



Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.

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Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities

SHINING STARS YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

2016 Annual Report

Children from homeless and lower-income households often experience difficulties in academic competencies and lack the basic social and cultural skills necessary for future success. These children often fall further and further behind their peers academically, socially, and ultimately, economically. For nearly twenty years, the *Shining Stars Youth Education Program* has provided the youngest guests of Hope House and children from households in the surrounding neighborhoods with an environment which is safe and structured, built on trust and empathy, and staffed by caring adults who offer opportunities that strengthen academics, model positive social skills, and provide an atmosphere in which to practice new skills. Youth are offered a plethora of unique experiences to further their development as students and citizens.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The population served by the Shining Stars Youth Education Program is children, ages 6 – 17, living on-site in the Hope House shelter or within the community on Milwaukee's south side. The majority of community youth participants live in neighborhoods in close proximity to Hope House.

In the year 2016, Shining Stars served a total of 116 children – 52 females, 64 males – demographically comprised of 73% African American, 20% White, and 6% Bi-Racial. 23% were also Hispanic.

PROGRAM GOALS, INDICATORS AND RESULTS

The Shining Stars Youth Education Program is based upon the active involvement of youth in a variety of activities, workshops, and excursions that increase knowledge, improve skills, and teach new behaviors and strategies for future success at home, school, and in the community.

GOAL 1: TO IMPROVE BASIC ACADEMIC SKILLS

Indicator: *Participants will demonstrate concrete improvement on academic skills, social decision making and receive individual tutoring.*

Results: **1,870 hours of individual tutoring have been provided this year.**

GOAL 2: TO ENRICH COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS AND DIVERSIFY THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indicator: *Participants will participate in a diverse set of educationally enriching workshops and community and cultural awareness activities.*

Results: **260 hours of educational enrichment workshops were provided in 2016.**

Results: **Over 200 hours of volunteering provided by Shining Stars youth.**