What are your hopes and dreams for your family?

#BigDreamsBetterFutures
What are your hopes and dreams? Ask almost any parent or caregiver that question and the answer will be the same: a better life for our children. It’s what we all aspire to.

As parents ourselves – with children whose ages span more than two decades – we understand how wonderfully hard the job is. But we also realize we are able to circumvent challenges with readily available resources and formidable networks that so many equally loving and committed parents may not have access to.

The families LIFT serves face daily tangible and systemic barriers that prevent them from not just fulfilling their hopes and dreams, but also meeting basic needs. Yet, they are strong, committed and ready to fight to give their children more.

Just like every parent.

LIFT is proud to be a trusted ally for these families as they start to dream bigger; a partner who believes in them and is invested in helping them reach their goals.

Last year we began to really focus on what it could mean for us as an organization to not only address real-life obstacles, but to also provide the right skills and resources to stimulate long-term mobility for our members (low-income children and families). We started by listening to what they, and behavioral science experts, had to say. Those lived experiences coupled with emerging evidence-based research were an important part of how we evolved our program design.

This report highlights some of the science and stories behind that work, along with a glance at what the next year holds. Like testing 21st century ways to reach parents where they are, using technology and collaborations with trusted community partners. And beginning to measure the skills and attributes studies tell us people need to navigate this complex world. We also started to look at how to leverage nearly 20 years of experience to help inform how public systems can better provide services and supports. It’s an exciting time full of potential for what the future could be – will be – for these young families, and for our country.

In the end, it is the parents and caregivers we partner with who lead the changes in their lives. We’re here to give them the LIFT we all need and deserve.

And we could not do that without your generous support. Thank you for helping us empower families to break the cycle of poverty.

With gratitude,

Kirsten E. Lodal
CEO & Co-Founder

Steve Rotella
Chairman, National Board of Directors
LIFT is a national nonprofit working with – not just for – low-income families to design, implement and evaluate solutions to end intergenerational poverty. We work on the ground in communities with some of the highest rates of concentrated poverty – Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. LIFT knows if parents believe in themselves, have strong networks and can access resources, then economic opportunity for their children is possible.
For nearly two decades, LIFT has focused on helping low-income individuals define goals and ambitions, build relationships and access resources. Last year, we chose to take that work to the next level. Having already shifted our attention to low-income parents and caregivers with young children, we understood that to have an impact on the next generation we would have to do even more.

The effects of poverty are more than just economic. When children and families suffer from inadequate physical, social and emotional effects. From malnutrition and poor health to lower academic achievement and earning potential to exposure to violence and low self-esteem, the scarcity poor families experience is detrimental to overall well-being. And the stakes are even higher when children are young.

One reason for that is toxic stress. Defined by the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University as the excessive or prolonged activation of stress responses systems in the body and brain, toxic stress can be caused by extreme poverty, generally defined as living on $2 or less per person/per day. Toxic stress can cause increased heart rate and blood pressure and the release of stress hormones like cortisol that, when brains are still in a critical development period, can result in serious negative outcomes for young children. This can lead to lifelong problems, including limited memory, decreased attention span, inability to control inhibitions, higher rates of chronic illness and disability and ultimately a shorter lifespan.

The good news is research also shows parents and caregivers can help protect children from the myriad potentially harmful effects of poverty. Better yet, when exploring the science – and reflecting on what we have learned – LIFT knows we can do more than buffer. Our approach helps foster opportunities and connections, and ensures families believe they can make a better life for themselves and their children.
Our Solution

We know that parent and child outcomes are inextricably linked. By better meeting the needs of parents and caregivers, data – and common sense – show we can meet the needs of their children. For LIFT, this parent-focused, two-generation approach means we are doubling down on what we’ve been doing all these years. We believe a goal-oriented, relational and holistic approach can change lives over time. That’s why we’re helping parents and caregivers build personal well-being, social connections and financial strength. Each of these elements fosters the other and provides a comprehensive foundation for families, which is why LIFT’s work is designed to build aspects of each into every interaction with parents and caregivers. Not only does this foundation put parents on paths to good jobs and advanced education, but it also has a positive impact on children now.

What do we mean?

**Personal Well-Being:**
Health (both physical and mental), resilience, confidence and efficacy are all critical to how an individual thrives.

**Social Connections:**
Healthy relationships formed among people, the community and institutions promote trust and belonging that can offer a shield from depression, anxiety and stress.

**Financial Strength:**
The ability to meet basic needs, obtain education, secure stable employment and understand the impact of building credit and savings all increase a family’s capacity to achieve economic security.
Committed to continuing to build personal well-being, social connections and financial strength, last year we began to evolve our model. We used member voices and the growing body of empirical research on what families need to break the cycle of poverty to raise the bar and to tailor our programs directly to meeting the aspirations our parents and caregivers articulated.

It started with understanding that the most effective way to tackle intergenerational poverty is to strengthen both generations at once. That’s why we began to partner with high-quality early childhood organizations in each city. While these community institutions are focused on helping children develop and thrive, we concentrate on engaging and supporting their parents.

We work to build a strong, trusted relationship with each parent or caregiver. This has always been a key part of LIFT’s work and that hasn’t changed. This bond is critical for the hard work that comes next. In fact, our internal data show that when LIFT works with members on their most important goals, they are three times more likely to achieve them. That’s important, as last year we started helping members focus on bigger objectives aimed at family economic stability.

Playing a direct role in achieving economic stability is a new element to LIFT’s model. Instead of just limiting ourselves to navigating existing social services and referrals to other organizations, we’re expanding our work to include direct assistance. We’re trying things like matched deposits and lending circles to help parents build savings and assets. We even partnered with a local university to reduce tuition so a group of moms could complete their degrees at low or no cost.

Understanding the Lived Experience

A core part of LIFT’s philosophy is the belief that the parents and caregivers we serve should be the CEOs, social entrepreneurs and chief architects of their families’ futures. And the way we prove that is by listening to them. Last year, in addition to the ongoing feedback loop already embedded in our program design, LIFT decided to dive a little deeper.

In January, we launched a listening tour in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., to hear directly from nearly 100 members what aspirations they had for their families and what obstacles they faced trying to bring them to fruition — all to help inform our work moving forward. Through one-on-one conversations, focus groups and discussions with more than 40 community-based organizations, we were able to gather critical insights on what families need most and where the existing social services systems fall short. And the results were pretty consistent. Parents repeatedly expressed a desire to provide their children with a safe living environment, healthy and nurturing relationships and high-quality education that would provide their children with a better future. Specifically, parents and caregivers told us they want to:

- Secure stable housing in safe neighborhoods
- Foster healthy parent/child interactions
- Be strong role models for their children
- Build strong social networks for themselves
- Have access to physical and mental health services and healthy food
- Guarantee high-quality education for themselves and their children

The results of this listening tour helped LIFT identify new ideas and reinforce others, which we have now fully integrated into our program design.
LIFT partners
with an early childhood organization

LIFT builds a strong relationship
with members

Members build an actionable plan
around family goals

Members strengthen their social connections

Members access the resources they need to achieve goals
So why goals, relationships and resources? Because emerging evidence in behavioral science – and our families – tell us these can make the biggest impact. If that seems fairly intuitive, it’s because it is. And based on nearly 20 years of experience working with more than 100,000 low-income individuals, we’ve learned it works. Here’s why:

**Family Goal-Setting:** Last year LIFT began exclusively working with parents whose primary stated goal is to build a better life for their children. Setting goals is important because it helps members develop self-efficacy, resilience and confidence. Research shows parents who develop these characteristics are better prepared to navigate their environment and to raise their children. Self-efficacy is a powerful predictor of positive parenting practices and a mediator of the effects of poverty and depression. And resilience can help increase the chances that child outcomes – including health and demeanor – will also be positive.

When parents develop these behaviors, the risk of abuse and neglect can also decrease, which is important as that is another contributor to toxic stress. These traits also enable families to set clear goals for themselves and their children – like completing job training or post-secondary education – both of which lead to family sustaining incomes.

**Relationships:** LIFT is now explicitly aiming to increase members’ social capital by helping them expand their networks. This includes recruiting relatable role models as advocates and coaches, delivering more of our services through peer groups versus exclusively one-on-one sessions, sponsoring social activities for the whole family and testing crowd funding programs that allow LIFT donors to directly help members.

This is important because helping parents and caregivers build valuable social connections can also help protect young children by creating healthy and nurturing environments that promote secure attachments. Studies show that parents with more social support are more likely to increase the frequency of positive parent/child activities over time, which are critical to healthy development. While LIFT has always focused on the quality of the relationship between member and advocate, last year we began to explore how peer groups
and bridged social capital programs can leverage this valuable component even further. The bonus here? Experts say when parents provide help (e.g. through peer groups), and not just receive it, they experience reduced feelings of indebtedness and an increased sense of self-worth.

**Resources:** Concrete supports and access to available information and resources are critical to stability and mobility. LIFT has always helped navigate existing benefit services, but last year we started to explore how adding direct programs, like cash transfers and college savings accounts, can build assets and put families on a stronger path to financial independence. By providing additional opportunities for growth, like financial coaching – which members specifically asked for – we are not only helping the parent and caregiver, but also the child. As a result of this work, LIFT is helping families access immediate needs like food, clothing and child care, and also kick-starting long-term impact by helping parents model good fiscal behavior and offering families the opportunity to envision and build economic security.

LIFT has engaged **CFED**, a recognized leader in financial capabilities, to help customize our program specifically for stressed, often unbanked parents dealing with issues of both time and cash poverty.

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**LIFT in Action**

Marbella is one of LIFT’s parents. When her daughter was almost two, and she was pregnant with her second child, Marbella was struggling to find child care that would allow for more hours at the restaurant where she’s worked part-time for the last 13 years. The Bronx resident came to LIFT because she was frustrated by a constant cycle of making trade-offs. It’s exactly how she and her sister grew up, and she wanted something different for her children.

After we helped Marbella address some of those basic needs, we started talking to her about her future. What did she want – and need – for her kids?

The answer was easy: an education. Specifically, college. Marbella makes less than $400 each week, but because she knew what a game changer a degree would be, she saved enough to open up two 529 college savings accounts for Sarai and Pedro; accounts LIFT matched several times over. Opening those accounts did more than establish a base for her children, they helped change the way Marbella thought about her future.

She realized those accounts alone wouldn’t be enough. And for her to really give her children everything she wants for them, she had to get her education first. And that’s just what she’s working with LIFT to do now. Today she’s part of LIFT’s financial capabilities program, building skills that will help her save and plan. We’re also working with her to figure out how she can make college classes possible with an already busy life. And, perhaps most importantly, we’re helping her develop a solid support system through peer groups and family activities.

While Marbella’s journey with LIFT is just beginning, she’s already believing in the infinite possibilities of a thriving future – for herself and her children.
By the Numbers

LIFT PARENTS ARE...

96% of LIFT parents say they have insufficient income to cover daily expenses.

- 83% female
- 30% black or African American
- 62% Hispanic or Latino
- 36% employed full- or part-time
- 64% have a high school degree or higher

WHEN MEMBERS FIRST COME TO LIFT...

- 58% have reliable child care
- 80% have a smart phone
- 51% have a bank account
- 22% know their credit score

- Average age of a LIFT parent: 36
- Average age of a Lil' LIFTer: 8
During the last fiscal year, **LIFT** helped put more than **$8.14M** in wages, public benefits and tax refunds back into the pockets of community members.

**CONNECTING FAMILIES TO WHAT THEY NEED**

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**WHAT MEMBERS SAY**

- 96% of members believe they can turn to LIFT in a time of need
- 98% feel they are treated with courtesy, dignity and respect at LIFT
- 92% report they get new and useful information at LIFT
- 88% feel they are making progress on their goals
- 93% would recommend LIFT to a friend or relative
Last year, LIFT was able to share our message with experts, philanthropists, policymakers and practitioners across the country. We were honored to host events, speak on panels and welcome visitors near and far to our offices to learn more about how we’re helping empower families to break the cycle of poverty.

Coast to Coast: A Snapshot
The National Head Start Association Winter Leadership Institute features CEO Kirsten Lodal as a panelist, lauding her accomplishments in meeting, leading and adapting to change.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2016 – ARLINGTON, VA**

The prestigious 2015 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award®, honoring Americans under 40 who are changing their communities and the country with their commitment to public service, is presented to CEO Kirsten Lodal.

**NOVEMBER 12, 2015 – BOSTON**

CEO Kirsten Lodal presents at the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University’s Frontiers of Innovation symposium on supporting parents as effective change agents for their families.

**FEBRUARY 28, 2015 – BOSTON**

LIFT-DC is chosen as one of the first local partners to bring digital literacy classes to community members through a new mobile tech lab.

**FEBRUARY 2, 2016 – WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The University of Chicago Institute of Politics features LIFT-Chicago’s Sol Anderson in a conversation on how to reduce urban poverty, particularly in communities like the South Side.

**FEBRUARY 29, 2016 – CHICAGO**

LIFT:Taste, LIFT-New York’s gala fundraiser brings volunteers and donors together in Chelsea to support Bronx families.

**MAY 18, 2016 – NEW YORK**

Princeton University’s Eldar Shafir speaks to staff and board members about the research behind his acclaimed book Scarcity, focusing on how limited bandwidth impacts low-income families.

**OCTOBER 13, 2015 – NEW YORK**

LIFT’s Sophie Sahaf speaks at the White House, advocating for increased family feedback loops in the design and implementation of two-generation program models.

**MAY 5, 2016 – WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The 2015 Bank of America Student Leaders have an opportunity to experience LIFTopolis.

**JULY 12, 2015 – ARLINGTON, VA**

South Africa’s National Youth Service Programme visits LIFT-DC to learn more about how we are enriching the experiences of younger staffers.

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LIFT in the Media

Upworthy ..................................... SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
LIFT featured for presenting a refreshingly new way to help people struggling with poverty and homelessness.

NPR Marketplace ............................... MARCH 17, 2016
“Where to turn when there’s nowhere to turn” segment explored where low-income people go when faced with shaky ground moments.

#ProduceLA2050 .......................... OCTOBER 21, 2015
LIFT participated in a 72-hour film contest that tasked filmmakers with creating videos for Los Angeles-based changemakers.

South Side Weekly .......................... APRIL 13, 2016
Profile of LIFT-Chicago Executive Director Sol Anderson and his commitment to one of the country’s most underserved neighborhoods.

Mother Earth Living ....................... FEBRUARY 16, 2016
The magazine’s charity spotlight focused on our work with families.

CEO and Co-Founder Kirsten Lodal was heralded for her decision to sharpen LIFT’s focus to better serve the communities in which we work.

Los Angeles Magazine .................. FEBRUARY 25, 2016
LIFT-Los Angeles Executive Director Michelle Rhone-Collins was recognized for her antipoverty advocacy in the magazine’s “The L.A. Woman Questionnaire.”

1.1 M Facebook impressions
5.3 M people reached by LIFT tweets
300,000+ liftcommunities.org page views
15,700 minutes spent watching our YouTube channel
Fiscal Year 2016 Financials
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

REVENUE
- Foundations & Institutions: $4,196,997
- Individuals: $1,218,179
- In-Kind: $505,023
- Government: $177,859
- Other: $36,968
- Total Revenue: $6,135,026

EXPENSES
- Program: $4,010,265
- Management & General: $1,698,693
- Fundraising: $760,930
- Total Expenses: $6,469,888

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Comic Relief, Inc.*

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~ LIFT-DC Donor, Camille Franklin

I lift because I believe that families in Chicago deserve to thrive, not just survive.

~ LIFT-Chicago Advocate, Louisa Richardson-Deppe

Aprender para poder ayudar y mejorar el futuro de mis hijo mi familia y Superarme yo en muchos aspectos

~ LIFT-Los Angeles Member, Pablo Garcia

LIFT-New York Advocate, Lucy Reyes

A LIFT because it's very important to pay it forward. It's important to motivate the community and our surroundings. Even if we little, I always heard that it takes a village, but somewhere we lost and along the way, but have to just get back to first. I am better now, than helping someone else and we are better when we are helping others.

~ LIFT-New York Advocate, Lucy Reyes
My hope is and Drea is being able to help my kids become better in life, because it will be hard for them in this time out as a father to love and always be there for them.

~ LIFT-DC Member, David Jones

Yo quiero lo mejor para mis hijos y fam. la mejor educación por eso quiero superarme.

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Mi sueños son que todos mis 6 hijos que ballan a la universidad y que alcancen sus metas. Para que tengan un buen futuro. Pero también que busquen a Dios porque sin Dios no somos nada y también que yo aprenda el inglés para alcanzar mi sueño también hablar el inglés.

~ LIFT-Los Angeles Member, Rosalba Cruz

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Together we can fulfill the promise of America for all of our people with equality, inclusion, for all!

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