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2018 Annual Report



On the cover Emma and her mom Angel enjoy a visit from the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium ZooMobile, thanks to funding from the Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF). Sisters Place strives to present fun and educational experiences to our families, in addition to life skills programs, and support from organizations such as HCEF makes this possible.

2018 Annual Report Letter

Dear Friends,

Over the past 25 years we have served 349 families experiencing homelessness, including 364 adults and 668 children. Recently, when government funding shifted and became more restrictive – we made room for families that no longer qualified for subsidized housing by supporting up to five families in our Empowerment Housing Program.

We have revitalized our service model which enables us to increase opportunities for families to grow and thrive during their time at Sisters Place. Our Incentive Based model of service invests in the future of the families by providing them with the tools and resources that they need to succeed.

Thank you for making it possible for us to continue to answer this call to serve. Because of friends like YOU we remain able to meet this vital need in our community.

With Gratitude,



Melissa Ferraro, *Executive Director*



Althea Anne Spencer, OSF, *Board President*

The After School Program kids enjoy a day at the zoo



A Leap of Faith

Aiman, her husband Yaroslav, their three children - two sons and a daughter - never anticipated being without a home. The parents were successfully employed, had a great education, and a comfortable lifestyle in Kazakhstan. A stranger would change all of that one day at a bus stop. When asked for the time, Aiman answered in Russian, and felt the hot sting of a hand across her face as she was angrily told by this stranger that as a Kazakh, she should only ever reply in Kazakh. This action was the final straw that set her and her family on a course away from the religious and cultural persecution they had been facing, and to take a giant leap of faith as they fled to the United States.



The family enjoyed their time at the Annual Cookout

New Beginnings



Aimon & Yaroslav enjoy a moment together at the Holiday Party

A phone call to Sisters Place from their temporary refuge in Kansas City sent them on a road trip to Clairton, PA. With only the possessions they could fit into their car, the family entered into our program.

Aiman and her family are part of the Empowerment Housing Program – a transitional housing program for families that do not meet HUD homelessness definitions and/or qualify for HUD funded housing. With help from their Case Manager, they have made progress on achieving documentation, Yaroslav has

begun taking classes to regain his medical certification, Aiman teaches piano and feeds anyone who needs a hand, and the kids participate in the After School Program and Summer Camp.

Sisters Place provides hope for families who are facing very difficult challenges – providing a safe environment for them to work on personal goals and to begin taking the necessary steps to take control of their future. This work wouldn't be possible without the support of our community – thank YOU for helping to provide a hand up!



Siblings making a cake in the After School Program

An Eventful Year Ahead

August 16, 2019

Family Playground
Grand Re-Opening

October 14, 2019

Setting a Place for
My Sister Breakfast

March 5, 2020

Crushed Grapes
Wine Tasting Event

May 9, 2020

Hats Off to Mom Luncheon

Supporter Spotlight

Carole and Mike's Story:

Truly a family affair, this husband and wife duo were introduced to the organization through their daughter, Lisa, who had become involved with the Friends Board, a Sisters Place young leadership program, and is now a Board Member. Carole was encouraged to help with a big mailing one day, and she has been at our "table" ever since! They sponsor events, help pour wine, stuff envelopes, donate financially, and always with a smile and a "thank you" to us. We are so very grateful to THEM, and we appreciate all that they have done for us.

"The Mission of Sisters Place tugs at our heartstrings. All the staff and volunteers are truly sincere and dedicated to providing supportive care to those in need. Everyone is like one big family and we're blessed to be a small part of the Sisters Place family."



Mike and Carole D'Onofrio

make a gift

Yes, I want to help families experiencing homelessness.

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$1,000

\$50

\$500

\$25

\$250

OTHER

\$100

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE / E-MAIL

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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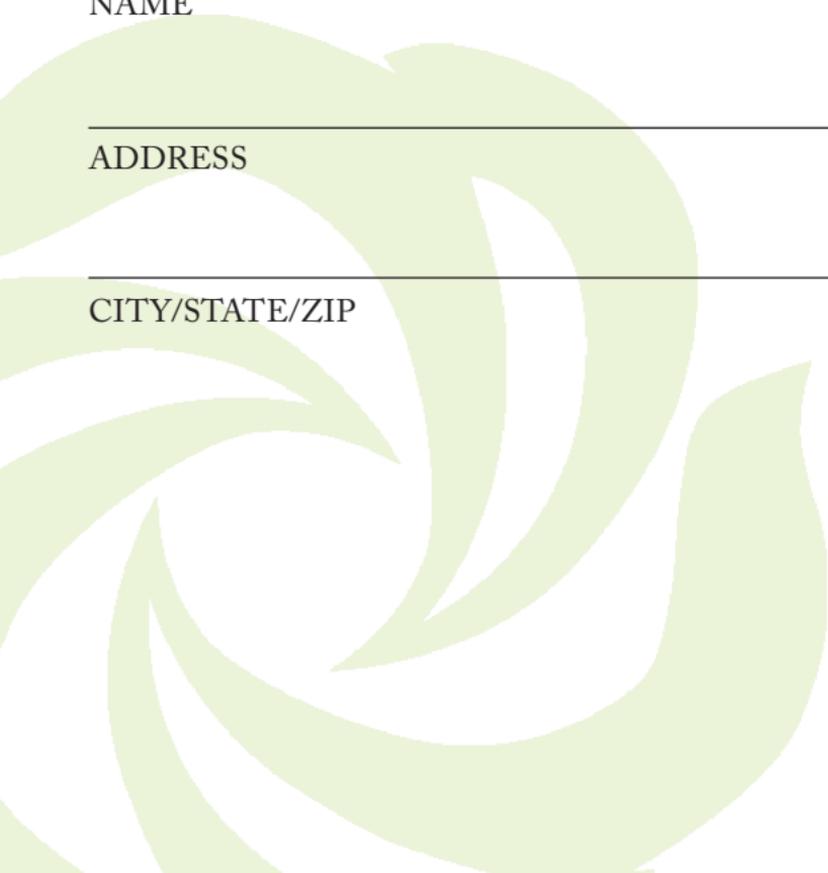
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Sisters Place, Inc. — Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2018

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Revenue

Government Grants	\$426,186
Contributions and Grants.....	\$396,199
Special Events	\$249,332
Program Income.....	\$20,273
Investment Income & Miscellaneous	\$12,213
Net Assets Released from Restrictions.....	\$123,085
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Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support	\$1,227,288

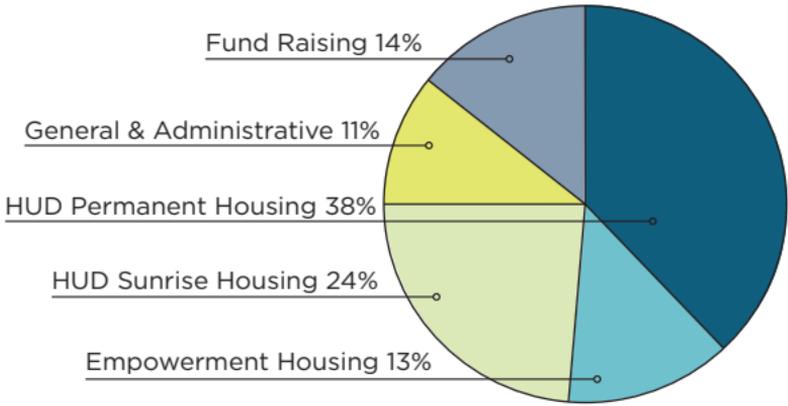
Expenses

HUD Permanent Housing.....	\$489,489
HUD Sunrise Housing.....	\$310,295
Empowerment Housing.....	\$165,420
General & Administrative	\$135,081
Fund Raising.....	\$180,132
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Total Expenses	\$1,280,417
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$53,129)

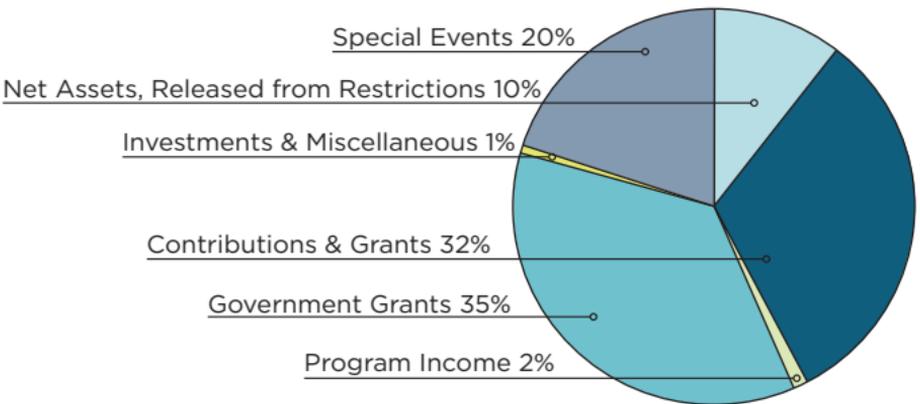
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Contributions	\$57,393
Net Assets Released from Restrictions.....	(\$123,085)
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Change —Temporarily Restricted Net Assets.....	(\$65,692)
Change in Net Assets.....	(\$118,821)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$1,684,819
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,565,998

2018 Total Expenses



2018 Total Revenue



2018 Service Outcomes

In 2018,
Sisters Place
assisted

57

families
— including

90

children.

94%

found the supportive
services to be helpful

100%

would recommend
Sisters Place to
others experiencing
homelessness

71%

feel better about their
safety & security since
coming to Sisters Place

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.

Sisters Place surrounds single parents and their children with essential support and their own space--enabling them to move from homelessness to a promising future. It is an important organization for families and for the Clairton community, the Jefferson Regional Foundation salutes its ongoing efforts and is proud to be a partner.

Mary Phan-Gruber,

Executive Director, Jefferson Regional Foundation

For more information about Sisters Place:



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