



SISTERS
PLACE



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Hope  *Giving*



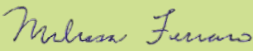
Dear Friends,

COVID-19 made an indelible mark on all of us in 2020. There will be many take-aways from this collective experience but none more visceral than the impermanence of life.


I challenge each of us to embrace the HOPE that is also evident at times like these. When the clients at Sisters Place needed additional support, especially during the quarantine, our supporters demonstrated incredible generosity and made sure every family's basic needs were met. Once it was safe to do so, we completed the relocation of the housing program to the Hilltop Area. Every family received the educational resources that they needed to transition to online school! We were even able to provide housing to new families amidst the pandemic! We could not have expected such blessings during such challenging times – but HOPE shone through!

In the year ahead as we all recover please embrace the HOPE that we all need in our lives. We are faithfully and hopefully looking forward to expanding our services to reach more individuals and families facing poverty and homelessness. We HOPE that we can continue to count on your friendship and support as we grow.


With **HOPE** for the future,




Melissa Ferraro
Chief Executive Officer



Sr. Althea Anne Spencer, OSF
Board President



“The Forbes Funds is proud to be a supporter of Sisters Place, who take care of individuals in our community impacted by poverty and homelessness, a population that has grown significantly over the last 12 months. With so many nonprofits in our region struggling as a result of COVID-19 and related financial stressors, Sisters Place engaged in the hard work of planning for long-term financial sustainability. The ability to pivot and be agile in a post-COVID world is critical to moving from surviving to thriving and will allow Sisters Place to serve our community's most vulnerable population for years to come. **”**



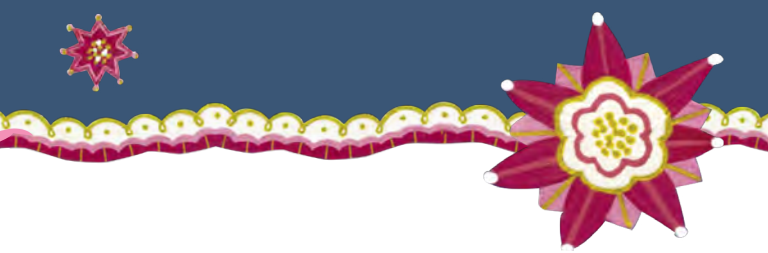
Angel became homeless in her search for love.

An Army veteran and in her mid-twenties, Angel had many positives in her life at the time – a good job, friends, a home, pets, a youthful lifestyle which included dating. But she also had some inner turmoil that others couldn't see – loneliness, mistrust, strained family relationships, anger. Not yet fully aware of how these emotions and experiences were shaping her young life, she thought she met a man who provided her with stability and comfort.

They began a life together, however they hit many challenges along the way, many of which stemmed from her former boyfriend's substance abuse. They lost friends and other support, money, eventually their home. Soon after, Angel discovered that she was pregnant. The young couple were street homeless with their beautiful newborn daughter Emma for about a month before they entered Sisters Place in the Fall of 2018. Once housing was secured with Sisters Place, staff working with Angel's family started to notice familial distress and other signs of domestic violence and partnered with Angel in her process of seeking safety. Angel decided it was best for her and baby Emma to enter a domestic violence shelter which she did with support from Sisters Place until it was safe for them to return to the program.



With the help of Sisters Place, Angel builds a new safe life for herself and Emma.



Since that time, Angel has worked diligently to get her life back on track. Determined to do what it takes to rise above adverse circumstances, she used her experiences to reevaluate her relationships, make necessary changes and to increase healthy supports. Moving beyond the traumatic events of her past with renewed motivation, focus and vision, Angel has leaned into the need for change. She has a goal of becoming a social worker and is currently enrolled at Community College of Allegheny County. She has maintained therapeutic supports and secured part time work as a pet groomer, while continuing to seek employment in the helping field, her true calling. Recently, she accepted a full-time position at Pittsburgh Mercy which she plans to continue during her social work studies--- all while raising her toddler. Additionally, Angel plans to purchase her next home and hopes to utilize new resources available for first time homebuyers to achieve that goal.

Sisters Place is so proud of Angel's perseverance, especially during this past year when faced with the challenges of a pandemic. She is learning to trust again, and how to put into words what she's feeling so that she can continue to move forward in her personal process of healing and wellness. She has fully engaged in the supportive services, programs and resources that her Empowerment & Advancement Coaches, as well as her Wellness Counselor, have provided to her. We've seen Emma grow up into her own independent little person, and she is a happy and healthy little girl now facing a life full of promise and opportunities provided for her by her loving mother and their healthy home.



Financial Report

Statement of Activities

for the year ended December 31, 2020

A copy of the official registration and financial information of Sisters Place, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.

Registration does not imply endorsement.

NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Revenue

Government Grants	\$ 462,166
Contributions and Grants	785,628
Special Events	179,981
Program Income	27,142
Investment Income & Miscellaneous	62,196
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	126,353
Total Unrestricted Revenue & Support	1,643,466

Expenses

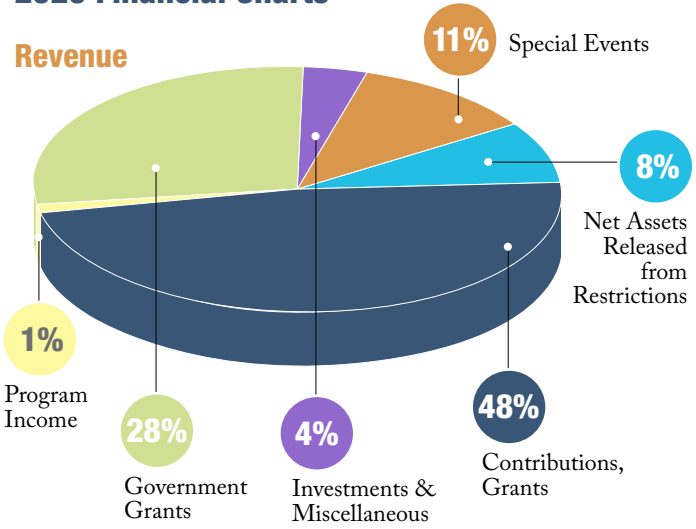
HUD Permanent Housing	258,169
HUD Sunrise Housing	603,556
Empowerment Housing	55,530
General & Administrative	393,508
Fund Raising	239,129
Total Expenses	1,549,892
Loss on Assets Held for Sale	242,109
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	(148,535)

NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

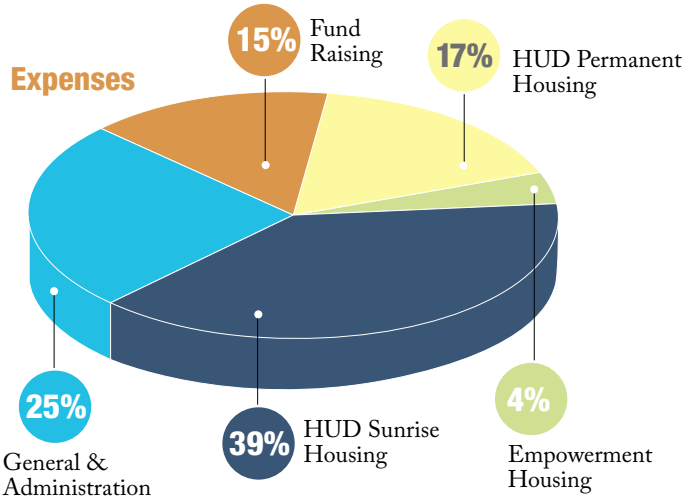
Contributions	144,360
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(126,353)
Change — Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	18,007
Change in Net Assets	(130,528)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,534,613
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,404,085

2020 Financial Charts

Revenue



Expenses



2020 Service Outcomes



in **2020**
Sisters Place
assisted
34 FAMILIES
including
61 CHILDREN.



100%
of residents
maintained
their basic needs
and housing.



100% of
parents have
continued to
receive **holistic**
wellness
support and
resources.

Make a Gift

Yes, I want to help the families who are experiencing homelessness at Sisters Place.



ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF:

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

\$50

\$25

other: _____

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CITY/STATE/ZIP

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We are so grateful to all of our donors and wish we could print every name and tribute in our report. All of our donors and honorees are listed on our website at www.SistersPlace.org/publications. God bless you!

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This gift is given...

In honor of:

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CITY/STATE/ZIP



Sisters Place faithfully provides opportunities for **families and individuals** to overcome poverty and homelessness through **empowerment, housing, wellness, personal** and **professional advancement services.**



This annual report is dedicated to the memory of David Connelly. May your light continue to shine on – thank you for the joy and color that you brought to Sisters Place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SISTERS PLACE:



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