The Year in Review

The compound effect of a struggling local economy and funding cuts at the state and federal level sent housing shock waves through the greater Flint community this year. As a result, the Shelter of Flint received more than 600 calls per month from people seeking emergency shelter. These calls came not only from Flint, but from Flushing, Grand Blanc, Linden, and other places where homelessness supposedly doesn’t happen. More than 40% of our clients were homeless for the first time.

Homelessness is a devastating result of many interrelated factors that fray the fragile fabric of sustainable living. These include a rising tide of unemployment, an economic shift to low-paying service sector jobs, the skyrocketing cost of insurance and medical care, and the loss of the extended family support network. Thousands of people are homeless, but it’s also safe to say that a large number of people who are just barely making ends meet now are teetering on the brink.

Homelessness is not solved by building more shelters, but by coaching and supporting people through a continuum of increasingly independent housing solutions until they have achieved stability. This is why our primary services include a 30-day emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing in approximately 400 Shelter-owned rental units, and supportive services that help families identify and solve the causes of their homelessness. We reorganized our management structure in these areas this year to streamline service delivery and increase our capacity.

There’s no denying that the economic climate looks somewhat grim for the foreseeable future. Homelessness will therefore continue to be a challenge. The Shelter of Flint welcomed Anne Grantner as the new executive director this year, and she led the organization in creating a strategic plan that will provide guidance for the challenging years ahead. Several staff members also joined local boards, community work groups and quality control groups so that the Shelter of Flint would have a stronger local presence and be able to effectively integrate with the work of other organizations.

Homelessness is a knotty problem, but it can be solved by people who take the time to listen, to care, and to support families as they ascend the ladder of self-sufficiency. We don’t just give families a home. We give them their lives back.

Anne Grantner
Executive Director

Eric Gasper
Board President
Mission Statement

Integrating programs and services with safe, affordable housing to help low income and homeless individuals and families achieve independence and stability.

Financial Data

Revenues
- Public Support: $978,372
- Other Income: $232,809
- Assets Released: $18,705
- Total Revenue: $1,229,886

Expenses
- Programs & Services: $950,930
- Depreciation: $18,705
- Management & General: $207,808
- Fundraising: $76,259
- Total Expenses: $1,253,722

Change in Net Assets
- ($23,816)

Net Assets – Beginning: $2,231,493
Net Assets – Ending: $2,207,677

Vital Statistics

- We served more than 1,300 adults and children this year through our programs:
  - emergency shelter
  - meals
  - transitional housing
  - permanent supportive housing
  - supportive services

- Our emergency shelter fills to maximum capacity virtually every night.

- 60% of the people who come into our emergency shelter are children under the age of 10.

- Roughly 40% of people who come to us for emergency shelter are homeless for the first time.

- The best count says there are almost 3,400 homeless adults and children in Genesee County; however, that number is very fluid.

- There are only 183 available beds in Genesee County to serve this entire population.

- Most of our clients live below the poverty level, which for a family of four is considered to be $22,350.
2010-2011
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