Announcing the 2018 award recipients

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We are excited to announce the 2018 recipients of our annual leadership awards. The goal of the Day 1 Families Fund awards is to shine a light and support the organizations that are doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter for young families in communities across the country.

These 24 organizations are working on a number of initiatives that support families in need – from emergency shelter and safe short-term shelter for families to get on their feet, to access and support for permanent housing and support services that help families move forward together. We hope these grants provide the additional resources these leaders and their organizations need to expand the scope and impact of their efforts.

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The 2018 awardees support homeless families in 16 states and the District of Columbia. They will receive immediate donations totaling $97.5 million. Here are the awardees:

2018 Day 1 Families Fund Awardees

Abode Services, Fremont, CA • $5 million
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA • $5 million
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Miami, FL • $5 million
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, Tacoma, WA • $5 million
Community of Hope, Washington, DC • $5 million
Community Rebuilders, Grand Rapids, MI • $5 million
Crossroads Rhode Island, Providence, RI • $5 million
District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH), Washington, DC • $2.5 million
Emerald Development and Economic Network, Cleveland, OH • $2.5 million
FrontLine Service, Cleveland, OH • $2.5 million
Hamilton Families, San Francisco, CA • $2.5 million
Heartland Family Service, Omaha, NE • $5 million
Housing Families First, Henrico, VA • $2.5 million
JOIN, Portland, OR • $5 million
LA Family Housing, North Hollywood, CA • $5 million
Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, VA • $2.5 million
Primo Center for Women and Children, Chicago, IL • $2.5 million
Refugee Women's Alliance, Seattle, WA • $2.5 million
SEARCH Homeless Services, Houston, TX • $5 million
Simpson Housing Services, Minneapolis, MN • $2.5 million
The Salvation Army, Center of Hope, Charlotte, NC • $5 million
The Salvation Army of Greater Houston, Houston, TX • $5 million
UMOM New Day Centers, Phoenix, AZ • $5 million
Urban Resource Institute, New York, NY • $5 million

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