



TURNING HURT INTO HOPE SINCE 1999

Fall 2018 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

You might be one of the hundreds of people who came to Bethlehem Inn when our Family Residence and Service Hub was under construction. On a cold day last December, when the walls and floors were just plywood, hundreds of people took pens in hand and wrote a personal hope or wish for the future families and individuals, whose lives would be changed in this new building.

All of those hopes and wishes are still on the walls. They are now covered by plaster and paint, but the wishes remain in our memory and in photos! Most importantly, the hopes and wishes are already starting to come true as families move in to their rooms. Meals are being prepared in the new kitchen. Lives are already being transformed as families find the support they need to transition from homelessness to stability.



We now have just one more big step to complete the *Transforming Lives Together* campaign—building a new residence for single adults. These new doors will open for elders who are struggling to live on limited means; for U.S. Veterans who are putting their lives back together after years of service; for hard working men and women who caught a bad break—a job loss, an eviction; a health issue that put them in crisis.

The hopes, wishes and generosity of our community make an enormous impact. Together, we can complete a truly remarkable campaign that will leave a permanent legacy of caring for those in need.

In Gratitude.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gwenn'.

Gwenn Wysling
Executive Director
Transforming Lives Together



Please help today by mailing your campaign gift using the enclosed envelope or by visiting bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign/help. THANK YOU!

Transforming Lives Together Capital Campaign Update

So much has happened over the past year! We have opened our first new building, the Family Residence and Service Hub, and construction has started on our second building, the Single Adults Residence.

The new Family Residence and Service Hub includes:

- Ten rooms serving approximately 120 families per year, a total of 360 family members;
- Outside play area for children and their parents to enjoy the fresh air, while exploring the sensory play activities;
- Family Needs Closet offering parents clothing, shoes, diapers and more;
- Family Laundry Room for families to wash their personal clothing;
- A commercial kitchen that supports on-site meal preparation for over 85,000 meals served annually;
- Expanded area for program services will increase support for all residents and create opportunities to deepen collaboration with community service partners.



FY 17/18 Outcomes:

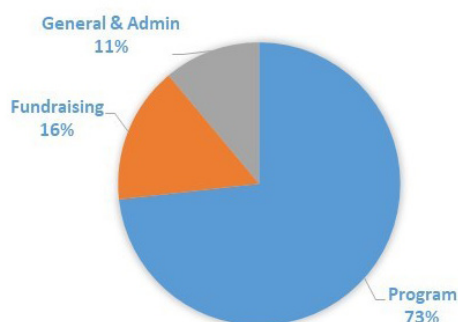
We value your confidence and partnership in our organization and are pleased to share some of our highlights of the past Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

- 100% of adults and children staying at the Inn received emergency shelter services.
- 32,212 nights of safe shelter were provided to 711 single adults, 59 parents and 82 children.
- 82,419 meals were served.
- 75% of residents have or gained employment, income and health insurance while staying at the Inn.
- 73% of each dollar directly benefited adults and children in crisis.

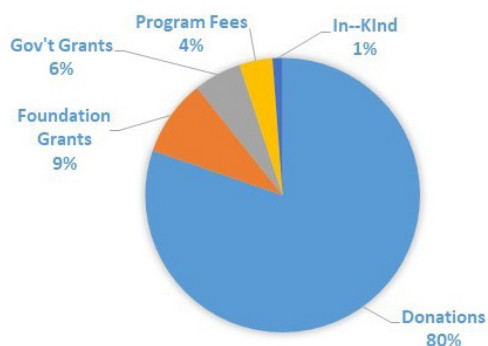
FY 17/18 Financials:

We celebrate 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!

FY 17/18 EXPENSES



FY 17/18 REVENUE



SUPPORT our Capital Campaign

We have raised \$8 million of our \$9 million campaign goal. You can help us reach our goal by making a tribute gift in honor or memory of a special person in your life. This gift can be made using the enclosed envelope or at bethleheminn.org/capital-campaign/help/



Another SUCCESS STORY made possible by YOU!

Maria and Humberto's Story...

Meet Maria and Humberto (not their real names). Married, with boys. Attacked and wounded by a gun-wielding stranger, they came to Central Oregon from out of state through a government relocation program for crime victims three years ago. They worked hard when they first arrived: Maria as a teacher, Humberto hanging drywall for a contractor. But over time, Maria began suffering severe PTSD because of the attack and had to stop working. Humberto's salary wasn't enough to sustain the family of four. And like so many honest, hardworking folks, they found themselves homeless.



Maria had seen a Bethlehem Inn public service announcement on TV. She called and the family was welcomed at the Inn. Maria says they were both "very relieved" and "scared at first." Would they be judged by others? At the Inn, that did not happen. What did happen was help. A lot of help. And rules...and chores. Says Maria, "The rules can be hard but good and needed." Chores? "Less than I often had to do at home!" There's that word: "Home." Inn staff offered guidance in the search for housing. And helped Maria connect with PTSD counseling. She hopes to soon get back to teaching. Humberto is able to save his earnings. They now have a place in Bend. Not just a place. A home. Maria can't say enough about Bethlehem Inn. Again and again she calls it "an amazing place." We call it simply a place that transforms lives through shelter, help and hope.

Your support means so much to people and families just like Maria and Humberto. Please donate today by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate/monetary-donations/ or by using the enclosed envelope.

IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE DO, IT'S HOW WE DO IT TOGETHER!

Thank You to Our Dedicated Volunteers!

We have so much to be grateful for! We want to take a moment to share our gratitude for all the folks who helped us move into our new Family Residence & Service Hub, to everyone who volunteered as guides for Tour of Homes, and for our wonderful community of volunteers that give their time and compassion to Bethlehem Inn every day!

Thank you for being part of "the house that Bend built!"

Help Us Meet Some of Our Urgent Needs!

We are now in our new building and ready to receive your in-kind donations. We gladly accept donations anytime Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm. You may also schedule a donation delivery time that's convenient for you by contacting Courtney Gallant at volunteer@bethleheminn.org.

Some of our urgent needs include:

- Lunch meat and sliced cheese
- Individually wrapped snacks: granola bars, fruit snacks, nuts
- Toilet paper

To see a complete list of immediate needs please visit our website or our new Amazon Wish List.

Interested in Conducting a Holiday Drive?

The holiday season is almost upon us! One fun way to support the adults and children staying at the Inn is to hold a donation drive. There are many different drive categories to choose from. We encourage you to give Courtney a call at 541.322.8768 ext. 11 for some fun suggestions!

'Tis the Season for Giving and Gratitude

Are you looking for a gift for that special person? How about a donation to the Inn in their honor? This is the perfect way to show them how much you care about them and our community! They will receive a festive holiday card letting them know of your generosity in support of people in crisis. For more information please contact Stephanie at 541.322.8768 ext. 16 or stephanie@bethleheminn.org.



Year-End Giving

Your ongoing support is what sustains us throughout the year. Please make a gift of any size. Every penny makes a difference in the lives of the individuals and families staying at the Inn!



GET INVOLVED

Our need for volunteers continues to grow.

With expanded meal service and clothing distribution, we are currently in need of:

- Meal servers on Saturday and/or Sunday for breakfast or lunch. This is a great opportunity to rally your church, business, friends or family to join you in serving a nutritious meal once a month.
- Volunteers to operate the commercial dishwasher following dinner service each night.
- Volunteers to accept, sort and process in-kind donations.

Please contact Courtney at volunteer@bethleheminn.org or visit **bethleheminn.org/volunteer/** for a list of available meal dates and more information on how to volunteer.



GIVE

Financial donations, including gift and gas cards, are always needed. Gifts can be easily made online by visiting **bethleheminn.org/donate/monetary-donations/** or by using the enclosed envelope.

Please visit our **Amazon Wish List** at **<https://bit.ly/bethleheminnwishlist>** to see items that we are in need of at the shelter. These items can be purchased and shipped directly to the Inn from Amazon! All donations are greatly appreciated!

