



Transforming Lives in 2016

A Report to Funders

2016 was a year of tremendous growth for Jeremiah Program. Thanks to support from funders like you, we accelerated our efforts to meet the growing demand across the country for Jeremiah's proven two-generation approach to transforming families from poverty to prosperity.

We are pleased to share highlights of our accomplishments this past year. **Because of your support, we:**

- » **Completed a capital campaign and cut the ribbon** on a beautiful new campus in Austin, TX, in March 2017 thanks to major gifts from partners such as the Moody Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Nelson Puett Foundation, Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation, and Austin Housing Finance Corporation.
- » **Established a permanent home in Boston, MA**, to offer our holistic support to families thanks to ongoing support from Annie E. Casey Foundation, Endicott College and new Boston partners including The Boston Foundation and BNY Mellon Foundation.
- » **Received major capital gifts** from Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, National Housing Trust Fund, and two anonymous donors, nearly completing our capital campaign for a campus that will serve 20 families at a time in Fargo, ND-Moorhead, MN.
- » **Introduced mental health services and greatly expanded career services** for our determined mothers in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, with the support of many local partners, including Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Opus Foundation, The Saint Paul Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, and F. R. Bigelow Foundation.
- » **Hired our first Executive Director in Rochester, MN**, thanks to early support from Otto Bremer Trust, Mayo Clinic, Rochester Area Foundation and local partners such as Olmsted County Community Services and Families First of Minnesota.
- » **Provided support to 15 cities** interested in bringing a Jeremiah Program to their communities, including Charlottesville, VA, and Brownsville, NY. We also formed important partnerships with Community Solutions and SCO Family Services in Brooklyn, NY.

Thank You!

2016 Outcomes

455 women and children served in five cities across the United States

68% increase in earnings for 2016 Jeremiah graduates from what they were earning when they entered the program

70% of moms across all Jeremiah campuses who were academic all-stars (earning a GPA of 3.0 or above)

81% of alumnae children who attended a Jeremiah child development center are performing at or above grade level in elementary or middle school

\$47,609 average income of graduates from the past five years

15,714 volunteer hours given by **1,422** volunteers across our locations

Jeremiah Program Austin

We successfully completed the capital campaign and construction on an expanded campus and opened our doors in March 2017! This beautiful new location offers 35 two-bedroom apartments; an on-site, five-classroom child development center for up to 60 children; two covered playground areas; classrooms for Jeremiah's required empowerment and life skills training; communal gathering spaces; and staff offices.



WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE:

- » Served 63 mothers and children, with 18 people completing our prerequisite empowerment course
- » Engaged 250 volunteers who contributed 1,417 hours of service
- » Conducted 118 coaching sessions and 25 life skills classes for our mothers
- » Hired our first child development center director
- » Celebrated receipt of a \$500,000 grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

Jeremiah Program Boston

We established a permanent home base at 130 Warren Street in Roxbury where we offer holistic support to determined single mothers and their children. We continue to work with leading organizations to deliver the core elements of our model.



WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE:

- » Served 83 women and children, with 26 families with 40 children enrolled in our full program
- » Conducted 191 coaching sessions and 25 life skills classes
- » Celebrated a high (87%) college retention rate and improved grades among our moms with 60% of mothers becoming academic all-stars (GPA of 3.0 or above)
- » Celebrated the majority of Jeremiah children performing at or above age-appropriate benchmarks
- » Engaged 75 volunteers who contributed 810 hours of service
- » Became an active member of Consortium on Young Parents and the Massachusetts Two Generations Disrupting Poverty

Jeremiah Program Fargo-Moorhead

With major gifts secured from the National Housing Trust Fund, Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, and two anonymous sources, we reached 90% of our capital campaign goal. We expect to break ground in summer 2017 on a campus serving 20 families. We continue to offer empowerment training and have added life skills programming for mothers awaiting admission to the new campus.



WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE:

- » Served 27 women and children, with 18 single mothers completing our prerequisite empowerment course
- » Engaged 50 volunteers who contributed 500 hours of service
- » Built a pipeline of more than 100 enthusiastic partners, including 52 community referral partners
- » Celebrated a record-breaking attendance of nearly 300 local community members at our signature Generation Builders 2x2 Luncheon (more than doubling our attendance goal!)
- » Doubled our Giving Hearts Day gifts from 2015
- » Gathered more than 100 engaged professionals in a new “Women. Empower. Unite.” event

Jeremiah Program Minneapolis-St. Paul

We celebrated the graduation of 11 mothers and 21 children. Our graduates from 2016 reported an average wage of \$18.36 per hour, up 68% from when they entered the program. We are thrilled to report that 88% of children in Jeremiah’s child development centers are performing above age-appropriate developmental benchmarks. Importantly, we expanded career development services to help mothers find better fitting and higher paying jobs, and offered on-site mental health services to improve family wellness for long-term prosperity.



WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE:

- » Served 290 women and children, with 28 mothers completing our prerequisite empowerment course
- » Celebrated 77% of resident mothers as academic all-stars (earning 3.0 or above)
- » Launched a major new initiative with Raise the Barr Foundation, Minnesota Vikings Anthony Barr’s Foundation
- » Earned the prestigious “Service Enterprise” volunteer certification from Points of Light
- » Engaged more than 1,000 volunteers who contributed 13,000 hours of service
- » Welcomed nearly 600 guests to our annual Bullfrog Bash gala, raising \$425,000 for our campuses

Jeremiah Program 2016 National Highlights

ACCELERATION, INNOVATION, AND DEMONSTRATION DEFINE JEREMIAH PROGRAM'S STRATEGIC DIRECTION: acceleration of our impact, innovation in how we deliver our program, and demonstration of our model as we advance a national conversation on the two-generation approach to ending poverty. In 2016, Jeremiah Program made progress across all four of our strategic objectives.

GROWTH Jeremiah completed campus construction in Austin, TX; advanced preparatory work to build the Fargo, ND-Moorhead, MN, campus; and devoted significant time to exploring innovative models of delivery that allow us to serve more families more quickly, such as our non-residential model in Boston, MA. We also introduced two initiatives in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, to increase programmatic reach: mental health and expanded career-readiness services. Our goal is to increase the number of families we serve by 70% by 2018.

IMPACT To enhance and improve our expansion efforts, we developed a new community handbook that streamlines the campus development process. We also established the groundwork for a 20-year longitudinal study slated for 2017. This study will investigate which programmatic elements made the most significant and measurable impact on family prosperity.

LEADERSHIP President and CEO Gloria Perez and Director of Program Excellence Wanda N. Walker presented as experts on two-generation strategies to reduce poverty at several national conferences, including the Aspen Institute State of 2 Gen Roundtable, U.S. Department of Education Better Outcomes Through a 2Gen Approach Conference, and Office of Family Assistance Convening in Washington, D.C. Gloria also spoke on a panel at Soledad O'Brien's PowHERful Summit in St. Paul, MN. Jeremiah's national governing board of directors formed a policy task force to advance the organization's knowledge and leadership in key policy arenas.

CAPACITY Jeremiah established a new national headquarters location in Minneapolis to accommodate growth. We also upgraded our IT systems and expanded our finance, advancement, and human resources teams to better serve existing and new program sites. This included the hire of our first-ever Chief Advancement Officer and Chief Operations Officer.

We are deeply grateful for the support of Ascend at the Aspen Institute and for early leading investors in Jeremiah's national growth and innovation efforts: Annie E. Casey Foundation, William Randolph Hearst Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Foundation, Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, Wells Fargo, Data Recognition Corporation, Stand Together, Katherine B. Anderson Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation, F. R. Bigelow Foundation, Wellington Management, and dozens of major individual philanthropists who have made our work possible.

There is much more to be done, and with your continued support, we can move even more families across the country from poverty to prosperity.

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