

# **2018 Annual Report**



## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of BHA ,

Growing up you see superheroes on tv and admire their strength, but heroes are not only those with capes and special powers. Everyday heroes are all around us - people who give and share to make the lives of others better. Unfortunately, there are families in our community who face homelessness. By supporting BHA, you have been an everyday hero to families in need by providing them with a safe place to call home and the services needed to help get back on their feet. Participants learn how to drive, obtain employment, open checking accounts, pay off outstanding debts, complete housing preparation classes and move into their own homes. While the journey from homelessness to stability can be filled with obstacles and challenges, your support gives families what they need to overcome. Your prayers, volunteer hours, financial contributions and donations of needed supplies make a tangible difference in many lives; helping families at BHA to know that people believe in them and want them to succeed. This outpouring of love and care is transformative to those who feel all alone. BHA is a place of safety, opportunity and hope thanks to you.

Over the last two years, BHA has become a Trauma-Informed Organization, created the Adopt-an-Apartment volunteer program and enhanced the quality of service by collaborating with other local service providers. We are thankful for God's provision for our work. With the upcoming completion of several renovation projects, including the Gerri Royer House, we are looking forward to serving even more families each year. We have launched a new three-year strategic plan to guide our work. Our focus continues to be on holistic service and we are committed to providing quality care to equip families to be independent.

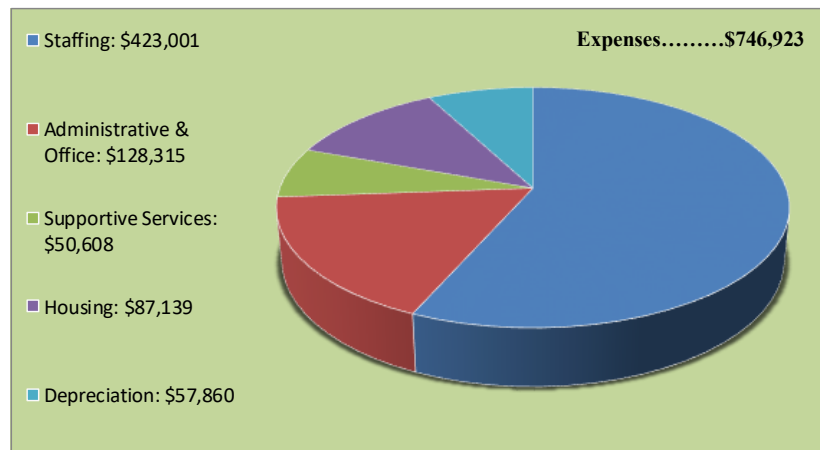
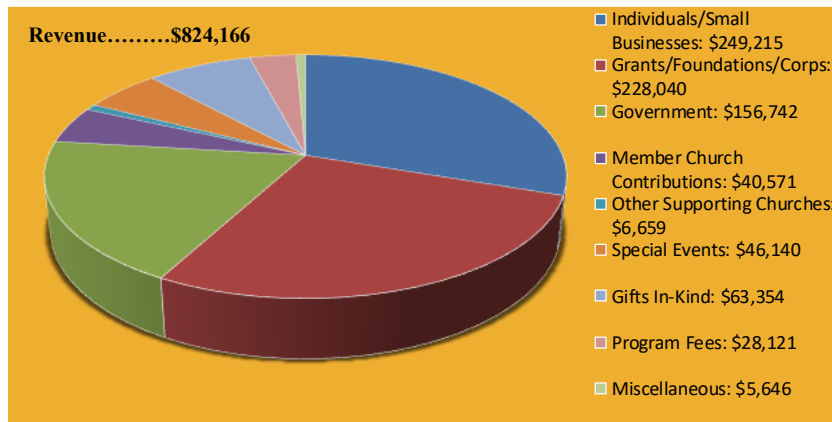
We are humbled to work alongside everyday heroes like you. As you will see in the coming pages, we believe that the power of our organization comes from the passionate, faithful people who support our mission. It is an honor to do this work and now more than ever, we need to work together to build a future with hope. Together we can change the world one life at a time.

Blessings,



Crystal Brown, MSW





*A copy of our full audited financial statements are available upon written request. The official registration and financial information of Brethren Housing Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*

## Transitions - Serving Single Mothers with Children

- Served 24 Families - 24 Adults, 51 Children
- 67% of participants obtained housing at program exit
- 78% of participants obtained/maintained employment at program exit
- 78% of participants increased income at program exit
- 42 Life Skills classes were offered; 67% of participants graduated from *Jobs for Life* program and 67% graduated from *Faith and Finance* program

## Next Steps - Program Aftercare

- Served 5 families - 10 adults, 33 children
- 70% of participants maintained housing
- 80% of participants maintained or increased income
- 83% of former participants maintained housing for one year after exiting the program

## Side by Side - Serving Families with Disabilities

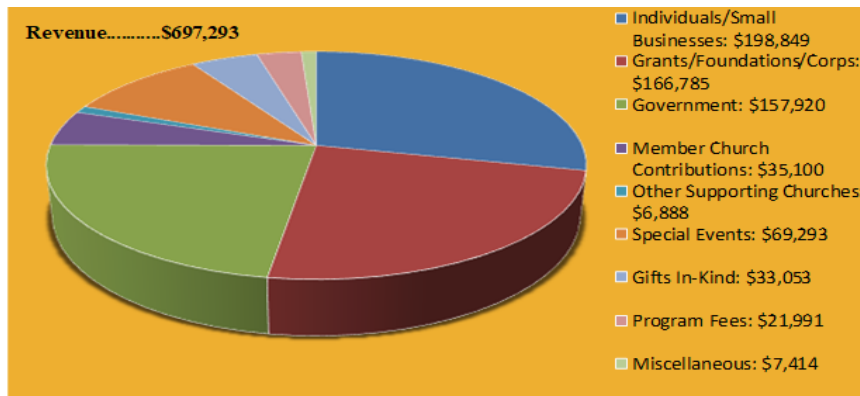
- Served 7 households - 8 adults, 4 children
- 100% of participants maintained housing
- 100% of participants maintained or increased income
- 100% of participants accomplished at least one goal within a year of being in the program

## Youth Program

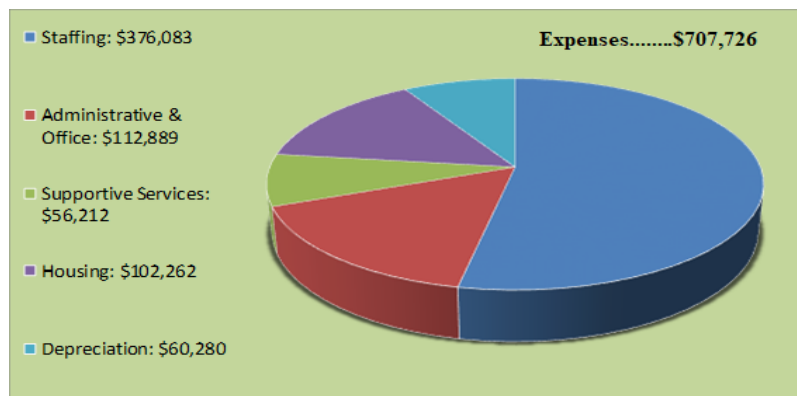
- Served 51 youth
- 92% demonstrated competency in skill building activities
- 73% demonstrated competency in conflict resolution activities
- 87% demonstrated competency in self-regulation activities

## 2017-18 Financials & Statistics

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018



*A copy of our full audited financial statements are available upon written request. The official registration and financial information of Brethren Housing Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.*



### Transitions - Serving Single Mothers with Children

- Served 25 Families - 25 Adults, 48 Children
- 69% of participants obtained housing at program exit
- 46% of participants obtained/maintained employment at program exit
- 62% of participants increased income at program exit
- 35 Life Skills classes were offered; 92% of participants completed a budgeting program
- 62% of participants were connected to entitlement benefits they were not previously receiving
- 100% of participants connected to community resources

### Next Steps - Program Aftercare

- Served 4 families - 4 adults, 10 children
- 75% of participants maintained housing
- 100% of participants maintained or increased income
- 75% of former participants maintained housing for one year after exiting program

### Side by Side - Serving Families with Disabilities

- Served 7 households - 13 adults, 3 children
- 100% of participants maintained housing
- 100% of participants maintained or increased income
- 100% of participants accomplished at least one goal within a year of being in the program

### Youth Program

- Served 48 youth
- 92% demonstrated competency in skill building activities
- 75% demonstrated competency in conflict resolution activities
- 82% demonstrated competency in self-regulation activities

# Value of Adopt-an-Apartment Program

The Adopt-an-Apartment program launched in May 2017. In its first year, five volunteer groups adopted 7 apartments. Groups assisted with cleaning and furnishing the apartments to create a safe and welcoming space for new families entering the Transitions program. The Adopt-an-Apartment program has not only touched the lives of the women and children in Transitions but has also maximized BHA's resources. As we have increased the number of families we can serve over the last 5 years, the property workload has also increased. This volunteer program has engaged new volunteers in a meaningful way and allowed our property manager to focus on other projects.

## Furnishing the Apartment:

- Three 1-bedroom units were adopted at a value of \$1,640 each plus labor
- Four 2-bedroom units were adopted at a value of \$2,030 each plus labor

### Apartment Item Values:

*Twin mattress and frame- \$250*

*Full mattress and frame- \$350*

*Dresser- \$100*

*Dining room table- \$200*

*Sofa- \$500*

*TV and stand- \$250*

*Linens/towels- \$40*

*Dishes/pots and pans- \$50*

*Misc- \$100*

*Pack n play- \$50*

### Labor:

75 volunteer hours x \$25 an hour (Property Manager salary as this is saving his time)= \$1,875

**Total value of Adopt an apartment for FY17-18= \$1,875 (labor amount) + \$13,040 (total value of items donated for the apartments) = \$14,915**



### Mission and Vision of BHA

Our vision is to build a future with hope.

Our mission is to help individuals and families, who are experiencing homelessness, achieve their God-given potential by providing a holistic program of stable housing, supportive services and loving relationships.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BHA

**Adopt-an-Apartment** - Clean, prepare and decorate an apartment for a mom and her children to have a safe place to call home.

**Donate Supplies** - Help families have the items they need by donating cleaning products, hygiene items and gift cards to Walmart and Target.

**Work Group** - Assist with renovation projects, maintenance needs, painting and cleaning.

**Serve on an Event Committee** - Join a committee to help plan the Golf Tournament, Little Black Dress Soiree or the Annual Celebration.

**Serve on a Board Committee** - Use your professional expertise to help BHA continue to thrive and meet the needs of our community.

**Want to help but can't make it to Hummel Street?** Coordinate a drive to collect needed items for the families at BHA or help collect Christmas items for the Christmas Workshop.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Jessica Johnson Vinton, Director of Development, at 717-233-6016 or email [jjohnsonvinton@bha-pa.org](mailto:jjohnsonvinton@bha-pa.org).

Through your time, talents and treasures, YOU can help provide the gift of hope to a family at BHA. We truly appreciate your support.

### Brethren Housing Association

219 Hummel Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Phone: 717-233-6016

Fax: 717-233-5489

E-mail: [bha@bha-pa.org](mailto:bha@bha-pa.org)

Website: [bha-pa.org](http://bha-pa.org)



Follow us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/brethrenhousing>.

