HEMI IS A LOCAL INITIATIVE OFFERING PROMISING RESULTS THAT BRING DOWN COSTS AND IMPROVE LIVES.

59% FEMALE
17 AVERAGE AGE AT PROGRAM ENTRY
114 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS 2009-2015

NEARLY 40% 2009 ENTRANTS ACTIVE FOR 6+ YEARS

80% BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL 2015
20% IN HIGH SCHOOL 2015

PRELIMINARY RETURN ON INVESTMENT
248% 2015

EMANCIPATING HAMILTON COUNTY YOUTH COST $17.7 MILLION PER YEAR.

HEMI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE OR GED EARNED: 40%
- SOME COLLEGE OR DEGREE EARNED: 20%
- EMPLOYED: 20%
- FEMALE WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD: -20%
- AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES: -40%

*Represents HEMI outcomes among participants who engaged (2009-2015) compared to outcomes for emancipated young adults through age 24 in a longitudinal study from Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

Saying goodbye to my past and hello to a bright future

HEMI YOUNG ADULTS COMPARED TO EMANCIPATED YOUNG ADULTS*

40% HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE OR GED EARNED
20% EMPLOYED
20% FEMALE WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD
-20% AVERAGE HOURLY WAGES
-40% POST-SECONDARY PARTICIPATION

2.55x $10,000 20.15x
1.75x 6.06x
1.10x 1.35x

PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED PROGRAM APPLICANTS

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Our Mission
The Higher Education Mentoring Initiative (HEMI) provides Hamilton County foster youth with a long-term academic mentoring relationship that begins in high school and is focused on the awareness of, preparation for, and completion of post-secondary education and training.

Program Description
HEMI participants typically work with a Program Specialist and dedicated volunteer mentor who work together to champion each participant’s social, career and/or college readiness skills through training, support and guidance in many aspects of their lives.

HEMI is a partnership between the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Great Oaks Career Campuses, OhioMeansJobs and Mount St. Joseph University.

Our Vision
To create self-sufficiency and life above the poverty level for those emancipating out of the Hamilton County foster care system.

“The ingredients for success are the HEMI program, 2 tablespoons of Hope, 2 cups of a Vision and 3 full cups of an Education.”
– HEMI participant

For more information on becoming a HEMI mentor or making a donation to HEMI or one of the HEMI Scholarship Funds, please contact hemimentors@uc.edu or (513) 556-3670.

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