



# FRESH off the STEPS

## MAJOR DONORS

### INTERACT FOR HEALTH

Recently awarded First Step Home with a major grant for general operations.

### DIFFERENCE MAKER LEGACY FUND

A major grant was received to support the Maternal Addiction Program.

### GEORGE B. RILEY TRUST

First Step Home was generously awarded with a major grant to support general operations.

### DANIEL AND SUSAN PFAU FOUNDATION

Recently provided a major grant to the Terry Schoenling Home for Mothers and Infants Program.

### SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION

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### IMPACT 100

Awarded First Step Home with a \$101,000 grant for the Terry Schoenling Home for Mothers and Infants.

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## 25 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

### 1993-1996

- First Step Home begins at St. Michael's Church in Lower Price Hill as Hamilton County's first general long-term care house for indigent women battling substance use disorder. The organization continues to create a home-like setting and nurturing environment for women and their children.

### 1997-2001

- First Step Home opens a new treatment facility named Turner Home. In addition, the purchase and planning begins for renovations to the old Pogue mansion at 2203 Fulton Avenue, the main treatment building.
- First Step Home says goodbye to Annie Plummer Bennett, Executive Director; and welcomes Margo Spence as the agency takes on new leadership.

### 2007-2014

- First Step Home purchases 2215 Fulton Avenue.
- First Step Home increases their capabilities and facilities and in 2008 opens Transitional Housing; and in 2009, the Carriage House Treatment Center is refurbished. First Step Home is creating a campus in Walnut Hills—a community of recovery.
- Responding to the opiate epidemic, First Step Home launches the Maternal Addiction Program.

### 2015-2018

- First Step Home continues to expand the campus with the purchase of 928 Windsor, 2207 Fulton Avenue and 2300 St. James. In 2017 the Terry Schoenling Home for Mothers and Infants opens and allows new moms with their newborns to bond in a safe and nurturing environment.
- First Step Home celebrates 25 years serving the community.





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### IN HONOR OF 25 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES 2018 ROSE AWARD CELEBRATION

“First Step Home, the premier addiction treatment center in Cincinnati is proud to announce our 25-year anniversary, and we will be commemorating this important milestone at our annual Rose Award Celebration on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at the historic Cincinnati Woman’s Club with a 6:00 p.m. reception and 6:45 p.m. program.

This year’s honorees are Annie Bennett – Individual Contribution, Laura and Joseph Klunk – Family Contribution and Kelly Firesheets – Emerging Leader.

The Rose Award Celebration is being presented by the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office together with underwriters Bahl & Gaynor, Cold Jet and DB Unlimited. This year’s major sponsors include Comey & Shepherd, Fifth Third Bank, Mercy Health and Western & Southern Financial Group.

In 1993, several women, including Annie Bennett and Mary Ann Heekin, saw the need for a treatment center dedicated to women with substance abuse disorders and co-founded First Step Home. Our agency has continued to grow over the years and is now an eleven-building campus that offers wraparound services for women and their children. First Step Home is on the front lines and is successfully helping women return to our community drug free and as contributing members of society.”

To RSVP for this event go to [www.FirstStepHome.org/Rose-Gala](http://www.FirstStepHome.org/Rose-Gala)

*“We will continue to pursue our mission to assist women seeking recovery and return them to society as productive citizens.”*

Margo Spence, President & CEO, First Step Home



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Are you a millennial? Do you want to commit time, talent and treasure to an important cause that affects women of all ages? We gather together at exciting venues, support the women at First Step Home at a variety of events and enjoy each other’s company and connectedness. Please join Jessica Walther and connect with her growing group at [JessicaMWalther@gmail.com](mailto:JessicaMWalther@gmail.com)

### DONATION/MONTHLY GIVING

By giving to First Step Home on a monthly basis, you are creating a movement of positive change in the lives of children and their mothers who live on campus. You’re giving the women treatment and the opportunity to become happy, healthy, and successful individuals within their communities. To donate online, go to [www.FirstStepHome.org/Donate](http://www.FirstStepHome.org/Donate)



## ROSE AWARD HONOREES



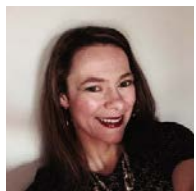
### **Annie F. Bennett - Individual Contribution**

As the first Executive Director of First Step Home, Annie had worked with many community leaders, activists, and advocates for the recovery and treatment of addiction. After First Step Home, Annie joined the clinical faculty at the University of Kentucky where she taught at NKU, Eastern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky in Lexington. She is a licensed independent clinical social worker and has received numerous awards, but is most proud of her three grown children and ten grandchildren.



### **Laura & Joseph Klunk - Family Contribution**

The Joseph A. and Laura L. Klunk Family Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families affected by substance abuse and mental illness. The Foundation was an early supporter of providing Narcan to first responders, and they are dedicated to improving addiction treatment facilities and homes throughout the region. Laura and Joe enjoy tutoring children in reading and also mentoring young adults in business skills. They especially commend all who volunteer to support our communities and love the work of First Step Home.



### **Kelly Firesheets, Psy.D - Emerging Leader**

Kelly holds a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology. At Interact for Health, she led Interact's regional opioid response work, including the Funders' Response to the Heroin Epidemic. Kelly also managed Interact's Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health grantmaking, and served as Interact's Director of Evaluation. Kelly is a member of the City of Cincinnati's Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC). She was recognized as one of the Cincinnati Business Courier's 2017 40 Under 40 awardees and was one of the Grantmakers in Health's 2014 Terrance Keenan Fellows.

## BOARD & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Board President, Jessica Walther!

Jessica serves as a Strategic Sourcing Director at Macy's. She has served as Vice Board Chair and has participated in multiple events held by the Church of the Redeemer.



David Nuscher serves as the Director of Finance at First Step Home. Mr. Nuscher served

as Accounting Manager at PLACES, Inc., which provides residential housing to 80 adults with severe and persistent mental health issues at various sites in Montgomery County.



Naomi Sims-Satterwhite serves as Director of Clinical Services at First

Step Home. In her position as Division Director with LifePoint Solutions she provided leadership in mental health and substance abuse services.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **LET'S GO KROGERING!**

Did you know that you could support First Step Home by simply shopping and swiping your Plus Card at Kroger?

It's easy! Enroll your Kroger card and select First Step Home's number **62835**. Go to [www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com) and click on the drop down for Savings and Rewards and then click on Community Rewards Program.

### **LEGACY GIVING**

Have you ever considered leaving a legacy gift to First Step Home? If you have decided to leave a percentage of your estate to support your favorite charitable causes, remember that your gift to First Step Home provides a lasting impact for the women and children we serve. For more information, contact Rachel Lyon. **513.961.4663 X107** [Rachel.Lyon@FirstStepHome.org](mailto:Rachel.Lyon@FirstStepHome.org)



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CELEBRATING **25** YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

Helping women break the cycle of addiction and abuse so that they can become self-sufficient and provide a nurturing environment for their children.



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## SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2018



### NOW THRU MAY 15

Join our email list to be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to an FC Cincinnati game!  
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### SATURDAY, MAY 19

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Rose Award Celebration  
Cincinnati Woman's Club  
330 Lafayette Ave., Cincinnati, OH



### MONDAY, JUNE 18

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Graduation  
New Thought Unity Center  
1401 E. McMillan St. Cincinnati, OH

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The Church of the Redeemer has been volunteering at First Step Home since 2009. The Mission Group holds 3 - 4 dinners a year for clients, has a First Step Home Giving Tree, which collects toys for Santa's Shop, sings Christmas carols each year and provides a variety of in-kind donations. First Step Home is grateful for our continuing relationship and for the wonderful generosity of the Church.

A place for help... A place for hope... A place for healing...