



SISTERS
PLACE

2016 annual report

On the cover you see sweet Shilyn trying out a different look which was inspired by a Mommie & Me storytelling session last spring. The story “Caps for Sale” is a timeless classic in which a peddler and his monkey sell caps to the town. After the story was told, the children and their parent worked together to create their own caps and moustaches.

The process of trying on different hats and looking for the one that fits is an integral theme at Sisters Place. Not everyone will feel comfortable in the same hat. But our residents have taken the first step by trying the hats on. Each situation is different, and our Case Workers and staff work closely with each family to ensure that they are involved with the programs that are the best fit. Whether it’s job training, financial coaching, GED classes, transportation assistance — the families receive the tools that they need to help break the cycle of poverty and that help them become self-sufficient. The right hat eventually comes along!

Dear Friends,

As we ended 2016, we realized that we had to do something about all our paper. For 20 years we have diligently protected every single document but there is only so much room! In the process of cleaning house, we have learned some very interesting facts.

Sisters Place has housed and helped....

- 320 families (306 of them headed by single mothers)
- 328 parents
- 643 children

We were also surprised to discover that 62 babies have been born here — most of them within two or three months of their mothers escaping homelessness.

Please take the time to recognize the thousands of people who supported our families in 2016 by checking out our donor listing at www.sistersplace.org.

You have played such an important role in helping us to accomplish our mission, and we are deeply grateful! We thank God and we thank you for caring about the formerly homeless families we serve.

With gratitude,



Robert Barth, Jr., *Board President*



Mary Parks, *Executive Director*

get on the bus

For many of us, jumping on public transportation is just a way of getting from point A to B. For one of our residents, however, it meant a lot more. Riding the bus was a big step that made her face some tough personal obstacles. So when the day came to put aside excuses, Ms. Tammie, Katelyn's Case Manager, told her "it's time to get on the bus."

Katelyn had made great strides in her personal goals to overcome many challenges. But when it came time to use public transportation to continue her appointments, and to take the next step of finding a job, Katelyn was apprehensive. How would she know what stop to get off? What if her access card didn't work? What if she couldn't find her way once off the bus? The only way to find out was to first "get on the bus."

Managing public transportation has been a huge asset to Katelyn. She has found a wonderful job with full health care benefits, has already received a promotion, and is now completely off public assistance and supporting herself and her two young sons. Having now qualified for a Section 8 voucher, Katelyn and her family will be moving into their own home this Spring, and she will soon be able to continue on her journey of self-sufficiency. It took a good deal of encouragement and patience, but in the end it was Katelyn who made the decision to get on that bus, and she did it!



an eventful year ahead

May 13, 2017

Hats Off to Mom

August 2017

Friends Board ~
Scavenge the Strip

October 6, 2017

Setting a Place
for My Sister

March 1, 2018

Crushed Grapes

the journey home

Every situation is different for those who enter Sisters Place, and together with their Case Managers and Child Development Specialists, they identify their personal barriers and set goals to overcome those barriers that will help them become self-sufficient. They are all waiting to “get on that bus” and find their own path to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

For some families, there are many stops along the way. There are even transfers! Like many travelers on a bus, they don't all have the same final destination, and though they may originate or get off at the same stop, their paths can be quite varied. They all share the common factor of being a part of Sisters Place, but we recognize that each route will be unique to them. That's why it's so important at Sisters Place to have many different programs available.

There are sometimes challenges and set-backs, but for those families truly willing to make a difference in their lives, they persevere and get off at the right stop!



Left: Katelyn and her boys enjoy an afternoon together.

Right: Noah isn't sure what to make of this turtle at the ZooMobile experience at the After School Program!

make a gift

Yes, I want to help the homeless single parents and children at Sisters Place!

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

\$50

\$25

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ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE/EMAIL

Please make checks payable to Sisters Place.

Credit card donations are accepted online at www.sistersplace.org. Contact 412-233-3903 for information regarding recurring gifts, employer matching gifts, event sponsorship and other gift arrangements.

We are so grateful to all of our donors and wish we could print every name and tribute in our report. All of our donors and honorees are listed on our website at www.SistersPlace.org/publications. God Bless you!

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financial report

for the year ending on December 31, 2016

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Revenue

Government Grants	\$	471,256
Contributions and Grants		433,619
Special Events		245,518
Program Income		27,171
Investment Income & Miscellaneous		5,550
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		136,555
Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support		<u>1,319,669</u>

Expenses

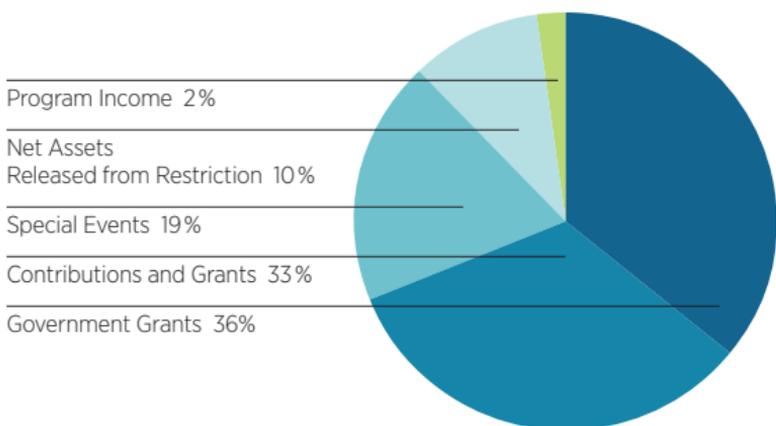
HUD Permanent Housing		523,930
HUD Transitional Housing		266,346
HUD Day Light Housing		170,528
General & Administrative		105,957
Fund Raising		219,488
Total Expenses		<u>1,286,249</u>
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets		33,420

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

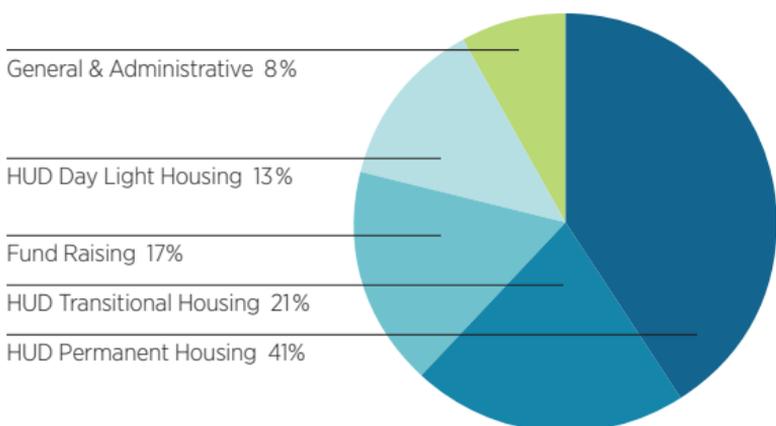
Contributions		102,689
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		(136,555)
Change—Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		<u>(33,866)</u>
Change in Net Assets		(446)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		1,660,069
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	<u>1,659,623</u>

A copy of the official registration and financial information of Sisters Place, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

TOTAL REVENUE



TOTAL EXPENSES



in 2016
we assisted

59

families

109

children

81

percent of
parents became
employed
full- or part-time

100

percent of
parents would
recommend
Sisters Place to
other homeless
parents

49

percent of
parents increased
their household
income

Sisters Place, Inc. is a supportive housing
community committed to assisting
single parent families who
are homeless in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Our mission is to assist families toward
self-sufficiency by providing
housing and supportive services.

For more information
about Sisters Place:



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