



SISTERS
PLACE



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE COVER AND THROUGHOUT THE REPORT...

Local artist and Sisters Place supporter David Connelly assisted the staff in creating beautiful artwork during the annual staff retreat. The homes represent the work and programs that Sisters Place provides for the families experiencing homelessness. Each staff member contributed their unique style to the painting to help design these personal and memorable canvases.



Dear Friends,

In 2019 we set plans into motion for a major relocation in 2020: we refreshed our mission and identified three areas of focus to guide our services in the coming years.

Later this year we will call the Hilltop Area south of Pittsburgh our new home. Our new mission statement reflects our updated direction: Sisters Place faithfully provides opportunities for families and individuals to overcome poverty and homelessness through empowerment, housing, wellness, personal and professional advancement services.

In order to remain relevant and impactful, our programming focus now consists of three pillars where we can most effectively impact the generational cycles of poverty facing too many marginalized families in the community—empowerment, wellness, and advancement.

- **We lean in on empowerment to support families with meeting basic needs.**
- **Wellness activities are related to mental and physical health, as well as substance abuse.**
- **Advancement refers to personal and professional advancement, i.e. GED prep, college, trade school, apprenticeships, and workforce development.**

Every time someone supports our work, they are lending a hand to a neighbor in need. With your help we can continue to make families and communities stronger.

With gratitude,

Melissa Ferraro

Melissa Ferraro,
Chief Executive Officer

Sr. Althea Anne Spencer, OSF

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Board President





Angela learns valuable skills through her Sisters Place internship



Reclaiming Independence

Suffering from domestic violence for over 22 years, Angela knew she had to get her family out of a dangerous situation. She fled with her 5 kids to a shelter. While better than the situation she had been in, Angela knew that shelter life could only be temporary. She held her kids close and hoped for a more permanent solution that would enable her to rebuild her life and confidence. After three months, she began to think it would be hopeless for her and her large family to find something – she had been a stay at home mom for 17 years, with very little job experience. That’s when Sisters Place contacted her.

When Angela and her children moved into their 4 bedroom home, they spent the first month sleeping on the floor of the living room because they couldn’t believe they had something so nice. Angela and her daughter jumped up and down together in glee when they finally realized they were safe. Her daughter exclaimed “We never had anything this nice, Mom!”



A New Chapter

Angela found stability. Her kids thrived in the After School Program and Summer Camp. She enrolled in college. She followed all the program guidelines and was able to move into her own housing. Now she’s back at Sisters Place – as an intern!



Angela’s children take time to pause for a smile

Empowered by the support system that surrounds her at Sisters Place, she will graduate this year with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and has been accepted into the Master’s program at Chatham University.

Angela hopes that her experience and education will now help others.

Angela has said that their experience at Sisters Place was a lifesaver. Her now 19 year old son shared that “it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for us and I’m grateful for everyone’s kindness and the way it helped alleviate some of the struggles I saw my mom dealing with”.

Big changes are coming in 2020. But one thing will never change – the mission of providing families and individuals with the opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness. This is made possible by the continued support of wonderful supporters like YOU. Thank you for all you do for Sisters Place, and for helping to create lifesaving opportunities.

Supporter Spotlight

Wilma McNeese has been involved with Sisters Place for over 18 years. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002. Wilma has introduced countless friends to Sisters Place, and is a tireless ambassador. She continues to attend and bring guests to events, which she says are like family reunions!



Wilma McNeese

Wilma's favorite part of being involved is interacting with the many extraordinary people who make up Sisters Place, which include the residents who have overcome challenges and made amazing progress while in the program; the staff who go the extra mile to assist the families and the organization; and the Board Members who remain committed to Sisters Place long after their terms on the board have ended.

Wilma just celebrated 50 years of marriage with her husband Mose and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She is happily retired from 27 years in the US District Courts in Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Thank you Wilma for all you do for Sisters Place!

**“One of life's most urgent questions is:
What are you doing for others?”**

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

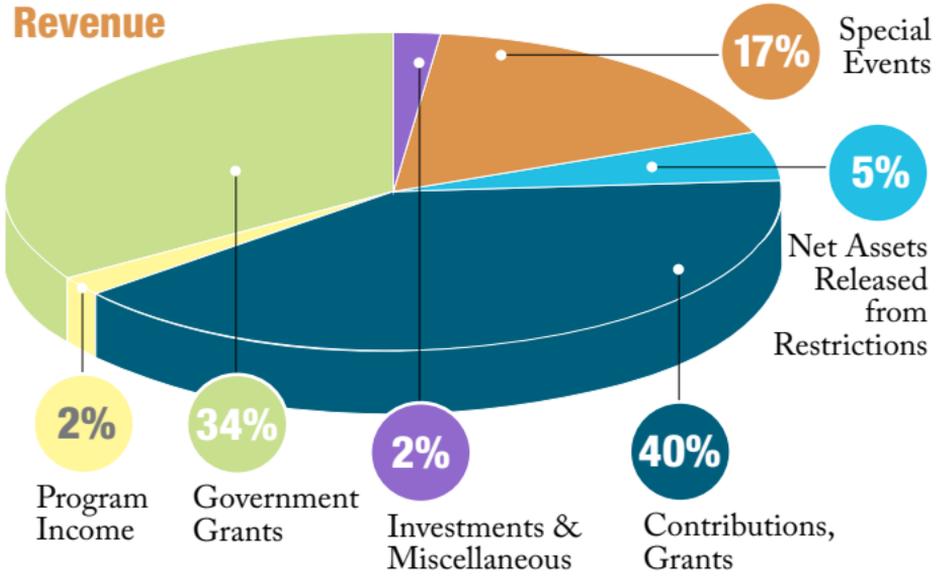
“FISA Foundation has proudly supported Sisters Place for nearly two decades. We have great confidence in their expertise in helping homeless mothers to get back on their feet and create a safe, stable life for their children. FISA's board has been impressed with their strong outcomes, deep knowledge of the issues, and unflagging dedication to supporting the most vulnerable women in our community.”

– FISA Foundation

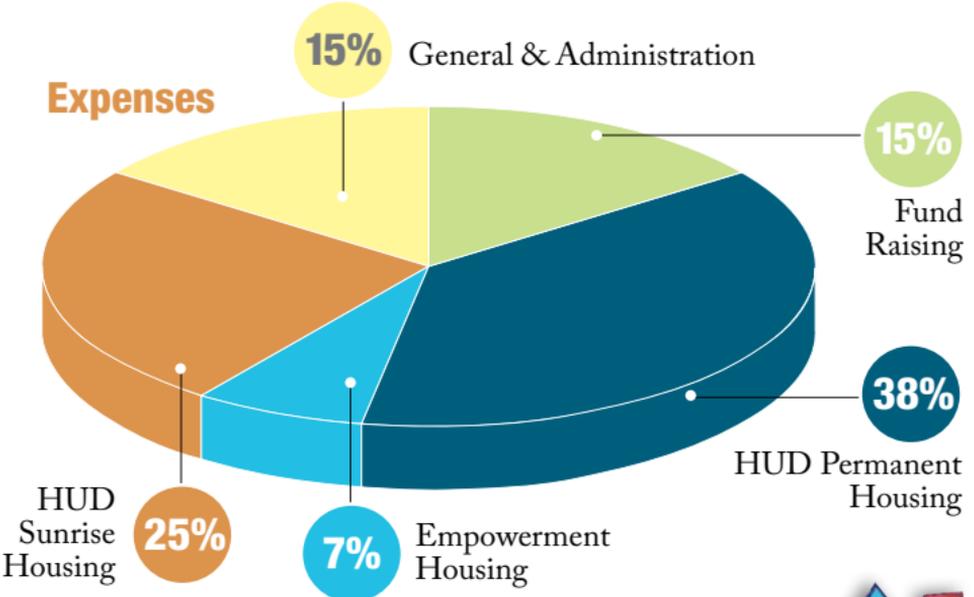


2019 Financial Charts

Revenue



Expenses



2019 Service Outcomes



IN 2019
SISTERS PLACE
ASSISTED
65 ADULTS
AND
90 CHILDREN.



100%
OF PARENTS
EARNED SISTERS
PLACE BUCKS
THROUGH THE
INCENTIVE BASED
PROGRAM



75% OF
PARENTS HAVE
COMPLETED THE
INCENTIVE BASED
PROGRAM'S CORE
CURRICULUM
GROUPS

Financial Report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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.



NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Revenue

Government Grants	\$ 409,038
Contributions and Grants	488,537
Special Events	212,122
Program Income	21,496
Investment Income & Miscellaneous	24,040
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	66,778
Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support	1,222,011

Expenses

HUD Permanent Housing	504,042
HUD Sunrise Housing	330,032
Empowerment Housing	92,710
General & Administrative	190,067
Fund Raising	195,077
Total Expenses	1,311,928
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	(89,917)

NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Contributions	125,310
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(66,778)
Change — Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	58,532
Change in Net Assets	(31,385)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,565,998
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,534,613

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CITY/STATE/ZIP

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\$250

\$100

\$50

\$25

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CITY/STATE/ZIP

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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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This annual report is dedicated to the memory of Barbara Stanczak (Ms. Barb). Her commitment to Sisters Place and loving heart will always be remembered.



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