



# ST. STEPHEN'S *news*

## Ending Homelessness

In fiscal year 2017, St. Stephen's Human Services served 1,717 adults and 671 families through Street Outreach, emergency shelter, and multiple housing programs.

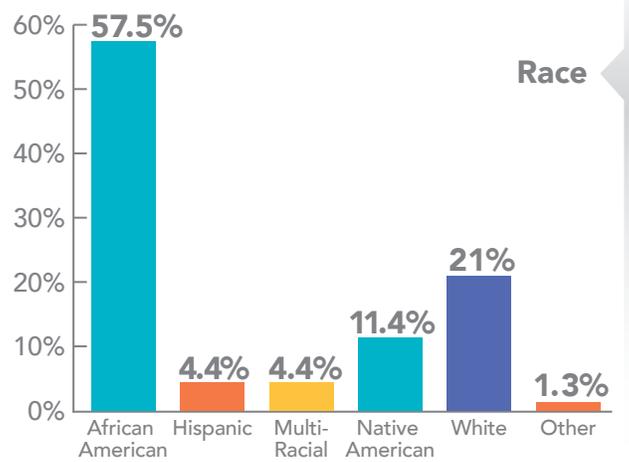
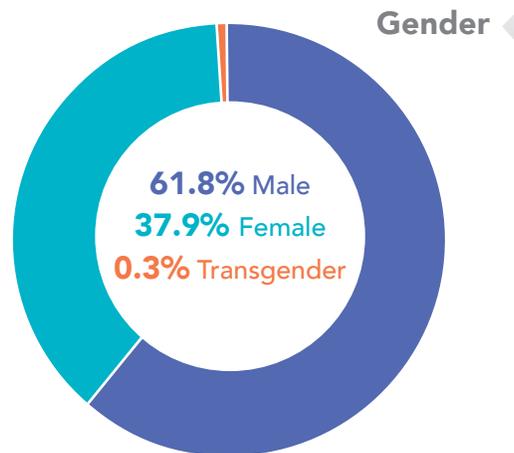
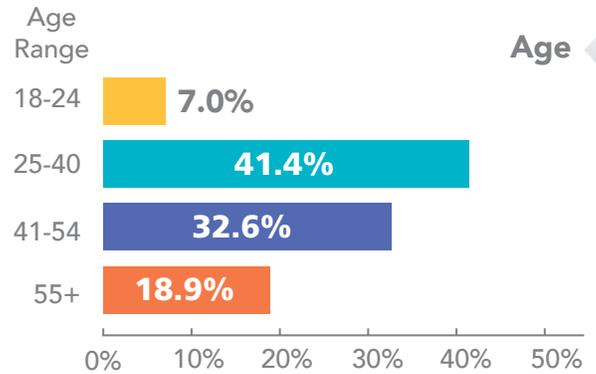
**807** adults and **1,541** children were supported in our family housing programs.

**745** individuals were provided shelter for at least one night.

Street Outreach helped **330** unsheltered individuals.

**539** individuals accessed housing with support services.

**235** veterans were served.



# New Year, Renewed Hope

*“Decent affordable housing should be a basic right for everybody. The reason is simple: without stable shelter, everything else falls apart.”*

– Matthew Desmond, author of *Evicted*

When we break down the barriers that people experiencing homelessness face, our success is limited by the shortage of affordable housing. St. Stephen’s has skilled staff who employ best practices to housing, like Housing First and Rapid Rehousing. We’ve built successful partnerships with the public, private, and philanthropic sectors. But best practices and partnerships don’t work as fast or go as far as they could without adequate housing options.

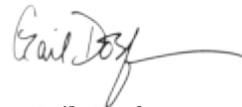
There are still too many families stuck in shelter for too long, and too many youth and vulnerable adults living on the streets.

Our hope for solutions has been rekindled this year by new initiatives that acknowledge an affordable housing crisis; that are taking concrete steps to forge real

solutions; and are making this issue a priority. State and local task forces have been formed to address the racial and economic barriers to housing, to preserve the affordable housing we have and create new housing opportunities, and to ensure that all families have access to a safe, affordable place to live.

Please join St. Stephen’s Advocacy in ACTION Network to help move these initiatives forward. You can be a powerful advocacy member by signing up at: [www.ststephensmpls.org/advocacy](http://www.ststephensmpls.org/advocacy).

At St. Stephen’s, we’re often the first stop for families when things fall apart as a result of homelessness. Your support, together with progressive political and social justice actions, gives us renewed hope that this year will bring a new commitment to meeting our mission to end homelessness and honoring our core value that housing is a basic human right.



~Gail Dorfman, Executive Director

## Fiscal Year 2017 Financials

### Statement of Financial Position

#### Cash & Equivalents **\$2,440,966**

Participant Deposits \$354,598  
 Investments \$1,055,182  
 Prepaid Expenses \$53,204  
 Government Grants Receivable \$542,538  
 Pledges Receivable \$1,100  
 Leasehold Improvements \$272,786

**Total \$4,720,374**

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable \$47,512  
 Deposits and Advances \$361,390  
 Accrued Payroll Expenses \$280,809  
 Unrestricted Net Assets \$3,233,965  
 Board Designated Endowment \$699,228  
 Temporarily Restricted Net Assets \$97,470

**Total \$4,720,374**

### Financial Statement

#### Support & Revenue

Contributions and Grants \$2,528,418  
 United Way \$125,187  
 Government Contracts \$8,573,259  
 Fee Income \$1,301,681  
 Investment Income \$214,326  
 In-kind Donations \$96,698

**Total \$12,839,569**

#### Other Income

Changes in fair value of investments \$220,133  
 Temporarily Restricted Support & Revenue \$356,831  
 Change in Net Assets \$967,501

#### Operating Expenses

Program Support \$10,415,880  
 Management and General \$1,067,000  
 Fundraising \$389,188

**Total \$11,872,068**

# Tara's Story

When a Twin Cities retail company downsized to cut costs, Tara, a single mother, found herself without a job. She struggled to make ends meet on minimal unemployment benefits. Food for her children was the highest priority, and that meant the rent went unpaid.

Facing homelessness, she turned to Hennepin County's largest family shelter for assistance. Shortly after arriving at the shelter with her two-year-old daughter and infant son, Tara was connected with St. Stephen's Family Rapid Rehousing program, which helps families find housing fast, and provides rental assistance and connections to jobs and services. Our case manager worked closely with Tara, and identified her strengths and barriers in finding and keeping housing. Tara's greatest barriers to stable housing were lack of higher education and child care.

St. Stephen's has built relationships with hundreds of landlords across the Twin Cities. It took less than a month to find a new home for Tara and her children. With short-term financial assistance, she was able to pay move-in costs. As her family settled into their new apartment, we connected Tara with a local employment training program where child care was provided.

For the next six months, Tara attended job training classes. During this time, we helped Tara access other resources, including utility assistance, mental health supports and future child care assistance. After graduating from the employment program, Tara found a full-time position at one of the largest hospitals in the Twin Cities, earning a sustainable wage that assures housing security for her family.

Tara thanked her case manager for the immeasurable support, saying,

*"Just knowing St. Stephen's had my back gave me the confidence to keep going!"*



## About St. Stephen's Human Services

The mission of St. Stephen's Human Services is ending homelessness. We progress toward this goal through a range of effective emergency services, shelter and housing programs for individuals and families. We envision a community in which housing instability is rare, brief and non-recurring, ending homelessness as we know it.

## Emergency Services

Street Outreach workers seek out people who are unsheltered, living on the streets, under bridges, in camps or in places not fit for human habitation, and connect them to shelter, housing and services. Our Street Outreach team safely and effectively addresses the needs of persons experiencing homelessness.

## Shelter

Shelter is often the first place where people find the safety and stability needed to break the cycle of homelessness. St. Stephen's operates Minneapolis' longest running shelter in the basement of St. Stephen's Church Rectory in south Minneapolis, serving 45 guests each night. St. Stephen's also operates a year-round shelter at First Covenant Church in downtown Minneapolis serving 50 men and women each night. Our shelter capacities are limited to a smaller number of guests, which allows personalized attention to their needs.

## Housing

St. Stephen's housing programs offer people experiencing homelessness the range of support they need to stabilize their lives using the Housing First service approach. This strategy moves people into stable housing first. Once this basic need is met, we work with families and individuals to address other challenges they may be facing (unemployment, chemical addiction, mental health care, financial literacy). We connect them to support services that avoid a return to homelessness.

## Education and Advocacy

St. Stephen's works to raise awareness and inspire systems change. Key education programs include our popular A Day in the Life program and zAmya Theater Project. The Advocacy in ACTION Network provides updates on homelessness and affordable housing issues; as well as targeted calls to action.





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Reception, Dinner, and  
Auction to Make a Difference

**Saturday, April 14**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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1000 Lasalle Ave., Minneapolis 55403

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