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2016 Annual Report

Working Together, Changing Lives

Who We Are

On July 22, 2016, Our Daily Bread became Britepaths. Though our name 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 33 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 donate and get involved.

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On July 21, 2016, Our Daily Bread unveiled our new name and brand, Britepaths, at a launch party at the Tower Club of Tysons. Fairfax County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova spoke at the event.



We are proud of Paola, shown here with her Financial Mentor Greg, who graduated from our Project BRIDGE Program in May 2016. The single mother of six worked hard to get a handle on her spending and finances, pay down debts and save, and is now financially self-sufficient.



On November 6, 2016, 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. Nearly 1,000 participants brought food donations and created an Art for the Sky "living picture."

Working Together

"I'm able to pay full monthly rent. I don't need housing assistance. I don't need any type of government assistance. I can do it on my own." – Ms. E, Financial Mentoring Program Graduate

Shared Success Through Financial Mentoring. Britepaths' Financial Mentoring Program brings together staff and dedicated volunteers to work intensively with clients to help them budget, save and improve their financial outlook. With hard work and assistance from volunteers and staff, Ms. E is now able to support her daughters on her own. She is one of 57 clients who received Financial Mentoring in 2016. See Ms. E's testimonial at: <http://bit.ly/MsEStory>.

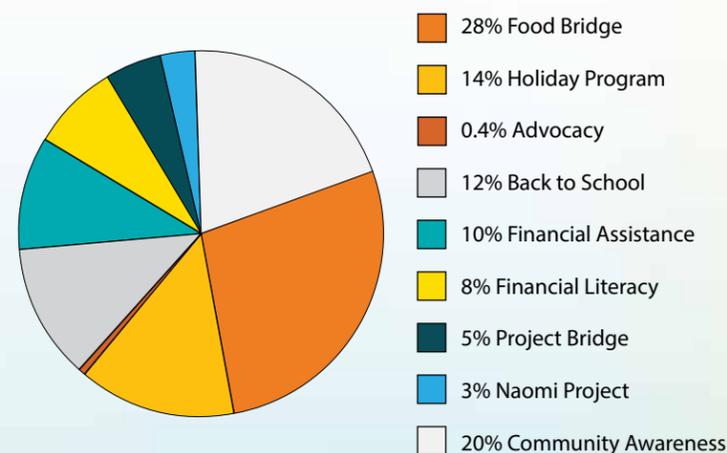
Partnering and Innovating to Expand Program Offerings. In 2016, Britepaths' staff and Board of Directors created two new offerings that launched in 2017:

3 Cups of Coffee® is a short-term mentoring program that matches job-ready clients with volunteers to help them network and jump-start their job search. It is offered through a partnership with the nonprofit Pennsylvania Women Work.

MPower Loans are zero-interest loans offered to Mentoring clients to help them tackle a pressing financial burden or pay for an education initiative to help them improve their financial outlook as they work toward self-sufficiency. Start-up funding was provided by interested volunteers and supporters.

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



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

Changing Lives

In 2016, Britepaths' staff implemented a name change and rebranding, while harnessing resources provided by community members and the energy of 1,293 volunteers working 9,143 hours to achieve the following results:

Served 717 **Financial Literacy** clients through classes, clinics and/or mentoring. 46 Mentoring clients graduated.

Provided temporary or emergency **Food Assistance** to 320 households.

Granted 281 households **Financial Assistance** to help them catch up on rent, utility bills or vital car repairs.

Served 14 **Project BRIDGE** families who are working toward sustained financial self-sufficiency. Four 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 2,924 households, harnessing community support to provide holiday meals and gifts to children in need.

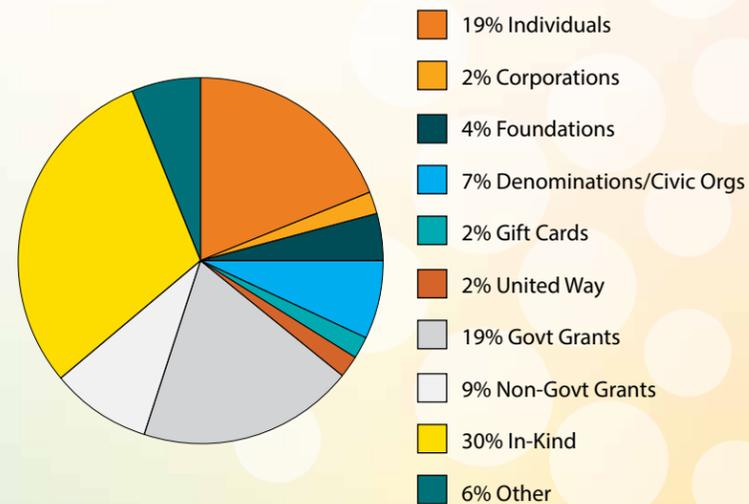
Provided **Back-to-School Assistance** to 2,600 children in partner schools within Fairfax County Public Schools.

Britepaths relies on the generosity of the community to deliver these life-changing services. Consider donating or joining one of our Giving Societies. Visit britepaths.org/get-involved.

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' Revenue Sources



Our Core 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 during the holidays. Britepaths matches community members with families in need to provide holiday meals and gifts for children.