my mommy did it!
In June, we celebrated our largest graduating class to date. 71 college graduates in the class of 2019. We are proud of each of these student parents and the three foster alumni who graduated this year. And, we are honored to have played a role in their success. We often talk about how successes like these are more than an individual accomplishment but also a family achievement and a win for the entire community. Nothing makes this more real for me than seeing our children in their graduation ball caps that say My Mom is a Grad or My Dad is a Grad. This is a down payment on our collective future and it all begins with providing opportunity and empowerment and creating a college-going culture for the second generation.

I get this – really get this because, like the children in our program, I am a second generation college graduate. My parents were both the first in their families to go to college. As children of the depression, they grew up with parents that had made many sacrifices in order for their children to have the opportunity to go to college. And my parents made sacrifices so that my sister and I could go to the colleges of our choice. I am a college graduate because my parents were.

The statistics show that the most dependable predictor of whether children will go to and graduate from college is whether their mother did.

Thank you for your continued support that enables us to provide the household stability for our families that makes being a full-time parent and a full-time student possible. There are over 5,000 children in FSH families whose futures depend upon the opportunities and empowerment they receive. And that is the work we still have ahead of us – how to serve the second generation in meaningful ways that ensure that they have a chance to thrive also.

Here are just a few of the children and their parents who are part of our FSH family and who you are helping.

Thank-you!!

Cathe Dykstra
Chief Possibility Officer
President & CEO
my mommy is my hero!

she’s ours too elijah.

It’s a simple statement from the mind of a not-so-simple child, “My Mom is a Grad.” This phrase has been uttered from the lips of hundreds of children in our family. They know it’s a big deal, but it will be years before they understand what that diploma means for their future. Because ultimately, they’ve learned the importance of it, and will want to become a Grad, just like their mom.
If my mommy can do it, so can I!

totally agree paul!

If we can get Paul to say, “So can I!” we can get a whole generation to say it. We’ve designed a program to reach, and teach, generations. Some people, including us, call it breaking the cycle of poverty. We like to think of it as the greatest and most simple community-building concept. Because there is one thing that we have proven can change the world. And that is education.

The completion rate for college credit hours attempted by Family Scholar House participants.

92
family scholar house, inc. parent organization only

revenues:
- Unrestricted Revenue: $136,0270
- Temporarily Restricted Revenue: $952,409
- Total: $2,312,679

expenses & reserves:
- Program Services: $1,761,505
- Program Reserves: $362,447
- General & Administrative: $116,768
- Fund Development: $71,959
- Total: $2,312,679

family scholar house consolidated financial information
*(includes all campuses and development entities)*

revenues:
- Unrestricted Revenue: $2,937,364
- Temporarily Restricted Revenue: $952,409
- Total: $3,889,773

expenses:
- Staffing: $1,451,480
- Professional Services: $98,649
- Administrative: $673,212
- Facilities: $803,505
- Depreciation & Amortization: $1,455,247
- Interest & Fees: $173,124
- Project Expenses: $11,609
- Total: $4,666,826

total assets: $15,794,753

in 2018

- 3,962 single parents served
- 5,179 children served
- 455 foster alumni served

total liabilities & net assets: $15,794,753

general & administrative (5.05%)

fund development (3.11%)

program reserves (15.67%)

program services (76.17%)
They were able to do it.

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Let’s keep it up.
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