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Dear Friends,

We hope you are proud of the stories of resilience and hope woven throughout this report. Thanks to your generous contributions, our combined programs served 506 women and children last year:

Your financial gifts – from individuals, foundations, businesses and community groups – provided stability for our programs. Your time and talents provided countless opportunities for the women, children, and families we serve to grow and thrive. Two hundred seventy volunteers, contributing nearly 50 hours every week, donated a total of 2,558 hours last year!

The women and families we serve face many barriers to safe, affordable housing. Increasingly, to find and maintain stable housing, a majority of people need intensive support and services, sometimes on a long-term basis. To meet this growing need, we consolidated and expanded the programming we offer to individuals and families in their own homes. Previously called Aftercare, Supportive Housing Services help locate housing, negotiate with landlords, and provide ongoing support with education, child care, and referrals to community resources. This helps to avert crises and prevent a return to homelessness.

Through your support, you share in our day-to-day challenges and accomplishments. With this report, we share with you what your generosity made possible. We welcome your contributions as we continue to stand firm in our mission.

Thank you for your steadfast support. Together, we will help women and families move from crisis to safety, stability and opportunity.

With gratitude,

Dawn Hofstrand,
Board Chair

Julie Kelley,
Executive Director

“I am healthy now. Being homeless for so long I lost touch with my whole family... I am now seeing my children again, and finally meeting my two granddaughters.”

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“The parenting group is my only chance to be with other moms and just focus on being a good mom.”

“I’m working on my GED, I’m planning to go to college, I want to be the difference in someone else’s life.”

**Join us for happy hour at Fulton Brewery
Tuesday, May 12,
5-7p.m.**



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Our mission is to provide women in crisis or transition with a stable environment and the opportunity to explore options for their future.



ASCENSION PLACE, INC.

Ascension Place ■ St. Anne's Place ■ Next Step Housing



“Ascension Place is home to me...”

“This was a stepping stone for me. If it was not for them I would not be where I am today.”

Ascension Place

A transitional housing program for women in the Near North neighborhood of Minneapolis. Twenty-four hour support during crisis, recovery, and transition. Ascension Place was home to 70 women last year.



St. Anne's Place

An emergency shelter in the Jordan neighborhood of North Minneapolis for women and children experiencing extreme poverty and homelessness. One hundred forty families with 266 children received safe housing and support.

“You’re like family to me.”

“I knew how to warm up food, but I didn’t really know how to cook until I took the class at Next Step Housing.”



Next Step Housing

Permanent supportive apartment living for alumnae of Ascension Place. Our 11-unit building in the Camden-Webber neighborhood of North Minneapolis provided independent living in a supportive community setting to 15 women.

“I can’t believe I’ve lived in one place for four years!”

“You can’t believe what a relief it is to just get up in the morning, take a shower, get dressed and cook something.”



Supportive Housing Services

Women and families receive support in their own apartments through intensive case management, landlord assistance, and crisis prevention. This new program served eleven women and four children last year.

Your Support Provides

- Parenting Education Groups
- Job & Resume Workshops
- Life Skills Classes
- Healthy Eating & Living Programs
- Youth Music & Art Groups
- Community Gatherings & Enrichment Activities
- Field Trips
- Addiction Recovery Support
- Mental Health Support
- School Placement
- Referrals to Community Resources

- Housing Search Support
- Basic Need Items



“So many people support me here, getting involved in the neighborhood is my way of contributing something.”

Finding a Home

Keisha grew up in a series of group homes because her mother was an alcoholic who could not take care of her. Keisha is resilient and hard-working, but with no rental history, could not find a landlord willing to rent to her. After living in our transitional housing program for four months, our Housing Coordinator convinced a local landlord to give her a chance. Now Keisha is living in her first apartment and establishing a rental history. She stopped by Ascension Place this spring and was so happy to have gotten a couch for her apartment. Having her own apartment gives her the security and opportunity to pursue her education and focus on the future.



To protect confidentiality names have been changed and images do not match stories.

From Surviving to Thriving

Like many parents who are homeless with their children, Dorothea spent all her energy trying to survive day to day, with little left to attend to her family's development. When she arrived at St. Anne's Place with her four-year-old twins, everyone was under severe stress, which had taken a toll on the children's development. They expressed themselves with infant-like sounds and babbling rather than words, were socially withdrawn, and still in diapers.

St. Anne's Place staff arranged developmental screening for the children, and they were enrolled in Head Start. Along with the care and support of St. Anne's Place, Dorothea and her family blossomed. Dorothea completed technical college and obtained a full-time job in the field of mechanics. When she moved her family into subsidized housing after eight months at St. Anne's, her children were toilet trained, physically stronger, and had developed amazing vocabularies. As a result of their time at St. Anne's Place, Dorothea's family is on a stronger footing and her children's development has greatly improved.

“When I don't know where to start, you help me calm down and make a plan.”



In 2014, 270 volunteers donated 2,558 hours to Ascension Place, Inc. Thank you for your time, energy, creativity and compassion!

Last year volunteers supported Ascension Place, Inc. by:

- Tutoring
- Providing meals
- Teaching yoga
- Leading trips to the YMCA
- Painting
- Assisting in the front office
- Cooking classes
- Gardening
- Offering health and wellness presentations
- Leading art projects
- Celebrating birthdays
- Cleaning and organizing
- Assisting on field trips
- Providing makeovers
- Creating holiday celebrations
- Assisting with childcare

Thank You...

We offer our deepest gratitude to the following foundations, corporations, businesses, faith communities and individuals who supported our work in 2014. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our records, but please let us know if there is an error or omission in this listing. Thank you again for your continued commitment to our mission.

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2013 - 2014 Audited Financial Statement

Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Current assets..... 2,319,107
Fixed assets..... 1,644,351
Total assets..... 3,963,458

Liabilities

Current liabilities..... 210,583
Long term liabilities..... 562,040
Total liabilities..... 772,623

Net Assets

Unrestricted..... 3,102,297
Temporarily restricted..... 88,548
Total net assets..... 3,190,845

Total Liabilities and Net Assets.... 3,963,468

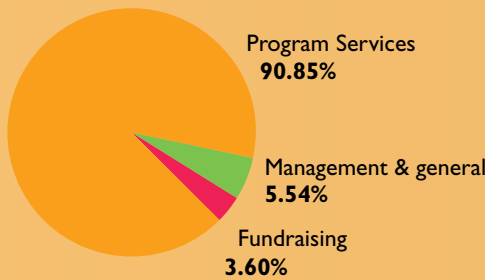
Revenue & Expenses

Revenue

Total Revenue..... 2,187,666

Expenses

Total expenses..... 1,990,799



Revenue by Program

Ascension Place..... 827,727
St. Anne's Place..... 1,018,350
Next Step Housing..... 194,505
Other..... 147,084

Expenses by Program

Ascension Place..... 667,938
St. Anne's Place..... 757,844
Next Step Housing..... 194,811
Other..... 188,112

