



Coming together as a community
to help our families & students

THRIVE



Art Credit: ACPS Student: Desi S.

We see a future where every student in Albemarle County has full access to public education free from any obstacle.



OUR ORIGINS...

During the 2019-2020 school year, ACPS Parent Council surveyed PTOs about their individual fundraising. [The results revealed significant disparities.](#)

September 2020 Parent Council Meeting:

Dr. Haas: [regarding equity]

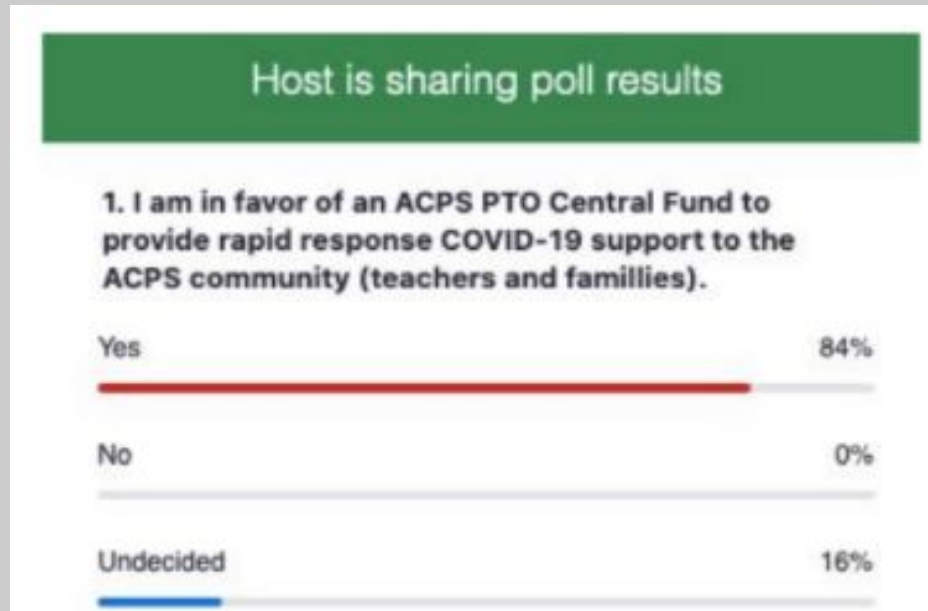
- “We know we will have achieved it when we can erase the predictive value of race, class, and other categories in collaboration with our families and communities.”

Comments from the meeting:

- [From previous surveys we know] “School-level fundraising efforts vary widely b/c all virtual now & events being canceled. Some communities more able to give than others. Some struggling.”
- “I feel like if this fund moves forward, it needs to be a joint effort between PTO’s to benefit all students. A separate entity from ACPS.”
- “With the discrepancy collected per student across the division (\$7-\$30), this seems like a wonderful way to support all during these unprecedented times.”

Fall-Spring of 2020/2021:

- With the support of Dr. Hairston and his team, a committee of school staff, community members and parents met for a series of zoom conversations.
- A fund was established with CACF.
- Parent and student volunteers began working on logo, website, fund application, community communications.
- In consultation with Reps, developed a [PTO Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- By April, we were connecting with local nonprofits and getting the word out via news outlets and email communications.



2020 & 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CACF Funds

- From 12.1.20 to 12.31.21, we raised **\$13,030** through direct contributions from 67 donors.
- Two **PTOs** provided a total of \$950 funding to FHF in recognition of our unique services to families in need.

Grantmaking

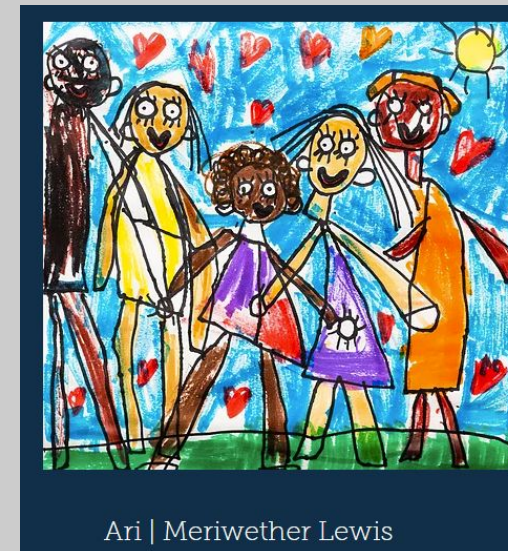
- Made six grants to partner non-profit organizations to meet family needs (next slide).

Gifts & Family Support

- 47 families helped by request via our website (next slide).
- Anonymous donation directly for lice treatment (1K).
- Anonymous gift of car given to mom in need via [Come As You Are Cville](#).
- Solicited physical items for families via local “**Buy Nothing**” group, including mattresses, furniture, diapers & household essentials.

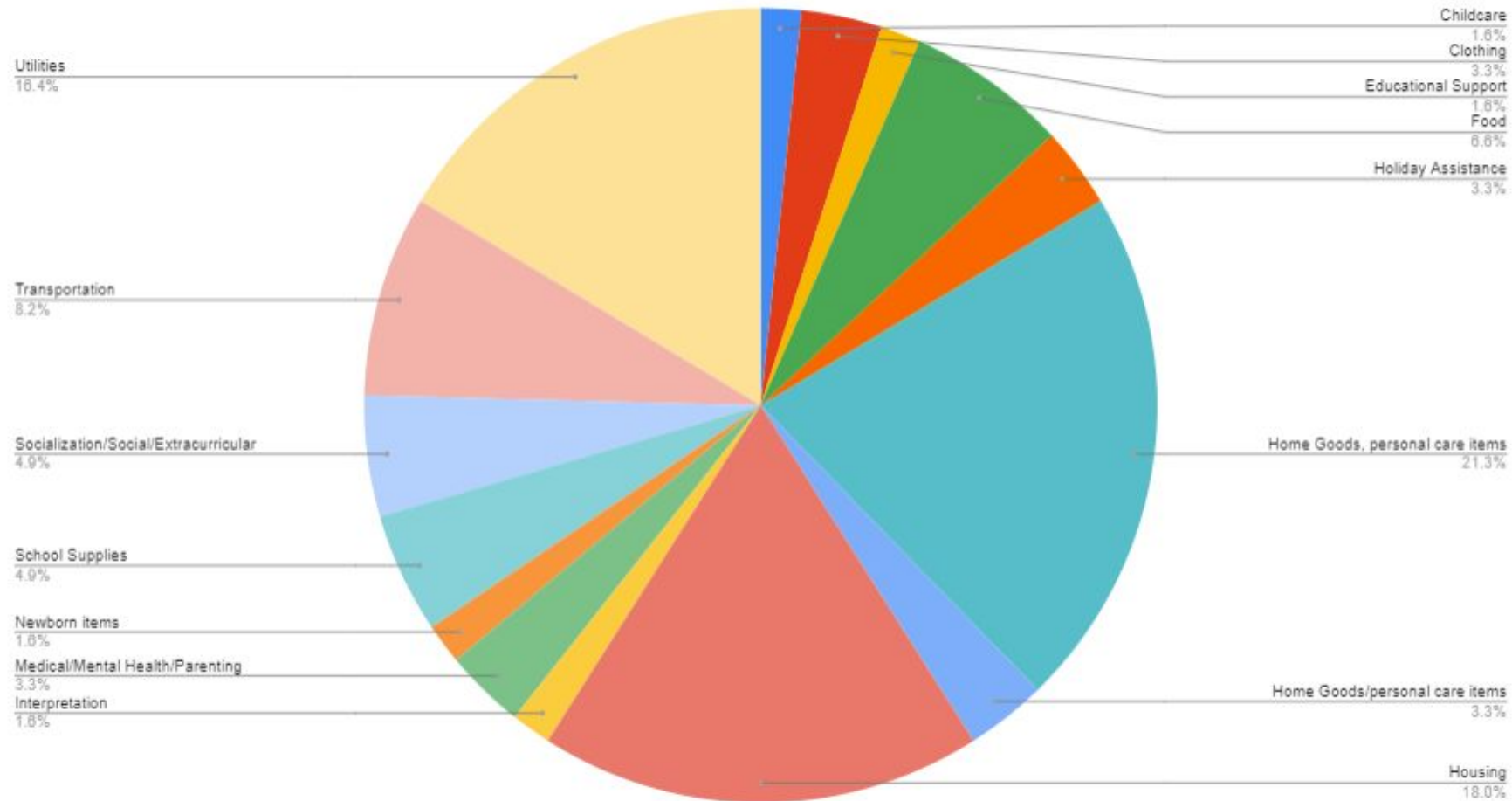
Volunteer Corps

- Currently have one FHF in each of 24 ACPS schools linking families in crisis to support.
- Delivered essential school & household items to students and families in pandemic.
- Provided volunteer staff for free summer sports program by Come As You Are Cville.
- Helped [Mom2Mom](#) assemble hygiene packages.



DISTRIBUTION OF HELP REQUESTS

Areas of Community Support



Number of Families Supported: 47

SPRING 2021 GRANTEES

University of Virginia McGuffey Reading Center: \$4,725- funding scholarships for 9 ACPS students identified with significant academic and financial need.

Come As You Are Cville: \$1,250.00- \$1,000 for **Refurnished Cville**, \$250 for **Mom2Mom**. Provided furnishings and diaper/hygiene products to local families.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Virginia: \$250.00- Jouett Club (after-school program) on behalf of ACPS students needs.

International Rescue Committee: \$250.00- supporting the needs of ACPS families new to USA.

Red Hill Parent Teacher Organization: \$250.00- 6 pillows, lice kits and other needs that counselling/nurse staff find useful to support students/families.

Mary C Greer Elementary Parent Teacher Association: \$250.00- Support for student dental needs via school support staff

I keep hearing it
takes a village to
raise a child.
Do they just show up,
or is there a
number to call?

2022 Accomplishments & Priorities

Organization

- Received official 501(c)(3) status in Feb 2022.
- Created official [Board of Directors](#) reflective of diversity of our Albemarle County community.
- Retaining CACF fund for continued support for complex donations and growth.

Priority: Our Network

- Strengthen network of local non-profits serving families by leveraging "[Unite Us](#)" software.
- Continue relationship with ACPS Family Support team to identify needs & emerging priorities.

Priority: Initiatives

- Helping Families (goal \$5,000)
- Teacher Appreciation (goal \$5,000)
- Summer Camps (goal \$3,000)



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **ADVOCATE**: tell us if you see a student or family in need (great or small, let us know what problems exist)
- **VOLUNTEER**: help out with your time and talent—we've got lots to do!
- **SPREAD THE NEWS**: Visit our website & join our **GOOGLE GROUP** to learn more and share with others
- **GIVE**: to help ensure that every student has a chance to learn

DONATE ONLINE

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



We are grateful to CACF for supporting our efforts!

