The Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble performed at the Lancaster Avenue Jazz and Arts Festival courtesy of The Mann Center for the Performing Arts.

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Dear Friends:

Time passes, and the world around us changes; but, the mission and work of People’s Emergency Center remains critical to the people and communities that we serve.

PEC nurtures families, strengthens neighborhoods and drives change with an array of programs that are trauma-informed, strengths-based, and solution-focused. This report demonstrates the progress that PEC has made from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the following areas:

- Emergency and transitional housing, case management, and attachment to permanent housing for parenting youth and women with children experiencing homelessness;
- Ensuring youth and families have access to parenting and early childhood education, income supports, and lifeskills training to ensure continued independence and growth;
- Building community opportunity with employment and financial services, small business support, technology and internet access, and arts and culture collaborations; and
- Leading change in homelessness services and early childhood education through outreach, research, and engaging policymakers.

We know that success for the people we serve does not occur in a vacuum, so we provide resources and services where necessary, support the assets and needs of the community around our housing units, and continue to guide policymakers to plan for and strengthen the development of affordable housing for all with the decisions that they make.

We are humbled to be trusted with the care of PEC, and with the stewardship of your investment of time, resources, talent and funding in our mission to make homelessness a rare and brief experience for the families that we serve and to strengthen the neighborhoods around PEC.

Whether you are a volunteer, donor, neighbor, corporate representative, private foundation staff, collaborative partner, government funder or policymaker, your support is vital to the success of our programs, families, and communities. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Verrill
Chair, PEC Board of Directors

Kathy Desmond
President, PEC
Emergency Housing

PEC nurtures families through housing coupled with trauma-informed case management and robust program and service offerings. Sixty-seven families—67 women and their 130 children—lived in PEC’s emergency housing between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. We also housed seven unaccompanied teens with their four children. They stayed in one of our six dormitory rooms, sharing the use of bathrooms, visitor’s lounge, library and computer lab. They enjoyed three nutritious meals plus healthy snacks daily in our cafeteria.

PEC provided emergency housing in partnership with the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. The former refers adult-led households and the latter refers teen-led households to PEC’s emergency shelter. PEC’s emergency housing offers safe and stable shelter for families experiencing homelessness; however, most families need additional services as well as access to moving funds to alleviate their housing insecurity. PEC provides services to both meet families’ immediate needs and plan next steps to succeed in permanent housing.

Families received food, clothing, linens, healthcare and school supplies to meet their immediate needs. During intake interviews, our counselor assesses family members for developmental delays, trauma history and other underlying problems that may have led to their homelessness. PEC case managers work with families to create an individualized plan, based on their strengths, to secure permanent housing.
To promote better long-term outcomes for education, training and employment, PEC offered all heads of household assistance with connecting to programs designed to meet their needs, such as securing employment or receiving outpatient substance abuse treatment or counseling. PEC provided a variety of solutions-based opportunities on-site for parents, including parenting education, computer literacy skills, employment training, conflict resolution, counseling, and lifeskills programs. Youth heads of household were offered education-related services, including tutoring, books, access to childcare during programs, online General Equivalency Diploma courses and transportation to offsite educational programs.

**Christina’s Story:** Christina (name changed to protect her privacy) and her three young children arrived at PEC in need of emergency housing after her landlord sold the home she was renting, and she was unable to secure affordable housing. Christina’s two oldest children attended preschool while she learned new parenting skills and increased her parenting self-confidence in group and individual sessions at PEC’s Center for Parenting and Early Childhood Education (CPECE). Christina and her youngest child enjoyed time together in facilitated parent-child interaction activities at CPECE and found nearby activities to enjoy, such as the local playground and library and the PEC Halloween parade. Christina took advantage of the many resources offered at PEC – parenting support groups, art workshops, conflict resolution training, women’s wellness discussions, financial literacy and job readiness programming.

A reserved, introverted young mother, Christina was initially reluctant to engage with PEC staff and residents. As she attended CPECE, she found peer support among other mothers facing similar circumstances, and her levels of trust and motivation improved greatly. She confronted significant challenges, including debilitating anxiety, for which she sought and maintained treatment. She began to confide in staff about challenges faced by her and her family, and she responded positively to advice about self-care skills in the interests of the well-being of both her and her children.

With the assistance of PEC case managers, a therapist, residential assistants and CPECE staff, and a childcare subsidy from Child Care Information Services of Philadelphia, Christina’s three children now attend preschool, and she participates in full-time job development services. She has made great strides to improve her life circumstances and prospects for a healthy family life through a positive transformation in her demeanor, motivation and outlook on life. Christina is hopeful as she works towards gainful employment and independent living for her family.

**Transitional Housing**

PEC has two transitional housing apartment facilities: Gloria’s Place, which serves families headed by young adults ages 16-24, and Rowan House, serving families headed by adults 25 years or older. Both Gloria’s Place and Rowan House, with PEC’s onsite support programs and access to moving funds, are designed to help families overcome barriers to secure permanent housing and build a foundation for sustainable success. Sixty-eight individuals moved into transitional housing in fiscal year 2017. All families engaged in case management, housing search, and programs of their choice.

Gloria’s Place housed 20 families with 35 children in fiscal year 2017. Each family lived in their own unit with private bathrooms, and ate their meals in the community setting of PEC’s onsite cafeteria. The living units provided family privacy while the young adult parents had ready access to case management and program staff to help them prepare for independent living in the community.

Rowan House housed 38 families with 69 children in fiscal year 2017. These family units have a kitchenette in addition to living space and bathroom. Families in this community also had access to case managers and program staff equipped to help them move towards housing stability.
Makayla's Story: Makayla (name changed to protect her privacy) moved to PEC in November 2015 with her two young children. From the beginning, she expressed determination to take advantage of our programs, meeting with her case manager regularly and learning in our parenting education program. She and her family moved into our transitional housing in June 2016. Makayla secured a job, worked for a few weeks, and then was released from employment. This pattern repeated itself a few times, which was discouraging, but Makayla persevered.

She is now working for a café chain, and focusing on finding permanent affordable housing. She saved money to support her family’s transition to permanent housing, and Makayla meets regularly with PEC’s financial counselor to stay on track.

Moving to a Home of Their Own

Moving costs—security deposit, utility arrearages, furniture—can be prohibitive for families residing in temporary housing. PEC’s moving fund is a critical component supporting their move to permanent housing in the community. Last fiscal year saw a substantial number of residents with large utility arrearages, which are an impediment to securing permanent housing. Thirty-five families received moving funds to pay past utility debts and improve their credit scores, to pay a portion of security deposits or to defray other moving expenses.

Seventy-nine families – 63% of all families in our emergency and transitional housing – successfully moved to permanent housing between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
PEC’s permanent supportive housing program serves formerly homeless families who have a documented special need, such as a serious mental illness or other disability, in partnership with the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services and Philadelphia Housing Authority. One-hundred and twenty families lived in our permanent supportive housing units in fiscal year 2017.

Families had access to a broad array of supports designed to maintain their housing stability. Case management, programs and resources included guidance in running a household and being a good neighbor; assistance with finding, retaining and advancing in a job; and follow-up services for physical and mental healthcare, childcare and substance abuse issues. PEC also provided classes in home ownership and maintenance, financial counseling and access to benefits and income. Quarterly community meetings connected residents to local behavioral health, educational, and employment resources. In addition, PEC offered a series of community building social activities for families residing in our permanent supportive housing program. These included a mother’s day celebration, BBQ and a Family Fun Day at Clementon Park, NJ.

April’s Story
April (name changed to protect her privacy) came to PEC with three children in January 2017 after being forced out of her home due to a neglectful landlord. April brought her optimistic attitude to PEC, working a steady job and taking full advantage of PEC’s programs and services. She attended parenting workshops and family activities on her days off work. She encouraged her oldest child to obtain a position on PEC’s WorkReady teen team. April beamed with pride the day her child graduated from middle school, inviting residents to celebrate with her in the Gloria’s Place lobby. April was both a good mother to her own children and helpful to other mothers experiencing rough patches in parenting. April achieved all of her goals and more. She completed at least two housing applications each month and saved her entire income tax refund, so that moving would be easier. April wasn’t afraid to step outside the box to apply for housing outside Philadelphia. Her hard work and determination paid off as April and her children happily moved from PEC’s emergency housing into PEC’s permanent housing.
Experiencing homelessness itself is a traumatic event. Families often arrive at PEC having experienced multiple additional traumas, such as the death of a family member, eviction from their home or generational poverty. PEC’s Center for Parenting and Early Childhood Education (CPECE) provides robust programming for families in all of our housing facilities, which is designed to increase parenting knowledge, improve skills and confidence, promote healthy interactions between parents and children, work towards breaking a cycle of abuse and address other factors contributing to homelessness and poverty.

CPECE addresses both the needs of parents and their children in collaboration with community partners; 51 women and 135 children benefitted from CPECE services in fiscal year 2017. Among the parenting program highlights was our continuing partnership with Youth Service Inc. to lead parenting education groups using the Nurturing Parenting Program curriculum. This evidence-based curriculum shares knowledge to assist parents in understanding their child’s development; develop empathy and manage and communicate their feelings; understand discipline and learn alternatives to spanking; and establish nurturing parenting routines. Many of the women attending the workshops reported gaining confidence in connecting with, responding to and nurturing their children.

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Homeless Healthcare Initiative (CHOP-HHI) facilitated Women’s Wellness programs with social workers and skilled volunteers. Programs included weekly art therapy, knitting and crocheting and jewelry groups, and monthly onsite discussions with CHOP pediatricians and family medicine/internal medicine residents that talk about healthcare needs for both the women and their children.

Parents participated in a variety of peer support and learning groups. The Trauma Recovery and Empowerment group addressed issues of sexual, physical and emotional abuse. The case manager supported group “#It’sUpToYou” promoted positive self-motivation to overcome obstacles related to homelessness, such as job readiness, education and lifeskills. Parents also learned conflict resolution skills to help them improve their communications and relationship-building skills to enhance their capacity to achieve self-sufficiency. CPECE provided a safe space for families to learn about and practice appropriate parent-child
interactions during structured playtime activities. They enjoyed activities such as story time, arts and crafts, trips to the library and learning activities that promote achievement of developmentally appropriate infant and toddler motor skills, cognitive, social and emotional benchmarks.

Afterschool and summer programs for children provided opportunities to engage with their peers and adults in a structured, safe space. Students had access to homework help, individual tutoring and computer time. Highlights included literacy, arts and science activities. Mighty Writers West teen volunteers mentored students in literacy and creative writing skills. Hand In Hand brought professional artists to PEC to engage youth in hands-on arts instruction that encourages positive self-expression. University City Arts League led dance and acting workshops for youth. GlaxoSmithKline and The Franklin Institute Science Museum brought the science of sports to life through hands-on activities, such as creating bouncy balls to test bounce height against other balls and experimenting with healthy sports drink recipes. PEC staff advocated with parents to school counselors as needed to address academic needs and school performance issues.

Deborah’s Story
Deborah (name changed to protect her privacy) came to PEC with three children after several months of housing instability. The family was reeling from the effects of multiple traumas – the murder of Deborah’s adult son and the sudden death of her longtime partner, which resulted in the family’s homelessness. They frequently fought among themselves, and the 12-year-old child had violent outbursts. Deborah’s youngest child stopped receiving therapeutic services for diagnosed special needs after losing their housing. Deborah was determined to get her struggling family back on track.

Deborah began taking GED classes so she could get a stable job. Her children attended the CPECE afterschool program, getting homework help and participating in activities with their peers. Deborah’s youngest child reconnected with a therapist, and the family began receiving grief counseling. Deborah participated in CPECE workshops and trauma recovery groups; eager to address the tragedies she had experienced to help her move forward. In creative workshops, she discovered she has a talent for crafting; she is now using her newfound skill to sell her crafts, which supplements the family’s income. The family is getting along better, and her 12-year-old’s outbursts have stopped. Their journey has been very difficult, but they have found strength in each other and stability in PEC’s transitional housing.

A volunteer from Friends’ Central School bags gifts for mothers attending our Mother’s Day Luncheon.
Reach and Partnerships
The Center for Employment and Training (CET) at PEC provided income support, financial counseling, employment training and placement services for PEC residents and the surrounding Promise Zone neighborhoods of Belmont, Mantua, West Powelton, Saunders Park and Mill Creek as well as the Philadelphia metro area. CET was a BenePhilly site, assisting Philadelphia residents to access services and benefits such as Temporary Aid for Needy Families, property and renter tax rebates, food and financial support for college. CET was also an agency for the Utility Emergency Service Fund, providing assistance with utility costs. Participants were encouraged to take advantage of all CET services.

Industry Specific Training
Forty-four students participated in one of three vocational skills training tracks—ServSafe®, Customer Service and Sales, or Microsoft Office Specialist certification—in fiscal year 2017. Students learned together in one of 17 cohorts; the cohort model of learning fosters increased self-esteem as students build relationships with peers facing similar employment challenges. Thirty-five vocational skills training participants earned a vocational skill certification.

Employment and Retention Services
PEC has a proven record of accomplishment of training and finding employment for over 1,500 individuals since 1993. Sixty-five CET participants secured 107 job placements with the support of the career developer, and 36 participants retained their job at least six months.

Financial Counseling
Financial education and literacy was a key component of CET’s services, providing 135 residents and community members financial counseling in open workshops and individual sessions to help them reduce household debt, increase net income and savings and increase their credit scores.

Home Ownership and Maintenance Initiative
Basic home maintenance skills are essential to housing stability, and many of our residents lack knowledge about basic maintenance, such as unclogging toilets and drains, changing lightbulbs and hanging items or taking them down properly. Not only are residents empowered to maintain their homes for their own comfort and enjoyment, we hope that by teaching these home maintenance skills, we can reduce our property management costs in the end therefore, PEC developed the Home Ownership and Maintenance Initiative.

PEC’s Home Ownership and Maintenance Initiative was a six-week program offered to residents of our permanent housing units who are ready to move into market rate apartments or purchase a house. HOMI has three basic components: career readiness/employment; financial literacy; and home repair/maintenance. Students began by working on career readiness and employment skills and participating in financial counseling to learn how to budget, save money and maintain a good credit score. Graduates received tool bags and a gift card for a home improvement store, and they learned how and why to use each tool.

Diane’s Story
Diane (name changed to protect her privacy), a PEC resident with a dream of owning her own café, wanted to learn how to manage her budget to get back on her feet financially. With the financial counselor, she reviewed her financial profile and credit score and created a plan to move forward. Diane completed her ServSafe® certification and obtained a job at a local café to learn the business; she now has some responsibility to develop and implement menu selections. She participated in the Home Ownership Maintenance Initiative (HOMI) to learn about and plan for first time home ownership. Diane continues to work with PEC to achieve her credit score and home and business ownership goals.

Professional Development Training is offered with our job specific skills training certificates.
STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS

ART AND PLACEMAKING

“Women in Jazz” was the theme of the 10th Annual Lancaster Avenue Jazz and Arts Festival held on July 16, 2016 at Saunders Park Greene. Over 3,000 people danced, sang, and enjoyed music performed by an all-female lineup. Headlined by pianist Sumi Tonooka, artists included saxophonist Nzinga Banks, trumpeter Dr. Diane Lyle-Smith, poet and vocalist Pheralyn Dove, 12-year-old vocalist and pianist Alesandra Pollack and other musicians.

The Shack Exchange, a pop-up coffee shop and history museum, provided free nutritious drinks and neighborhood history to the Lower Lancaster Avenue community in autumn 2016. This was a collaboration of PEC, Amber Art & Design, and the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations.

Block Party in a Box! brought hundreds of neighbors together at 25 block parties held in summer 2016. Winners of the supplies and party services were selected from neighborhood submissions explaining what made their block special. The winning blocks were presented their prizes in a two-foot square physical box which unfolded into a streetscape diorama, literally a block party in a box.

Lola38, a community-based arts project honoring Lower Lancaster Avenue as a gateway to arts and culture, featured installations, conversations and gatherings to enliven public spaces, encourage civic dialogue and highlight the richness of this neighborhood and its diverse communities. Generously supported by the William Penn Foundation, LoLa38 was a collaboration of PEC, Wexford Science + Technology, the University City Science Center and the Lindy Institute for Urban Innovation at Drexel University.

The project opened with Park[ing] Day on the former United Bank site with grilled food and conversations with neighbors about their vision for future uses of the site; community members identified priority needs including job readiness and employment skills, homeownership, youth engagement, safe streets, civic stewardship, open spaces and local businesses. This event was followed by Paint ‘n Sip, Mid-Night BBQ, a community holiday gathering, multiple community workshops and resource events, artist and community planning sessions and art installations.

Local Artists Ellen Tiberino and Brian Bazemore were among those selected by the community to participate in creative placemaking at LoLa38.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

West Philadelphia History Map, an interactive digital map (westphillyhistory.com), was launched as a partnership between PEC and the Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council, with assistance from neighborhood historian Scott Maits. Its goals are to document the area’s rich history and encourage people to share their stories and memories of this rapidly changing area. Users can explore the neighborhoods west of the Schuylkill River by arts and culture, social movements and civil rights, infrastructure and physical development.
The 4050 Apartments, our most recent affordable housing project, opened for occupancy in January 2017. The 20 apartments serve low-income artists, families and others, featuring amenities conducive for art-making: flexible open layouts, natural light and high ceilings. This neighborhood is home to the second largest community of artists in Philadelphia, who have long been attracted to the area by its stock of affordable housing, public transit, active arts groups and close proximity to galleries and educational institutions. PEC has been building affordable housing in this Lower Lancaster Avenue area of Philadelphia’s Promise Zone for more than twenty years, and this newest development was a product of our commitment to the arts in this community.

Affordable Homeownership was the goal of a rehabilitation project on the 4100 block of Baring Street. PEC renovated a property there in a manner fitting the context of the neighborhood, and enhancing the streetscape of the targeted blocks. The home features modern amenities, including EnergyStar-rated appliances and windows. A working family with income within 120% of the area median income purchased the home in 2017.

Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellow Lea Oxenhandler began a three-year fellowship at PEC in January 2017. This Fellowship program partners emerging architectural designers with local community development organizations, where they facilitate an inclusive approach to development to create green, sustainable and affordable communities. Holding a Masters in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, Lea provides day-to-day management of projects, including identifying new properties, project planning and design. As an integral staff member of PEC, Lea focuses on advancing our practices in community engagement, sustainability, and design excellence.
PEC continued to work with the community to revitalize the commercial corridor on Lancaster Avenue between 38th Street and 42nd Street, focusing on filling vacant commercial spaces and providing employment opportunities. Since May 2016, PEC helped to bring five new start-up businesses to Lancaster Avenue, adding 12 new jobs to the corridor. At a community forum in January 2017, in partnership with Interface Studio, neighbors expressed their opinions about potential future uses for the vacant United Bank building; this forum built on feedback gathered during two previous events.

This year PEC launched the Community Connector Environmental Services Program on Lancaster Avenue. Managed by Community Connectors, the program’s goal is to facilitate the cleaning of sidewalks and curbs along Lancaster Avenue, between 38th and 44th Streets, five days a week. Residents were encouraged to participate in litter reduction efforts through neighborhood clean ups, educational programming, and community meetings.

PEC’s Center for Digital Inclusion & Technology engaged 116 students in grades 1-12 and over 500 adults in computer literacy learning, and we exceeded our goal of improving computer skills for 95% of learners. Some participants learned basic computer skills such as email, internet safety, media literacy, and Microsoft Office suite, while others learned the advanced skills of computer repair, coding, video creation and animation. We delivered training in onsite classes, at schools, pop-up labs and workshops. Ten teens learned the art of video production by producing three videos—“Capturing Positivity in our Community,” “DNC Week ’16,” and “uGo Promo Video”— during their PEC WorkReady paid summer internship. With the help of a volunteer, 75 youth received a free refurbished computer.
FOOD CUPBOARD

Our food cupboard, housed at Rowan House, is one example of how PEC fulfills tangible community needs while building community connections. The food cupboard provided 123,000 pounds of emergency food to 6,670 people in fiscal year 2017. In meeting basic food needs, we continued our focus on health and wellness, promoting healthy food options and offering more fresh produce. Tasting demonstrations of fresh produce and prepared soups encouraged clients to try new foods and learn how to incorporate them into their diet.

This year we experimented with new ways of food distribution to engage our guests and improve customer service. Displaying food items in a “market-style” approach created a more personalized and dignified shopping experience. A “restaurant-style” approach enabled community members to order their food via onsite computers as kitchen volunteers packaged it in real-time and delivered it to them in the lobby.

The food cupboard fostered community connections among youth, seniors and graduates of our Center for Employment and Training. We employed Community Connectors, a network of local youth, to accept donations, take inventory, clean and prepare the kitchen and lobby, manage the distribution process and assist visitors with limited mobility. Volunteer Senior Connectors assisted in sorting and packing food, preparing meals in our community kitchen and greeting clients in the lobby.

Three recent graduates of our career-training program – Maria, Harriet, and Carolyn – are giving back to their community as energetic food cupboard Senior Connectors. Having earned their ServSafe® certification, they often teach volunteers the basics of food safety and sanitation, as well as career skills such as professionalism, accountability and teamwork. They truly exemplify the values embodied in the proverb, “each one teach one.”

Several of our ServSafe® graduates return as volunteers in our anti-hunger programs.
Policy

PEC drives systems change through collaborative leadership and education to expand and improve services for youth and families experiencing homelessness. As a leader of both the Family Service Provider Network for Philadelphia and the statewide Homeless Advocacy and Pennsylvania Provider Network, we are addressing the multifaceted issue of homelessness through research, public education, coalition building and advocacy. We exceeded our targets for participation in several legislative, advocacy and awareness efforts on behalf of families and children experiencing homelessness during fiscal year 2017. PEC was in the forefront of two significant state legislative efforts – the Neighborhood Assistance Program and the Homeless Assistance Program. In coalition with statewide housing agencies, PEC supported Pennsylvania House Bill 2213, the Neighborhood Assistance Program, a proposal to double the amount of neighborhood assistance tax credits from $18 to $36 million. Although this bill did not get to a vote, the Pennsylvania State Senate voted against the House’s proposed budget cut, restoring the final funding to its current level of $18 million.

PEC led a statewide campaign via social media, letter writing and phone calling to persuade the Pennsylvania State Senate to reject the House’s proposed $3 million cut to the Homeless Assistance Program. PEC organized and led meetings with the Senate Appropriations Committee and its chairman. The proposed funding cut was defeated, a significant victory for providers serving families and individuals sheltering in emergency and transitional housing throughout the Commonwealth.

US Senator Bob Casey with families advocating for their communities at the “These Cuts Hurt” Rally.
PEC was active in two major advocacy campaigns—the statewide Homeless Advocacy and Pennsylvania Provider Network and a Philadelphia campaign advocating funding for homelessness prevention services. The goal of the Homeless Advocacy and Pennsylvania Provider Network campaign was to raise awareness for the need for federal strategies addressing homelessness, and it included a communications strategy directed at Pennsylvania’s congressional delegation of its two U.S. Senators and Philadelphia’s three House of Representatives members. PEC staff co-organized a meeting with local advocates to meet Senator Casey in Philadelphia in which more than 100 people participated, and PEC staff traveled to Washington D.C. for advocacy activities. PEC drafted the analysis detailing the impact of federal budget cuts on the City’s ability to house its homeless citizens. This campaign successfully thwarted proposed cuts to homelessness funding in the 2017 federal fiscal year budget; all the Philadelphia House members and Senator Casey endorsed this effort.

PEC’s leadership of the advocacy campaign for City of Philadelphia funding for homelessness prevention had some positive outcomes. This campaign proposed funding of $3 million for prevention services, $3 million to improve services and physical spaces of emergency housing programs and restoration of $25,000 for trauma-informed care and a child development training curriculum. PEC published policy papers, organized meetings with City Council members and rallied supporters at a public hearing, which drew more than 125 people, including 11 who testified in support of the funding request. Although the funding request was denied, City Council allocated $250,000 to legal service agencies for anti-eviction work. PEC’s advocacy campaign had two positive outcomes: The Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services pledged to restore the training curriculum in the new year; and the Philadelphia Housing Trust Fund board voted to provide $500,000 for prevention services to the Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services.

We continued our awareness campaign, Building Early Links for Learning, around the need to include homeless young children in early learning programs, and we began a new awareness campaign focused on how home visiting programs are serving these young children. PEC and its partners published three reports on various aspects of the Building Early Links for Learning project, including baseline information on the number of homeless young children participating in high quality early learning programs. Sixty-five people attended a forum highlighting the first year of this work. Our work on the awareness campaign around home visiting programs’ services to young children experiencing homelessness launched this year with two policy briefs and many meetings with home visiting programs.
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Nurturing Families

For homeless women with children and parenting youth we offer housing, case management, counseling, parenting and early childhood education, financial education and planning, life skills and technology programs. We offer Lower Lancaster and other Philadelphia residents with job training, benefits access, employment services and financial coaching.

Strengthening Neighborhoods

The PEC Community Development Corporation programs respond to community needs and build on neighborhood assets to help bridge the digital divide, expand mixed-income housing opportunities, stimulate economic growth, create wealth, and improve the quality of life for all West Philadelphia residents. Visit lancasteravephilly.com.

Driving Change

PEC advocates for urgently needed public policy changes on behalf of youth and families experiencing homelessness. We work assertively with the local, state and federal governments to advance this legislation.

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