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2015 Annual Report

Working Together, Changing Lives

Who We Are

On July 22, 2016, Our Daily Bread became Britepaths. Though our name has changed, our mission remains the same: To provide our Fairfax County area neighbors in need with short-term safety-net services and empower them to work toward long-term self-sufficiency.

In our 32 years of providing help and hope to struggling residents of the Fairfax County area, Britepaths has been committed to tailoring our services to meet the ever-changing needs of the working poor or those in crisis. We are a dedicated leader in developing sustainable solutions that meet the challenges of low-income working families through emergency assistance, financial literacy and one-on-one mentoring.

We rely on the financial support and volunteer power of civic organizations, businesses, faith communities, local governments and thousands of community members to deliver these vital services to our struggling neighbors.

Visit <http://britepaths.org> to learn more and get involved.

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Reina, Liz and Sonia worked diligently with their mentors for more than a year, and celebrated their graduations from Britepaths' Project BRIDGE Program in November 2015. Read stories about our graduates at: bit.ly/BritepathsStories.



BB&T Fairfax chose Britepaths' Food4Thought Program for its annual Lighthouse Project. Employees gathered at our office on May 13, 2015 to pack 900 weekend food packs with food they donated to give to students in need at our Food4Thought Partner schools.



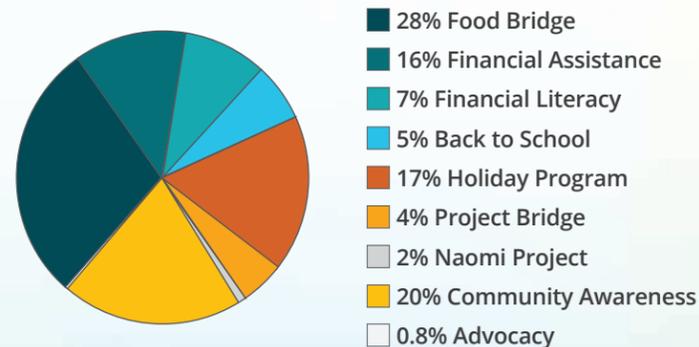
On November 8, 2015, Britepaths joined Lorton Community Action Center to host Complete the Circle FOODRaiser. This annual event brings community members together to raise awareness and feed our hungry neighbors. More than 1,000 participants brought food donations and created an Art for the Sky "living picture."

Working Together

In 2015, Britepaths continued its focus on collaboration and community engagement. Achievements include:

- **Developing and sharing our Financial Literacy best practices.** Dedicated volunteer financial mentors conducted a webinar demonstrating Britepaths' model for Financial Mentoring that was aired nationwide by EmPathways.org, and will remain a training tool for prospective new Mentors. Our strong partnerships with nonprofits and volunteers help our clients achieve an 80% success rate in our Financial Counseling Clinics and Financial Mentoring Program.
- **Fine-tuning and growing our Project BRIDGE Program.** We continued to make great progress in identifying appropriate clients and providing them services that are truly moving them toward self-sufficiency. Our partnerships with other organizations help provide a well-rounded approach. Common outcomes for graduates are: increased savings, eliminated/decreased debt, improved work skills, and feeling empowered to continue on their new path on their own.
- **Advocating for affordable housing,** which is key to our clients' ability to thrive in our expensive area. Britepaths' staff members worked with community organizations to advocate for passage of the City of Fairfax's Affordable Housing resolution.
- **Selection by Compass for a Board Development project.** Skilled pro bono consultants worked with Britepaths' Board of Directors to develop measures that will maintain integrity and foster continuity and vision to fulfill our mission. The project was completed in 2016.

Your Investment Dollars at Work



Changing Lives

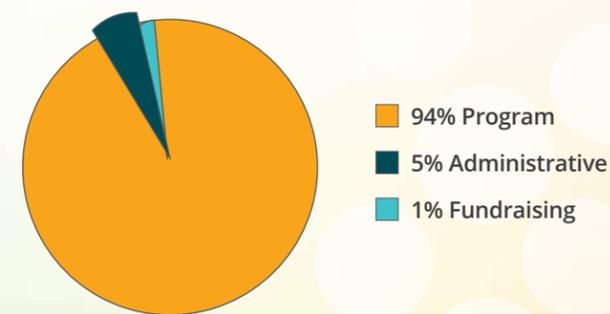
In 2015, Britepaths' part-time staff of 15 harnessed resources provided by community members and the energy of 2,789 volunteers working 8,126 hours to achieve the following results:

- Served 667 **Financial Literacy** clients through classes, clinics or mentoring. 27 Mentoring clients graduated.
- Provided temporary or emergency **Food Assistance** to 328 households.
- Granted 451 households **Financial Assistance** to help them catch up on rent, utility bills or vital car repairs.
- Served 17 **Project BRIDGE** families who are working toward sustained financial self-sufficiency. Six graduated.
- Supported 28 new and expecting moms in the **Naomi Project** to help them have healthy pregnancies and establish healthy and nurturing practices for raising their babies.
- Provided **Holiday Assistance** to 2,945 households, harnessing community support to provide holiday meals and gifts to children in need.
- Provided **Back-to-School Assistance** to 2,789 children in partner schools within the Fairfax County Public School system.

Learn More:

Watch video and read stories about our clients' successes and our work in the community on our News page: britepaths.org/news.

Britepaths Expenses



Financial Audit may be found at: britepaths.org/our-impact/financials

Our Programs

Stabilizing Families

Food Bridge: Britepaths partners with faith communities, businesses and community organizations to deliver grocery gift cards and/or food to 30 families every week. We also provide emergency food assistance, weekend food for children and farmers market vouchers.

Financial Assistance: Britepaths provides help with rent, utility bills, prescriptions and automotive repairs. These one-time financial grants are intended to help remedy a financial setback brought on by a crisis.

Building Resilience

Financial Literacy: Britepaths uses FDIC Money Smart curricula in our one-on-one Financial Mentoring Program and Classes, and provides Financial Counseling and other services to help struggling families understand their credit and create and adhere to a budget.

Naomi Project: Naomi Project mentors work intensively with new or expecting mothers to help them have healthy pregnancies and establish healthy and nurturing practices for raising their babies.

Project BRIDGE: Project BRIDGE clients receive our stability services while working intensively over a year with staff and a volunteer financial mentor to set and achieve financial and career development goals that will help them establish financial self-sufficiency.

Seasonal Supports

Back to School: Britepaths partners with Fairfax County's Collect for Kids initiative to leverage donations from the community to provide school supplies to more than 2,500 Fairfax County students in need.

Holiday Program: It's hard to imagine neighboring kids going without a gift or nice meal at the holidays. Britepaths matches community members with families in need to provide holiday meals and gifts for children.