PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Emergency Shelter
Families with minor children and pregnant women who are homeless are provided safe housing and support services.

In 2018, we sheltered 140 adults and 165 children. 100% of families were homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Each resident works with their case manager to develop a plan to secure permanent housing and to pursue income opportunities.

64% of adults advanced their education and/or improved their ability to gain and retain meaningful employment.

After families exit shelter, case managers keep in contact with them to ensure stability and continued progress.

In 2018, 93 families received post-shelter support services.

Housing Services
Housing case managers maintain fidelity to "Housing First," a service delivery model that prioritizes providing permanent housing to end a family’s homelessness. They assist residents with housing searches and placement, as well as maintain relationships with landlords.

In 2018, 42 families were housed through our Rapid ReHousing (financial assistance and post-shelter support) program.

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WAYS TO GIVE

Dawning Family Services is a Four-Star rated charity. You can rest assured your contribution will go directly to helping families in crisis.

Become A Sustaining Supporter
While a monthly gift of $10 or $20 may not seem like much, it adds up. When hundreds of people sign up to do the same, the impact can be huge! Donations can be made monthly, bi-monthly and quarterly.

Contribute To Our Capital Campaign
Help us build a 61-unit emergency shelter for families with minor children and a Family Housing Solutions Center to provide essential supports to vulnerable families in the community. Your gift will directly support these efforts.

Create A Legacy
Planned gifts allow you to create a lasting legacy by combining your charitable giving with your estate and financial planning goals. There are many planned giving options; contact us for more information.

Volunteer Your Time And Talent
Volunteers provide an invaluable service to Dawning Family Services, both onsite and at community outreach events. Contact us to learn how groups or individuals can give back with their donation of time and talent.

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Dawning Family Services
Formerly Alpha House of Tampa

We create sustainable change in the lives of our community’s most vulnerable families.

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Dear Friends,

2018 was truly an exciting and transformative year! We researched the need in our community, studied trends, and examined the depth and breadth of our services. It became evident that after serving homeless pregnant women and mothers with young children for nearly four decades, it was critical to expand our mission to help all homeless families with minor children. We sold our South Tampa property and purchased property in West Tampa. With support from local government, foundations, corporations, board, staff and friends like you, we will construct 61 units of emergency shelter and renovate two existing buildings to create the first-ever Family Housing Solutions Center in Hillsborough County. Best-practice services consistent with the principles of Equal Access, “Housing First,” diversion/prevention and Rapid ReHousing programs will be offered.

We remain true to our history of sheltering families who are homeless and in critical need of assistance like Carly and her newborn, Julia. We are honored to share Carly’s success in finding a home of her own and a full-time job. Left unsaid is the hard work put forth by both her and her case manager. It took time for Carly to recognize her abilities and self-worth. At times, her case manager wondered if Carly had what it would take to get herself out of homelessness. Many tears were shed. With support from her case manager, Carly found the inner strength to better the lives of herself and her daughter. As our transformation continues, there will be additional stories for us to share. Please follow our program expansion and construction/renovation activities and consider ways that you can support our efforts. The sky’s the limit when we come together as a community to help our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Langford
Chief Executive Officer

Vision
We believe that every member of the community deserves the tools to create and maintain self-sufficiency.

Values
Acceptance | Commitment | Partnership

When Carly became pregnant, her family kicked her out of their house. She ended up homeless, with nowhere to turn. Thankfully, Dawning Family Services was there and provided her safe shelter. Working with her case manager, Carly realized that, to end her homelessness, she had to obtain employment. Her case manager helped her prepare a résumé, apply for jobs, and present herself professionally. Carly quickly secured a position and kept it until she gave birth to her daughter, Julia.

By then, Carly had saved enough money to rent a modest 1-bedroom apartment. She was approved for our Rapid ReHousing program, which provides financial assistance to help offset the cost of deposits and rent. We also helped her to secure a childcare voucher for Julia so that Carly could return to work.

Later, after Dawning Family Services formed a partnership with a local hotel for the employment of our residents, her case manager informed her of the job opportunities available. Carly submitted her résumé to the hotel, nailed her interview, and now works full-time in a position better than she could have ever imagined.

With her vivacious personality, she is thriving in her new role as front desk attendant and envisions a future working in hospitality.

Carly finally feels safe, confident, and ready to take on the world... something she hasn’t felt in a long time.