

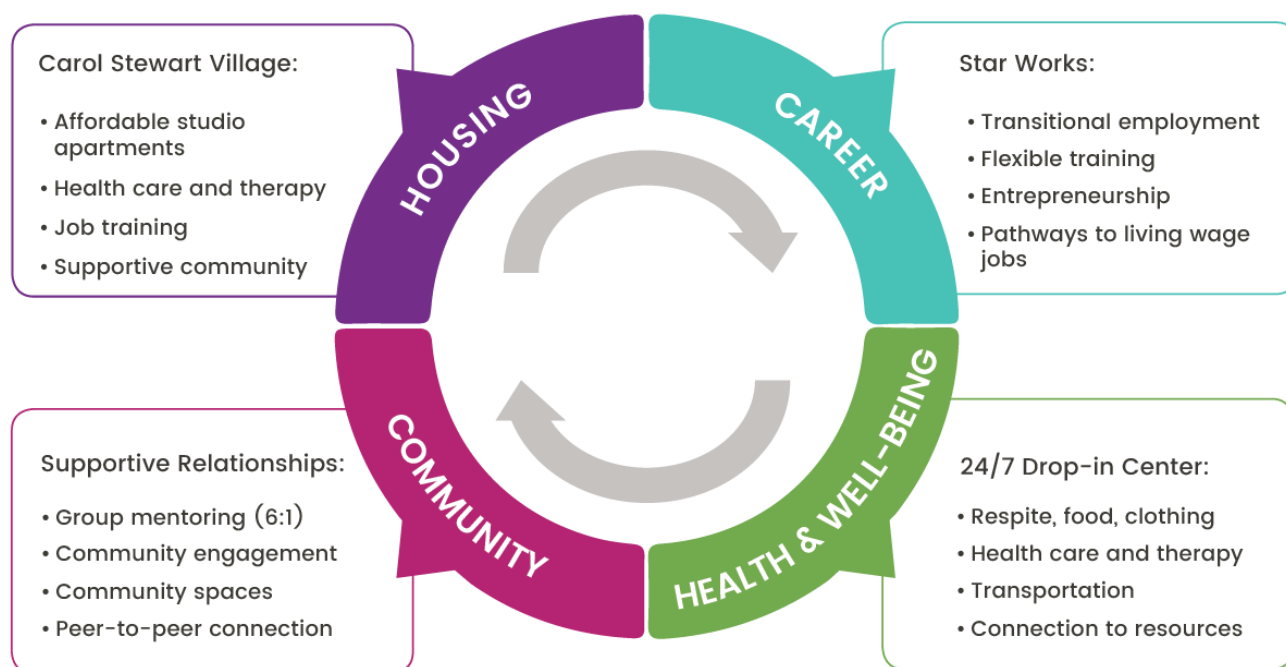


We provide youth experiencing homelessness with safe respite and a chance to thrive.

Why

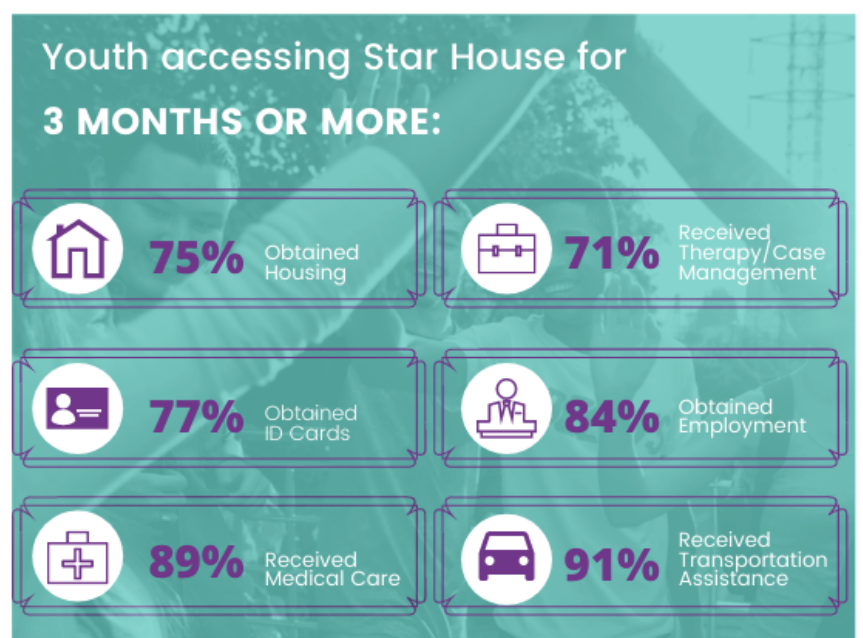
In Central Ohio, the average young person becomes independent from their family at age 24. Most practice adulthood with the safety net of family leading up to this point. However, in the next year, more than 3,000 young people in Franklin County, ages 14-24, will fall into homelessness—thrust into adulthood too early and without the immediate resources needed to thrive. They have no place to call home and have too often been orphaned, ostracized and abused by the adults in their lives. As a result, these young people distrust older adults—avoiding service agencies and striving to remain independent and invisible. Youth living on the streets are at higher risk for PTSD, untreated illness, victimization, human trafficking, food insecurity, assault, death from suicide or overdose and other public health issues. In the midst of this despair, Star House—the nation’s only agency serving youth experiencing homelessness that hosts continuous best practice research—serves as a ray of hope. Any one of us needs the following four essentials, consistently and simultaneously, in order to thrive: health/well-being, a good job to cover living expenses; affordable housing; and supportive relationships. The graphic below demonstrates how Star House is connecting young people in our community with all four essentials.

How



Impact

In 2020, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Star House served 882 young people and their small children.



Engagement options

INVEST

- Champion: \$50,000
- Gold: \$25,000
- Silver: \$10,000
- Bronze: \$5,000
- All levels appreciated

PARTNER

- Housing
- Employment
- Education
- Health Care
- Enrichment

VOLUNTEER

- Mentor
- Meals
- Donation Sorting
- Donation Drive
- Events