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I’m passionate that access to high quality early education should be available to every child in our Greater Houston region. Our youngest citizens must receive the care and education they need NOW to ensure they start kindergarten prepared to succeed in school and in life.

It was my honor to serve as chairman of the Collaborative for Children Board of Directors in 2015, an exciting year of progress in which the organization summarized multiyear data to document proven methods while drafting a bold path forward to reach even more children.

Recognizing the importance of parents as a child’s first teachers, we expanded our work in offering the home visitationParents as Teachers curriculum to more families in 2015. The role of parents in a child’s development cannot be overstated, and Collaborative for Children’s many family engagement programs serve to build skills and knowledge among parents of young children.

2015 also was an important year for the College Bound from Birth program, which saw the program’s first forays into both sustainability and replication. Initial participating child care programs in the Sunnyside / South Park neighborhood – which began their journey in College Bound from Birth in 2008 – maintained and increased their classroom scores through their first year of sustainability with minimal hands-on support from the Collaborative for Children team. Meanwhile, the program began its replication into new neighborhoods with the launch of a three-year intervention at four child care centers in Aldine.

Test scores from former College Bound from Birth children who were enrolled in first and second grade last year in Sunnyside-area HISD schools also told a promising story: on a variety of measures, students who previously were enrolled in College Bound from Birth centers consistently outperformed their peers in neighborhood schools. With this and other data validating our program, Collaborative for Children was well positioned to develop an aggressive plan for growing College Bound from Birth throughout Houston.

Replicating College Bound from Birth is just one of several initiatives identified in the five-year strategic plan adopted by our Board of Directors in 2015. Recognizing the successes from our past as well as needs for the future, board and staff developed a comprehensive plan of thoughtful and strategic initiatives to move the organization forward to the year 2020. I’m incredibly proud of the plan and the value it brings in communicating to our partners, donors and stakeholders not just our vision for the next five years but also the coordinated efforts we’ll take to get there.

On behalf of the Collaborative for Children Board of Directors and staff, I extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated donors for their support in 2015. As we look toward the future and begin implementation of our new strategic plan, we ask for continued community support to achieve our ambitious goals. Together, we can make quality early childhood learning for all Houston children a reality.

Stephen M. Kaufman
2015 Chairman of the Board
2015 By the Numbers

86,576
Children impacted through our collective services that partner with families, early childhood teachers and community leaders

1,287
Families served by Collaborative for Children’s parent engagement staff through parenting classes and the Parents as Teachers home visitation program

33,310
Families who found child care through our QualiFind online database and phone consultations
Neighborhoods participating in Collaborative for Children’s College Bound from Birth program

11,140
Early education professionals who received professional development through our online and in-person trainings

239
Child care sites committed to excellence through training, coaching and mentoring as part of our intensive quality improvement programs

190
Child care centers and registered family homes certified in the Texas Rising Star quality rating improvement system, following rigorous application and assessment processes and ongoing mentoring

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Neighborhoods participating in Collaborative for Children’s College Bound from Birth program
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DePelchin Children’s Center
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Houston Independent School District
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Montgomery County United Way, now part of United Way of Greater Houston
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Statement of Activities
(for the year ending December 31, 2015)

OPERATING REVENUES
- Government Contracts: $4,479,697
- United Way Service Contracts: $893,764
- Program Income (Fees for Services): $101,374
- Fundraising: $1,319,985
- Other Income: $15,224
- Total Operating Revenues: $6,810,044

OPERATING EXPENSES
- Program Expenditures:
  - Training/Support for Educators: $4,473,819
  - Parenting Education: $67,488
  - Child Care Resource & Referral: $479,381
  - College Bound from Birth Program(a): $616,621
  - Community Education: $174,238
  - Subtotal – Program Expenditures: $5,811,547
- Management & General: $1,278,163
- Fundraising: $454,042
- Total Operating Expenses: $7,543,752
- Change in Net Assets(b): <$733,708>
- Total Net Assets, End of Year: $1,067,915

(a) Services focus on several neighborhoods and include intensive training/support for early childhood educators and programs, parenting classes/home visitation, and partner contracts for mental health and access to healthcare services.

(b) Alternating positive and negative Changes in Net Assets result when GAAP revenue recognition rules are applied to awarded multiyear grants causing grant revenue and the related expenses to be reported in different years.
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All children in Greater Houston have the high-quality learning opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.

Our Mission
We meaningfully improve the quality of early childhood education and care for Greater Houston’s children through those who are most influential in their lives.