



ST. STEPHEN'S *news*

Ending Homelessness

In fiscal year 2018, St. Stephen's Human Services served 1,918 adults and 651 families through Street Outreach, shelter, and housing programs.



836 adults and **1,427** children were supported in our family housing programs.



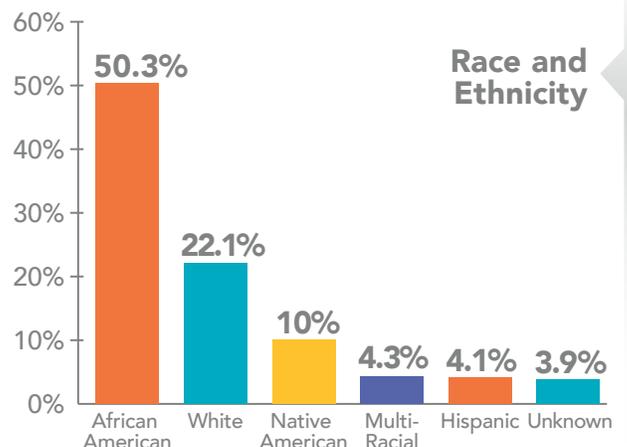
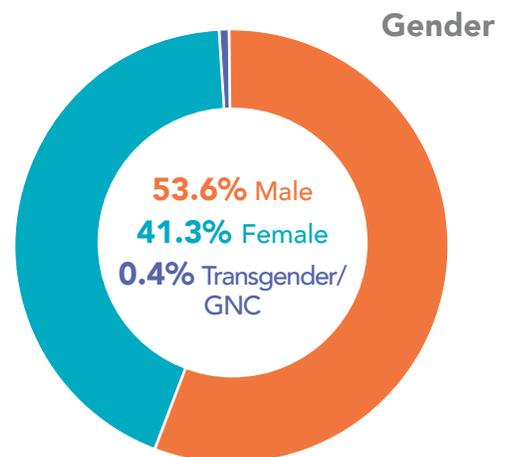
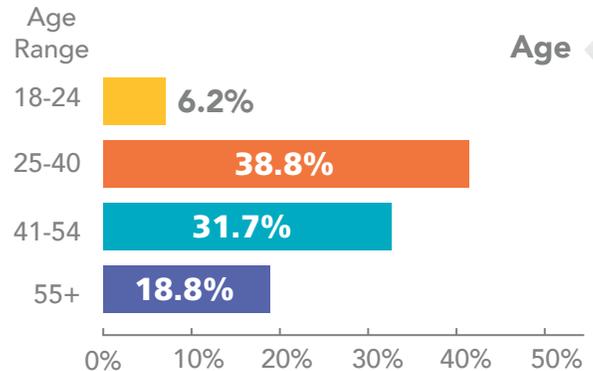
1,385 individuals were provided shelter for at least one night.



1,700+ individuals engaged with Street, Library, and Veterans Outreach.



445 households moved from homelessness to housed.



The Encampment

St. Stephen's Street Outreach Team has been meeting people experiencing homelessness for more than a decade. In the past, we often found couples or small groups of people sleeping hidden in out-of-the-way places. We brought essentials to help keep them safe and warm and engaged with them to find shelter and housing. Most people in the community never knew these small encampments existed.

But this time, it is different. The small group of people who started the encampment along Hiawatha and Franklin Avenues in Minneapolis pitched their tents and put down their sleeping bags out in the open and rapidly grew in size from a few individuals to over 200, including families with young children. They were noticed. In some ways, this is good. It brought the problem of people living outside into the public eye. It raised awareness of our community's failure to meet the needs of our Native American neighbors.

In many major American cities with homeless encampments, the public response has been harsh, demanding severe action, and conducting sweeps.

Thankfully, that has not been the response here. St. Stephen's has joined the coalition of other outreach teams and homeless shelter providers and is working with city and county officials to reduce the numbers of people living outside. We are pleased to report that our former Kateri Residence is now home to 7 adults and 7 children from the encampment.

St. Stephen's has a long history of being on the front lines in meeting new challenges that arise. We meet people where they're at and accompany them on their journey to safe and stable housing. We couldn't do this without you. In this month of thanks and gratitude, we are incredibly grateful for your support.



~Gail Dorfman, Executive Director

Gail will be leaving St. Stephen's at the end of this year after a 50 year career in public and nonprofit service. The St. Stephen's Board of Directors is conducting a search for her replacement and will announce the next Executive Director once hired.

Fiscal Year 2018 Financials

Statement of Financial Position

Cash & Equivalents \$2,112,773

Participant Deposits \$417,986
 Investments \$1,134,545
 Prepaid Expenses \$51,330
 Government Grants Receivable \$617,637
 Pledges Receivable \$180,000
 Leasehold Improvements \$407,602

Total \$4,921,843

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable \$57,871
 Deposits and Advances \$463,276
 Accrued Payroll Expenses \$334,319
 Unrestricted Net Assets \$2,862,700
 Board Designated Endowment \$754,006
 Temporarily Restricted Net Assets \$307,171
 Deferred Lease Incentives Net \$142,500

Total \$4,720,374

Financial Statement

Support & Revenue

Contributions and Grants \$1,876,394
 United Way \$116,849
 Government Contracts \$8,850,077
 Fee Income \$1,376,093
 Investment Income \$94,240
 In-kind Donations \$106,639

Total \$12,420,292

Other Income

Changes in fair value of investments \$96,166
 Temporarily Restricted Support & Revenue \$(61,464)
 Change in Net Assets \$(106,786)

Operating Expenses

Program Support \$10,884,474
 Management and General \$1,226,814
 Fundraising \$415,790

Total \$12,257,078

Back on Track

After Vanessa and her six-year-old daughter moved out of their apartment, Vanessa was surprised to receive a damage report from her previous landlord. Seven hundred and fifty dollars would be garnished from Vanessa's paycheck each month, for the next four months. Vanessa has documentation contrary to the damage claim and is taking legal action to fight the charge, but the process moves slowly. Even with a good paying job, money was going to be tight until the issue was settled.

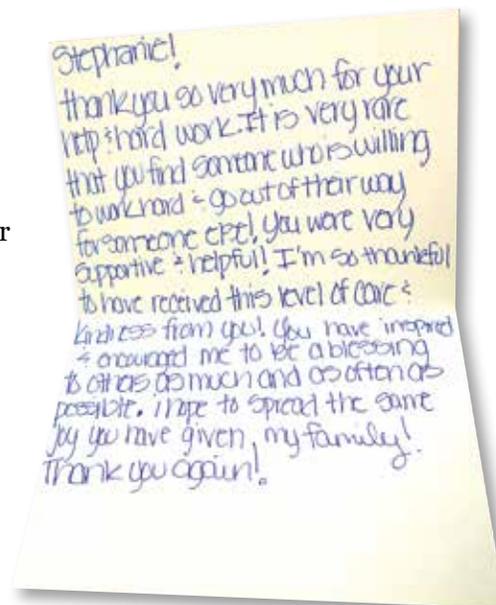
To save money, Vanessa stayed with family and friends. Her daughter, Cailey, was able to stay with her father, but she missed her mother terribly. Cailey frequently called her mom and told her she wanted to come back home. It broke Vanessa's heart to tell Cailey that she "needed to be a big girl right now," and she'd be able to be with her again soon.

"I don't ever want to have to say that to my child again. I want her to be a kid."

After several months, a family friend offered Vanessa a rental unit in his apartment complex. She paid the deposit and pro-rated first month on her own, but then the first of the month arrived. The garnishment issue hadn't been resolved yet, so even with her paycheck, there wasn't enough money in the bank for the first full month's rent.

St. Stephen's has a very limited pool of funds available for rental assistance each month. In Vanessa and Cailey's case, these prevention funds did exactly what they are supposed to do: providing one-time assistance that bridges a financial gap, and allows a family to remain stably housed for the long-term. St. Stephen's was able to cover the balance of her first month's rent. Vanessa's budget is back on track, and on the first of November, she paid her rent in full.

Two weeks after her housing was stabilized, Vanessa went out of her way to stop by the St. Stephen's office. She asked if she could leave a message for the prevention worker she had worked with the previous month. Our Welcome Center staff process dozens of notes a day from clients to case managers, but this one was different. It wasn't a message, but a thank you card.



Join the Advocacy in ACTION Network

The **advocacy in ACTION network** is a partnership of St. Stephen's Human Services—our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, clients, and communities—working together to end homelessness. The **advocacy in ACTION network** is our way of reaching out to you, our supporters, to keep you informed and to ask you to partner with us. The network will provide you with regular updates on homelessness and affordable housing issues, government policies and proposed legislation impacting homelessness, as well as targeted calls to action. Please consider joining through this link: ststephensmpls.org/advocacy.

Please remember St. Stephen's Human Services in your will or estate plan.

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