



Perpetual Help Home
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

Annual Fund Report 2016

Join us in making a difference for women and children in the Crossroads Area.

"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Romans 8:24-25

2016 has been a challenge but also a gift.

We have seen amazing blessings in the lives of the women and children. While this year has been difficult financially, we have been blessed with many who stepped up to help get us through. Our hope is to finish the year strong! And we eagerly hope and wait for the wonderful families we will meet in 2017.

Thank you to everyone who has helped!!

Lives are truly impacted by your giving.

Changing Lives, Reuniting Families, Building Community

WELCOME HOME

Andrea was alone, hopeless and barely surviving day to day after leaving a violent relationship. Her therapist suggested she consider contacting Perpetual Help Home. She came to the home four months pregnant with her third child. Her other two children are with family while she works to rebuild her life.

Her only goal upon arriving was to just get a job and continue surviving. But it wasn't long that hope began to ease into her reality. She began to dream. A few months ago, all she wanted was a job. In January, she is now attending college to pursue a dream of a job one day working in a museum.

Life before had always been characterized by being alone and on her own. But living at Perpetual Help Home she found an extended family that she never expected. "I feel like this is a college dorm for moms," she explained. The other women living at the home surprised her with a baby shower with decorations, cake and gifts. While this was her third pregnancy, this was her very first baby shower. And her beautiful little Saphira was born on September 26 bringing much joy!

When she leaves the home sometime in the future she knows she will take with her a connection to a great church, wonderful friendships and a peace she has never experienced. When asked what she would tell other women considering living at Perpetual Help Home she states, "Do it! If you want to start your life over, this is the place to do it!"



What a great time we had at the Make 'Em Laugh event last April. Over 200 individuals and sponsors joined us as we looked back on the year at Perpetual Help Home and enjoyed the amazing comedy of Cleto Rodriguez who had the crowd rolling in laughter. There was a special moment when former residents share a little of their story and life!!



**Mark your calendars for
Make 'Em Laugh 2017
April 7 at the Hause Venue
Bringing back
Cleto Rodriguez**

BIG DREAMS



When Ashley arrived at Perpetual Help Home, she knew she wanted something different. She had been drifting from place to place following different people and interests. In reality she came to the home by accident. She didn't realize it was actually a home for women. Originally, her goal was to only stay a month or two then move on. That was over a year ago.

Since then, Ashley went back to college and signed up for the Freedom Capital Ventures classes at the Center for Peace. Now her dream is to launch her own small business selling candles and a variety of other items.

In August, she made her first pitch to the Leadership Resource Team, the "shark tank" for potential entrepreneurs at the Center for Peace. The team approved funds for Ashley to do research and development of her products. The goal is to return to the team within a month or two to seek a small loan to start the business.

Ashley told staff that at the Center for Peace, "You get to do good stuff, stuff that stretches you! It makes you think about things and you realize you can do things you never knew."

Ashley explained that starting her small business is like putting down roots. It is like an anchor to keep her from drifting to something else. She has something to work for, something that holds her firm. Something that is all hers!

MAKING IT RIGHT

The women who live at Perpetual Help Home all work to give back to the community. They have several programs and ministries they do for individuals affected by crime or working within the justice system.

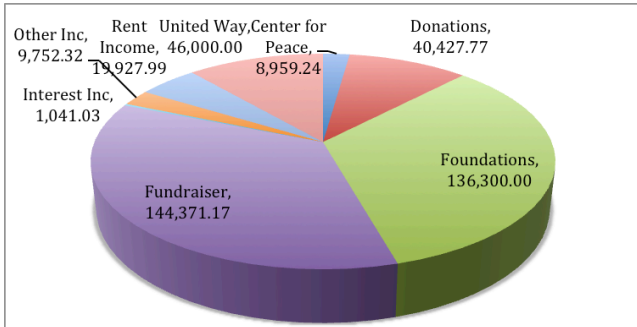
One ministry is for criminal justice professionals. The women bake homemade goodies for the different criminal justice departments acknowledging the good works that they do. Stella, who oversees the ministries said, "Many of us were lawbreakers and did not appreciate them at all. This is our way of giving back and showing them and ourselves that we do change."

Another program is called Making It Right. They provide money to people who have been victimized by a crime to help pay for items that were either stolen and or broken, specifically the elderly and the poor. Stella also said, "Many of us have stolen either from people or stores. This is one way of giving back and making right our wrongs."

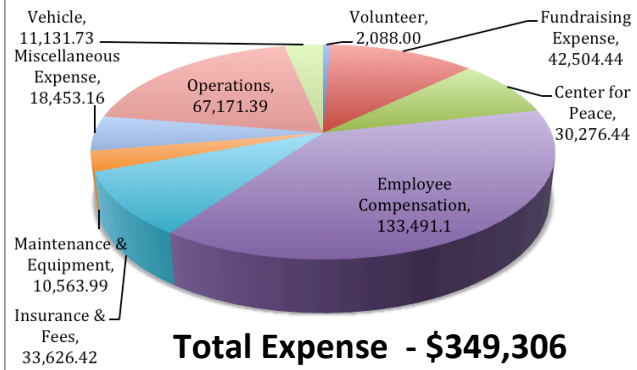
When one woman was asked how this impacted her she said, "I really enjoyed doing the Criminal Justice Baking and delivering to the officers at the Victoria County Jail. It made me feel like I was actually giving back something to the community. I cried when reading the "Thank you" note because it made me realize how far and how much I have really turned my life around."



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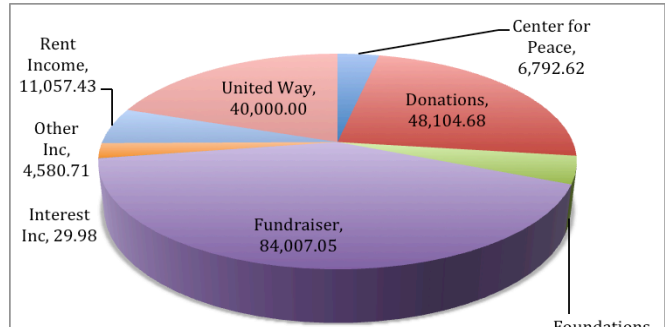


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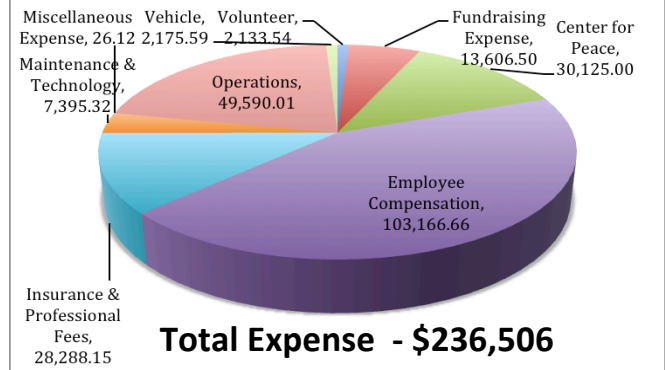


Total Expense - \$349,306

2016-To-Date



Total Income - \$202,972



Total Expense - \$236,506

\$5000

- To provide a woman a chance to start a business

\$1000

- To provide a room for a family

\$500

- To provide a child a warm bed

\$100

To provide meals for a week -

\$50

To help with job skills training -

Monthly

This helps make sure the doors are always open and we stretch dollars -

Our Annual Fund

All gifts to our Annual Fund go directly to the operation of our housing program and help us provide basic needs such as food, shelter, utilities and transportation. If you would like to know more about Perpetual Help Home, please call us at 361-575-5335, or go to our website, www.perpetualhelphome.org.