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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Homecoming Project, Inc.



### From Executive Director, Robin Keener

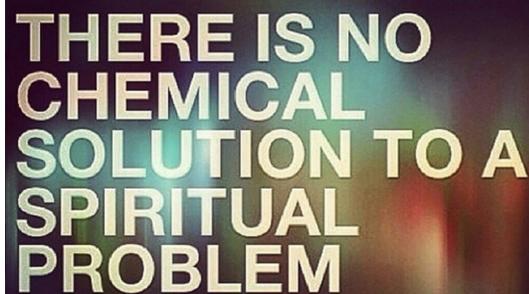
Homecoming Project, Inc. would like to thank Harford County Executive Barry Glassman for providing funding for our job training program. It is with gratitude that I can announce this year we helped seven of our graduates with college tuition and supplies. Two of the women graduated from Harford Community College Nursing School and now have jobs — one at Johns Hopkins Transplant Unit and the other at University of Maryland Cardiac Unit. The other five are working on degrees in counseling, nonprofit management (2), nursing and accounting.

Recovery works without drug replacement. We teach life skills and change behaviors.

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With poor credit scores and digging out of the debt accrued during their substance abuse, the average car loan for our women comes with an interest rate in the 25-28% range. We have tried to work with the loan sharks to no avail, so this year we were also able to assist with 6 car loans which are being paid back on time. We consider this as prevention. We stay with our clients after graduation and continue support:

1. So we know how they are;
2. Because it's a great way to know our success outcomes;
3. So they know to call before they make the wrong choices; and
4. So they learn to give back (which they do).



**THERE IS NO  
CHEMICAL  
SOLUTION TO A  
SPIRITUAL  
PROBLEM**

## Letter from Our New President, Tom Koerber

2017 was a momentous year for Homecoming Project. We celebrated 11 years in operation, and over 200 women served. With an 80% success rate, Homecoming Project is leading the way towards recovery in Maryland. We recognize that addiction recovery cannot use simple drug replacement to become a successful and productive member of society. It takes a holistic approach that includes counseling, training, financial literacy, and mental health support. Our alumni have become counselors, educators, and program managers themselves, thereby helping others to achieve success in overcoming their addiction.

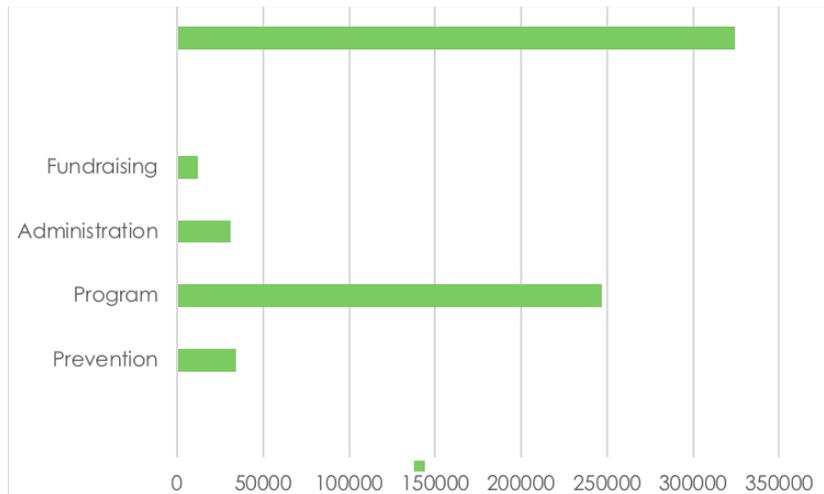
Unfortunately, we also lost a loved one in 2017, one of our beloved founding board members, Pat Gilland. Pat served as board President for almost a decade, and was an immense supporter of Homecoming Project. The Alumni scholarship was re-named in her honor, and will go to support countless young women as they further their education. Pat's legacy will live on in the alumni that serve the community, and the children they raise to become prosperous adults.

**“Believe you can  
and you’re halfway  
there.”**

— *THEODORE ROOSEVELT*

Now in our twelfth year, Homecoming Project is continuing to aid the community and its residents. We are continually applying for grants, and can always use donations/ assistance towards our programs. After all, it takes a village, and we cannot do it without your help. Thank you to all of those that graciously donate their time and energy to supporting the Homecoming Project. We truly appreciate it, and look forward to another successful year in 2018!

**Thank You  
to all our  
Wonderful  
Volunteers,  
Donors, and  
Government  
Supporters!**



## **Lynn W., Volunteer**

Nineteen years ago I moved to Harford County. The first person to put her hand out to welcome me to the community was Robin Keener. At that time we got together with others for supper followed by a meeting on Tuesday nights. Robin became involved as volunteer Executive Director of Homecoming Women's Center (the forerunner of Homecoming Project, Inc.) located on Singer Road in Abingdon. Sometime in 2004 she asked me if I would bring a Big Book meeting to the house on Friday mornings. I said yes because that's what I was taught to do and because Robin can be persuasive in getting what she needs. I have continued ever since when my work schedule permits. In addition to watching the residents grow in recovery and life skills, I witnessed Robin become the permanent Executive Director of Homecoming Project Inc. as she oversaw the purchase and move to the current location in 2006 and put together and outstanding program of recovery for women.

My gratitude for the Homecoming program has deepened over the years as so many seemingly broken women had discovered and accepted (see page 417) a different way of living. As well as reading and discussing (sometimes explaining) the Big Book on Fridays, I am frequently asked to give the ladies rides to various meetings or appointments in the area. As they thank me I ask them to pay it forward when they finish the Homecoming program. It's a privilege and joy to see so many of them do exactly that as they transition from the house to the next chapter in their lives. The real payoff for me is seeing these ladies mentor or sponsor the newbies that come through Homecoming. That's the reward for being a volunteer. Thank you for the opportunity!



Celebrating 12 years of providing a safe home for women in recovery

# HOMECOMING PROJECT, INC.

Gala at Water's Edge  
*Save the Date*

**Friday, September 7, 2018 — 6PM · 10PM**

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

*Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, and Community Fellowship*

## Photos from the 2017 Gala

