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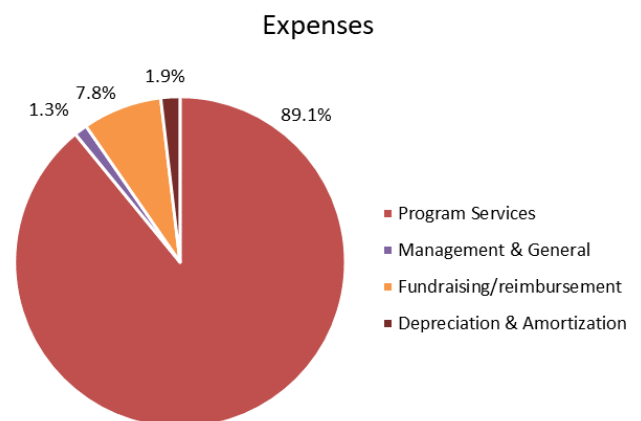
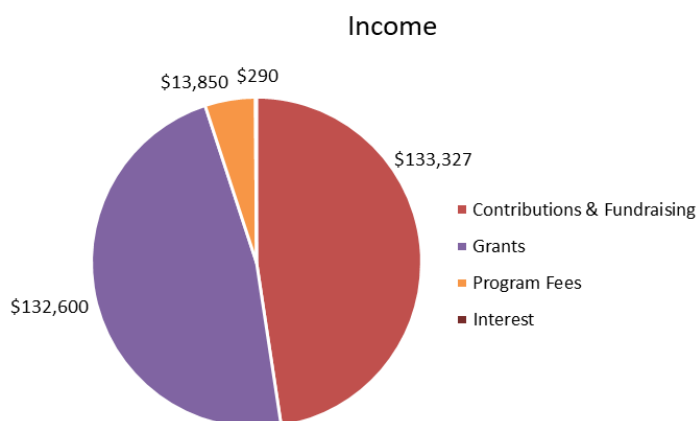
# SISTERHOUSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SisterHouse** is tax exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Our revenue comes from individual donations, grants from corporations and foundations, church donations, fundraising, earned income, and a yearly contribution from the **School Sisters of Notre Dame**.

Like many nonprofits **SisterHouse** relies on donor contributions. Our contributors have continued to express their belief in our mission by supporting us through their monetary gifts. These donations keep **SisterHouse** accessible and open to serve the next woman in need.

We are truly grateful for the continued financial support provided by churches, grants, foundations, and individuals. We do not take your giving lightly. We are blessed to have you.

SisterHouse		
Condensed Statement of Financial Position for the Year 2018		
	\$	%
<b>Income</b>		
Contributions and Fundraising	\$ 133,327	47.6%
Grants	132,600	47.3%
Program Fees	13,850	4.9%
Interest	290	0.1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 280,067</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	\$ 333,132	89.1%
Management and General	4,781	1.3%
Fundraising/reimbursement	29,032	7.8%
Depreciation and Amortization	6,990	1.9%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 373,935</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Increase in Net Assets	(93,868)	
Net Assets, Beginning	411,874	
<b>Net Assets, Ending</b>	<b>\$ 318,006</b>	

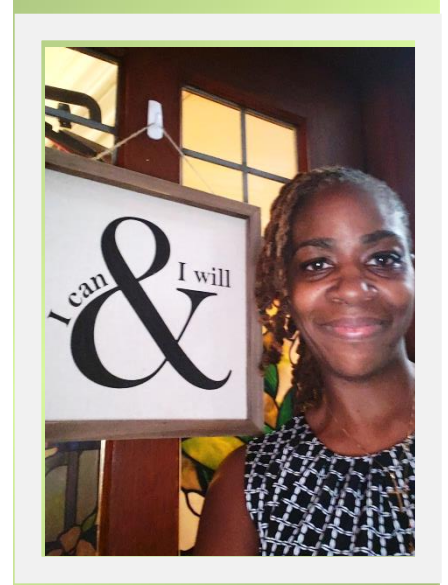


# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Our Mission

SisterHouse is a faith-orientated community of women that:

- offers a temporary home to women seeking recovery from substance abuse
- provides a secure environment of respect, order and peace
- offers opportunities for growth in self-esteem and spiritual maturity
- requires accountability and responsibility



Fidelity to our mission has been the hallmark of SisterHouse for close to 38 years. We serve women who recognize that their lives, families and communities are threatened, harmed, or imperiled by their substance abuse or dependency and are looking to make a change. Our goal of lasting recovery for the women of SisterHouse remains constant.

We are one of the only recovery homes in the Chicago/Oak Park area that provides a transitional program, where women can reside in a private room for up to 18 months while receiving services and support. Women who graduate from SisterHouse have great success in maintaining a sober and productive lifestyle.

The needs of those we serve change often and radically. In order to achieve lasting sobriety our residents need to break through barriers of old patterns and substance abuse/dependency. Drawing on the developing understanding of addiction, our staff has broadened our perspective, embraced added structures in our program, worked to realize the benefits of consolidation in the behavioral healthcare field, and has been enriched by research proven practices.

SisterHouse is in the process of rebranding, recalibrating and revitalizing. In order to continue making this happen, we need your assistance. We count on our individual supporters as well as our partnerships with churches, community groups, healthcare institutions, private donors and community businesses.

***We value you as a partner. Your support matters!***

***Thank You, Lisa M. Steward-Baugh, Executive Director***

## Our Board

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# SISTERHOUSE 2018 FUNDRAISERS

60-Day Challenge  
Spring Fling and Bling  
Fall Fundraiser at Fitzgerald's  
Shoe Drive



**SisterHouse** is always looking for new ways to partner with the community and add fundraisers to our calendar. Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Would you like an opportunity to work with a local non-profit? Reach out! We want to hear from you!

Tiffany Harrison [tiffanymfh@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanymfh@gmail.com)

## MOMENTS OF REFLECTION FROM OUR ALUMNAE

I was blessed to arrive at SisterHouse in May of 2011 a few days before my 56<sup>th</sup> birthday. I could feel the loving, caring and healing spirit in SisterHouse. Later on, I saw the spirit working and changing not only me, but many others. I learned the true meaning of sisterhood and that I was my sister's keeper. I'm grateful for the meditation room, where I was taught to sit in quiet to start and end each day and to be grateful for that day. This is still a part of my being today. I graduated the program after 25 months, and moved on to living life on life's terms. I became an alumna right away so I could give back to SisterHouse and the women who came after me.

Life happened in June 2015 when my housing was threatened. When my situation was known, a way was made for me. I was offered a live-in position which was needed at that time in SisterHouse. I saw that God was doing for me what I could not do for myself. For this I'm forever grateful. While there, I did a two-year internship and then became a SisterHouse employee.

Those four years of working closely with the staff of SisterHouse and the ladies in the house were very rewarding. I'm still a very active member of the alumnae association and give back to SisterHouse which saved my life. I'm forever grateful for the SisterHouse program.

*Denise T.*

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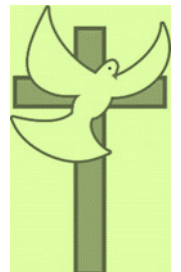
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closet for the Women of SisterHouse.  
We appreciate you!!



## Your Donations Make a Difference

\$35.00 can help one lady a week in transportation to search for employment, housing referral, and family visits.

\$50.00 can help two ladies with toiletries, laundry soap, deodorant, and other personal items.

\$75.00 will support three ladies to obtain their birth certificate.

\$160.00 will support eight ladies in getting their state ID.

\$1,000.00 will help restore the family cycle by helping provide retreats on healing and building relationships and family events.

\$5,000.00 will provide a wide range of educational opportunities including computer literacy, recovery education, tutoring in English and Math.

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