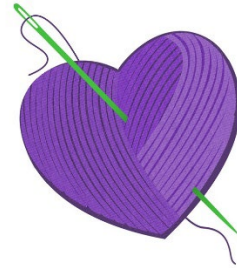


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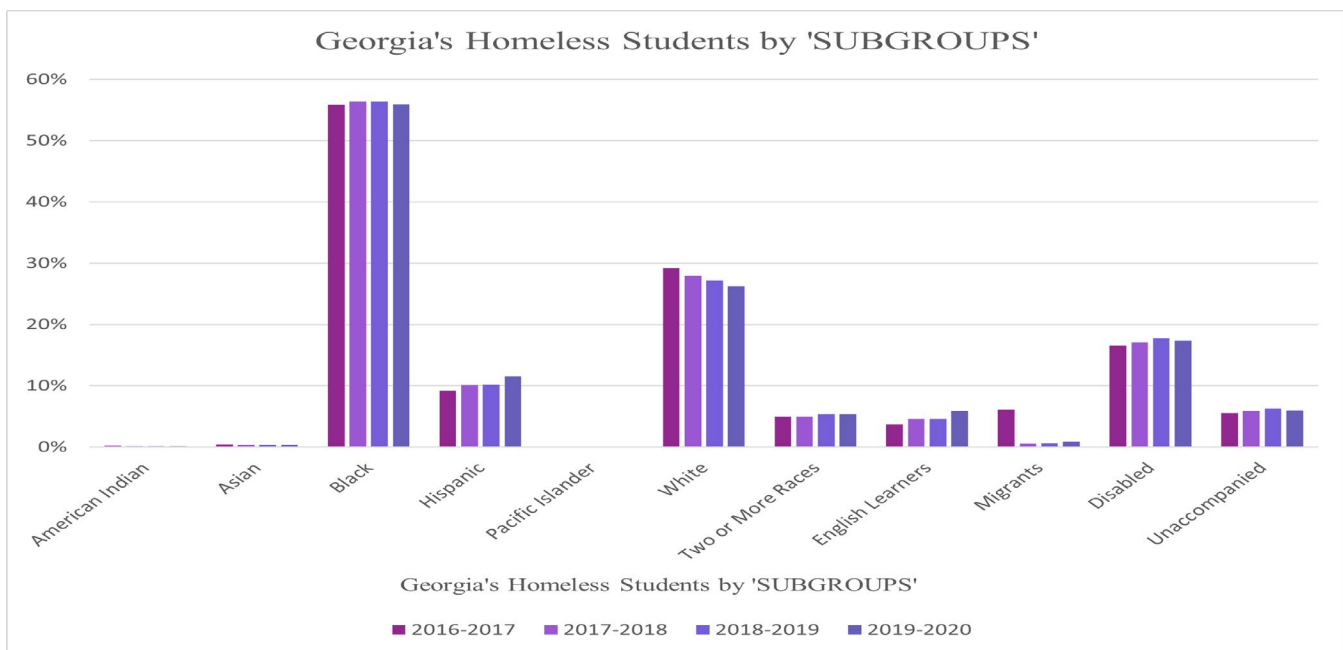
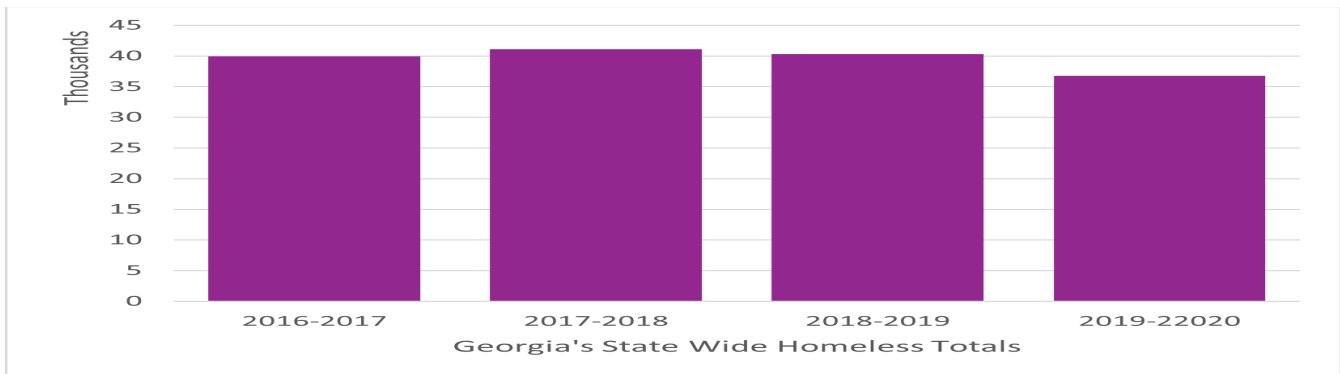


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The Issue

There was a 9% percent reduction in homeless student enrollment for the 2019-20 school year in Georgia.. According to the May 4, 2021 Article, Featured Research, SHC Perspective from schoolhouseconnection.org: “28% [fewer students] identified [as] homeless. . . in the fall of 2020 compared to the fall of 2019, which translates to an estimated 420,000 fewer children and youth experiencing homelessness . . . identified and enrolled.” The pandemic’s heavy toll on Black, Hispanic, and Native American communities has heightened the need for schools and communities to take action to improve the identification and outcomes for students of color. When students are not identified, they miss critical educational protections and services that can stabilize their education and their lives.



Our Mission

To connect at-risk and homeless teens and young adults aged 14-21 to resources and programs that support the completion of high school or getting a GED to pursue post-secondary education and training as a path to dream fulfillment.

OUR VISION

To end the cycle of homelessness that crushes the dreams of homeless teens and young adults.

OUR VALUES

- **Academic Excellence:** striving to be your best at whatever you do academically even when the outcomes are not as you wish.
- **Accountability:** being responsible for or owning what you do and a willingness to give honest reasons for your choices even when there may be personal risks.
- **Fairness:** a willingness to treat others fairly or in ways that honor their humanity without partiality.
- **Integrity:** having the ability to recognize what is right and wrong, to act on what you see, and state openly that you are acting on your understanding of the right and wrong that you see, adapted from Stephen L. Carter.
- **Leadership:** having the ability to influence, inspire and help others become their best self.
- **Truth-telling:** a commitment to give a true account of a situation or matter when asked.

MBP Board Officers

- Jacqueline Evans - Secretary
- Cassandra D. Glover- Chief Financial Office
- Rania Jackson – Development
- LaValla J. Wilson, PhD – Chief Operations Officer

Volunteers

MBP partners with Volunteer Match to recruit volunteers to assist with building our social media presence and content. Over the last year we have work virtually with nine volunteers. We will be transitioning in 2022 to smaller numbers to address the enormous amount time that is required to supervise and monitor volunteers with a small staff.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021



Like much of the nation MBP's operation continues to be impacted by COVID-19, our programs suffered low participation and had to be shut down because of staffing issues and fluctuating COVID numbers among school staff and students in metro Atlanta schools. We expect to relaunch our programs in the spring of 2022.



Dream Connect has gone through several updates and customizations. We now offer talk and text, and the translation of the content for our users, we updated our Community Resource Directory, we added an interactive map to locate McKinney-Vento Liaisons in Georgia to make it easier for homeless parents and students to get help staying in school, and we redesigned, updated, and revised the narrative content on MBP's page to better communicate who we are and what we do. We are excited about the updates and customizations, check them out at: <https://dreamconnect.org> .

Empowering Dream Initiative (EDI)



Empowering Dreams Initiative (EDI) is MBP's program for at-risk, and homelessness female teens of Color aged 14-19 attending a McKinney-Vento Liaisons program or in Foster Care in the Atlanta metro area. EDI meets one hour a week for twelve weeks via Zoom.

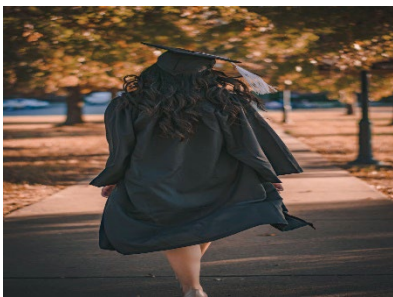
EDI prepares at-risk and homeless female teens of Color to:

- Identify and use resources to strengthen their personal development and academic performance.
- To use knowledge/instruction to increase self-awareness to support leadership development.
- Journal to craft and tell their truth/story to empower and inspire them for dreams fulfillment.

The program launch Spring of 2020 in partnership Clayton County Public Schools Homeless Education Department.

MBP was unsuccessful at retaining the registered participants for EDI because the participants that enrolled had jobs that conflicted with EDI's meeting time. We used the data we gain from the EDI launch to redesign the program; to make it flexible and accessible to our target population. We plan to relaunch EDI in the Spring of 2022.

Post-Secondary Education Transition (PSET)



MBP Post-Secondary Education Transition program prepares at-risk and homeless female teens and young adults of Color ages 16-21 that are admitted and enroll in a college or university, technical college, or other professional training during their senior or junior year to transition into their new academic or training institution. Female teens and young adults that have complete MBP's EDI Program and meet the criteria receive priority admission to PSET.

Participants complete a Virtual Scavenger Hunt of their campus or program through a series of open-ended questions that helps them to identify essential personnel, resources, and services that are critical for a successful transition. We will launch PSET in the spring of 2022.

MBP Program Content



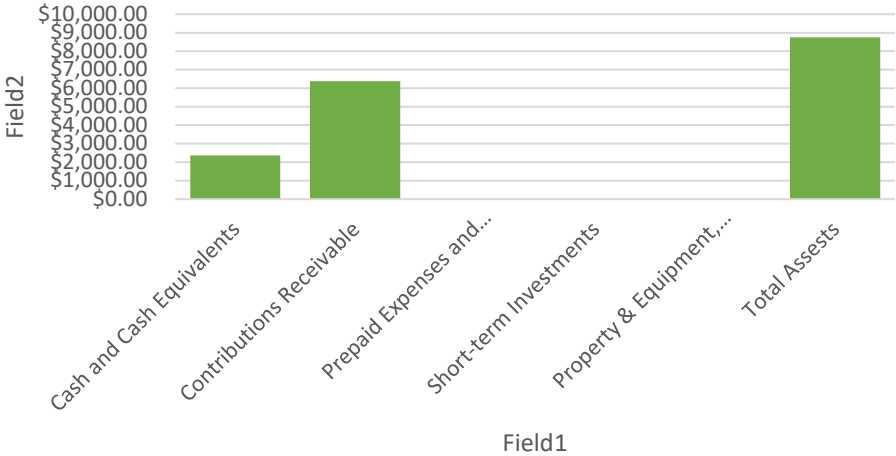
In 2020 MBP created three publications, an Interactive Journal “Weaponizing Your Story” and two curriculums “Post-Secondary Education Transition,” and “Empowering Dreams.” In 2021 all three were updated and redesigned for virtual users. We also submitted the digital version of the Interactive Journal for copyright. We received our Certification of Registration of “Weaponizing Your Story” 12/22/2021. This work was made possible by a grant we received in 2020 from Have Mercy Ministry Fund.

FINANCIAL DATA

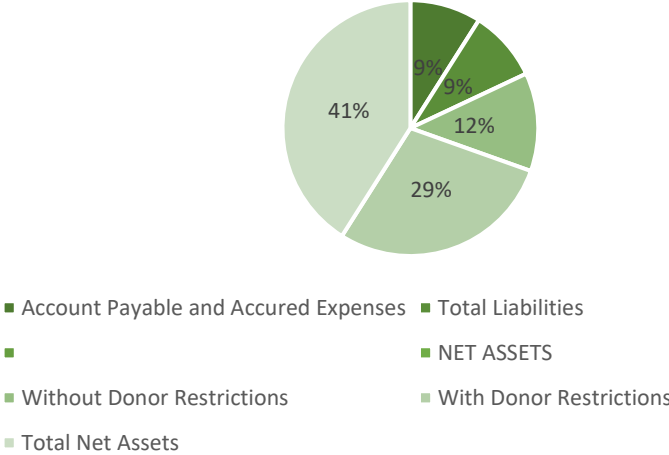
MBP’s Statement of Financial Position for 2021

Field1	Field2
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,370.29
Contributions Receivable	\$6,384.21
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$0.00
Short-term Investments	\$0
Property & Equipment, net	\$0
Total Assets	\$8,754.50
LIABILITIES & Net ASSETS	
Account Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$1,576.17
Total Liabilities	\$1,576.17
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,178.33
With Donor Restrictions	\$5,000
Total Net Assets	\$7,178.33
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$8,754.50

Statement of Financial Assets



'Liabilities & Net Asset'





CONCLUSION

MBP's had a successful 2021 even with the challenges of COVID-19. The organization ability to actively recruit participants for our programs will remain a challenge as COVID-19 persist, but we have adjusted our strategy for partnering with local Homeless Youth Service Providers and are hopeful that the adjustment will yield an improved recruitment. We are also revamping our social media strategy to focus on content that speaks to our target population and a posting schedule that keeps them engaged.

We had to revise our plans for 2022 based on the lessons learned in 2021. The organization did not purchase new equipment in 2021 but we do plan to make purchases in 2022 to support virtual programming. Overall, we are on target to meet the goals that we set for the organization. We are excited for what 2022 holds for MBP. We could not do this work without the support of our donors, family, and friends. Thank you so much for your continued support.

MBP's Five-Year Plan(with explanations and updates)

Year 2021

- Continue to develop MBP's Social Media presence through SEO development, Goggle Analytics, and Dream Connect periodic upgrades (*accomplished*).
- Launch "Empowering Dream Initiative (EDI)" for teens 14-19 years of age, Spring 2021 and "Post-Secondary Education Transition (PSET)" for teens and young adults 16-21 years of age, Spring 2021. Both groups will have 5 participants respectively and the target population for both are homeless female teens and young adults of Color (*we were only able to launch one of the program*).
- Purchase computer equipment, lighting, WIFI, and a green back drop to conduct the virtual work of MBP (*we did not purchase equipment, lighting, and Wi-Fi*).
- Establish MBP's fund raising strategy to raise at least \$10,000.00 dollars a year going forward to fund MBP's operation. To create, market, and sale merchandise (sweatshirts, t-shirts, mugs, and Journals) to support our fund-raising efforts (*this goal shift to 2022*).
- Produce yearly budgets and perform an annual evaluation of MBP's operation (*accomplished*).

Year 2022

- Build community partnerships with homeless youth service providers to reach our target population of at-risk and homeless teens and young adults aged 14-21. Focus on McKenny-Vento Liaisons and Foster Care programs in Atlanta, Cayton county and Fulton county.
- Re-launch EDI in cooperation with our partners.
- Refresh Dream Connect with a focus on Mobile efficiency.
- Start the work to get two interns, one to supervise our volunteers working on Social Media and the another to lead our fund raising efforts.

Year 2023

- To add a part-time paid Administration Assistance if fund raising allows it .
- Explore virtual programming beyond the state of Georgia.
- Continue all projects from 2021 & 2022.

Year 2024

- Continue developing MBP's projects from 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Year 2025

- Evaluate the five-year plan for future growth.
- Prepare new plans, budgets, with recommendations to update MBP's technology for operation and staffing.
- Continue all projects shown to be effective as we develop the next five-year plan.
- Perform an evaluation of MBP and its 5 Year Plan.

