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YWCA: Moving Women and Children from Poverty to Independence

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Poverty in Fort Worth & Tarrant County

- Approximately 94,000 women in poverty
- More than 126,000 children in poverty
- One out of every four children
- 9% of children in Tarrant County live in extreme poverty (less than half Federal Poverty Level)
- Homeless women and children are the most vulnerable of these
- Homelessness is caused when those living in extreme poverty have a crisis AND have no safety net

Causes of Poverty - Structural

The way in which our society is structured culturally, economically, geographically.

Some examples include:

- Low-wage, service economy
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of affordable child care
- Lack of health insurance

Causes of Poverty - Personal

- Experiencing poverty in childhood
- No high school degree
- Having children under the age of 24 and outside of marriage
- Trauma and violence
- Physical illness
- Mental illness
- Substance abuse



YWCA Fort Worth & Tarrant County

- YWCA is ending the cycle of poverty for women and their families through integrated
 - Housing services
 - High-quality affordable child care; and
 - Financial empowerment services



YWCA offers Housing Services for Homeless Women and Children

- Emergency Shelter (*single women only*)
- Transitional Living (*single women only*)
- Rapid Rehousing
- Placement
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Shared Housing
- Estimated 315 households in FY2015



YWCA offers Child Development Services for Homeless Children

- Care is provided at each of three centers – Downtown Fort Worth, Polytechnic and Arlington
- Transportation is offered to and from shelters
- Mothers focus on employment and assistance
- YWCA teachers and environment prepare children for success in kindergarten (100% test ready)
- 75% of homeless children age 5 and under were cared for last year
- HUD funding ends September 30



YWCA Integrates Opportunity to Move out of Poverty

- Employment in Social Enterprise (PowerLunch, Resale Shop, etc.)
- Individualized Financial Education and Coaching
- YWCA Resale Shop offers clothing, housewares and furnishings
- Partner organizations offer range of education, employment and support services



Collaborative Partners in Fort Worth

Housing

- Tarrant County College
- RISE Court
- UNTHSC Health Care Worker program
- Ladder Alliance
- Women's Center
- Recovery Resource Center
- JPS Women's Services
- Wells Fargo

Child Development Centers

- ACH Child & Family Services
- Presbyterian Night Shelter
- Salvation Army
- Union Gospel Mission
- SafeHaven
- FWISD

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