FAMILY MATTERS

ANNUAL REPORT

September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018
FAMILY MATTERS' MISSION

Family Matters partners with youth and families in northeast Chicago to address and overcome structural racism and systemic oppression to build an equitable society.

Vision: To facilitate personal and collective justice utilizing the Principles of Leadership—developing strong relationships, meaningful communication, and safe environments—for courageous social change.

A Note About our Work

In the city and the nation, racism, violence, and oppression still remain, and it could be argued that segregation and inequity are even more evident today. In its 32 years, Family Matters has also seen the power of relationships, education, and leadership development in dissolving barriers and developing potentials. Through our experience with peace building communication and youth mentoring, we have witnessed how individual lives, families, and communities can be changed. This is why we continue to do the work we do, now through the targeted lens of eliminating racism and oppression.

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YOUTH & PROGRAMS

95% Living below poverty level
60% First- or second-generation immigrant
70% Experienced or witnessed trauma
90% Potential first-generation college students

113 Youth Members
124 Volunteers
3,694 Hours volunteered

It feels like a second home. It’s like nobody can hurt me here.
- Family Matters Youth Member

Family Connections
Literacy & Leadership
Ages 6 - 12

That Goddess Power
Teen Girls Program
Ages 13 - 19

Boys to Men
Teen Boys Program
Ages 13 - 19

Evening Tutoring
1:1 Tutoring/Mentoring
Ages 8 - 19

YOUTH Participated in activities/discussions about:
Equity in education
Coping with stress
Resolving conflicts
Peace Circles
Cultural diversity
Gun violence
Community beautification
Self-care and self-love
Consent
Goal-setting
Career- and college-readiness
Physical fitness
Community service
Employment-seeking strategies

Just being here makes me feel safe.
- Family Matters Youth Member
Statement of Financial Position
August 31, 2018

Assets
Cash and cash equivalents $188,115
Accounts Receivable 97,185
Investments 24,576
Property and Equipment (less depreciation) 58,619

Total Assets $368,495

Liabilities & Net Assets
Accounts Payable $3,817
Accrued Expenses 4,021

Total Liabilities $7,838

Net Assets
Unrestricted $255,030
Temporarily restricted 105,627

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Revenue Breakdown

- Individuals 51%
- Foundations 25%
- Corporations 8%
- Faith Groups 6%
- Faith Groups 10%
- City of Chicago 6%
During the 2017-2018 academic year, Family Matters welcomed over 125 regular volunteers who contributed nearly 3,700 hours!

In addition to weekly tutor/mentors, we appreciate all of the event committee members, administrative volunteers, and school groups who donate their time to Family Matters. Thank you!

Ways to Volunteer at Family Matters:

- Work with a youth one-to-one weekly as a tutor/mentor
- Volunteer to support administrative tasks
- Join an event committee
- Share information about your career or professional field with youth
- Chaperone a group of teens on a college visit
- Write an article for Family Matters' Blog

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Devon at devon@familymatterschicago.org.

The following organizations sent groups of volunteers and/or interns to Family Matters during the 2017-2018 year:

- Adler School of Psychology
- Loyola University
- New Trier High School
- Northwestern University
- Northeastern IL University
- Sacred Heart Schools

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

2017 - 2018 Volunteers

The following people volunteered with Family Matters on a regular basis during the 2017-2018 year:

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