

# 2019

Impact Report



HOUSING  TRANSITIONS  
A Pathway from Crisis to Stability

# HOUSING

# TRANSITIONS

## 7 PROGRAMS 1 MISSION

### Centre House Emergency Shelter

*A place to call home for men, women, and children with their families who have no place else to go. Clients address challenges such as financial instability, addiction, and mental health concerns while working towards independent and stable housing. Individualized case management services help residents set goals and find sustainable housing solutions.*

### Supportive Housing Programs

*Nittany House I and II provide long term housing for individuals and families who have experienced chronic homelessness and have a documented disability. Bridge Housing offers transitional housing and case management for up to one year as clients find long term housing solutions.*

### Supportive Services Coordination

*Offered at numerous apartment complexes throughout Centre County to build a sense of community and housing stability for residents through referrals and monthly programming and activities.*

### Rapid Rehousing

*A rental assistance program for individuals and families who are currently homeless. The case manager supports clients as they establish their own lease and helps ensure successful tenancy.*

### Housing Case Management

*A blend of assessment and coordination of services, essential for long term housing stability, for those experiencing homelessness or at risk to become homeless. The case manager uses in-depth knowledge of our community's resources to assist with eviction concerns, budgeting, landlord/tenant issues and accessing resources.*

### Adult Services Case Management

*Services for low-income people ages 18-59 who experience day-to-day challenges in their homes because of physical and/or mental disabilities. The primary goal is continued independent living. The case manager assesses needs then coordinates in-home services and resource management to address those needs.*

### Emergency Food Pantry

*We strive to have a hunger-free community. Our Emergency Food Pantry, one of several available in Centre County, is emergency-based and available to all in need. Individuals and families are provided with an emergency supply of food and may access other services available through our case managers.*



# 2021

## MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

served by all Housing Transitions services

# a YEAR at a GLANCE



**82** total shelter clients in FY2019

**59** family units

**38** female

**44** male

**16** shelter residents under the age of 18



### Community Support

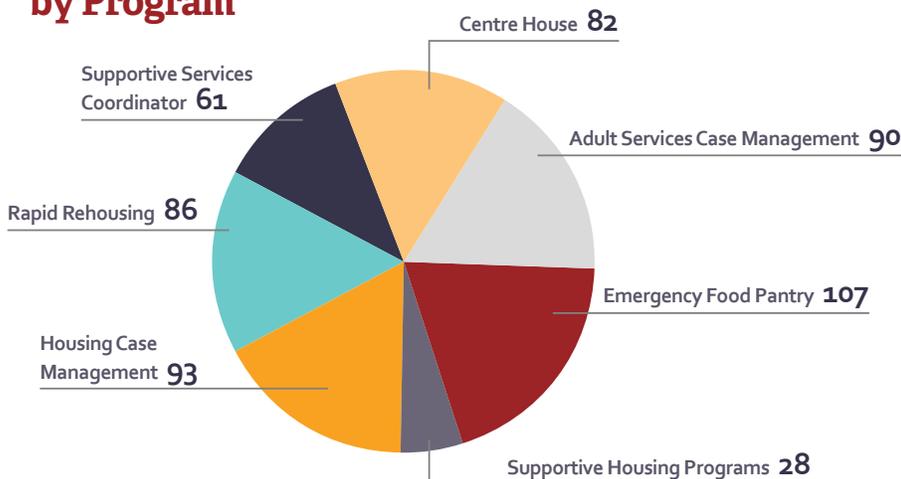
- 59%** Donations and fundraising
- 18%** Centre County United Way
- 6%** Other grants and programs

### Government Support

- 7%** State College Borough Grant
- 2%** Centre County Drug and Alcohol
- 8%** FEMA

Over **250** PEOPLE AVOIDED BECOMING HOMELESS through Housing Case Management, Adult Services Case Management, and other supportive services

### Clients Served by Program\*



**86%** of people who completed the Residential Service Program maintained stable housing for at least **ONE YEAR**

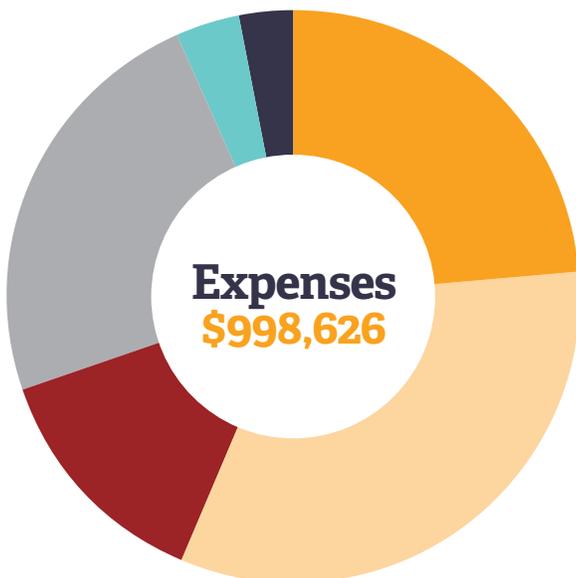
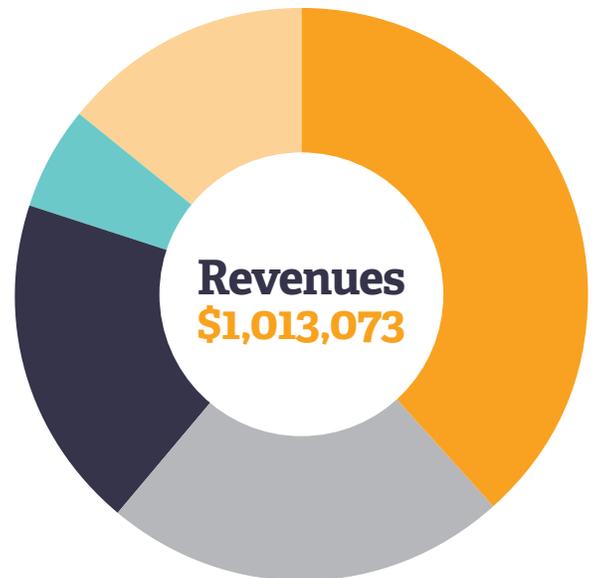
\* In addition to the people served through intensive case management, we have provided intake and referral services for an additional 1474 people during the year. All figures based on FY 2019 data.

# HOUSING TRANSITIONS

## by the numbers

Year Ended June 30, 2019

- **\$388,623** State | County | Local
- **\$231,770** Federal
- **\$190,750** Donations | Fundraising
- **\$59,500** Centre County United Way
- **\$142,430** Other Grants | Miscellaneous



- **\$238,423** Centre House Shelter
- **\$326,027** Supportive Housing Programs
- **\$132,560** Housing Case Management | Supportive Services
- **\$236,918** Rapid Rehousing
- **\$34,398** Development | Community Relations
- **\$30,300** Administrative | Professional Services (includes new kitchen)

**95%**  
of all revenues go directly to Housing Transitions programs and services

*At Housing Transitions, we support the most vulnerable people in our community: those without a place to call home, or food on their table, and who are feeling very alone. We try to fill their lives with supportive people and create a higher quality of life.*

— Housing Transitions Staff Member

# Real PEOPLE Real STORIES

*Darla and her daughter came to Centre House, the shelter program of Housing Transitions, with a bleak picture. Today, they are thriving and enjoying being part of the State College community. Darla has a job, pays for their own place to live, and her daughter goes to the school nearby. With the support of HT and many of the Centre County United Way Partner Agencies, they have friends and hope and have worked hard to get to this better place.*

*Jaime was chronically homeless for over 20 years. Not having a roof over her head or regular meals aged her beyond her young 40 years. Throughout her years of living on the streets she would go to Housing Transitions, or places like it in other parts of the country. Finally, after much encouragement and care, she was able to start the process of getting the help she needed with her mental illness and take control of her life. Supporting Housing Transitions helps support people like Jaime – good, useful and honest people who need assistance getting back into society and the community around them.*

*A third-grade class at Corl Street Elementary School in State College took the initiative to hold a donation drive for the homeless in their community. The students convinced every class in their school to participate. And, after the week-long drive concluded, they filled their classroom with items to donate to Housing Transitions. It was a lesson that went beyond mathematics and reading — it was a lesson about compassion, tolerance and social understanding.*

*"I choose HT because I believe in their mission — to help the homeless and housing insecure to get to a better place. Safe and secure shelter is a basic need we all share. I've spent many years working with individuals and families in the Centre Region experiencing housing crisis, from past-due to foreclosure and beyond. I know first hand that the continuum of programs at HT are absolutely vital to the health of my community."  
— Housing Transitions Staff Member*



Housing Transitions has been quietly growing over the past four years. Our Centre House Shelter continues to provide a foundation to address homelessness in our community and we are constantly adapting our program to suit ever changing challenges and needs. We applied for and were awarded a whole new Rapid Rehousing Program in 2016 and have expanded our housing opportunities for individuals and families who have experienced chronic homelessness. We have further developed Supportive Services Coordination in a variety of apartment complexes around Centre County where we provide resource referral, and community building activities to

support long term housing stability in these neighborhoods. Our comprehensive continuum of housing related services has been solving housing related challenges in our community since 1984. As a human service agency, Housing Transitions has assisted tens of thousands of people over the years, but our sister organization has helped too and is about to help more.

The Home Foundation, formerly Temporary Housing Foundation, will now offer housing counseling throughout Centre County. The organization has also expanded its offering of affordable housing options in the past year. Please take a look at our information page and feel free to reach out to us with questions and ideas.

Thank you for all your help in filling another year at Housing Transitions with success stories and impact on our community.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Wasikonis  
Executive Director

## 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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