

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEANS PEOPLE *thrive!*

- ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE
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- SENSE OF SECURITY FOR SENIORS
- STABILITY FOR SANIBEL WORKFORCE

**changing lives one  
person at a time**

## *our mission*

to provide affordable housing to individuals and families who work on or serve the community of Sanibel



# Dear island neighbors—

Community Housing & Resources provides affordable housing to families and individuals who work on and/or serve the community of Sanibel. But CHR is not just about buildings & properties. We are about people. Our residents are loyal, hard-working singles and families from many walks of life who greatly enrich our community. Many show their gratitude for being able to live on the island by volunteering for local groups, events, and organizations.

As we reflect on the challenges of the past year, including the damage and destruction of Hurricane Irma, we celebrate the courage and dedication of our residents who add to the strength and diversity of the Sanibel community.

Thirty-nine years ago, a group of forward thinking Sanibel citizens recognized the lack of affordable housing and established our 501(c)3 nonprofit, Community Housing and Resources Inc. Over the past four decades CHR has successfully provided safe, beautiful and affordable homes for qualified residents. While demand has accelerated in the recent past, CHR continues to work diligently to expand our efforts to meet the growing needs of the future.

We take pride in our program and our residents as we add value to our community. Other communities in Southwest Florida and around the country have now recognized the importance of affordable housing for workers and are scrambling to put something together that emulates what we have enjoyed for almost forty years. My wife, Mead, and I invite everyone on this wonderful island we all call home to join us in support of CHR with a tax-deductible contribution today to continue our journey of filling this critical need in our community.

Richard Johnson  
CHR Board President



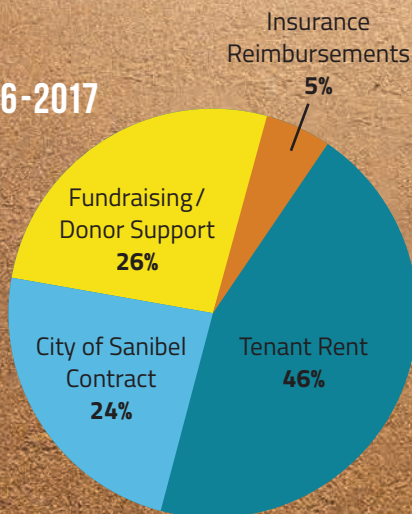
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Welcome and Thank You to our Board of Directors, including our newest (▪) board members and officers that have recently joined CHR:

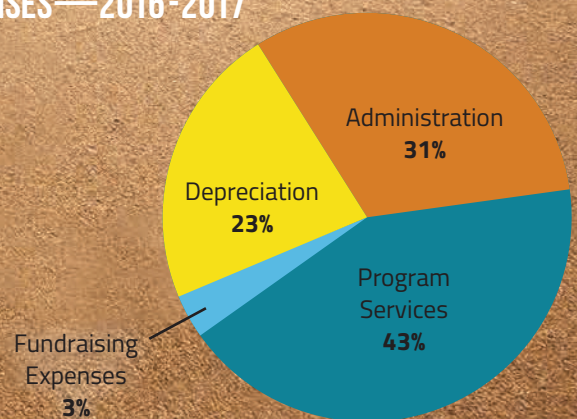
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### REVENUE—2016-2017



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# LIFE ON SANIBEL

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

# Thriving

CHR's fiscal year ended September 30th of 2017. But our work carries on all year long as we continue to serve over 160 people annually with quality, affordable housing. Throughout the year, projects, challenges and struggles have come and gone. And with them, opportunities to make a positive impact have drifted into our midst. Below are some highlights of activities and events that have reached our shores and touched our lives for the better.

## RENOVATION PROJECT AT RIVERVIEW

A major 2017 renovation project was implemented at Riverview, a CHR 10 unit complex. The renovation included a complete rebuild of the 5 lower units including new plumbing and sewer pipes and electrical wiring. CHR partnered with Lowe's as our General Contractor as they supplied all the materials at a discounted price for the project.

## HURRICANE IRMA

Property damage at 10 of CHR's 11 properties included major cleanup of tree limbs, branches and debris left from the storm. The worst damage was at Riverview where six large trees fell on the building and damaged the roof letting rain water pour in. Water damage was contained to one top unit and the one immediately below. CHR staff worked quickly to tarp the building and secure the units so that residents could return to their homes. While staff assessed and repaired the property damage, many of our residents also needed financial assistance due to the expenses of evacuating, the extended loss of electricity and loss of income from their jobs. Many generous organizations immediately offered funds to help CHR and our residents recover quickly. Irma's damage also delayed the Riverview renovation project, but thanks to tremendous volunteers and supporters the renovation is back on track and nearing completion.

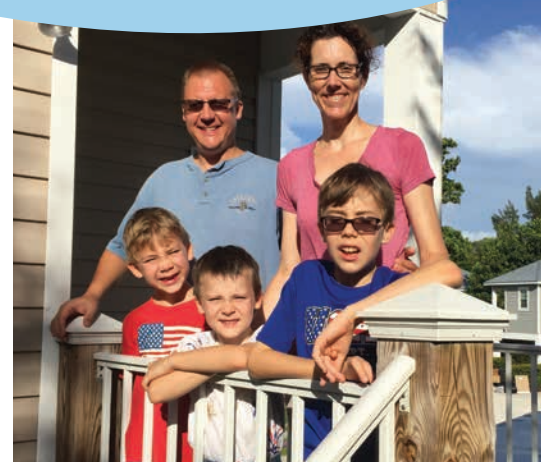
## OUR MAJOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER—MARDI GRAS

Each year, our annual fundraiser has outperformed the previous year. In 2017 CHR introduced our "Homes of Love" campaign. With our Lowe's partnership, a display was created that showcased items needed to rehab the 5 lower units at Riverview. Donors could select an item to donate that ranged from a ceiling fan, or a toilet to a whole bathroom or even an entire unit. It was a huge success and a lot of fun. This year at our 2018 Mardi Gras we continued the "Homes of Love" campaign focusing on the immediate need to replace old worn carpeting with tile flooring in at least 10 units. Thank you all for your contributions, sponsorships and support to again allow CHR to reach our goal and to make our Mardi Gras a success year after year. Hope to see you at our 2019 Mardi Gras—Save the Date for February 9, 2019.

## VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

- Our CHR Volunteer Contractor Crew helps every Thursday with projects ranging from pressure washing and changing light bulbs, to replacing handrails, tile projects and new staircases.
- Hurricane Irma cleanup volunteers helped remove the debris and branches from our properties. Residents, board members, high school students and community members all joined together to help with the enormous task of cleanup on our properties in the weeks following Irma.
- In November, Lowe's partnered with CHR to give a landscaping facelift to the beautiful courtyard area at our Casa Mariposa property. There were many volunteers including residents, board members, a City Council member and several Lowe's employees. Lowe's donated and delivered mulch, shell, gloves and tools for the project. Bailey's Catering provided drinks, breakfast and lunch to our hungry work crews.
- Our fundraiser, Mardi Gras, takes a village to put on every year. The planning starts in early summer with brainstorming, letter writing and follow ups to the work parties, setup and cleanup. It's enormous—but well worth the time and energy as CHR's Mardi Gras truly is the most fun Fundraiser on the Island.
- The dedication of the CHR Board and Committee members cannot go unrecognized. These generous community members give so freely of their time and talents. They volunteer to help CHR with everything from oversight to landscaping, building and party planning—not on one project, but too many to mention.

*The time our volunteers give to CHR is appreciated and needed. Thank you all for everything you do.*



# Thank you

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A special Thank You to everyone listed below for your generosity and support.

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