



Holy Ground PBC

200 W. 20th Street
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2022 Annual Impact Report

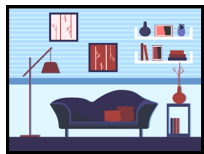
Holy Ground Shelter for Homeless, Inc. (DBA: Holy Ground PBC) was created in 2008 to serve homeless, pregnant or parenting young women and their children - one of the most underserved populations in Palm Beach County. In 2009, we were established as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. We became fully operational in October 2011 as we welcomed our first young family. Holy Ground PBC is an independent, faith-based, nondenominational organization.

Our mission is to shelter and mentor homeless, pregnant or parenting young women, and their children, living in Palm Beach County who are willing to make positive changes in their lives. Our long-term program utilizes adult female mentors and an independent living model. Our core program is "Home and Hope". Since 2011, we have been providing our young families with a "home" (individual apartments) through the generosity of foundations and private donors and "hope" through our comprehensive wraparound services. In 2022, we served 24 moms and 37 children.

Because of your generosity

Nights of Shelter:

3,066 nights of shelter for 24 families consisting of 24 moms and 37 children in



individual, furnished apartments.

Supplemental Childcare:

\$30,675 provided through Early Learning Coalition facilities or through private caregivers during evenings and weekends as needed.



Supplemental Education/Vocational Training:



\$8000 in funding for class fees, books, uniforms, testing, tutoring and Fr. Obin, OMI scholarships.

Trauma-Informed Counseling and ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) Training:



\$30,075 to help our moms and children to heal and build resilience.

Mentoring:

By trained volunteer adult females who journey with our young families by giving of their time and sharing their wisdom and acting as encouragers, coaches and partners. Value: priceless!



Essential Resources:

\$34,775 for medical services, supplemental food, transportation, cultural experiences, diapers, baby and household equipment, etc.



Achievements

Organization:

- ◆ Renovated our 2nd campus (Waltz Family Campus) located in Lake Park which included a new roof, impact windows and doors, a security gate facing the back of the property, fencing around the children's play area plus a security gate and rubber mulch; additionally, a complete remodel of the kitchen and bathrooms in all 7 apartments was completed.
- ◆ Held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 15, 2022 at our new campus; it was well attended. We were honored to have two commis-



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sioners from Lake Park in attendance.

- ◆ We established an Investment Fund through the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin County.

- ◆ Holy Ground board member, Barbara Richardson, received the Volunteer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award from the Junior League of Boca Raton. This particular award is reserved for truly outstanding individuals and was last awarded nearly a decade ago.

- ◆ Our tutoring center for our children, The Learning Tree, continues to help our youngsters excel academically while also teaching the children to be kind and caring human beings.



Moms and Children:

- ◆ One of our moms successfully completed her EMT class; another mom completed her billing and coding class; one mom is preparing to take her national dental assistant exam; another will be graduating in the spring with her B.S. degree and several other moms are attending classes at Palm Beach State College or at vocational institutes. One of our moms has also applied to participate in Extraordinary Charities' culinary class and expects to be starting classes in early 2023.
- ◆ Two of our moms were assisted in obtaining medical daycare services to meet their children's medical needs.
- ◆ We were thrilled and very proud to learn that one of our children completed elementary school with flying colors! In total, she earned recognition in math, school safety patrol, art, athletics, good character and community service

plus she received the 2022 President's Education Award for outstanding academic achievement and a letter signed by President Biden!

- ◆ One of our most celebrated successes in 2022 is that one of the moms who had completed our residential program and then moved to our Aftercare/Independent Living Program recently purchased a home. We are deeply blessed to have been able to assist this mom as she moved from homeless to homeowner. Another one of our moms in the same program is also moving closer to being able to purchase a home.



Adjunct Initiatives

ACE Project - Holy Ground PBC continues to employ ACE strategies in an effort to reduce and heal the physical and mental wounds related to Adverse Childhood Experiences that many of our young moms and their children have experienced. According to the Centers for Disease Control, ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance abuse problems in adolescence and adulthood. ACEs can also negatively impact education, job opportunities, and earning potential; however, with proper intervention, healing can take place. If mediation occurs early enough, they can be prevented. To learn more about ACEs, please go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/fastfact.html>.

Faith in Action PBC - Holy Ground PBC was the catalyst for the formation of this group. Since its inception in 2018, Faith in Action PBC has held a series of educational/advocacy workshops about helping to end the housing crisis in Palm Beach County...most recently in October of 2022. To learn more about Faith in Action PBC, the Sadowski Fund, or to join the effort, contact faithinactionpbc@gmail.com or see their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/faithinactionpbc>).