

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18



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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Many doors of opportunity have been opened this year, while others have been gently closed. Through it all, it has been another incredible year filled with hope, love, and progress for Inter-Faith Housing Alliance, our partners, and the families we serve. We are thankful to each of you for your contribution to addressing family homelessness in Montgomery County.

Each family comes to our door with a dream for a better life. With hard work, patience, and support from our caring community, families who once experienced homelessness can succeed and thrive. With your support, we have promoted the self-sufficiency of more than 45 families through our housing and aftercare programs in the past year.

Throughout the year, the 22 congregations in the Inter-Faith Hospitality Network opened their doors to families without a home. Through their generosity, more than 3,100 nights of emergency shelter were provided this year. Over the past 12 months, our volunteer base grew by 500 people and our volunteers gave more hours of their time than ever before. In addition to our many dedicated volunteers, our staff have made outstanding contributions to our organizational impact this year.

We continue to partner with Your Way Home to coordinate the assessment and placement of families in Montgomery County who are experiencing homelessness and those who are at imminent risk of homelessness. We share the bold goal of reducing homelessness in Montgomery County, so that every family has the opportunity to open their own door to a place they call home.

Our Food Cupboard moved to a new location in Roslyn in January. While we were disappointed to close the doors at our previous location, this new space will allow us to serve more families each week. We are now able to offer a “choice” pantry so that participants can select the foods that they are most likely to prepare and eat.

We invite you to review the contents of this report to learn more about our activities and impact over the past year. Because of your involvement, Inter-Faith Housing Alliance was able to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors – despite declining federal resources.

Our federal safety net opens doors to self-sufficiency through programs such as Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, and public housing. These programs help low-income people enter and stay in the workforce, maintain and improve their health, and preserve family stability – benefiting both families and communities. Those doors are in danger of being closed to the families who are most in need. We continue to advocate for compassionate public policies and budgets that recognize the needs of families in Montgomery County.

Our door is always open to you. We welcome new partnerships and ideas that will expand opportunities for families experiencing homelessness. Together, we can continue to open the doors to family stability and self-sufficiency in our community.

With sincere appreciation,

MARSHA EICHELBERGER

Executive Director

TOM WYNN

Board President



MISSION

To provide opportunities for families in our diverse community to achieve self-sufficiency by offering community-based programs designed to bridge homelessness and independence.



PROGRAMS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

22 local congregations of the Interfaith Hospitality Network help shelter families for up to 90 days.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Families live at Hope Gardens apartments for up to two years and receive comprehensive support services. They work toward identified goals for a successful transition to permanent housing.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

This program bridges the gap from transitional housing to permanent self-sufficiency. Families at Hope Forest work toward paying fair market rent, and a case manager provides light oversight to promote their continual progress to independence.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

Families in our housing programs receive:

Case management.

Life skills instruction.

Budget counseling.

AFTERCARE

Families who have moved on to permanent housing receive support and resources to help them stay on track.

FOOD CUPBOARD

Our Food Cupboard in Roslyn is open six days a week, year-round to combat food insecurity in Montgomery County.

IMPACT 2017-18

77

individuals (28 adults and 49 children) participated in our housing programs

1,648

individuals received food from our Food Cupboard

13,525

bed-nights of shelter were provided through our housing programs

24

graduate families received aftercare

92%

of children were enrolled in childcare or school within 30 days of shelter program entry

4.64

rating of I-FHA housing programs by graduates, where 5 = extremely positive

100%

of families at Hope Gardens maintained or improved their employment status

83%

of families in housing programs saved money while participating

WHAT INTER-FAITH FAMILIES ARE SAYING

"Inter-Faith has always been a support system for me and I am forever in debt to them."

"To witness people who don't even know me care enough to help provide my family with a home shows humanity in its purest form."

"We really appreciate all the help and love that has been extended to our family."

"The experience has taught me endurance, resilience, and a greater appreciation for the little things in life."



"I wanted you to know that I appreciate all the hard work you do for my family and the community. I have been a graduate of Hope Gardens for about 6 years . . . you guys are always there. The resources and assistance you provide always get us over."

"[The program] gave me a different outlook on life and responsibilities."

"Thank you for always lending support where needed and thinking of my family during the holidays!"



VOLUNTEERS

1,428 volunteers donated

14,830 hours valued at

\$366,153

Our volunteers provided meals, transportation, and overnight assistance with the emergency shelter; maintained our facilities; cleaned; sorted donations; helped in the office; provided child care, **and so much more!**

"I have been amazed at the tireless and humble dedication of everyone involved. The most needed tasks are often the thankless and less than glamorous ones, but I have never seen anyone involved with Inter-Faith back away or decline to help in any way. On the contrary, what I hear most is, 'What else can I do?' Cooperation, kindness, humility – Inter-Faith is truly faith in action."

CONGREGATIONS

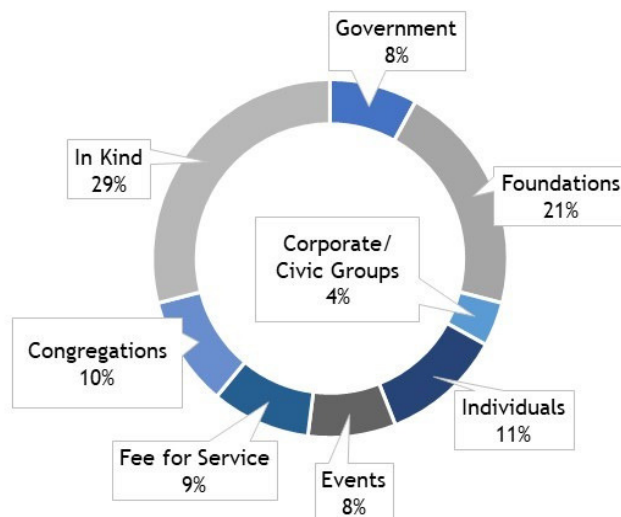
Inter-Faith's emergency shelter is made possible through the support of the congregations of the Interfaith Hospitality Network:

Ambler Church of the Brethren
Ambler Mennonite Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Congregation Beth Or
Congregation Kol Ami
First Baptist Church, Lansdale
First Presbyterian Church of Ambler
Grace Baptist Church of Blue Bell
Gwynedd Friends Meeting
Jarrettown United Methodist Church
Maple Glen Bible Fellowship

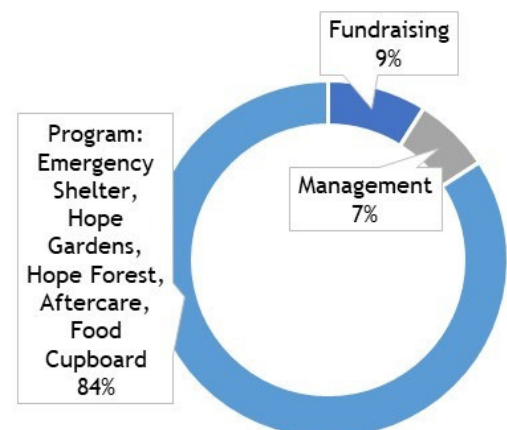
New Beginnings Community Church
Or Hadash
Sanctuary United Methodist Church
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
St. Rose of Lima
St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh
Supplee Presbyterian Church
Trinity Episcopal Church, Ambler
Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Washington
Upper Dublin Lutheran Church

FINANCIALS

REVENUE



EXPENSES



SOURCES OF SUPPORT

FOUNDATIONS

Betty & Leo Balzereit Foundation
Bike & Build
Breaking the Cycle Foundation
Connelly Foundation
Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation
Dreuding Foundation
Fox & Roach Charities
Genuardi Family Foundation
George W. Rentschler Foundation
Grandom Institution
Green Tree Community Health Foundation
HealthSpark Foundation
Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Leo & Peggy Pierce Family Foundation
Marion Prochazka Charitable Trust
Mill Spring Foundation
Montgomery County Foundation
PNC Charitable Trust
Scholler Foundation
Stratton Foundation
TD Charitable Foundation
TJX Foundation
VNA Foundation of Greater North Penn

WaWa Foundation
Westfield Insurance Foundation
Willow Foundation
Windmill Foundation
Wynnstay Foundation

CORPORATIONS

Ambler Savings Bank
Battelle Always Giving
BLB&B Advisors
Caddick Utilities
Clemens Food Group
Comcast Cares
Earth Engineering
Essent Guaranty
Item Media
R&R Wood Products
Schubert, Gallagher, Tyler, & Mulcahey
Selective Insurance
ThermOmegaTech
WhartonHill Advisors
Univest Corporation

GOVERNMENT

Bucks County IU 22
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Montgomery County

ORGANIZATIONS

Act II Playhouse
Colony Club of Ambler
Family Promise
Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger
Kiwanis Club of Ambler
Rotary Club of Blue Bell
United Way
Woman's Club of Suburban Philadelphia
Your Way Home



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