Our Mission
To strengthen families and empower our community.

Our Vision
Linden becomes a community of togetherness with endless opportunities.

Our Values
Faith: We live our faith through service to others and love of neighbor.
Dignity: We recognize the inherent value of all people.
Connections: We build and maintain lasting relationships.
Security: We seek long-term stability for our families, our community, and our organization.
Advocacy: We stand as a voice for the voiceless in Linden.
Impact: We commit to meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

St. Stephen’s Community House has a new mission, vision and set of values to guide us. We embrace our mission; this is why we do what we do. We strengthen families and empower our community. Our vision demonstrates our impact – we envision Linden becoming a community of togetherness with endless opportunities. Our set of values, what we believe and what we practice on a daily basis, we ensure our staff and families are entrenched in these values.

2018 Impact Snapshot
Family to Family Program strengthened over 400 families through one-on-one support, advocacy, group services and family focused events.

After-School and Summer Programs assisted 325 youth with 78% demonstrating an increase in academic testing and 86% improving their social and emotional skills.

Project L.I.N.K. focused summer programming on STEM principles for 177 youth; 92% demonstrated an increased knowledge of STEM principles.

Summer Youth Employment provided paid work site experiences for 399 teens with a program completion rate of 97%.

Christ Child Early Learning Center is a 5 Star, NAEYC accredited early childhood education environment; 81% of the children met or exceeded their development outcomes.

Senior Services assisted 956 older adults with transportation, case management, support services, and advocacy. 99% of seniors stated our services allowed them to stay in their homes and age in place.

Neighborhoods Services Food and Nutrition Center provided emergency food to 4,238 households equaling 13,901 individuals.
For the past 100 years, we have been a catalyst for change in children and families and we will continue to do so as we move into the next century. We are committed to building partnerships and collaborations to transform the Linden community.

Our Funding Sources

- Franklin County Children Services
- Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
- Franklin County Office of Aging
- City of Columbus - Department of Development
- City of Columbus Department of Education
- Diocese of Columbus
- Ohio Department of Education
- United Way of Central Ohio
- The Catholic Foundation
- LBrands Foundation
- AEP Foundation
- Osteopathic Heritage Foundation

Our Challenges- Internal and External

- Need for affordable, safe housing for our community
- Food insecurity
- Lack of student success in school
- Failing building infrastructure
- Capacity

2019 Short Term Plans

- Increase partnerships with affordable housing organizations
- Increase our capacity within our food and nutrition center, expand hours and increase staff
- Diversify revenue streams
- Update our IT infrastructure
- Upgrade interior/exterior lighting to LED
- Strategic/Long-Term Plan
- Continue to focus on demonstrating our impact
- Urban Farm-transition focus to education; transforming the farm to a "satellite classroom" for Columbus City Schools