WELCOME!

The National Association for Educating Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) is the largest national association dedicated to educational equity and excellence for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Our membership includes local homeless education liaisons, educators, school counselors, social workers, registrars, nurses, child advocates, shelter staff, state and federal policy specialists, and partners from community-based and national nonprofit organizations.

Working hand in hand with our membership and community partners, NAEHCY is continuing to raise awareness about the harsh realities of child and youth homelessness. Although we’ve experienced challenges and changes over the last couple years, there is much we can celebrate, including:

- Increased membership
- Increased involvement with our Youth Task Forces around the country
- Providing over 1,350 attendees of our October annual conference with outstanding professional development opportunities
- A quick turnaround of our financial report/audits

On behalf of the Board, I would like to give a big shout-out to all our members and community partners who have assisted youth and families impacted by the natural disasters so many parts of our country endured in 2017, including devastating hurricanes, floods, and fires. We applaud your selfless dedication to our students in crisis.

Congratulations to Jimiyu Evans who was elected as our 2018 Board vice president at our annual membership meeting, and to Kelly-Jo Shebeck who was elected secretary. I look forward to serving with them. In addition, the Board of Directors has developed a new strategic plan and is hard at work on our three strategic priorities:

- Strengthen agency governance and operations to ensure excellence in program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Enhance the capacity of stakeholders to change local, state, and national systems by supporting implementation of best practices.
- Diversify and grow funding.

We will share an update with you at our Annual Conference in October.

Please take some time to review this snapshot from 2017 and feel proud of what you helped accomplish. It is because of your membership and support that we are able to meet our goals. I look forward to connecting with you at our 2018 Annual Conference, October 27-30, in Anaheim, California.

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President, NAEHCY Board of Directors
ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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VISION
EVERY CHILD AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL, FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION.

MISSION
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH (NAEHCY) IS A NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO ENSURING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.
Despite the challenges and changes our Youth Task Forces have experienced over the last couple years, they continue to be a valuable resource for unaccompanied homeless youth in communities across the country. In 2017, the Youth Task Forces and their member organizations served more than 1,750 unaccompanied homeless youth. We conducted our first-ever focus groups with Youth Task Force coordinators at the 2017 Annual Conference and gained valuable insight about their operations and how NAEHCY can continue to support their efforts.

Perhaps the biggest news for 2017 was the $10,000 in mini-grants that NAEHCY awarded for Youth Task Force-defined purposes ranging from providing food to providing transportation for unaccompanied homeless youth.

Baker Street Apartments in Johnson City, TN
In 2017, the community came together through a partnership between the Northeast Tennessee Youth Task Force and the Johnson City Housing Authority to provide six apartments to unaccompanied homeless youth.
Some of the shining achievements of the Youth Task Forces (YTFs) in 2017:

MEMPHIS, TN

In our first year of operation, the Memphis YTF hosted a “Come and Be Counted” event to increase public awareness of youth homelessness. The YTF has adopted seven schools where it provides supplies for unaccompanied homeless youth.

—Sheleah Harris, Executive Director, Living Grace, Inc.

NORTHEAST TENNESSEE (JOHNSON CITY)

We worked in collaboration with the Johnson City Housing Authority to develop a 12-unit apartment complex with six apartments set aside for unaccompanied homeless youth. The youth are filled with such pride—none of them have ever lived in a NEW apartment with great amenities.

—Bonnie White, Homeless Coordinator, Johnson City Schools

MARION COUNTY/INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Our new Youth Count program has improved the count of homeless youth in our area. We also launched a Youth Council with 10-20 youth participating at each meeting—they receive a bus pass, food, and a financial incentive. The Council helps guide effective action in addressing the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth and helped prevent the state legislature from diverting funds away from programming that serves them.

—Alan Witchey, Executive Director, CHIP/Coalition for Homeless Intervention and Prevention

WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

With NAEHCY’s help we purchased a used van for our transportation program and provided 7,000 miles of rides for youth living in a rural community without public transportation. They were able to not only attend school, but get to jobs, medical appointments, and after-school activities. Transportation support made it possible for three students to graduate from high school.

—Lori Cavender, Executive Director, Ryan’s House for Youth

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

We helped qualified unaccompanied homeless youth gain access to the CalFresh program, which administers the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Many qualified unaccompanied homeless youth were being denied nutrition assistance prior to the task force’s efforts.

—Jessica Thomas, Homeless & Foster Youth Services, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

POLK COUNTY, FL

We’ve gained access to free medical and dental care in four locations in the county. We’ve raised awareness about the presence of unaccompanied homeless youth and YTF advocacy has made it possible for unaccompanied homeless youth to receive a free state identification card.

—Dee Dee Wright, Homeless Liaison, Polk County School District’s McKinney-Vento

Community collaboration led by Youth Task Forces is effective in addressing the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth. Youth homelessness is a very complex social problem, and only by bringing together community stakeholders in an organized, committed way can appropriate progress be made to support unaccompanied homeless youth in staying in school and being successful in their educational aims.

—Anne Williamson, Ph.D., NAEHCY Interim Youth Task Force Coordinator
AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TOGETHER IN THE HEARTLAND

Each year, NAEHCY hosts the only national conference focused on homeless education, bringing together experts from across the country. The conference provides a unique opportunity to engage with other advocates and liaisons who are working to support youth experiencing homelessness. Our 2017 conference, Together in the Heartland, took place Oct 28-31 in Chicago with 1,350 attendees.

NAEHCY sponsored 84 workshops in addition to 11 longer, “deep dive” pre-conference sessions. Our three keynote speakers spoke eloquently about the impact of our work, the power of measurable results, and our common desire to help youth experiencing homelessness graduate and move on to higher education. Their words clearly resonated with everyone in the room.
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

During the conference we presented two awards recognizing outstanding achievements by our Youth Task Force community partners.

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM OR PROJECT: MICHELLE PATTON SWISHER/SPOTSYLVANIA SCHOOLS
This award is presented to an individual or group whose project provides educational benefit to a student or class, provides a welcoming and supportive environment, and increases school and community awareness of homelessness.

OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE: JENNIFER TISDALE, SALVATION ARMY
This award is presented to an individual who works to meet the academic needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness, increasing awareness among colleagues and community members about homelessness, sensitivity among other children, removing barriers to academic success, and developing rapport with parents.

NAEHCY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS: A NEW APPROACH

In 2017 we took a different approach to our scholarship program, making a College Completion Scholarship available to existing NAEHCY scholarship recipients who fulfilled specific criteria. The recipients all were in or approaching their final year of college, a time which is often overlooked for scholarships. Each recipient was asked to record a video, which was shared at the Annual Conference, highlighting their accomplishments since receiving their original scholarship and identifying the ways the original scholarship impacted their lives. Words and phrases like life changing, hope, lifeline, and pay it forward were used to describe the impact of their NAEHCY scholarship. Each of these scholars is an exemplary example of the students our members work with day in and day out. They illustrate that education truly is the path out of homelessness.

Our post-conference survey results were overwhelmingly positive. Here are a couple that delighted us:

“It was an amazing conference. It was my first NAEHCY conference. I felt empowered to go back to my district and do important work. The first guest speaker was incredible!”

“I really enjoyed this year’s conference. I was able to attend all the sessions I wanted and gained wonderful information.”
GETTING INVOLVED

Are you interested in helping tackle the issues surrounding youth homelessness and seeking solutions to support the academic success of children and youth experiencing homelessness? NAEHCY has several committees that are actively engaged in this work and are making a difference. As an example, in 2017, NAEHCY’s Higher Education Committee responded to our members’ suggestions and developed a Single Point-of-Contact tool kit—a resource that can be used to assist students following high school graduation as they look to further their education. The tool kit is being rolled out to colleges and universities during the first quarter 2018. Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
The Conference Committee helps coordinate the annual conference and works with our professional conference planning partner to identify potential conference locations and handles the myriad tasks associated with putting together a large national conference. The committee ensures our conference education sessions are relevant and fresh, and that our keynote speakers are engaging and enlightening. They put together a cohesive conference schedule that provides for networking and attendee interaction outside of the education sessions and works closely with our local team to provide the best possible programming.

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE
The Early Childhood Committee aims to increase access to the full range of programs and services that support young children and pregnant women experiencing homelessness. The committee works to ensure programs and services are developmentally appropriate and responsive to the unique needs of young homeless children and focuses on influencing early childhood policy development and implementation at the federal, state, and local levels; increasing early care and education competency among NAEHCY membership; and developing resources to support stakeholders in the field in advocating for young children experiencing homelessness.

HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE
The Higher Education Services Committee helps students experiencing homelessness access postsecondary education and achieve their educational goals. The committee provides information and resources to students, homeless education professionals, and higher education professionals; promotes and supports state higher education networks; provides training; and advocates for legislation at the state and federal level to remove barriers to student access and success.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
The Scholarship Committee oversees the annual selection of NAEHCY Scholars and supports them throughout their college years. The committee contracts with two consultants: an events coordinator for the conference and Alumni Summit; and a Scholar Specialist who provides an ongoing connection with scholars, offering support and/or making referrals, and updating the database that tracks scholars and analyzes needs. Other members of the committee serve on a volunteer basis.

Working together, we can strive to ensure all children have access to the support they need for achieving academic success so that no child experiencing homelessness is left behind.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

Assets
Cash ................................................................. $311,196
Accounts Receivable ........................................... $26,480
Prepaid Expenses ............................................... $0
TOTAL ASSETS ..................................................... $337,676

Liabilities
Accounts Payable ............................................... $3,393
Deferred Revenue ............................................. $42,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES ............................................. $45,393

Net Assets
Unrestricted ....................................................... $274,657
Temporarily Restricted ....................................... $17,626
TOTAL NET ASSETS ............................................ $292,283

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: $337,676

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 (UNAUDITED)

Net Assets, Beginning of Period: $436,006
Net Assets, End of Period: $292,286
Change In Net Assets: $(141,939)

Total Revenue & Other Support: $783,371
Total Expenses: $925,310
NAEHCY would like to thank everyone who made a financial contribution to support our programs and services during the time period of January 1 – December 31, 2017. Your generosity enables us to carry out the work of advocating and providing services to children and youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Thank you.