

# Playtime Project

# MORE SPACES TO PLAY

## OUR IMPACT

8,946

PLAYROOM VISITS

Each child's visit represents an opportunity to connect with a caring adult, build self-confidence and resiliency, constructively express emotions, solve problems creatively, develop new friendships, and enjoy a healthy snack.

945

CHILDREN SERVED

177

PLAY COSTUMES DISTRIBUTED

606

HOLIDAY GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

135

FAMILY REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The mission of the Homeless Children's Playtime Project is to cultivate resilience in children experiencing family homelessness by providing and expanding access to transformative play experiences.

We do this by:

- Creating ongoing play opportunities that nurture healthy child development
- Challenging systemic injustice by advocating for policies and practices that reduce the risk of chronic homelessness
- Connecting families with critical support services and supplies in the community to meet their concrete needs

This year, we transitioned out of D.C. General Emergency Family Shelter and added two more hotel shelters, ending the year at three overflow shelter hotels and two transitional housing sites.

Through this change, we continued to serve more children. We gave nine-year-old "Brayden" the chance to explore new activities, to be encouraged, and to learn how much he is valued. With the encouragement of a volunteer, he learned to use a crochet needle to create a pot holder on a loom—a gift for his mom, he said. "Rashid," who is deaf, worked with one of our interns, who helped him understand the evening's activities and taught the other children and volunteers how to communicate with him. Having someone who could effectively communicate with Rashid was instrumental in helping him not only feel included, but in making his experience at Playtime more meaningful. And so many more like Brayden and Rashid.

Many of the children we serve have very specific needs, and Playtime embraces the challenge to meet those needs. We adapt and find the right resource to ensure that each child gets their needs met, no matter what those needs are.

With the support of donors and volunteers, Playtime gives children the chance to solve problems creatively, build self-confidence and resiliency, develop new friendships, and enjoy activities designed to support healthy child development.

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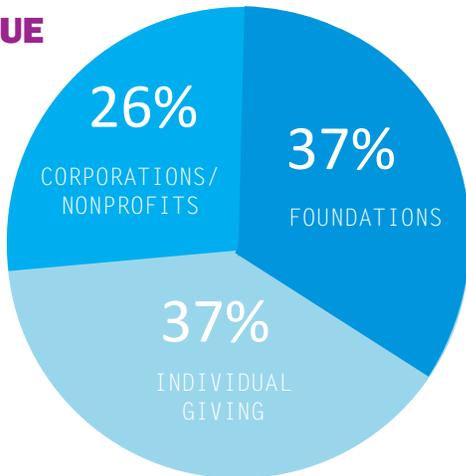


## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Playtime Project is exclusively funded by private foundations, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and generous individual donors.

**We thank them for making our work and play possible!**

### REVENUE



Expense breakdown for FY2018 is not yet presented pending completion of formal audit.

Revenue:	\$ 1,057,873.00
Expenses:	\$ 990,612.00
Assets as of 12/31/18:	\$ 1,175,338.00

The unaudited financial information set forth above is preliminary and subject to adjustments and modifications after the audit.

## VOLUNTEERS GIVE THE GIFT OF PLAY

More than 150 Play Rangers (weekly volunteers) dedicate their time every week to support positive emotional development for one of the most vulnerable populations in the District. They make a weekly commitment to participate in one of our 16 weekly programs in five temporary housing facilities. **We could not provide Playtime without them.**

Additional volunteer opportunities include coordinating in-kind donation drives, hosting parties, cleaning our playrooms, and sharing special skills and talents with our children and youth.

**242** TOTAL WEEKLY PLAY RANGERS  
**60** GROUP VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS  
**10,077** APPROXIMATE TOTAL PLAYTIME VOLUNTEER HOURS

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## LOCATIONS

Turning Point Center for Women & Families | The Salvation Army (Ward 1)  
DASH Cornerstone Building | District Alliance for Safe Housing (Ward 5)  
Days Inn Overflow Shelter | The Community Partnership for Prevention of Homelessness (Ward 5)  
Hotel Arboretum Overflow Shelter | The Community Partnership for Prevention of Homelessness (Ward 5)  
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