

# Housing Transitions FY2016

## Impact Report



The past year started like many others at Housing Transitions. Ron Quinn led the organization as our Executive Director, and we continued to serve individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity, the most vulnerable population in our community. It ended with a new beginning, however, as Ron retired in May 2016 after a 29 year tenure. While celebrating 12 months of success stories, we also reflected

on decades of effective growth for the organization. We now look to the future, firmly established on the foundation Ron and our experienced staff and board built over the years.

While many of the 1800 plus lives we touched last year received thoughtful intakes and referrals to other services, over 370 people were supported with intensive case management through our shelter, transitional housing, and homelessness prevention services. Centre House homeless shelter alone provided a place to call home for nearly 70 men, women, and children with their families for some length of time during the year. It is almost entirely supported by private donations, fundraising, and the Centre County United Way. Community support allows us to keep this unique shelter open and professionally staffed 24/7, 365 days a year.

As the new Executive Director, I assure you that we remain committed to serving Centre County, and having a positive impact on our clients and the community as a whole. I intend to continually evaluate our resources, programs, and the needs of our citizens to ensure we still offer the best continuum of housing related services in the area.

Morgan Wasikonis  
Executive Director

## Centre House Emergency Shelter

Our shelter provides a home to men, women, and families who have nowhere else to go. Clients address challenges such as financial instability, addiction, and mental health concerns while working towards independent housing. The goal for this program is to help these individuals and families transition to temporary or permanent housing through our case management services.

## First Time Home Buyer Education and Counseling

For people with low or moderate incomes who are ready to buy their first home, this program provides budget assistance, credit counseling, and homebuyer education classes. This program is the ultimate goal for anyone who has experienced homelessness or near homelessness.

## Transitional Housing

After families and individuals leave our shelter, this program provides rental assistance and supportive housing. Transitional housing is generally for a limited time. People can stay in transitional housing for 2 weeks to 24 months. The goal is to allow time for clients to address the challenges preventing housing and financial stability.

## Housing Case Management

Essential to the success of homeless prevention, this program provides a blend of assessment and coordination of services. The case managers possess in-depth knowledge of our community and its services, along with empathy and respect for the families seeking assistance. The managers also provide assistance with eviction, foreclosure, and landlord/tenant issues.

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PROGRAMS

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## Emergency Food Pantry

We strive to have a hunger free community. Our food pantry, one of several available in Centre County, is emergency-based and available to all in need. Individuals and families also have access to other resources, including employment opportunities and other government assistance programs.

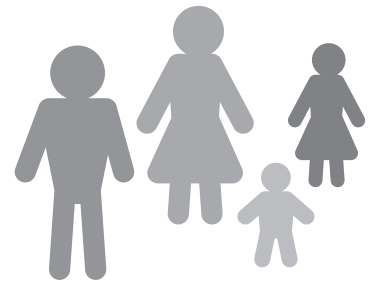
## Adult Services Case Management

Often poverty and disability go hand-in-hand. This program coordinates services for people ages 18-59 who are unable to work due to physical or mental disability. The primary goal is to keep these individuals living independently in their homes. We do assessments to see what their needs are, then coordinate in-home services and resource management to address those needs.

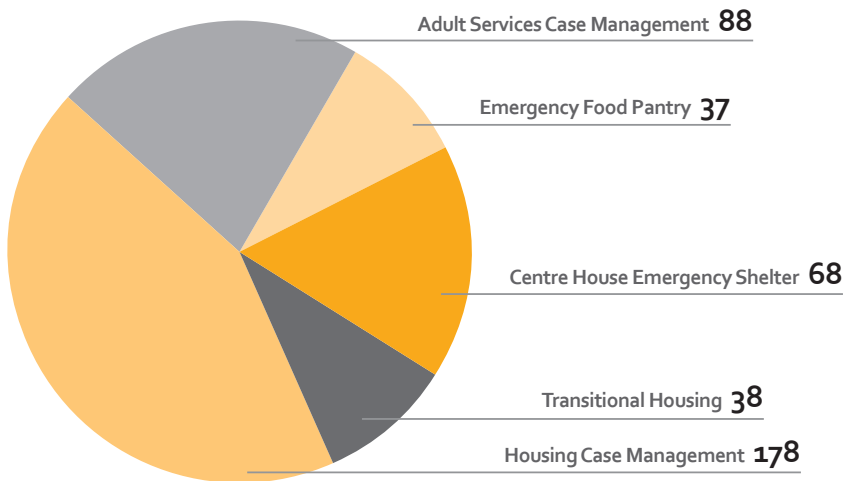
# ONE YEAR at a GLANCE

# 1800+

**MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN**  
*served by all Housing Transitions services*



## Clients Served by Program\*



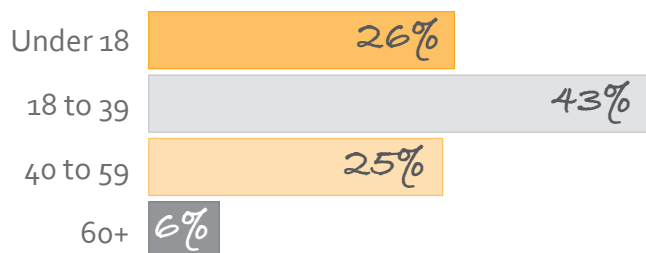
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of people who  
complete the

## Residential Service Program

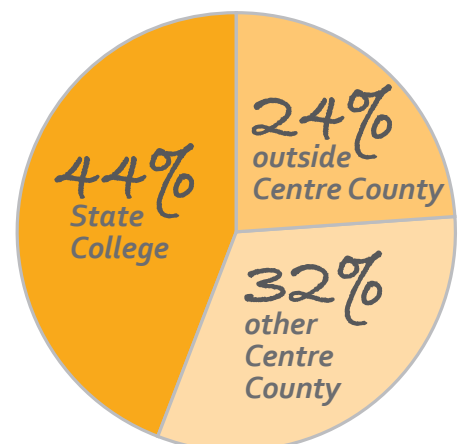
*maintained stable  
housing for at least*

# ONE YEAR

## CLIENTS BY AGE



## CLIENTS BY LOCATION



Over

# 200

**PEOPLE PREVENTED FROM  
BECOMING HOMELESS**

*through Housing Case Management  
and Adult Services*

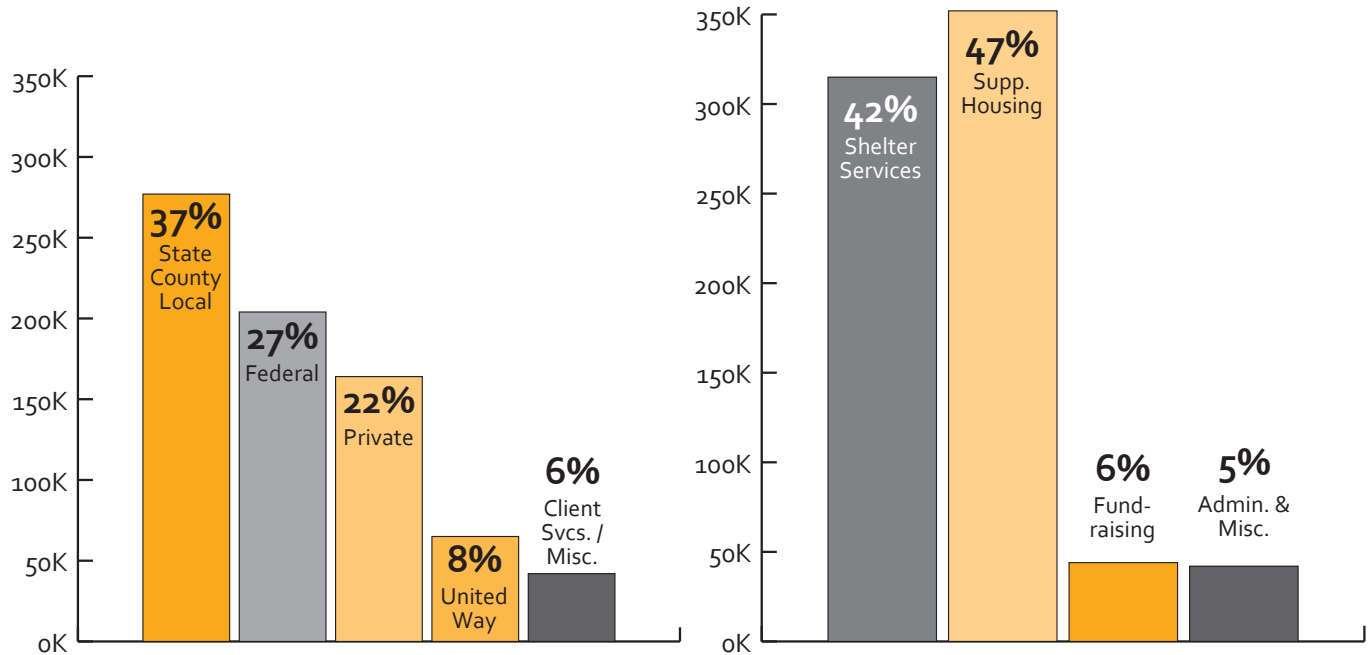
\* In addition to the people served through intensive case management, we have provided intake and referral services for an additional 1439 people during the year.

All figures based on FY 2016 data.

# Housing Transitions

## by the numbers

Year Ended June 30, 2016



### REVENUES

FY 2016

State   County   Local	277,331
Federal	203,854
Private Contributions	164,197
United Way	64,890
Client Services   Miscellaneous	41,723

Total Revenues

751,995

### EXPENSES

FY 2016

Shelter Services	314,580
Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing	352,232
Fundraising	43,572
Administrative and Professional Services	41,611

Total Expenses

751,995

# 95%

of all donations go directly to Housing Transitions' programs and services

**\$25 = 1 day**

of meals to all residents at the shelter

**1 day**

of electricity in the shelter

**1 week**

of quarters for laundry for our residents

**1 week**

of bus tokens for one of our families



# Real People

## REAL STORIES

### Justin

received an eviction notice in 2015 while in the hospital with a severe head injury. After leaving the hospital, he found himself with no home and many of his belongings gone, and he was dealing with seizures and depression that left him without the will to live.

His stay at Centre House provided shelter and clothing for his day-to-day life. The Centre House staff also provided inspiration and helped him work towards gaining independence and stability in his life. "Anytime I would have a problem while I lived here, I would go to (staff)," he said. "They helped me understand the mail I was getting and keep records for my doctor and lawyer."

After 14 months at Centre House, Justin moved into his own apartment. Though his ongoing health problems prevent him from working, he is hopeful about the future. "If it wasn't for (Centre House) taking me in, I probably would have given up a long time ago," he said.

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### Lisa

had a hard time keeping a job when living in a small town with no reliable transportation. When she got evicted, she and her son had to stay with friends and even her sister in another state.

Eventually she returned to Centre County and, with nowhere else to go, ended up in Centre House. Lisa and her son had their own room at the shelter, and within five months she was able to find work and an apartment in State College.

"I learned a lot from the experience," she said. "It's stressful, but at the same time it's motivating." Lisa and her son now live a comfortable life and have been out of the shelter since 2012.

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## How to help

<http://housingtransitions.org/donate-volunteer/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 24

*Food Truck Rally in the Valley*

Nov 4

*6th Annual Run for Shelter 5K*

**ANDREW MAGUIRE** | *President and Building and Property Committee Chair*

**JANE TAYLOR** | *Vice President*

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**DONNA HOLMES** | *Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair*

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**HELEN SNYDER**

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**KRISTEN KOSHKO** | *Development and Community Relations Coordinator*

**ANNETTE RATLIFF** | *Finance Manager*

**KENDRA HICKS** | *Program Manager*

**JENNIFER STAHL** | *Centre House Shelter Manager*

**SARAH BOUGHTER** | *Centre House Case Manager*

**JAN REASINGER** | *Centre County Adult Services Housing Case Manager*

**JOANNE PAGAN** | *Centre County Housing Case Manager*

**GINA MULFINGER** | *Supportive Services Coordinator*

**AINSLEY RAGER** | *Transitional Housing Case Manager*

**SARAH BOUGHTER, DEBBIE CASCINO, KAREN EBERLING, KENDRA MCCARTLE, RICHARD SPICER, ANGELA ZEBO-HOSTERMAN** | *Night Shift Supervisors*