



Homes with Hope

ANNUAL REPORT - JUNE, 2013

Homes with Hope – Emergency Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing serving our community for 30 years.

WELCOME TO HOMES WITH HOPE'S 2013 ANNUAL REPORT. IT HAS BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE WE CHANGED OUR NAME FROM THE **INTERFAITH HOUSING ASSOCIATION**, BUT WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER AND SERVICES AS WELL AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO THE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WE SERVE EVERY YEAR.

Many of Westport's residents – unlike most of the recipients of this Annual Report – are unaware of the homeless shelter nestled into the heart of downtown Westport. For nearly 25 years in its current location, the Gillespie Center has been as much a part of the fabric of Westport as has been Oscar's, Westport Pizzeria, and Max's. Yet, as we quietly provide shelter to 15 single men and four single women every night, we do it with a dignity and subtlety that

Cindy worked for many years for a multinational company in Stamford and Norwalk. Then divorce, medical issues, financial reversals and the lack of a strong support system and family, forced her into various shelters around Fairfield County. In mid 2012, Cindy came to our Bacharach Community, an opportunity that allowed her to be reunited with her two sons. After nine months, her HwH case workers helped her find an affordable, safe apartment where she is rebuilding her life, her health and her finances.



Gillespie Center, Westport

can easily go unnoticed to the hundreds of pedestrians who walk by our facility every day. "Whenever I am out of town, I am met with surprise that there are homeless people in Westport. I am not shy in pointing out that there are homeless in every town in America; it's just that Westport and Weston take care of their own, and they have done so for nearly 30 years," says Jeff Wieser, President & C.E.O. of Homes with Hope.

Enjoy this Review of the operations of our community's response to homelessness.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We are approaching a few big anniversaries at Homes with Hope. Later this year, our organization will be 30 years old! We were incorporated in December, 1983 by concerned parishioners and clergy at Saugatuck Church, Temple Israel, Assumption Church and other houses of worship in the area. The first shelter opened in December 1984. In early 1989, that program moved to the Gillespie Center in downtown Westport – nearly 25 years ago, another milestone. That history is dependent upon literally thousands of area residents who have financed our cause; served meals at the Community Kitchen; donated food to the Food Pantry and called our office to tell us of their concerns for unnamed individuals in need.



Jeff Wieser
President & CEO

We hope you enjoy our latest annual report covering our operations in 2012. It was a good year. We housed more than 80 adults and children every night of the year, and we fed thousands of individuals through the good work of more than 500 volunteers. We literally could not do what we do without YOU!

We are here because you are a community that cares.

Please let me know if you would like more information about Homes with Hope and the work we do in this very generous community.

All the best,

PS: We have been blessed to have received the gift of bequest from a few of our long term supporters. We would be grateful if you considered including us in your estate plans by directing a gift through our "Legacy with Hope" campaign.

HwH Relies on Volunteers

Our homeless "clients" are assisted every year by literally hundreds of community residents. Volunteers bring groceries to the Food Pantry; they sell "Share the Pies" at Thanksgiving; they do yard work at Bacharach; they paint fences at Saugatuck Ave.; they bring Valentine's to Gillespie Center; they address envelopes; at the holidays, they wrap toys for the 30 children in our programs; they drive our moms to doctors' appointments and the grocery store



and help with babysitting; they paint and plant and beautify our properties as needed; they mentor women who simply are in need of a friend as they navigate through this challenging world; and they organize school food drives.

But the way most volunteers know of our operations in Westport is through the Gillespie Center's Community Kitchen. Every night of the year, a group from a congregation, club, school, or neighborhood prepares a meal and serves it at the Gillespie Center to a very grateful crowd of around 30 people. And they have been doing the same thing every night since 1983! More than 500 volunteers each year feed the residents of Gillespie and those in our community who need a hot meal at 5pm – or need the company of a community that understands that life in this area is not easy.

We are a haven, and we could not be one without the help of EVERY volunteer.

FOOD PANTRY



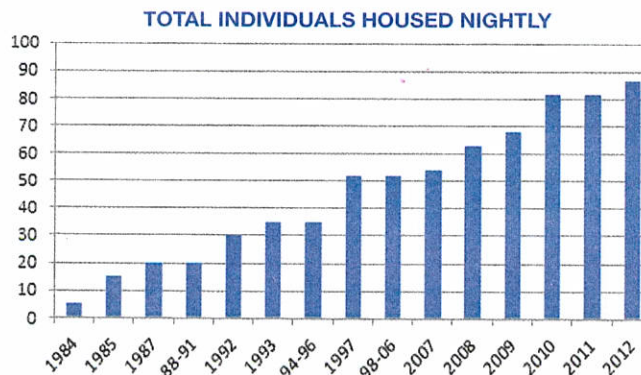
The Food Pantry is open to all who need groceries every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1pm - 5pm. While Donations are holding steady, demand has nearly doubled over the last two years as local residents seek increased financial assistance to stay in Fairfield County. For further information call **203.226.1661**.

Supportive Housing Units Keep Growing

Until 1998, Homes with Hope focused on providing food, meals and emergency shelter to individuals and families. In the 1990s Dennis Culhane, PhD Professor in Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania determined through his research that long-term homelessness could be ended for most people by providing housing with case work support. Homes with Hope was an early adopter of this concept, and for the past 15 years we have provided permanent supportive housing at Saugatuck Apartments, and more recently, the Westport Rotary Centennial House, Fair Street in Norwalk and Westport Housing Authority's beautiful Hales Court complex.

Homes with Hope maintains 30 units of Permanent Supportive

Housing (PSH). We house 50 men, women and children in these apartments, who without our support, would most likely still be in the shelter system, living outside or in their cars. Many have jobs, go to school, and are active members of the community. They work closely with their case managers to continue to improve their lives. Homes with Hope continues to believe that PSH is the solution to the problem of long-term, chronic homelessness.



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EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS



Gillespie Center & Hoskins' Place
Single Men and Women's Shelter
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Bacharach Community
Shelter for Single Mothers and their Children
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Linxweiler House
Extension of the Bacharach Community
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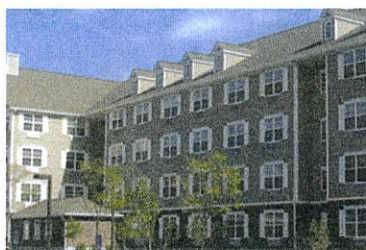
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



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Westport Rotary Centennial House
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Fair Street Apartments
Norwalk



Hales Court
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Solving homelessness in our communities through supportive housing



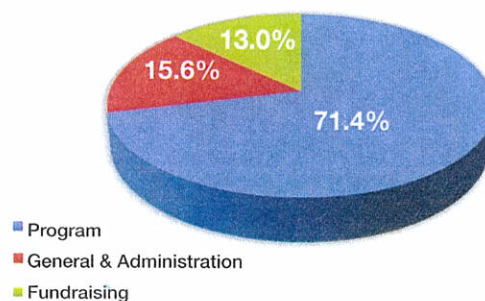
FINANCIALS FOR 2012

The financial picture at Homes with Hope remains strong to care for the increasing needs of our local homeless population. We continue to expand the number of individuals that we serve, and the ongoing need to increase our fundraising has been met by over 700 donors each year. Fundraising from individuals was up \$26,000 in 2012 over 2011, while foundations, businesses clubs, religious institutions contributed \$44,000 less in 2012. We were able to do more with contributed services, which rose 12% to \$601,224, and our added rent at 86 Saugatuck increased our fee revenue to \$317,000, providing a more diverse income stream to our growing Agency.

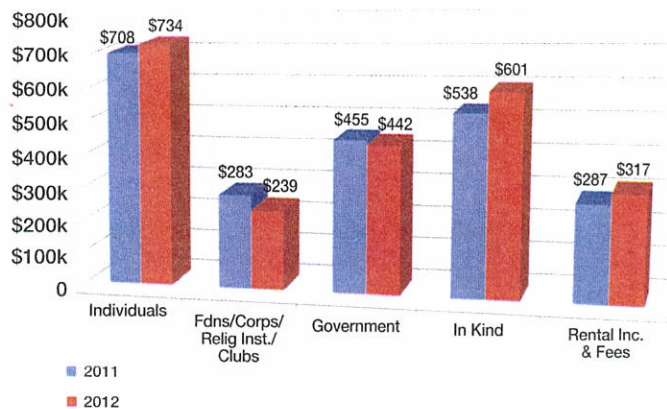
Our operating revenue mix improved as our Program expenses expanded to 71.4% of our overall expenses. We work hard to keep administrative costs down, and this year, General & Administrative Expenses accounted for only 15.6% of total expenses. Fundraising costs, mostly associated with our "Stand Up" fundraiser, accounted for 13.0% of total Expenses. Overall for the 2012 Fiscal Year ended Dec 31, 2012, our combined result showed a small net loss of \$65,286, which included non-cash charges of \$145,978. Therefore, we modestly increased our cash for the year, and the finances remain respectable, responsible, and efficient.

For a copy of our audited statements, please call.

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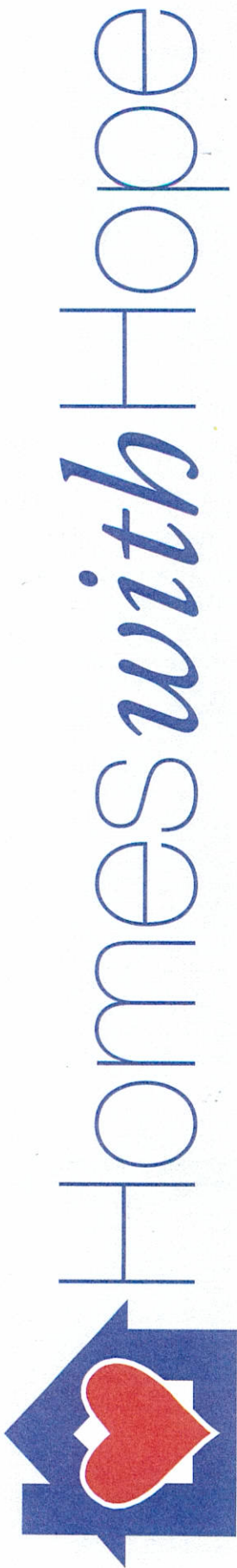
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