

MORE THAN A BED

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Annual Report 2017 - 2018



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A Note from More Than A Bed

To our Friends and Supporters of More Than A Bed:

More Than a Bed (MTaB) provides support to foster, kinship and adoptive families for the children in their homes. Necessities such as clothing, beds, shoes, toys, diapers, baby gear and household items can be found at our warehouse where qualified families come to shop at no charge.

In my day, it was children should be seen and not heard. We now must listen to these children; we must see them, protect them and help them carve out a future with love and education. Arizona's present and future health is dependent upon the safety, strength, and resiliency of the children and families.

MTaB's assistance enables existing foster parents to remain in the system and can encourage others to join in providing homes for Tucson's at risk youth. In 2014, MTab served 5 families. By close of 2015; 225 families, and at the close of 2018; over 700 families (2,000 children) have received resources from MTab. The request for support is overwhelming and grows at 30-40 families per month. Since no money arrives with the child, foster parents must scramble to supply clothing, beds and school supplies for older children. The children that are removed from their home by DCS authorities have only a few minutes to gather up their favorite things, which are usually put into a black garbage bag. Not until they arrive at a foster home or a relative's home will they have the opportunity to get clean clothes and a clean bed – even then it's not guaranteed. Seven hundred families know that they can call More Than A Bed to provide a bed and clothes and help this child finally feel valued.

Thank you each and every one of you for your financial donations because we would not be able to provide to these children without your help. The entire community shares the responsibility of keeping children safe and protected from abuse and neglect.

Because EVERY child deserves to feel valued.



With deepest gratitude,

Grace Stocksdale
Executive Director

GOD'S BLESSINGS
We Appreciate You
Partnership Sponsor
Serve Connections
LOVE OUR FOSTER FAMILIES
NEW WAREHOUSE
Kiddos Personal Involvement
MANY THANKS Volunteer
MTaB
CHILDREN





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2018 Statistics

Since no money arrives with a child that has been removed from their home, the actual cost incurred by the foster / kinship family is greater than the state of Arizona can pay. This is where MTaB lends a hand. The family may need clothes, diapers, beds, and toys for their new arrival(s). The family can come to the warehouse and get what is needed for the children in their care. Statistics for 2018 are shown below:

Beds		Additional Items			
New Twin Beds	214	Car Seats (new & used)	163	Bikes (new & used)	62
Bunk Beds (new & used)	44	Packs of Diapers	1,071	New Toys	1,167
Cribs (new & used)	82	Dressers (new & used)	42	Used Toys	7,045
Toddler Beds (new & used)	78	Shoes (used like new)	3,743	New Underwear	298
Total Beds:	418				

Families and Children					
Families per County:			KIDS per County:		
Cochise	6		Cochise	26	
Maricopa	1		Maricopa	3	
Pima	681		Pima	2,076	
Pinal	14		Pinal	58	
Santa Cruz	4		Santa Cruz	11	
Total Families:	706		Total Children:	2,174	

Events hosted by More Than A Bed (MTaB), in addition to the warehouse visits to fill the needs for the children, are as follows:

Parents Night Out: MTaB provides an evening of safety, games, food, and fun for 130 children while the 'mom and dad' have a five-hour date night.

Christmas Party: A visit from Santa, Mrs. Santa, and the North Pole Elves were the highlight at a party given that included games, food and a new toy for every child.

Fund Raisers: At least twice a year MTaB hosts a fundraiser at different venues – In 2018, events included a Golf Tournament at Quarry Pines Golf Club, and 'Short Stacks for a Tall Cause' Pancake Breakfast at Applebees.

The following page displays some highlights of the events, which are always great fun!



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Countless Blessings - The Year in Pictures





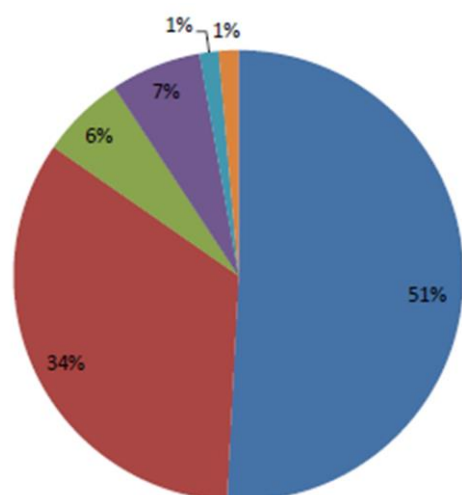
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Financial Overview July 2017-June 2018

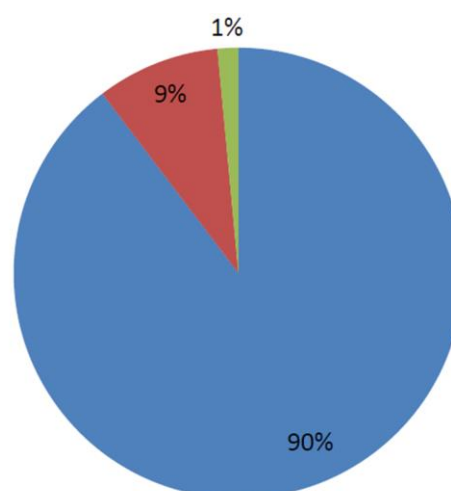
INCOME

Individuals	\$148,805
In-Kind	\$99,058
Churches	\$17,674
Companies	\$19,045
Civic Groups	\$4,030
Foundations	\$4,126



EXPENSES

Foster Care	\$167,565
Administration	\$16,536
Family Events	\$2,787



Thank you to all our individual, corporate, and church support for their continued partnerships. And all our wonderful volunteers for believing and helping us provide for the families.

We will continue to work diligently for these children and the families that share their lives; the families that care for the abused, neglected, and orphaned children because we have been cared for in Jesus. Romans 8:15-16



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