



The FORGE for Families

THE FORGE FOR FAMILIES 2021 Annual Report

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The Forge for Families' mission is to holistically equip families to fulfill their God-given potential. The primary purpose of the Forge is to enrich the spiritual, vocational, and leadership development of inner-city families through Christ-centered mentoring, bringing transforming growth to Houston's Third Ward.

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of preparing an annual report is that it gives us the opportunity to look back and be thankful for all that has been accomplished. The past fiscal year was filled with wonderful opportunities and many challenges. Some of the highlights were:

- 87% of our graduating seniors attended college/trade schools or had current job offers
- 0 teen pregnancies for students in our programs
- Programs operated at reduced capacity due to COVID safe distancing guidelines but are returning to full capacity in 2022
- Successfully hosted a Spring golf fundraising event that raised \$211k to support our programs
- Successfully hosted a Fall dinner event – A Night Under the Tuscan Sky - with performance by Heather Headley that was attended by 350 people and raised \$395k to support our programs
- Prepared and distributed over 900 Boxes of Love (Thanksgiving dinners) throughout the city
- Hosted Holly Jolly Christmas store where 75 families were able to shop for the children. Collected 1,141 toys and 278 gift cards.
- Approximately 300 Volunteers participated at The FORGE during 2021

The following is an overview of The Forge For Families' income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Total Support & Revenue:	\$2,030,041
Program Expenses:	\$ 935,070
Management and General Expenses:	\$ 242,703
Fundraising Expenses:	\$ 132,314
End of Year Net Asset Balance:	\$6,298,247

The Forge For Families is tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Founded in 2005.