

Housing Transitions FY2017 Impact Report



The first thing I learned when I started as the Executive Director of Housing Transitions in May 2016 is that our name is very fitting. We are certainly helping clients to transition from homelessness, or housing insecurity, to more stable living solutions, but we are also in transition as an organization. We are constantly looking for ways to adapt and change to most effectively use resources to serve our clients and community.

Fiscal year 2017 was much like past years. We served over 70 people in Centre House, our family shelter, and housed 32 individuals in our supportive housing programs. In addition, our case managers helped prevent homelessness for over 250 people, just like in a typical year. However, we are very excited to report that we also spent the year preparing for two new programs to help our Centre County residents in need. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded funding for these projects to make them possible. One is designed to serve chronically homeless individuals and families with a disability by providing permanent supportive housing. This means we are able to lease apartments that people can live in indefinitely, while being supported by our case managers. The second is a rapid rehousing project. We are able to provide rental assistance to homeless individuals and families to get them into an apartment.

The support we receive from the community helps us to keep our Centre House doors open, and go much further toward providing shelter, guidance and hope to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for helping us serve our community in fiscal year 2017. We look forward to doing great things together in the future!

Sincerely,

Morgan Wasikonis
Executive Director

Centre House Homeless 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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MISSION

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.

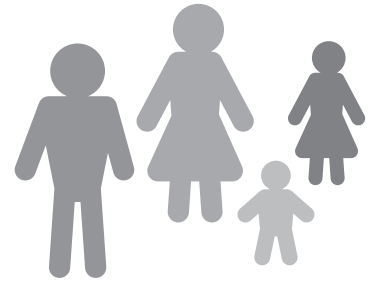
Adult Services Case Management

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.

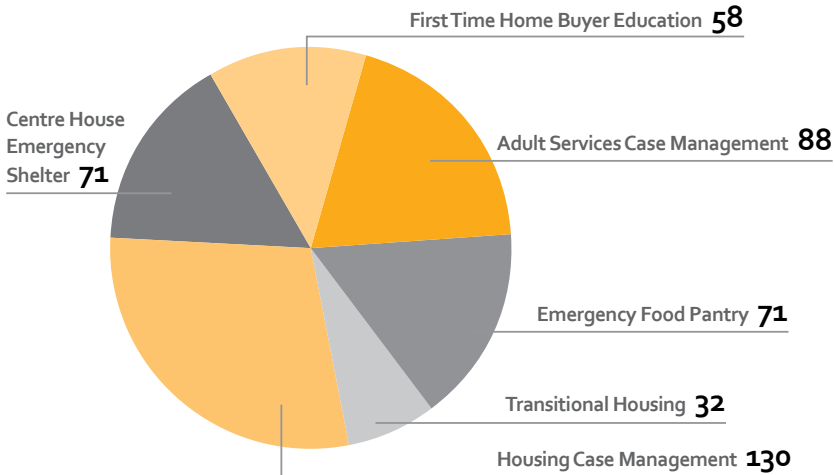
ONE YEAR at a GLANCE

1900+

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
served by all Housing Transitions services



Clients Served by Program*



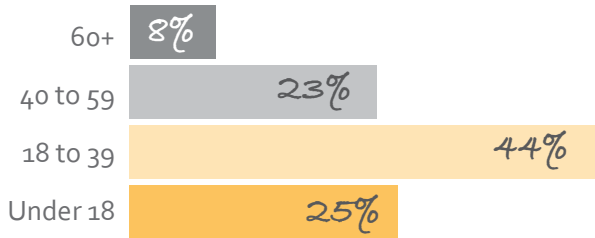
89%
of people who completed the

Residential Service Program

maintained stable housing for at least

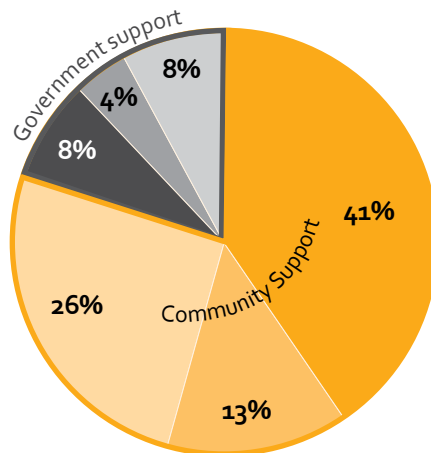
ONE YEAR

CLIENTS BY AGE



CENTRE HOUSE SHELTER FUNDING RESOURCES

- Donations and Fundraising
- Centre County United Way
- Other Grants and Programs
- State College Borough Grant
- Centre County Drug and Alcohol
- FEMA



Over

300



PEOPLE AVOIDED BECOMING HOMELESS

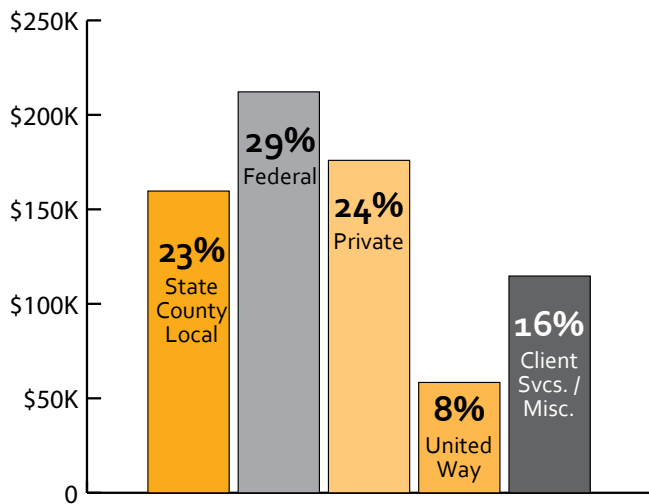
through intensive case management services

* In addition to the people served through intensive case management, we have provided intake and referral services for an additional 1463 people during the year. All figures based on FY 2017 data.

Housing Transitions

by the numbers

Year Ended June 30, 2017

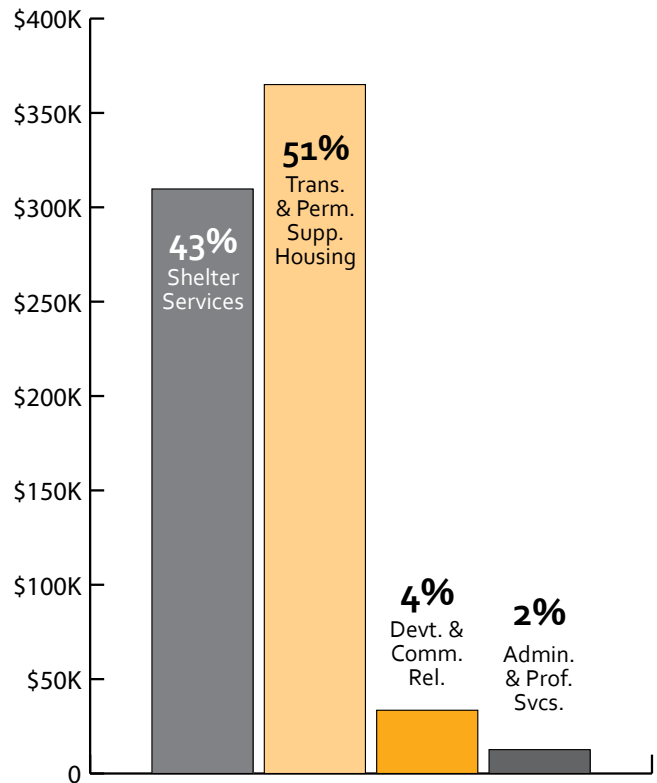


REVENUES

FY 2017

State County Local	159,686
Federal	212,182
Private Contributions	175,933
United Way	58,401
Other Grants Supportive Services Miscellaneous	114,718

Total Revenues 720,920



EXPENSES

FY 2017

Shelter Services	309,715
Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing	365,033
Development/Community Relations	33,519
Administrative and Professional Services	12,653

Total Expenses 720,920

94%

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.

Source: Hartley, Jeremy. "Housing Transitions Celebrates Homeless Success Stories." *Centre Daily Times* 16 Feb. 2017. Web. 10 May 2017.

All names have been changed to maintain confidentiality.

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How to help

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

MISSION STATEMENT:

Housing Transitions provides a pathway to a safe affordable place to call home for families and individuals in need. We offer a range of programs, from emergency shelter to homelessness prevention to independent housing, tailored for our clients and the community.

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