2021
COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT
HELP THE CHILD  PRESERVE THE FAMILY
STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY
Every day, the dedicated staff and volunteers of Franklin Wright Settlements work to build strong children. We build strength in character, in academics, in ethics, and in commitment. This is no easy task. As challenging as it is, we also work with due diligence to improve the lives of adults.

We realize that any effort that bears fruit is full of difficulties. Difficult as it may be, the results are amazing. Here at Franklin Wright Settlements we proudly boast that we continue to move families from crisis to self-sufficiency. We recognize that every childhood education was a key to success so we created a world-class early start educational program.

These are just a few examples of how Franklin Wright Settlements is uniquely positioned to create positive change in the community. We have been creating positive change for the community for over 140 years. We have an incredible legacy of service as a direct result of our efforts; families have moved from poverty, children have received higher education & social emotional learning, our seniors has improved health and a better quality of life. We did this even in the middle of one of the worst pandemics, loss and grief, the world has ever seen.

Our goal is to continue to serve until we eradicate poverty, we want to contribute to the safety, well-being, and uplift of the seniors, families and children within our reach. I want to thank all the individuals that poured into Franklin Wright over the years, from volunteering, donations and encouragement. Your contribution mattered.

I have every hope that we will get through this together.

With warm regards,

Monique Marks, LMSW
President and CEO
Greetings.

It is my honor and joy to serve as the Board Chair of Franklin Wright Settlements.

My years of association with this wonderful organization have been one of the highlights of my life’s work. In many ways I consider my work as an extension of my role as a pastor and seminary president. It feels like ministry.

The services provided by the outstanding FWS staff are a testament to the heart, soul, mind and spirit of our President and CEO, Monique Marks, that runs throughout the organization. The loving and compassionate commitment to the families and persons served is a welcomed blessing in a time when such care is needed. I believe love is the God factor behind the work of FWS.

I salute our staff, executives and board members, without whom we could not deliver the services we provide. May God bless those we serve – families, seniors, children and teens.

It has been a wonderful year for FWS. In 2022, my prayer is that we continue to do this good work under the capable leadership of our President and CEO.

Grace, Peace and Divine Health,

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Harris
Board Chair
Franklin Wright Settlements, Inc. is a leading Detroit neighborhood human services organization existing to assist individuals, families, groups and the community with basic life, family and social needs. Embracing the settlement house philosophy, a multi-service holistic approach in cooperation with the community, Franklin Wright Settlements focuses on the prevention, treatment and amelioration of social problems through advocacy, programs, projects, activities, services and facilities. The enduring strength of Franklin Wright Settlements lies in the flexible, responsible programs that recognize ongoing basic needs, despite changing societal priorities and funding.
“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”

2021 OVERVIEW

Once again, Franklin Wright Settlements passed a financial audit at a rate of 100 percent, leading to a 25+ year streak. We continued to visit seniors safely in their homes to check on their wellbeing and assist them during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of our Senior Outreach Services, so we advance our relationship and trust throughout the community. Another great highlight, Franklin Wright received the Oakland Together grant, to provide virtual therapeutic services to residents of Oakland County. Franklin Wright is excited to maintain and extend our reach and services to Oakland County throughout the coming year.

19,100
Food program participants including meals and food boxes delivered to seniors.

430,000
Direct care service hours for the Senior Outreach Services Program.

20,160
Early Start child development instruction hours provided throughout the year.

3,179
Out-of-School Time program service hours provided to youth ages 7-17.

1,175
Therapeutic service hours provided by the Family Growth and Development team.
Franklin Wright Settlements has been a strong force in helping the community help itself for 140 years, and is a cornerstone of strength in supporting individuals, families and groups on the east side of Detroit and throughout the tri-county area.

The values of Franklin Wright are based on the settlement house concept of self-help for the continuous improvement and preservation of the family. Franklin Wright strives to achieve this through excellence in service and equality of treatment.

Franklin Wright is rooted in a geographical neighborhood district. Its goal is to know and understand the neighborhood and to help develop its potential by providing aid in obtaining the services people need.
For the Spirit of Giving, we honor Missionary Hattie Humphrey, Richard L. Halsted, the Honorable Teola Hunter, George Nicholson, III, and Hali Giessler. These dedicated servants of Franklin Wright Settlements have changed the course of the organization and we want to publicly thank them for their decades of service, with some even joining in the 1960s. This organization would not be the same without them, and we are truly grateful for having this dedicated force propelling our organization forward.
Senior Outreach Services (S.O.S.) comprises several programs through our partnership with Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), Molina Healthcare of Michigan, and Focus Hope to support area residents who are of senior age.

As a service provider, Franklin Wright Settlements’ goal is to make sure seniors remain healthy, safe, and independent. We support our seniors by offering congregate meals, transportation, socialization, enhanced fitness, and access to community resources and the most appropriate and affordable combination of services that help them stay vibrant and active in the community for as long as possible with our help.

In partnership with Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), this program provides grandparents with valuable resources, referrals, and support services. More than 8,000 resources and referrals in 2021.
“A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.”

MY STORY

Franklin Wright Settlements’ Direct Care Workers play an essential role in helping home-bound seniors to live a happy and healthy life in the comfort of their own home. While the pandemic has presented many challenges, our caregivers have triumphed over COVID-19’s toughest battles, while continuing to provide the critical care our Seniors need and deserve.

For the past six years, Ms. Lorraine Hornaday has been a recipient of direct care services from Franklin Wright Settlements. As an enrollee, Ms. Hornaday receives daily assistance with personal grooming, housekeeping, grocery shopping, prescription medications, food preparation, and companionship from her caregiver.

When asked about her sentiments regarding the program and its benefits, Ms. Hornaday proudly stated, “I absolutely love the consistency of Franklin Wright. They are really great at problem solving, providing food, resources, and other services to the community. The caregivers are extremely exceptional and they really take the time to get to know and understand my personal needs and medical conditions. Frankly, I don’t know what I would do without Franklin Wright and the services they provide.”

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135 DIRECT CARE WORKERS

PROJECT CHOICE/MI HEALTH LINK CLIENTS (DAAA)

Provides in-home chore services, light cleaning, errands, personal care & basic hygiene assistance to home bound seniors. More than 300,000 service hours rendered in 2021 by our professional team of 135+ Direct Care Workers. Each caregiver is trained in First Aid, CPR, blood borne pathogens, and fraud, waste, and elder abuse.
The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.
“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”
Franklin Wright believes in the importance of providing children with high quality, developmentally appropriate, learning environments to give all students the very best start at learning. All of our classrooms implement the HighScope Infant & Toddler or HighScope Preschool Curriculum, placing an emphasis on active participatory learning. The interests and choices of children are the foundation of our classrooms, as our staff supports them by playing an active, and intentional, role in guiding and extending student learning. Our Early Childhood Programs provide a daily balance of developmentally appropriate learning, while also incorporating curriculum elements of our district’s Kindergarten classrooms.

MY STORY

I stumbled upon Franklin Wright on Woodward while I was searching for a preschool for my daughter who was then 18 months old. I took a tour of the place, observed the interaction between the teachers and the children and decided to enroll her. She became a Franklin Wright preschooler in August 2011. It was not long after that I began to see improvements in my daughter’s intellectual and social development. She was always excited about playing with her friends on the playground, doing preschool projects and going on field trips. The Early Start preschool program provided a solid foundation for her and facilitated her admission to kindergarten. My two other children are currently enrolled in the Early Start program. As a full-time graduate student with limited time, I am fortunate to have a preschool like Franklin Wright Settlements that provide my children with the opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. I have told many people about this program because I watch my children grow socially and educationally over the years.

Alvis Talata Ayaba-Apawu
“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.”
OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

The Out-of-School Time (OOST) Program strives to provide youth ages 6-18 with a fun and safe atmosphere where children can learn, grow, and participate in diverse educational activities ranging from academic enrichment, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), life skills, and career readiness.

It is our belief that if youth have somewhere productive to go when they are out of school, they are less likely to engage in negative behaviors. Our goal is to cultivate youth by providing the skills, resources, and support necessary to help close the achievement gap and overcome peer pressure and other challenges that youth often face.

The program works with several community partners such as the United Way for Southeastern Michigan and the Grow Detroit’s Young Talent (GDYT) initiative to provide enrichment activities and support services in the areas of conflict resolution, mentoring, and career exploration.

Throughout the year, Franklin Wright had over 200 unique, individual participants in our different out-of-school time programs, which include our spring/winter/fall after school program and our summer out-of-school time program. During the summer, we also partner with Grow Detroit Young Talent (GDYT) to engage youth.

 Students participate in an art class taught by College of Creative Studies (CCS).

FWS staff tutoring a participant of the OOST program.
OUR STORY

As a single mother of two and a full-time banker, it is hard to manage after-school pick-up due to me not being able to leave work, but I am extremely grateful for Franklin Wright Settlements. The mentoring, tutoring, and extracurricular activities are beyond stellar at Franklin Wright. My children look forward to going and being able to unwind from school and hang with their peers. My son, who is now 12 years of age, enjoys the fact that he is able to talk to Mr. Marks about things he may not be able to talk about with me. He also loves playing basketball and playing video games at Franklin Wright. My daughter also enjoys the mentoring from the other employees in the out-of-school time program and says she also loves the arts and crafts as well as chess.

For me, as a parent, I love the convenience and peace of mind that’s provided. I also love that my kids are safely picked up and have a healthy snack and are able to do homework and the other activities Franklin Wright provides. It takes a huge load off of my plate when I’m able to get home so I can spend more quality time with my kids. Franklin Wright Settlements has really helped my children and me, and I hope they are around for many years to come and can help many more families as they did for me.

Ever so thankful,
Ms. Lagina Leonard
“Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together.”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2021, over 100 youth on Detroit's east side were mentored through the FWS Community Outreach program. During the pandemic, Franklin Wright's Community Outreach team has opened the doors to Franklin Wright's facilities day or night for counseling and grievances and has been able to continue to do so in a safe and CDC-compliant manner. FWS understands the severity of this devastating virus, so our organization has made sure to keep our facilities open for services and maintain safety for our community. Our warming center was also open for families when they were in need of utility assistance, which included a food pantry. Our Community Outreach team continued to offer weekly food distribution on Mondays for families who need assistance with food, diapers, formula, or incontinence supplies.

A new collaboration chapter started in 2021 with the Detroit Pistons. The Pistons provided FWS families with tickets for the 2021/2022 basketball season. Families have enjoyed afternoons and evenings at Little Caesar's Arena. The youth always love to attend the games and cheer on the Pistons. A connection was also made with the team to have visits and events at the newly state-of-the-art Pistons Training Facility. This past summer, youth also built “The Wright Community Garden,” located at Franklin Wright's east side. FWS provided lessons to hundreds of people on how to grow vegetables in an organic garden for the community. The community loved learning new ways to grow food any time of the year, even in one’s own home. Mentoring our youth is a key and necessary objective if we want to see a better community, a better people, and a better Detroit.
Steady progress is being made in the planning of the Community Park project, a communal park designed with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility in mind. Final designs will begin in May 2022 to be finalised in October 2022, at which point we will begin soliciting bids for the construction and development of the Community Park. Efforts are currently being expended on acquiring the additional lots necessary for construction.

Our goal is to have a place where all humans can come together, gather, and play. That’s why this community park will include ADA park features such as:

- Wheelchair access
- Basketball with half-stack hoops
- Wheelchair-friendly dining area
- Double-width serenity walking path to accommodate multiple wheelchairs
- Serenity walking path with shock absorbing materials to accommodate seniors
- ADA accessible stage

“We are a reflection of our community.”
In-Home Therapeutic Services Program
FWS In-Home Therapeutic Services Program has had a significant impact on the reunification of children and families. The program employs master level clinicians who provide court mandated home-based individual and family therapeutic services. The In-Home Program provides court-ordered individual and family therapy to those persons who have unfortunately found themselves in the justice system through child protective services. The program is designed to create and rebuild family structure and resolve issues which led to family separation. This goal is achieved by our Therapist assisting families by providing therapeutic services and coping skills to improve their level of functioning to assist in the reunification process. The In-Home Program continues to make a substantial impact in the lives of children, adults, and families.

Oakland Together
In addition to the In-Home therapeutic services program, the Family Growth and Development department (FGD) received a grant to deliver virtual therapeutic services to Oakland County residents through United Way of Southeast Michigan. Through this grant initiative FWS will be able to provide necessary mental health therapeutic services to more than 25 Oakland county residents that have been impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19. The goal is to assist our community members reduce symptoms of depression, and anxiety in order to return to an improved level of functioning.

Spirit of Brown-Feeding the Homeless
Franklin Wright in partnership with First Community Ministries were able to provide hot meals, fruit, snacks, and water, warm blankets, hygiene kits, safe sex kits and clothing to the community members that are faced with homelessness through the Spirit of Brown Initiative. Sunday, December 19, 2021. Staff and volunteers prepared delicious fresh hot and home-made chili for over 150 people. Clothing and shoes were also donated by volunteers. The agency also partnered with World Medical Relief, and Word Up! for resources.
Our client, Martrey Gregory, a 27 year-old African American male, is single father of a four year old daughter, Miya, age 4. Martrey’s daughter came into care with Child Protective Services when her mother was no longer able to care for her. At this time Martrey was not prepared to become her custodial parent. The courts made the recommendation for Martrey to complete individual therapeutic services with Franklin Wright, gain employment, and retain safe and suitable housing. He was assigned to clinician Jacqueline-Dunn-Bell. Martrey was referred to Franklin Wright for individual outreach counseling on in October 2021 and his treatment goals included the need to learn day to day life lessons and make better decisions as a parent. Martrey stated that he wanted to learn how to be a better parent, and a better person overall, and he held himself accountable to that goal. Martrey was compliant with his weekly therapy sessions and parent education, was gainfully employed and secured appropriate housing to ensure that he was properly prepared to raise his daughter. During the first report period (3 months) Martrey was appointed custodial parent for his daughter by the court and successfully completed his goal for individual counseling. As a result, he received short term counseling and his counseling services at Franklin Wright were successfully terminated on in January 2022. Despite barriers, Martrey successfully completed goals and services in 3 months! Since receiving therapeutic services with Franklin Wright, Martrey said that he is grateful he can provide a stable and loving environment for his daughter.

Picture below, Martrey’s daughter, Miya.
Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2021

**Assets**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: 566,318
- Accounts Receivable: 214,562
- Prepaid Expenditures: 56,032
- Fixed Assets: 4,704,036
- Funds Functioning as Endowments: 4,003,752

**Total Assets**: 9,544,701

**Liabilities**
- Accounts & Notes Payable and Accrued Exp.: 249,148
- Deferred Revenue: 31,027

**Total Liabilities**: 280,174

**Total Net Assets**: 9,544,526

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: 9,544,701

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2021

*Completed January 14, 2022 unaudited
A financial audit will be conducted by George Johnson & Company, an independent auditing firm in March 2022.

**Revenue**
- Education and Youth Services: 839,285
- Senior Outreach Services: 1,927,147
- Community and Neighborhood: 273,227
- Operations: 161,294

**Total Revenue/Expenditures**: 3,200,953

**Expenditures**
- Education and Youth Services: 636,943
- Senior Outreach Services: 1,375,352
- Community and Neighborhood: 143,534
- Operations: *1,157,706

**Total Revenue/Expenditures**: 3,313,535

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2021 our facilities were open day or night for grief counselling and facility repass, causing our operations expenses to be higher than previous years.

Franklin-Wright Settlements (FWS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides multi-generational human services support to residents in Southeast Michigan. To support programs, we rely on philanthropic dollars, grants, in-kind donations, fundraisers and partnerships to ensure that Detroit’s most vulnerable residents are serviced.
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