

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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# **OUR MISSION**

To provide a centralized humanitarian services campus of nonprofit organizations that offer hope, opportunity and empowerment.



### 2020: CLARION CALLTO ACT

It is impossible to overstate the impact of 2020 on our community, let alone society at large. Pandemic fears and protocols, job loss and economic anguish; students, teachers (and parents!) forced to online classrooms; and the imperative to honestly address racial justice -- all showed up at our door in 2020.

At the Harrelson Center, we leaned in mightily and found that lessons learned and systems established following Hurricane Florence would serve us well in confronting COVID, our region's next disaster.

Our non-profit partners worked together to meet the multiple facets of need. And, where federal aid or state mandates left gaps, our Help Hub would work to literally keep the water running, electricity available and rent paid.

Yet as non-profits faced a rising demands for their services, social distancing imposed limitations on their fundraising. Golf tournaments, galas, auctions, luncheons – it all seems so 2019.

But operational stability is our cornerstone. Here, working together and sharing resources, the non-profit partners at The Harrelson Center found practical purpose in meeting moral imperatives.

Yes, indeed. 2020 was in many ways a clarion call to The Harrelson Center. A call to action that reinforced our purpose, our mission and our capacities.

Meade Van Pelt Executive Director Here, working together and sharing resources, the non-profit partners at The Harrelson Center found practical purpose in meeting moral imperatives.

- Meade Van Pelt



NONPROFIT
PARTNERS WORKING
COLLABORATIVELY

THROUGH HELP HUB
TO NEIGHBORS

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BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS

TO PARTNERS

25+

\$290,035

\$397,712

# MEETING THEIR MISSION

NON-PROFITS THRIVE AT THE HARRELSON CENTER

The Harrelson Center brings stability to the operations of our nonprofit partners, allowing them to focus on meeting the needs of those whom they serve every day. From benefits that add efficiency and savings to their bottom lines, to the intrinsic advantage found in common ground and common purpose, the organizations at The Harrelson Center are stronger because they are here together.

In sharing space, administrative resources and an easygoing familiarity, Harrelson Center Partners discover and capitalize on each other's strengths. From expanding professional networks and enterprising one another's skills, to sharing best-practices and broadening perspectives — it is the all-of-it that creates a campus of common good.



"The Harrelson Center has been such a big part of our growth and development... providing us with a network of valuable partners."

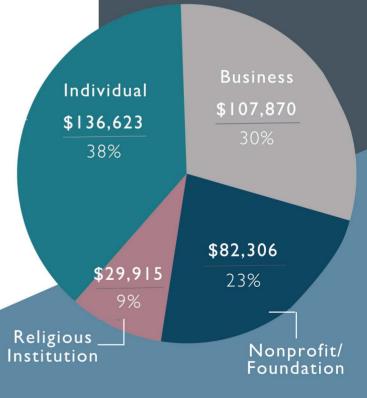
> ~ Steve Spain, Executive Director Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity 2020 Partner of the Year

### PARTNER BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Below-market rental rates that include utilities, maintenance, common area cleaning, security and parking
- Education and networking events
- Meeting space and event venue for up to 300 people
- Resource connection and administrative support
- Public relations, media support and community advocacy
- Promotion of each organization through social media, newsletters, brochures, website, tours, fairs, fundraisers, media and outreach.
- Volunteer recruitment

"The Harrelson Center, quite simply, helps us help our clients. I am not an expert in job training, but I can send clients to StepUp. I can't advise on health issues, but I can refer clients to the Help Hub's nurse care manager. Collectively everyone here helps everyone else, so ultimately we are all more effective in meeting our missions."

~ Anne Best, Executive Director of Family Promise



ANNUAL
OPERATING FUND



Partner | Associate Partner | Initiatives

### 2020 PARTNERS

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Help Hub

Catholic Charities

New Hanover Disaster Coalition

Foster Pantry Rescue Mission Salvation Army United Way

# YOUTH ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

A Bike for Every Child Communities in Schools Soaring as Eagles Young Scientist Academy

Better is Possible Turning the Wheel United Way

Be the Light Youth Ministry

# SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Catholic Charities
Soaring as Eagles
Vantage Pointe
Working Narratives
Better is Possible
Cape Fear Collective
United Way

Be The Light Youth Ministry

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Operation Pretty Things
Family Promise
Foster Pantry
United Way

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Help Hub Family Promise Soaring as Eagles Vantage Pointe

# ENTREPRENEUR AND CAREER EMPOWERMENT

Family Promise
Kairos Center
Phillipians 3 Ministry
StepUp Wilmington
Cape Fear Collective
United Way

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Help Hub

GHA Autism Supports Peer Recovery Resources

Community Counseling Center Turning the Wheel United Way

## **EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

Coastal Buds
Communities in Schools
GHA Autism Supports
Working Narratives

Better is Possible

CLEAR - Community Linking and Educating Against Racism Be the Light Youth Ministry

### HOUSING SECURITY

Help Hub
Catholic Charities
Family Promise
GHA Autism Supports
Better is Possible
Habitat for Humanity
United Way

# UNLOCK HOPE DONORS

In 2020, our campus expansion took on greater urgency. We are grateful to donors who responded to this call.

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# THE "LOCK UP" WILL NOW UNLOCK HOPE

When originally founded in 2005, The Harrelson Center secured a loan of \$1.5 million and initiated renovations to what had been the New Hanover County Law Enforcement Center. Simultaneously conducting the first phase of its capital campaign, The Harrelson Center secured early and enthusiastic contributions and satisfied this initial loan in full well ahead of schedule.

Only fifty percent of the campus was renovated and over the next 15 years, The Harrelson Center welcomed dozens of non-profits and outreach ministries to its downtown campus.

In late 2019, renovations to the remaining fifty percent of the campus were initiated, transitioning the former jail tower into the Vicki Dull Annex.

On track to open in mid-2021, the additional 30,000 square feet will provide space for new and expanding non-profit partners, and an event venue for up to 300 guests.



We invite businesses and professionals in the greater Wilmington community to join with us in addressing today's critical social issues. Opportunities exist for corporate philanthropy, employee volunteer engagement, matching gifts, event sponsorship and leadership development.

### WITH VISION & GENEROSITY

Prior to 2005, the Harrelson Center building served as the New Hanover County Law Enforcement Center. When the county built a new detention facility, next door neighbor First Baptist Church saw an opportunity to shift the property from a jail to a center for humanitarian missions and nonprofit organizations.



With inspired imagination and a generous contribution from First Baptist Church member Bobby Harrelson, the building was purchased and named in memory of his late wife, Jo Ann Carter Harrelson.

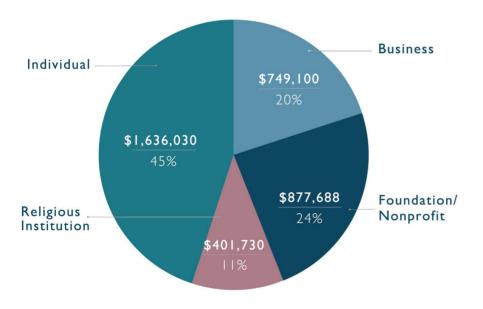


### Unlock Hope Capital Campaign Underway

The Harrelson Center's Unlock Hope capital campaign continues in earnest to raise the remaining \$1.5M, securing for Wilmington's non-profits and neighbors alike a thriving campus of organizations meeting critical community needs.

The budget for this second phase of renovations is \$3.5M, with \$2M already secured by mid-2020. South State Bank extended a loan to sustain renovations and momentum for this necessary expansion.

### UNLOCK HOPE FUNDING SOURCES



# UNLOCK HOPE DONORS Cont'd

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### BE A PERMANENT PART OF THE HARRELSON CENTER

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE

4th or 5th Floors of Annex: \$500,000 2nd Floor Courtyard & Garden: \$400,000 Warming Kitchen or Welcome Center: \$250,000 Street Level 1st floor Main Building: \$150,000

Training and Conference Rooms: \$150,000 Elevators \$75,000 Side Gardens: \$50,000

## THE HELP HUB

ESTABLISHED BY THE HARRELSON CENTER AS A POINT OF ENTRY FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

The economic impact of COVID 19 was laid bare at our Help Hub. Established to provide short-term or emergency assistance to neighbors in crisis, some \$290,035 was invested in 1,219 individuals or families, during 2020 alone. The average amount of assistance provided per request, whether family or individual, was \$238. And with every encounter, economic assistance is always paired with an empathetic ear and kind words of encouragement and hope.

### Here, volunteers:

- Worked with landlords on behalf of delinquent tenants
- Paid down balances to avoid utility disconnections
- Addressed transportation issues
- Made sure vital prescriptions were filled
- Made referrals to other organizations, often Harrelson Center partners, to help with domestic violence support, education, employment, substance addiction and recovery, legal and mediation services and counseling.





### NEW IN 2020

A health care manager on our Help Hub team, provided clients with access to health resources, education and medical referrals, as necessary. In a year driven by health concerns, our ability to better serve uninsured/underinsured and low-income clients by addressing unmet healthcare needs proved prescient.



Help Hub is keeping the water

on for our neighbors.

# HELP HUB MEMBERS AND INVESTORS

American Red Cross

Assistance League of Greater Wilmington

Bargain Box of Wilmington

Cape Fear Rotary Club

Cape Fear Memorial Foundation

Catherine Kennedy Foundation

Champion McDowell Davis Charitable Foundation

Christ Community Church

First Baptist Church

First Christian Church

First Presbyterian Church

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

Hope Community Church

Making Waves Foundation

NHC Community Foundation

New Hanover Regional Medical Center

Ogden Baptist Church

Pine Valley Baptist Church

Pine Valley United Methodist Church

St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church

St. Andrews on the Sound Episcopal Church

St. James Episcopal Church

St. John's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church

The Ministering Circle

Wrightsville United Methodist Church

Winter Park Baptist Church

Winter Park Presbyterian Church

With minimal overhead costs, more than 80 percent of Help Hub income is reinvested into our community.

### Working Together for Greater Impact

The Help Hub was founded in 2015 when First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church agreed to merge their congregations' monetary and volunteer resources. Pledging \$15,000 each and annually, they seized the opportunity to have a greater impact together than they could ever achieve independently.

In the five years since, a number of churches and community organizations have followed their example. Plus, family foundations, honorary and memorial gifts, foundation grants and individual contributions have put the Help Hub on track to reach \$IM in total financial contributions by in early 2021.

### 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

\$290,035

1,219

\$238



# THE HARRELSON CENTER IS Where the Light Shines

# One Family's Journey: Meet "Kim and Jenn"

Our collaborative campus of non-profits assures the varied needs of our clients are understood -- and met. This story of mother and daughter Kim and Jenn illustrates how each of our partners provides something the other does not. But together, with commitment and compassion, they deliver a full complement of services to restore our neighbors' stability and self-reliance.



In late 2019, Kim and
Jenn were referred
to Family Promise.

Dedicated to keeping families
together as they escape domestic
violence, Family Promise provided
transitional housing and all the
necessities, while keeping Jenn in
school and safely with her mother.





2. StepUp

With StepUp Wilmington, Kim enrolled in job-readiness training and a nine-month life skills program, learning financial and time management skills. Kim is one of 201 people StepUp successfully trained and placed into employment during the 19/20 fiscal year.



Like many who enter the job market from homelessness or desperate situations, wardrobes are not assembled. At Philippians 3, Kim was greeted with warmth and encouragement while acquiring a personally selected wardrobe suitable for her emerging professional and independent status.



But that Center had bike! A happy that come Every of the control o

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Kim and Jenn, through Family Promise, have obtained permanent unassisted housing. Jenn is still coding with Young Scientist Academy. Despite COVID shutdowns and a chronic health diagnosis, Kim successfully navigated unemployment and filed for benefits with StepUp's help. And, the Help Hub found affordable therapies and prescriptions to meet her health care needs. Kim and Jenn would agree: This is where the light shines!

But that wasn't all that The Harrelson Center had to offer Jenn. We got her a bike! And, like any child, she was so happy to have the freedom and joy that comes with simply riding a bike. Every year, A Bike for Every Child distributes bikes to youth and neighbors in low-income communities. In 2020, they distributed more than 1000 bikes!

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Meanwhile Kim's daughter, Jenn, was introduced to Young Scientist
Academy where she was paired with a group of about 10 girls who were
beginning a coding workshop. This was back in February, so pre-COVID,
but fortunately, she has been able to sustain
her engagement, providing a friend group and
skills to fuel her STEM readiness.





Benett Executive Director, Operation Pretty Pilips



Pretty Things

Women escaping abuse rarely consider personal care items essential. But things like makeup and skin care products go far to making a woman feel confident.

Operation Pretty Things assembles hundreds of gift bags with such items every year, including in each a handwritten "love note" to inspire and encourage.

### THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE HARRELSON CENTER IN 2020







2020 PRESENTING SPONSOR











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