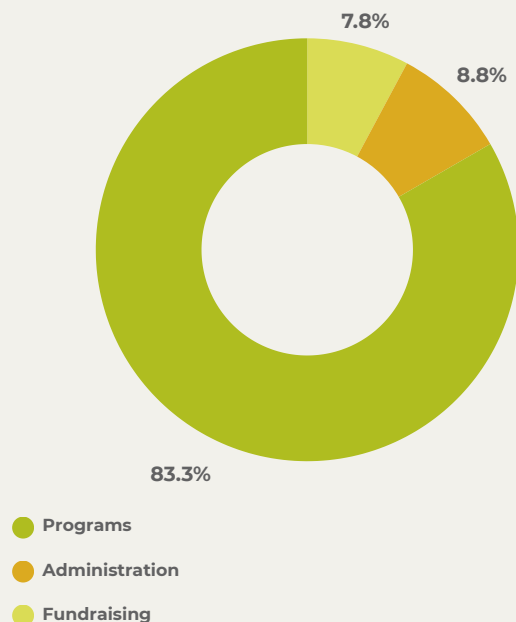
HOST HOME PROGRAM

- **5** families recruited to serve as host homes for homeless young parents

REVENUE



EXPENSES



NEW PROGRAMS

HOST HOMES

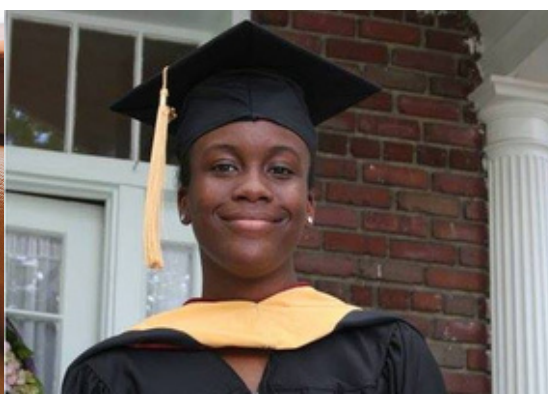
With support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and the Saul Alexander Foundation, Florence Crittenton launched a pilot program -- Host Homes -- to expand outreach, housing, and support services for pregnant and parenting youth in the Lowcountry.

Host homes are a growing, global, short-term housing intervention for young people experiencing homelessness. Modeled after independent living programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, host homes provide young women with stable, short-term housing for up to 18 months in a private home with a caring family. During this time a young mother can continue her education, seek employment, strengthen parenting skills, repair relationships with their families, and/or make decisions about other housing options with the support of caring adults. Florence Crittenton parent educators visit the young mom in her new home every two weeks to provide wrap-around case management services and parenting education using the *Parents as Teachers* model.

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Young women who give birth in high school are 10 times more likely to experience homelessness.
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Host Home Program Goals:

- Recruit 15 host homes during the pilot. All adults in the host home undergo rigorous background checks and training in trauma-informed care and positive youth development.
- 75% of participants will connect to school or vocational training programs.
- 75% will experience positive ongoing attachments to families, communities, schools and other social networks.
- 90% of participants will exit the program and transition to safe and stable housing.



RESIDENT STORIES

Kim* (18) came to Florence Crittenton shortly after learning she was pregnant. She was determined to provide a good life for her child and felt she needed a career with opportunities for advancement. After meeting with her case manager and assessing her skills and interests, she chose to enroll in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program.

To help save up money and prepare for independence, Kim got a part-time job while she attended school. During this time, she learned how to balance work and school, developed good study habits, and attended all her prenatal appointments in preparation for her son's birth. The other residents looked up to her, so much so that another resident asked Kim to be in the delivery room with her to support her during her delivery!

Kim graduated from her CNA program in August 2023, and three short days later, she welcomed her son into the world! After taking a short break to transition into motherhood, she is now employed full-time as a CNA at a senior living facility.

Everybody loves my son- sometimes It feels like he does not know who I am... but if he is with a staff member he will sometimes cry for me. And then I'm reminded about everything I want to do for him. I want a different life for him...a better life."

Selena* (17) came to Florence Crittenton when her baby girl was only 3 months old because she wanted a healthy environment for her child.

Florence Crittenton helped her enroll at Learn4Life Charleston, a local school where she would be able to bring her daughter. She work harder to complete her remaining class credits so that she could graduate. In December 2023, Selena graduated from high school -- a semester early!

She is now living with family friends, working, and is applying to colleges where she plans to study nursing.



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