

# NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF HAMILTON

## IMPACT FACT SHEET (2014-2018)

### ABOUT NESH

Neighborhood Housing Services of Hamilton, Inc. (NESH) is a nonprofit community development organization that revitalizes and builds communities. We are a partnership of residents, the business community, government, and community leaders.

NESH provides a "one-stop-shop" to facilitate the goals of fulfilling the short and long-term needs of all income households in Butler County, Ohio by providing homebuyer education, homebuyer lending capital, homebuyer and homeowner insurance education and neighborhood outreach. We offer a comprehensive range of user-friendly homebuyer services, while focusing on customer convenience, all under one roof.

NESH equips clients with the foundational skills needed for successful home ownership. Through one-on-one coaching or group sessions, NESH provides direction and training in key areas such as the home buying process, setting a budget, and avoiding foreclosure. The goal is to provide the tools everyone needs to be long-term stewards of a home.

### ABOUT NEIGHBORWORKS

The NeighborWorks Collaborative of Ohio is a statewide, non-profit organization focused on creating sustainable and affordable housing opportunities for Ohioans. Through its member organizations, over **150,000** individuals and families have benefitted from programs and services in the last 10 years, resulting in stronger communities, thriving local economies and a substantial positive impact on Ohio's economy.

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NESH serves residents of Butler County and the cities of Hamilton and Middletown.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT (2014 - 2018)

**\$16.8 MILLION**  
IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT GENERATED

**\$1.7 MILLION**  
IN LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL  
TAXES GENERATED

**123 JOBS**  
CREATED OR SUSTAINED BETWEEN  
2014 - 2018

**\$5.4 MILLION**  
IN LABOR INCOME



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of Hamilton, Inc.

All numbers based on research completed by Greater Ohio Policy Center using the IMPLAN economic impact model. For the full white paper please visit <http://www.ohionwc.org/>

# THE LOUIS R. ARMSTEAD DREAM CENTER



Personnel from the Hamilton City School District became aware of the number of homeless children coming to school lacking the basic necessities for learning.

Personnel at the Hamilton Dream Center, a local church and service organization, also became aware of families who were living in homeless conditions in local motels and nearby emergency shelters.

Families in local motels pay \$40 per day (\$640 per month) for one room, two beds, and no kitchen facilities. This form of housing provides no stability, no continuity, and no predictability for the families.

In order to address these issues, NESH and the Hamilton Dream Center formed a partnership to provide transitional housing and necessary social services for individuals and families. NESH received HOME funds to acquire and rehab a foreclosed multi-family building in a historic neighborhood in Hamilton; NESH has christened the building the Louis R. Armstrong Dream Center, in honor of NESH's founding board president. NESH provides three units of transitional housing (two of which are handicap accessible). The home is located within walking distance of other public services. Tenants must sign a 12 month lease with an option to extend the lease an additional 6 month. A deposit is not required for these units and tenant rent is approximately half the cost of living in a motel. NESH places a portion of the rent into an escrow account to be used for deposit and first month's rent at their permanent housing residence. The Hamilton Dream Center Church provides three free meals per week, access to their food pantry, transportation, winter coats, and school supplies.

Tenants that have occupied the Dream Center have moved on to permanent housing situations.

**“This is a way to - at least for three families at a time - they can keep their family together, they can stay there, get some money to get into an apartment”**

*Nancy Hulshult, Hamilton Freshman  
School Principal*