

Bethany House

2019 Annual Report
January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

Our Mission

The mission of Bethany House is to recognize and respond to the ever-changing needs of domestic violence victims and their children by providing safe, long-term transitional shelter; time for physical, emotional and spiritual healing; social services in collaboration with other community organizations; recreational and educational opportunities; and community education about domestic violence.

REVERENCE - SERVICE - COMMUNITY - STEWARDSHIP

As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, Bethany House services are developed in accordance with Franciscan values.

Bethany House does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, or any other protected status under applicable laws in any of its activities.

TOGETHER

We are Giving
Survivors of
Domestic Violence
the Time and
Space to Heal



A Note from DeVona

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Bethany House was founded more than thirty-five years ago by the collective work of many ardent individuals who saw a need to better serve victims of domestic violence. Guided by the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Bethany House evolved into a well-respected organization with a long history of providing compassionate, quality services and support to families affected by domestic violence. As Nicholas Sparks once said, "Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people."

The Bethany House staff, and Board of Trustees are one current example of a collaborative effort producing extraordinary results. Despite several funding challenges in 2019, net ordinary revenues for the year grew 4% over the previous year and represented a net profit margin of 21%. These increases came despite a 7% decrease in VOCA funding and the decision to not seek CDBG funding past the award-year ending in June of 2019 since it was determined to be disproportionately burdensome in its restrictions and obligations.

Fundraising efforts made by Board and staff included increasing Celebrity Wait Night revenues by 20% and initiating a new collaboration with The Chop House which resulted in revenues of more than \$5600. Bethany House was also featured by the Toledo Mud Hens. Staff secured a new grant collaboration with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality to assess the needs of survivors in our community with diverse and intersecting disabilities.

In 2019, the Board approved making the Community Engagement Coordinator position full-time in expectation of the need to explore and expand collaborations. Several agency policies were updated and others added in an ongoing effort to remain current with best practices. New Trustees contributing their expertise included: Brandi Doniere, Jennifer Erickson, and Minnie Singh. Keith Jordan and Veronica Fasciana both resigned due to personal circumstances.

The Board and staff will continue to collectively focus our expertise on the complex issues and needs of survivors of domestic violence in our community, building collaborations to meet those needs while maintaining fiscal sustainability.

Sincerely,

DeVona Smith Bethany House
Board of Trustees, Chairperson

2019 Service Overview

Long-Term Transitional Shelter and Support Services for Survivors and their Children

Persons Sheltered	65	14,716	Nights of Safe Shelter
Adults Served	21	511 days	Average length of stay
Children Served	44	2,942	Individual Advocacy Services

Step^{UP} On Site and Community-Based advocacy services provided to 27 adults and 51 children.

Community Domestic Violence Outreach

Homeless Shelter Outreach	470
Total Volunteer Hours	673

2019 Participant Feedback

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Staff is always available to help at every turn.

Clean Apartment

All the staff are super nice and I loved how they cared for us.

I felt safe.

I felt at home.

The atmosphere is welcoming.

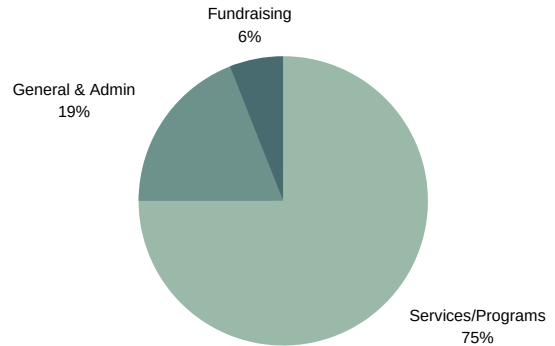
I'm very grateful for everything done for me and my girl.

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Stewardship

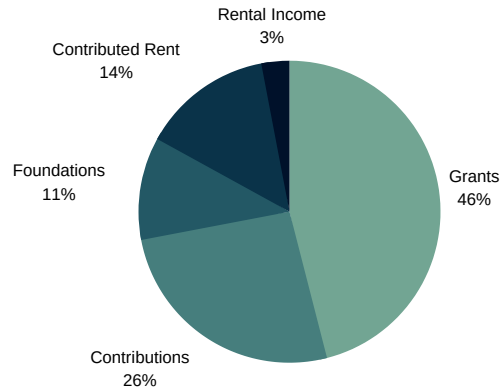
Functional Expenses

Program	\$ 529,171
Administration	\$ 136,623
Fundraising	\$ 39,150
Total	\$ 704,944



Operating Revenue

Contributions	\$ 218,754
Grants	\$ 390,447
Foundations	\$ 92,700
In-Kind Rent	\$ 120,960
Step ↑ Rent	\$ 27,150
Total	\$ 850,011



The Expenses and Revenues represented here do not include capital projects or investments. To view a full report of assets and liabilities as reported in the 990 Tax Form, you can visit www.guidestar.org and search "Bethany House."



In 2019, 2 women were murdered by their partner or ex-partner in Northwest Ohio.

Bethany House shelters and facilitates the Northwest Ohio Silent Witness Project, which works to remember and honor victims of domestic homicide and raise awareness of the extreme risk of harm in cases of domestic violence.

At the close of 2019, there were 53 Northwest Ohio Silent Witnesses. All were murdered by abusers in Northwest Ohio over the last ten years.

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