



HOMECOMING PROJECT INC.
Providing a Safe Home for Women in Recovery

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



A quick note from Executive Director, Robin Keener

Homecoming Project, Inc. would like to thank all of the donors, volunteers and organizations that helped make 2018 one of the best years yet. It is with gratitude that I can announce that we have continued to help women uncover their true potential, during residency of our program and as alumni. This past year, we have continued to grow our prevention program by providing tuition and supplies for nine of our alumni. We currently support women who are working on degrees in counseling, nonprofit management, nursing, biology, elementary education and accounting. One of our alumni is graduating from Harford Community College and was accepted to pursue her bachelor's degree at Towson University next semester, a process of which she started as a resident at Homecoming. None of this would be possible without the help of our **community, volunteers, donors and supporters**. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in the integrity of the Homecoming Project. – Robin Keener

“The program at Homecoming Project compassionately taught me the discipline and self-confidence that I needed to be a productive member of society and set me on the path toward the ability to love my self and other people.”

– Homecoming Project Alumni

*Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors...
we truly could not do this with you!*



The Homecoming Project lives and operates by these 6 principles:

Integrity – We help women live with integrity. We teach them to do the next right thing when no one is looking.

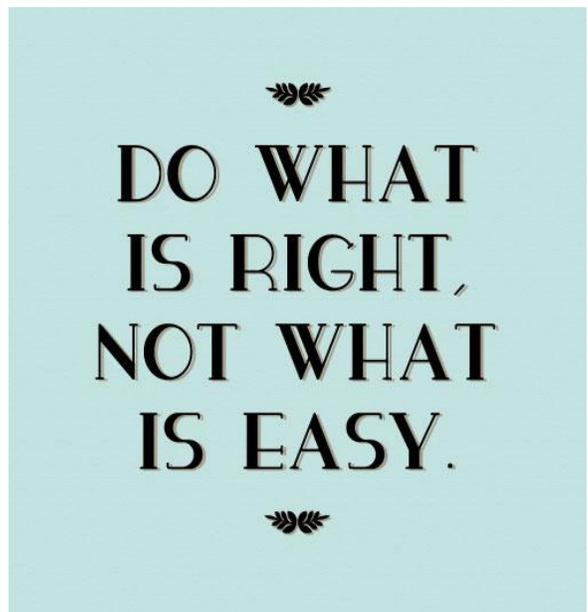
Dignity – We take pride in the work that we do. We teach women to live a life that they are proud of.

Inspiring – We strive to open doors for women that they never thought were possible. We offer a light at the end of a tunnel of darkness.

Growth – Our program offers opportunities for women to bloom into the mothers, daughters, sisters, employees, and leaders that they were always meant to be.

Empowerment – Women are taught they can accomplish any goal that they have. Creating a life beyond their wildest dreams.

Acceptance – We understand that acceptance is the answer to all of our problems today



What makes us different than the rest?

The Importance of Case Management by Program Manager, Katelyn Shephard

Part of my job as the Program Manager at Homecoming Project is providing the residents with weekly case management. I found case management to be very beneficial when I was a resident myself from 2012-2013. These sessions helped me to get organized and pushed me to set and accomplish goals, which was uncomfortable at times but overall built up my self-esteem and was a rewarding process. Now, being in the position of Case Manager, I get to see the importance of these sessions from the other side. I am incredibly grateful for the continued guidance and mentoring from Robin Keener and the many people who work at Homecoming and are a part of the vast community network that was established before me. When a person makes the decision to heal from substance abuse and begin recovery, they face many challenges that extend well beyond the initial detox period and 28/21/14 day rehabilitation



program. Many are in financial crisis, are involved in the criminal justice system, have strained family relationships, custody issues with their children, and physical health problems to just name a few common issues. The list of problems when coming into recovery can be very daunting and in many cases can cause a feeling of hopelessness that leads to relapse.

Case Management is a process of assessing the individual needs of each resident and it allows me to get to know the personality of each resident and to establish trust. We assess each resident's needs and prioritize them so they become more manageable.

In case management sessions, residents slowly gain full responsibility for themselves. They become empowered. It is not a process of

Homecoming fixing all of their problems for them, we guide them to do the work themselves. It is an honor to be able to be a part of this process. I have watched women get jobs, pay their own rent and create a savings account, gain health insurance, attend necessary medical and mental health appointments, get vital testing for infectious disease and gain access to medications that cure hepatitis C and manage HIV when needed. They repay debts and increase their credit, complete probation and exit the criminal justice system, gain visitation and custody of their children, regain driver's licenses, and get caught up on dental work. I have the honor of guiding them to learn to advocate for themselves when talking to creditors, insurance companies and lawyers. Case management also includes discussion about progress in the program; how are they getting along with other residents, progress and challenges in the workplace, and if they keeping up with responsibilities in the house. Some of these conversations are challenging, and include the two cents from Robin Keener. Residents are pushed to grow and let go of mindsets and behaviors that do not serve them. Unfortunately,

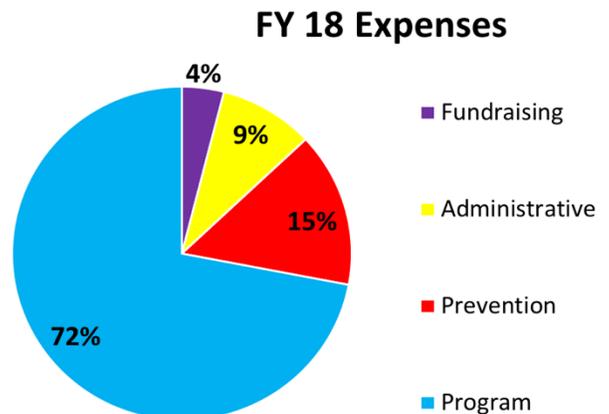
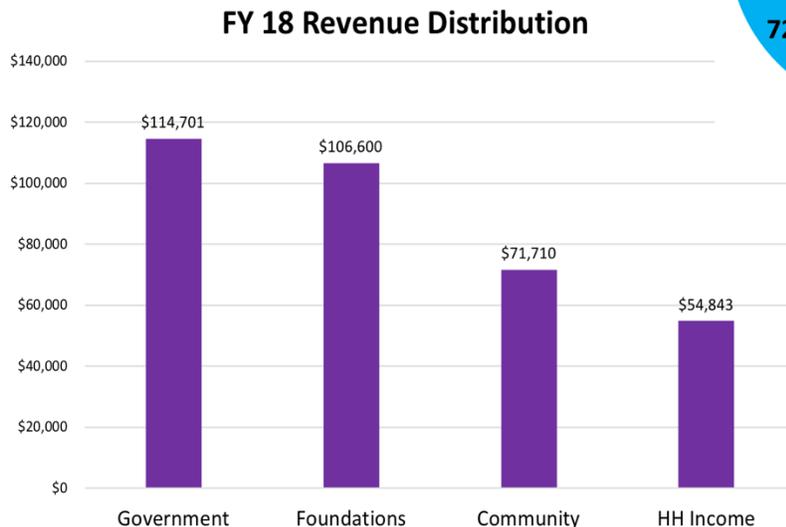
some residents have to face consequences for their actions, and some are asked to leave the program or choose to leave themselves. This is never an easy part of my job, but some of those women have continued to work at their recovery and come back to check in with Homecoming. Near the end of their time as residents, case management focuses on their transition into independence. They learn to budget, look for housing, make roommate agreements, get car insurance and navigate loans. After they move out, they know they can always return for help, advice or to have someone to listen to them. Best of all, they return to be of service to the residents that have come in after them. Case Management is one aspect of the personal approach Homecoming takes to recovery. Addiction is isolating and we all know that life is hard as it is. At Homecoming, staff are paying attention to the residents and care about what is going on in their lives and how they are adjusting to recovery. They matter, they do recover and they do go on to have healthy and productive lives.

“Through gaining employment, connecting with other people in recovery, group counseling, individual counseling, and extensive case management I was able to turn my life around and live in a manner of which I am proud of. The Homecoming project allowed me the time and gave me the resources I needed to learn how to live life free of the compulsion to use substances.”

– Homecoming Project Alumni

Financial Update

Entering the 12th year of being in operation, the Homecoming Project faces some challenges and obstacles for the upcoming years, the most substantial obstacle that the Homecoming Project faces is financial stability. This challenge creates a dire situation, due to the severity of the current addiction epidemic.



The Homecoming Project addresses that challenge, and strategically provides input to combat this financial challenge for the next fiscal year. Our biggest expense is our program expenses, while we spend only 4% on fundraising each year.

Letter from Alumni,

“When I arrived at the Homecoming Project in 2015, I could not see a future and had no faith in myself and the world around me. I had attempted to curb my addiction by trying several different things, including medication assisted treatment. Nothing worked for me until I came to Homecoming Project and learned about abstinence-based recovery. Homecoming Project supported me and loved me when I was unable to love myself. They taught me life skills, financial literacy, self-love, perseverance, and so many other things. Homecoming Project put my hand in the hand of 12-step fellowship and provided me with counseling, case management and mental health services that still support and help me today. As alumni, Homecoming Project has always had an open-door policy, meaning I can show up unannounced any time of day or night. I know I am always welcome there. Homecoming Project has provided me with tuition and supplies for college and has helped me grow within my degree. I am currently enrolled in graduate school, and work for state government and want to pursue a career in a field where I can help people, the same way that Homecoming has and continues to help me. Not only did Homecoming give me my life back, they truly helped me uncover my true potential.” – **Homecoming Project Alumni, 2016 graduate**

INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

A quick story to show the strength and courage of someone in recovery...

“An addict fell in a hole and couldn’t get out. A businessman went by and the addict called out for help. The businessman threw him some money and told him to buy himself a ladder. But the addict could not buy a ladder in this hole he was in. A doctor walked by. The addict said, “Help! I can’t get out!” The doctor gave him some drugs and said, “Take this. It will relieve the pain.” The addict said thanks, but when the pills ran out, he was still in the hole. A well-known psychiatrist rode by and heard the addict’s cries for help. He stopped and asked, “How did you get there? Were you born there? Did your parents put you there? Tell me about yourself, it will alleviate your sense of loneliness.” So the addict talked with him for an hour, then the psychiatrist had to leave, but he said he’d be back next week. The addict thanked him, but he was still in the hole. A priest came by. The addict called for help. The priest gave him a Bible and said, “I’ll say a prayer for you.” He got down on his knees and prayed for the addict, then he left. The addict was very grateful, he read the Bible, but he was still stuck in the hole. A recovering addict happened to be passing by. The addict cried out, “Hey, help me. I’m stuck in this hole!” Right away the recovering addict jumped down in the hole with him. The addict said, “What are you doing? Now we’re both stuck here!!” But the recovering addict said, “Calm down. It’s okay. I’ve been here before. I know how to get out.”” – Anonymous

Unable to make it to our annual Gala? Here are some pictures of the fun...



Don't worry! You don't have to miss this year's gala!



Celebrating 13 years of providing a safe home for women in recovery

HOMECOMING PROJECT, INC.

Gala at Water's Edge Events Center

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 12, 2019 6PM - 10PM

*Water's Edge Events Center
4687 Millennium Drive, Belcamp, MD. 21017*

Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, and Community Fellowship

Dear Sponsor and/or Donor,
Homecoming Project, Inc . is celebrating its 13th year of assisting women in recovery from the number one healthcare problem in America - alcoholism and drug addiction.

Please join us in celebrating 13 years of Recovery at our Homecoming Project Gala. We are excited to announce that this year it will take place at the Water's Edge Events Center in Belcamp on Thursday September 12, 2019.

Homecoming Project, Inc . is a non-profit, 501 c (3) organization. Our mission is to provide women with a comprehensive, family-oriented program of recovery from homelessness and substance abuse in a supportive residential environment.

Please consider being a sponsor and/ or in-kind donor. If you helped us last year, thank you! Please consider supporting our clients in 2019, as we continue to offer support and treatment that help women achieve long term sobriety.

If your interest does not include a monetary donation, we would be pleased to customize a sponsorship package with you. This may include merchandise for the silent aution or donating in-kind-services such as resume writing , technology training or salon services. Your contributions are used to support scholarships, job training and treatment for women seeking recovery. These funds are put to good use by helping individuals obtain further education, care for their children, re-unite and build stronger families.

Homecoming is so grateful for the wonderful support we continue to receive from the individuals and businesses of Harford County and beyond. We look forward to partnering with you and/ or your organization .

We thank you for your kind consideration . With great appreciation,

Robin Keener Executive Director
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