

The Story

Chair-ity, Inc. was established in 2014 by Maria Paparella who was just 16 when she took action to right a wrong and fill a void that she discovered in the foster care system in the State of Ohio. Within a four-month period, Maria formally launched the nonprofit Chair-ity, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) and collected enough furniture to furnish seven apartments in Summit County.

What is Aging Out of Foster Care?

When teenagers in foster care turn 18, the State of Ohio, and nearly every other state, no longer provides financial support to foster families. Many of these families choose to emancipate their foster youth and send them on their way to begin their independent adult life.

What is Chair-ity?

- Chair-ity is a 501(c)(3) that collects donated furniture and household goods for redistribution to teenagers who are released from the foster care system.
- Chair-ity works with county social workers to provide services to "graduated" teenagers as they begin living on their own without the support of family, friends or foster care.
- Chair-ity will contact the youth to discuss their furniture needs and delivery logistics, and coordinate with other community nonprofits such as Fostering Independence, Inc. to ensure that all housing needs are addressed. Chair-ity provides at no cost used furniture and household goods along with new bed sets (mattresses, box springs and bed frames).

Morethan 23,000 kids age out of U.S. foster care every year.

70% of foster kids would like to go to college.

Only

of kids who age out will earn a college degree

and

won't graduate from high school or get a GED.

60%

of boys who age out or are legally emancipated have been convicted of a crime.

become pregnant before age 21.

girls who age out will

7 in 10

kids who age out will develop a substance dependence. 32%

of children who reached 18 in foster care were waiting in the system for more than

3 years

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Emancipated Youth Statistics

Chair-ity by the Numbers

- Apartments outfitted by Chair-ity with furniture and household goods since inception.
- Total number of furniture items delivered through 2019
 - Emancipated youth served in 2019
 - Children of youth served in 2019
- Furniture items given to emancipated youth in 2019
 - Number of organizations in Northeast Ohio working directly with county social workers to help youth who age out of foster care with furniture with household goods
 - Dollars allocated to administration since inception

17 Deliveries Made in 2019

			Sofa/Love	Recliner/			Coffee/End					
Recipient	Beds	Night Stand	seat	Chair	Dinette	Dresser	table	TV Stand	Rug	Lamps	Total	Extended Total
Courtney	4	4	1	2	! 1	4	1 3	3		3	22	34
Bianna		1		2	! 1		1				5	9
Stevanie	1	1	2		1		2	2		2	9	15
Bridget	1					1	1				2	4
Sydney	2		1							2	5	9
MoDriana	1	1	1				1			2	6	8
Latiki					1		2	2			3	7
Shalonda					1		1	1	Ĭ		3	7
Dezjah	2	2	2	1	1	2	2 2	2		4	16	24
Megan	1										1	3
Tyler	1	1	2	1	1	1	1 2	2 1	1	1	11	17
Jasper	1	1	1		1	1	1 2	2		2	9	15
Carmen	2										2	6
Peter	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 1			2	9	15
DaRayonia	1		2		1	2	2 2	2 1	1	1 2	12	18
Deuntre	1		1			1	1 2	2		1	6	8
Lashaunte	4		1		1	2	2			4	12	24
Total	23	12	15	7	11	15	5 21	3	3	1 25	133	
Extended Total	69	12	15	7	55	15	5 21	3	3	1 25		223
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2015 to 2019 Total	92	56	96	27	43	78	3 48	3	3 :	2 105	550	
2015 to 2019 Extended Total	276	56	96	27	215	78	3 48	3	3 :	2 105	906	906

Goals & Objectives



- Chair-ity will focus on all 22 Northeast Ohio counties highlighted on the map in the green quadrant.
- In 2020, Chair-ity will expand into 5 counties (Summit, Cuyahoga, Stark, Medina and Lake) which comprise 62% of youth who will be emancipated in Northeast Ohio.
 - Chair-ity has the long-term goal of statewide expansion.

01	Number of Emancipated
County	Youth
Ashtabula	
Lake	
Trumbell	
Mahoning	
Columbia	
Jefferson	
Belmont	
Harrison	
Carroll	
Stark	
Portage	
Geauga	
Cuyahoga	10
Summit	
Tuscarawas	
Guernsey	
Muskingham	
Coshocton	
Holmes	
Wayne	
Medina	
Lorain	
Total	28

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