



It's not just what we do, it's how we do it together!

Fall 2016 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Your donations help provide a welcoming, safe environment that is also one of opportunity and accountability. People staying with us have the chance to find a path to self-sufficiency through their participation in case management services that result in sobriety, employment and housing.

I'm so pleased to be able to share some of the highlights of the recently completed audit for our fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016. While you might think that was a long time ago, audits take time and are a valuable tool that allow us to demonstrate how we manage your investment and commitment to Bethlehem Inn with integrity and professionalism.



Your generosity enabled the Inn to provide 26,000 safe nights of shelter and 70,000 meals to 920 men, women and children last year. These dramatic results would not have been possible without the 1,800 volunteers who gave of their time and over 4,000 donors who contributed their financial and in-kind support.

It's your compassion and commitment that empowers us to extend a helping hand, invest time, energy and effort to help people experiencing homelessness move forward with their lives; achieving goals they never thought possible.

I encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Inn's capital campaign and the plans for our future by visiting www.bethleheminn.org/news-events/. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Happy New Year,

FY 15/16 Outcomes:

- 100% of adults and children staying at the Inn received emergency shelter services. This included: 709 single adults and 211 family members (119 children)
- 26,147 nights of safe shelter were provided
- 69,589 meals were served
- 75% of residents have or gained employment, income and health insurance while staying at the Inn
- 80% of each dollar received benefited Inn residents



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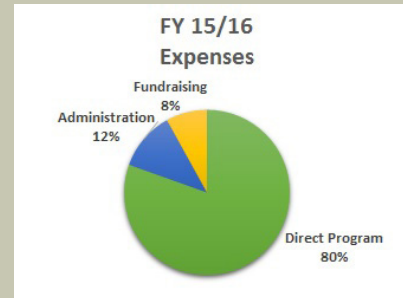
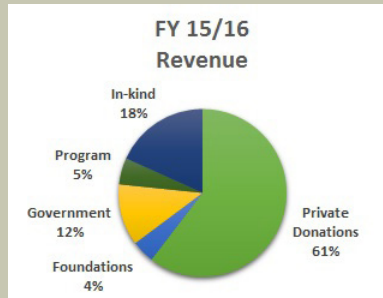


Demographics

- 100% meet HUD definition of homeless
- 20% are families
- 10% are Veterans

Our FY 15/16 Financials:

We celebrate you, your support and the impact you had on the people we served during our last fiscal year. You allow programs to continue, results to happen, lives to thrive, and stories to be told!



Here is just one example of success: Megan and Charlie's Story

Megan and Charlie never imagined getting arrested would be a good thing. They were living in Sunriver, both using drugs and about to become homeless when the Sunriver police busted them... and told them about Bethlehem Inn. They'd hit bottom with the drugs before the arrest...wanted to get clean. The arrest and the Inn's no alcohol/no drugs rule were exactly what they needed. They had structure in their lives. They were held accountable. In their words, "We realized we were free." Charlie, an Army veteran who served in Korea, got reconnected with the VA. Megan, with Inn help, got medical insurance through the Oregon Health Plan. Here's Megan: "Bethlehem Inn gave us hope. It is so much more than a homeless shelter. It gave us a platform we could just jump off of." And jump they have: they're clean; they have great jobs; they have found an apartment for themselves and their two cats. Charlie and Megan were on a path to nowhere. Now, thanks to their determination and willingness, direction and encouragement from Bethlehem Inn, they are on a path to a bright future.



Are you looking for that special gift idea this holiday season?

Consider making a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. You will receive an acknowledgment and your honoree will receive a special card from the Inn. Thank you for your generosity! Donations can be made through our secure website at: www.bethleheminn.org/donate/monetary-donations/

Wish List

We sure could use your help!
We are in need of gift cards. Because of our limited storage capacity, gift cards give us the ability to purchase specific items as the need arises for our residents, including clothing, food for sack lunches, diapers and more.

For a list of our other wish list items please visit: www.bethleheminn.org/donate/other-ways-to-give/

Donation Hours:

We accept donations daily from 9am-4pm

Meet our new Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator

We are pleased to introduce Courtney Gallant, the Inn's new Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator! Courtney joined us in September and is looking forward to meeting the amazing group of volunteers that support our Emergency Meal Program, Front Desk and so much more at the Inn.

Prior to joining the Inn, Courtney worked in project development and volunteer coordination for the local domestic violence shelter in The Dalles. As part of her work there, she developed and coordinated the Safer Futures Project, a statewide four-year project to improve access to health care, health and well-being for pregnant and parenting survivors of domestic and sexual violence.



Volunteer Needs

Interested in volunteering at the Inn? We are always seeking volunteers to help out at our front desk in 2-hour shifts, or provide meals to our residents. For more information and to see available breakfast/dinner dates, please visit www.bethleheminn.org/volunteer/

**Happy New Year from the
Inn Residents, Staff and
Board of Directors!**