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*Upward Transitions prevents generational poverty in our community!*

**Join us Tuesday, September 4 @ 1:00 pm for a special "A Moment of Hope with Upward Transitions" on Facebook featuring Ashleigh Sorrell Rose of United Way!**

**A Letter From Our CEO, Periann Pulliam:**



## UPWARD TRANSITIONS

Serving our community since 1925

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August 22, 2023

In preparation for Upward Transitions' Centennial Celebration in 2025, I have read binders full of historic documents and my sense of pride for this amazing organization has intensified. I am humbled by the number of civic leaders and people from all walks of life who have dedicated their time, skills, and money to build an organization which has served the most vulnerable citizens of Central Oklahoma through recession and depression, social unrest and global wars, pandemics and natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and so much more. I hope you will join us in our mission to prevent generational poverty with your monthly, quarterly, or annual gift.

Through community collaboration, emergency relief, and empowerment, Upward Transitions inspired hope for nearly 4,000 of our neighbors experiencing housing instability last fiscal year, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Through the generous support of community focused organizations such as Inasmuch Foundation, the Arnall Community Fund at Oklahoma City Community Foundation, United Way of Central Oklahoma, and many more, Upward Transitions has expanded our capacity to serve those who are experiencing homelessness and at risk of becoming homeless. Last fiscal year, our team of 11 provided more legal documents and state IDs than we have ever provided in our history. These necessary documents removed significant barriers to obtaining employment, securing housing, and accessing critical services.

This year, Upward Transitions will expand our homeless prevention services and help stop evictions for more families who are experiencing a financial crisis. A one-time assistance with rent or utilities can help stabilize housing for a family and avoid the traumatic impact which can have negative, lasting effects on a child's health, wellbeing, and ability to learn.

As we begin a new fiscal year, we are committed to serving those who are homeless, impoverished, and stranded. Our vision is to end generational poverty in Oklahoma County, and we need your support to offer hope and help in removing barriers to exiting homelessness and keeping families and seniors in their homes. I am asking you to please consider contributing your financial gift to Upward Transitions today. Your gift is crucial in helping us prevent homelessness in our community. Can our community count on your support?

With an abundance of gratitude,

Periann Pulliam, CEO

P.S. A gift of \$1,000 can change the trajectory of a family! Give today!

Save the date: May 10, 2024 – American Tourist, New Orleans!

**Our mission to prevent generational poverty through community collaboration, emergency relief, and empowerment, therefore inspiring hope with our neighbors experiencing housing instability.**





# FY2023 Annual Report Highlights

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

We assisted **3,956** people in **2,615** households in FY2023!



**1,808** clients gained access to financial and housing stability when they obtained birth certificates and State IDs.

**68** clients increased their safety by traveling to a safe place with a support system.

**1,182** children benefitted from our services.

**3,164** clients stated that they felt more hopeful after receiving our services.

**792** people in **285** households maintained stable housing when they received rent or utility assistance. **74%** maintained stable housing with utilities connected for up to 1 year.

## How does your donation impact our mission?

*In FY2023, **89 cents** of every dollar donated went directly to our client programs.*

**\$2,500** can prevent 4 families from being evicted.

**\$1,000** can restore utilities for 3 families.

**\$500** can pay public housing deposits for 4 families.

**\$250** can help a victim of domestic violence or human trafficking travel to a safe location.

**\$100** can help 4 citizens obtain identification documents to re-establish their identity to secure employment or housing.

**\$50** can provide work clothes for 1 person to start a new job.

For more information, go to:

[www.UpwardTransitions.org](http://www.UpwardTransitions.org)

*Thank you for  
your support!*

## Join Our Circle of Hope!

The members of the “Circle of Hope” are those supporters of Upward Transitions who have chosen to support the mission of preventing generational poverty by giving a monetary donation\* at a level of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.

The “Circle of Hope” will be recognized at our annual American Tourist fundraiser and invited to a special Partner celebration in the fall of each year.

\$1,000 dollars is a meaningful investment in the work of Upward Transitions. Research reveals that a “one-time assistance of \$1,000 with rent or utility payments can prevent a family from becoming homeless for up to 2 years and 76% less likely to become homeless after 6 months.”

The “Circle of Hope” members are making a significant investment in the work of Upward Transitions. We are grateful for their partnership and for the hope they inspire every day through the work of community collaboration, emergency relief, and empowerment.

[Learn more about Upward Transitions' Circle of Hope](#)

For more information, please email Karla Stinnett at [kstinnett@upwardtransitions.org](mailto:kstinnett@upwardtransitions.org), visit our website at [upwardtransitions.org](http://upwardtransitions.org), or call our office at 405-232-5507.



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