Shining a spotlight on our ever-growing family.





# Serenity. Peace. Generosity.

The other evening as I was leaving one of the Family Scholar House campuses, I paused in the parking lot, surrounded by three apartment buildings, each door a different color.

Behind each door was a family, safe tonight, a table set for dinner, the stir of children at play, and mothers sitting peacefully with heads bent over open textbooks.

A feeling of serenity swept over me. It felt like peace.

You may not know this, but 82% of the women at Family Scholar House report experiencing domestic violence. For most, this was a contributing factor to experiencing unstable housing. But *all* know what it's like to take a smaller portion of dinner so their kids will not go to bed hungry.

As I took in this peaceful moment, it reminded me that I am part of something undeniably transformative. Because people like you and me decided to give, these families – regardless of what brought them to Family Scholar House – are getting a little breathing room as they work towards a better future.

And, this wonderful thing I'm part of, it is spreading. It's spreading beyond our backdoor, throughout our state, and taking root in cities across the country. Just check out the map of our affiliates and see for yourself.

Here's the hard truth: These families will not thrive without your help. The kind of support they receive from Family Scholar House isn't covered by Medicaid or any other state or federal programs. It is covered by donors like you and me.

If you believe in Family Scholar House as much as I do, please follow your heart and give with as much generosity as you can manage. You can return the enclosed envelope or scan the QR code to make a donation online.

Before I climbed into my car to head home, I let my eyes scan those colorful doors one more time and thought...

It is a better world.

Thank you in advance for sharing every single ounce of your love to make a difference.

With deep gratitude,

Joan Hall

Adam Hall, Board Chair, Family Scholar House Vice President, Community and Economic Development Manager, Fifth Third Bank

# Sara: Degree Achieved



My name is Sara, and I am excited to announce that I just graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies and a minor in Pan-African Studies. I came to Family Scholar House because I had a son, and I needed to have job opportunities that matched my potential. I needed a place like Family Scholar House that could allow me to focus on school time instead of poverty. My next step is to continue my education at the University of Louisville for graduate school in interdisciplinary humanities.

I am excited to be one step closer to my ultimate goal of teaching at the university level in Pan-African studies or gender studies. I'm grateful for Family Scholar House who has helped me get financial assistance and helped with my other needs.

Abigail: Determined

My name is Abigail, and my two boys, Noah (age10) and Elijah (age 7), are my inspiration. Everything I do is for them, and I am determined to give them a future that is stable so they never have to worry about having a safe place to live, food to eat, and a job with purpose. I am able to do this because I just graduated from Elizabethtown Community and Technical College with my Associate in Science degree. Also, I've been accepted into the Respiratory Therapy Program to continue my education at ECTC. After job shadowing with a respiratory therapist, I realized this is exactly the right path for me. I love the collaboration between the staff, particularly in emergency situations.

I would not have made it this far without the Family Scholar House team. They've provided my family with meals and gas cards so I could get to and from campus. I've also received so much encouragement from the success coaches, and they always treat me empathetically. My long-term goal is to help my twin sister out of poverty, and I'd love to help support her through a career change so that, like my family, she can have a brighter future too.



# **FSH Affiliates**

We have expanded our network of affiliates in order to respond to communities across the country who want the Family Scholar House program model and successful outcomes for which we are known. You can find more information about the affiliate program and the great work our affiliates are doing by visiting our website at FamilyScholarHouse.org/Affiliates



## **FSH Resources**

Since the launch of MyKY.info in July of 2022, we have placed almost 60 interactive kiosks in visible, high-traffic locations across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These kiosks are in partner organizations, readily available to assist those in need of assistance.

MyKY.info Kiosks – In addition to the kiosks, the web-based app can be accessed through any smartphone or search engine, allowing individuals to find what they need, when they need it. Our Trager Response Center representatives are available to assist callers Monday-Saturday 8AM-8PM Eastern Time as an additional level of support to fellow Kentuckians across the state.

One of our Response Center representatives recently discussed her experience with MyKY.info: "Every day I connect with people who are in situations similar to those I have experienced. I support them by connecting them to resources using the MyKY.info app. I had an individual call who was unfamiliar with navigating government assistance programs, and she really needed them to support her family. She was employed but struggling to make ends meet. used MyKY.info to direct her to school supplies and extra food. I also taught her how to use MyKY.info so she could use it for any future needs."

To learn more about sponsoring a kiosk or adding community resources in your area contact Bruce Manor at BManor@FamilyScholarHouse.org



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