Celebrating, Helping, Growing
Where hope flourishes and grows

Spring brings hope for gardeners as we plant seeds and watch them grow into colorful blooms and fresh produce. This past Mother’s Day, Mrs. Beshear, First Lady of Kentucky and frequent volunteer, joined our children in decorating pots, planting flowers, and making something special for their moms.

Just like our educational and career-focused programs and affordable housing campuses, our participants and student-parent families need support, nurturing, and time to flourish. Your generosity and advocacy help us provide a safe place for them to grow and reach their full potential. Together, we create a beautiful garden in full bloom.

Thank you for being a part of our growth and celebrating our students’ success. – Cathe
Before finding my way to Family Scholar House, a mentor’s words echoed in my mind: “Get your life together for the sake of your family.” But just as I was finding my footing, tragedy struck. My father, who had been my rock and support, was taken from me by COVID. His absence left a void that seemed insurmountable. Yet, within the walls of Family Scholar House, I found solace, strength, and a renewed sense of purpose. They didn’t just help me recover physically from childbirth, they cradled me emotionally through the storm of grief and change, guiding me to look ahead with hope.

Through their programs and support, I earned certifications as a medical assistant and pharmacy tech. In 2023, I was accepted into the prestigious summer research program at the University of Louisville called, Bridges to Baccalaureate. Focused on unraveling the intricate links between mental health and eating disorders, I poured my heart and soul into my research. The culmination of my efforts brought me to the grand stage of our state Capitol, where I proudly presented my findings at the student research symposium. This opportunity validated my journey and ignited a fire to pursue further studies in the field. Now, I am moments away from graduating from Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) with a nursing degree, all thanks to the unfailing support of Family Scholar House. They have not only provided housing, but a lifeline for parents like me to achieve our dreams. My daughters T’Ani (age 5) and Sira (age 4) have thrived in an environment brimming with love and security, with a present and empowered mother by their side. Family Scholar House has truly transformed our lives and shown us that with determination and support, the sky’s the limit.
Growing up in Kentucky, I was familiar with the name Family Scholar House, but I never imagined I would need their services. However, life had other plans. I moved to Texas to be closer to my family and started school, feeling like I was on the right path. But then, unforeseen familial issues arose, and I found myself without stable housing, bouncing from one temporary place to another. It became increasingly difficult to focus on my studies as my financial aid ran out. In my desperation, a friend introduced me to Felicia, the Regional Coordinator of the Houston Family Scholar House program.

From our first meeting, Felicia showed genuine warmth and empathy. She not only understood my situation, but she also took immediate action to help me overcome the challenges I faced. Together, we searched for suitable apartments, and Felicia’s expertise ensured I found an affordable option that met my needs. But her support didn’t stop there. My son, Isaiha, has a congenital blood disorder, and Felicia helped me find additional resources to ensure he could have a healthy and active childhood. She even connected me with a program that offered free childcare in exchange for volunteering once a week, easing some of my burdens by giving him a safe place to stay while I was in class. With the unwavering support of Family Scholar House, I was able to earn my degree in Justice Administration with a minor in Psychology. My journey with Family Scholar House has not only empowered me to overcome adversity but has instilled in me the belief that with determination and support, anything is possible. As I prepare to walk across the stage in May, I do so with heartfelt gratitude for the family that is Family Scholar House.
Jermaine, a rising sophomore at Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC), is pursuing a business degree with aspirations in marketing. With the help of FSH Works and Regional Coordinator, Lamont Campbell, he overcame his initial fears and barriers to pursuing his college degree. As Jermaine’s mother is also a BCTC student studying to become a medical lab technician, education is a family affair for them. With comprehensive assistance, including a laptop and all needed supplies, Jermaine's academic performance significantly improved, giving him confidence to land a position in the campus marketing department. Now, Jermaine uses social media to build community among his peers. FSH Works provided him with the necessary tools to thrive and his success serves as a testament to the transformative power of support. As Jermaine continues on his journey, we eagerly anticipate his future achievements.
FSH HealthCorps, in collaboration with AmeriCorps and the Center for Disease Control, initiated an innovative program aimed at addressing healthcare needs in both rural and urban regions across Kentucky. Through this partnership, over 200 AmeriCorps members are placed in nonprofit healthcare facilities each year, providing crucial support to vulnerable groups. The recruitment process is inclusive, attracting passionate individuals from diverse backgrounds, but who share a passion for making a difference in the health of others.

Madison, one of our FSH HealthCorps members, is grateful to be part of the team at Baptist Health Louisville. She notes that the staff members at the organization exemplify inclusivity in every aspect, consistently going above and beyond to ensure that everyone feels valued and included.

Madison finds fulfillment in contributing to the well-being of both staff and the community. She readily shares that the program has provided her with a seamless transition from theoretical knowledge to practical, hands-on application. She believes that this experience not only enhances her skills but also deepens her sense of connection and purpose within the organization and the community as a whole.
FSH Affiliates provide support to nonprofits nationwide, helping them replicate the FSH mission in their respective communities. Serving families and communities across the United States from Los Angeles to Raleigh, Minneapolis to Mesa, Pittsburgh to Tampa and many others in between.

FSH Resources include MyKY.info, as the first of FSH’s mobilized web-apps, free to users across the commonwealth and filled with free resources. The web-app provides language options for English, Spanish, French and, in the Louisville area, Arabic.

17 Locations

2,691 of Resources
Mission Statement:
The mission of Family is to create cycles of success in our communities by providing access to opportunities and resources that promote a life of self-sufficiency and generational prosperity.
Each year, Family Scholar House serves disadvantaged single parents, their children, and young adults aging out of foster care with a comprehensive, holistic continuum of care that meets them where they are and empowers them toward their educational, career, and family goals.

FSH Works was born from the upstream work of Family Scholar House. The mission of FSH Works is to create cycles of success in our communities by promoting and supporting a path to sustained employment and career growth.

In 2023:

- Supporting 417 KY HealthCorp Members
- Serving 85,789 Households in 34 States
- 154,053 Total Calls Completed by the Trager Response Center

863 Degrees Earned
114 Homeowners
98,167 Coaching Sessions Completed Annually
Please visit www.familyscholarhouse.org/resources for a comprehensive list of donations received January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

For a full list of our staff leadership, Boards of Directors and Trustees, please visit our website.