



SISTERS
PLACE

2017 annual report

On the cover the smiling faces of several of the children in our program. From birth until age 18, the young ones at Sisters Place are provided a warm, safe, caring environment. They have already faced more challenges than many of us will ever know. While they now have a roof over their heads, the caring doesn't stop there. Our community of helpers come through every year with school clothes, Christmas gifts, Easter goodies, backpacks, swim suits and towels, shoes and so much more. It truly takes a village!

Dear Friends,

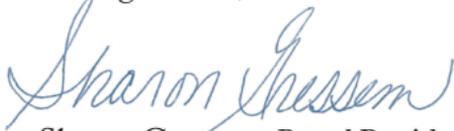
Sisters Place is coming up on its 25th Anniversary and that provides a moment to reflect. How well are we fulfilling our mission? Are there still families who need our help? Should we be looking ahead and planning for the next 25 years?

People on our boards and staff believe our mission is still vital and we have begun serious planning for the future. With government funding questionable and the need for affordable housing growing, we want to position ourselves to best help the homeless families among us.

Thank you for being one of our friends and helping us to provide a home and a helping hand to those who desperately needed us in 2017. We wish we could have printed each name in this report, but you will find them in our donor listing at www.sistersplace.org.

With all our hearts we thank you for everything you have done to help Sisters Place be a haven and a new start for hundreds of local families over the past 24 years.

With gratitude,



Sharon Gresseem, *Board President*



Mary Parks, *Executive Director*

confidence to grow

Going to a job interview can often be intimidating and stressful. Now imagine going to one and not being able to actually look up from the floor in order to talk to a person face to face without feeling panic. When Da'Nette came to Sisters Place in 2015 with her two young school-aged girls, she could barely meet her case manager's eyes. Two years earlier, she'd lost her job. The ordeal left her homeless and troubled—her confidence all but gone. Da'Nette was struggling to believe in herself, let alone convincing others to believe in her.

With the help of her case manager, Da'Nette immediately began the work of setting personal and professional goals. As she stabilized and began to feel safe, Da'Nette's confidence grew and she gained a new vision and sense of hope.

EYE TO EYE

Shortly after the birth of her son in 2016, Da'Nette told Sr. Mary at the Annual Resident Cookout that she could meet people's eyes and felt she should be able to get a job again. "I know my worth" she said with a sweet smile and real confidence. Not long afterward she was hired and this past winter she celebrated her one year anniversary at that job!

She and her family are ready to move forward and she will do that with a sense of her own value as a woman, mother and member of the community. She is able to lift her eyes from the floor and see a future for her family.



an eventful year ahead

August 14, 2018

Friends Board
Mad Mex Benefit Dinner

October 5, 2018

Setting a Place
for My Sister

November 18, 2018

25th Anniversary
Dinner at
LeMont Restaurant

March 7, 2019

Crushed Grapes

May 11, 2019

Hats Off to Mom

eye on the future

As we approach our 25th Anniversary in November, we continue to celebrate our residents' accomplishments—every graduation, every birth, every job anniversary, and every goal met. Most importantly, we celebrate their growing ability to maintain a self-sufficient lifestyle.

Each resident has unique challenges to overcome as they work towards their accomplishments. Some require additional emotional support and encouragement. Others need help navigating the confusion of available programs and the paperwork necessary to access appropriate services. Still others need guidance as they struggle to overcome addiction issues.

Every family's situation is evaluated and they are provided with the tools necessary to reach their goals. Sisters Place offers more than a roof over their heads. We help provide a future for their family. When we see beautiful, smiling faces like Da'Nette's, our Resident of the Year in 2017, we know that all of their hard work (and ours) has truly paid off!

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

OTHER

NAME

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, 2017

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Revenue

Government Grants	\$	461,273
Contributions and Grants		388,831
Special Events		242,441
Program Income		21,004
Investment Income & Miscellaneous		8,892
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		102,404
Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support		<u>1,224,845</u>

Expenses

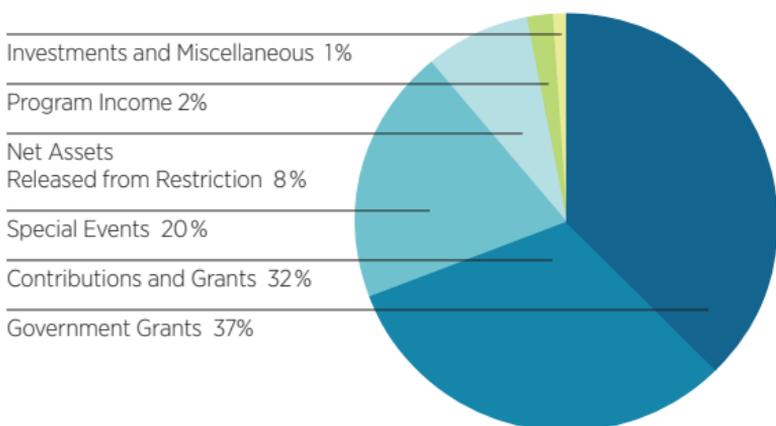
HUD Permanent Housing		507,475
HUD Transitional Housing		243,704
HUD Day Light Housing		106,991
HUD Sunrise Housing		75,170
Sisters Place Housing		17,124
General & Administrative		110,676
Fund Raising		159,333
Total Expenses		<u>1,220,473</u>
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets		4,372

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

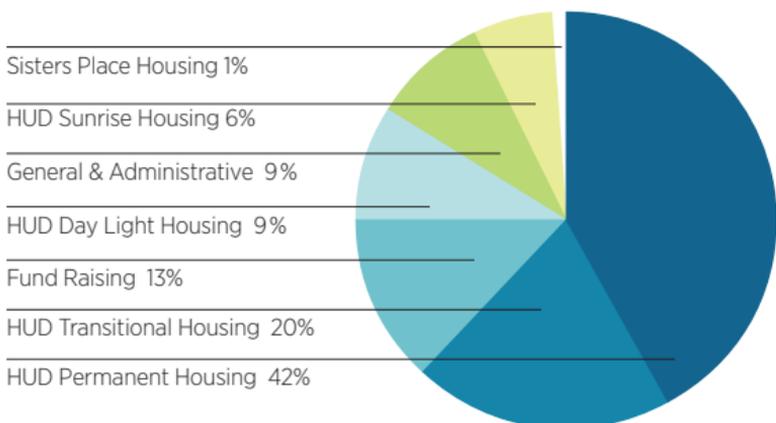
Contributions		123,228
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		(102,404)
Change—Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		<u>20,842</u>
Change in Net Assets		25,196
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		1,659,623
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	<u>1,684,819</u>

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 2017
we assisted

52

families

101

children

40 percent of parents became employed full- or part-time

100 percent of parents would recommend Sisters Place to other homeless parents

30 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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