



Fall 2020 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times! I think it's fair to say none of us expected COVID-19 to have such a lasting and dramatic impact on our lives.

For Inn residents, many of whom have pre-existing conditions, the impact is even more significant. I'm pleased to share that your support is allowing each Inn resident to find ways to adapt and cope during these unusual and isolating times! Your commitment to our program gives our team the strength and ability to pivot as necessary to ensure each of our residents are staying healthy, while also working on their goals of moving forward with their lives.



While this year has had a unique set of "opportunities", your support, along with that of our community, enabled us to celebrate our first year anniversary of living in our new fully expanded campus. We are grateful for our uniquely designed interior spaces which, while not anticipated, allow us to adapt to CDC guidelines. This enables residents and staff to follow social distancing guidelines in both the resident sleeping quarters and the dining rooms.

Now, more than ever, we as a community need to unite together to help ensure that food, clothing and housing are accessible for all. Providing shelter, help and hope for those who struggle in a time of uncertainty will help to rebuild a sense of stability. Together, through compassion, dignity and accountability, lives can be transformed.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated! Please donate today by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate/donation-form/

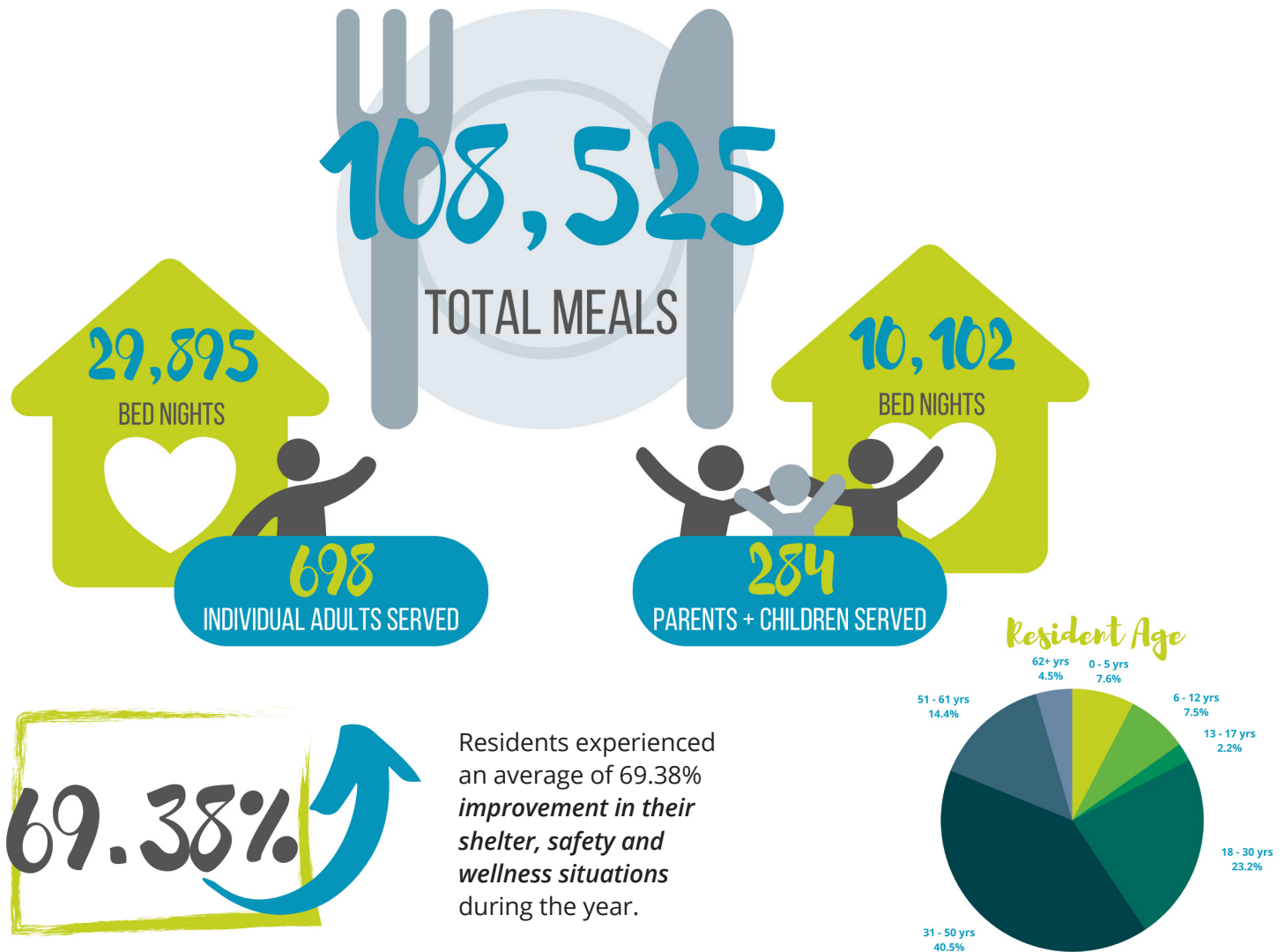
I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and welcome any questions you may have about this year's Annual Report.

In Gratitude,

Gwenn Wysling
Executive Director

Bethlehem Inn 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

We celebrate your support and the impact you have on the vulnerable people in our community. You allow programs to continue, results to happen, lives to thrive and success to be shared!



Meet our Inn's Dedicated BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

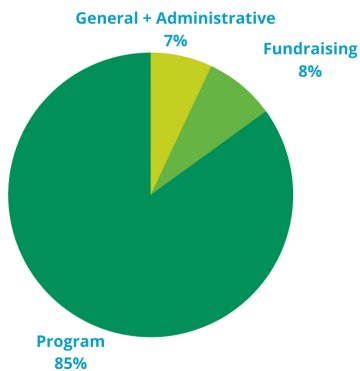
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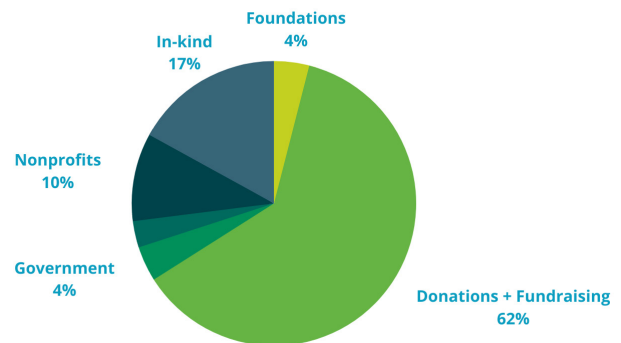
Fiscal Year Financial Summary

(July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

FY 19/20 Expenses



FY 19/20 Revenue



The demand for Inn services continues to increase. The annual Point-in-Time count, which is conducted each January by the Homeless Leadership Coalition (COHomeless.org) demonstrated that homelessness is on the rise. The complexity of the pandemic and far-reaching social challenges exemplify the need for compassion and understanding, especially for those at risk with physical and behavioral health issues. Poverty, hunger, homelessness, wage and racial disparities create a growing gap that must be addressed equitably and fairly.

Now, more than ever, your support is critical to help to continue to *transform lives together with shelter, help and hope*. Please donate today by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate/donation-form/

Jim's *SUCCESS* is made possible by YOU!

When Jim arrived at Bethlehem Inn, he says he was, "...in a really dark place." Jim has faced hurdles all of his life. Mental health challenges created most of them. A three-decade career in government service with the State of Oregon ended abruptly. A lump sum pension lasted only so long. Untreated mental illness meant jobs were won and lost. Money kept running out. He was headed for life on the street when friends told him about the Inn. Jim didn't know what to expect, but his first impression and every one after that has been positive.

His efforts to get badly needed disability support finally paid off thanks to Inn staff working in coordination with Deschutes County Behavioral Health. After staff assisted him in signing up with the Oregon Health Plan, he finally received badly needed medications. The words Jim uses most often when asked about his experience at the Inn are, "helpful" and "resources". The Inn, he says, "...has made a huge difference in my life." Jim is saving money now and searching for housing. The COVID-19 pandemic is delaying his departure from the Inn, but that day will come. Over and over, Jim says he is deeply grateful that, with help from Inn staff, his life hurdles have been overcome and replaced with hope and promise.



Your support helps people just like Jim get back on their feet. Please donate today by visiting bethleheminn.org/donate/donation-form/

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



REMOTE LEARNING at Bethlehem Inn This School Year

It is hard enough being homeless. Now, due to COVID-19, children staying at the Inn must also adjust to remote learning. As one Inn parent shares, "The struggles are even more difficult this school year. While we are looking for work and housing, we must also make sure our children are completing their school work. This is probably the most challenging part of our lives right now. With older kids, how do we know they are really doing their school work? With younger kids, it takes a lot more time to help them continue to learn through online schooling. Parenting is hard and now home schooling is really adding to the stress."



"Thankfully there is internet access at the Inn. The staff and school district are working with us to make sure we have everything the kids need to do as well as possible in school. We are just grateful that we have a safe place to temporarily call home while we all get this new "normal" figured out. We thought

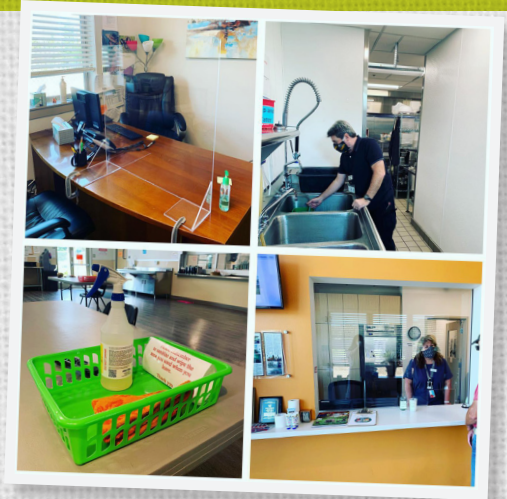
searching for work, housing and parenting was a lot. Now we also have to oversee our children with remote schooling. We are grateful for the support of Inn staff as we navigate these challenging times!"

Please Help Us Meet Some Of OUR URGENT NEEDS

We are so grateful to our community of supporters for helping in this time of need!

- Laundry Detergent (High Efficiency - Liquid)
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Disposable Razors
- Backpacks
- Warm Gloves
- Hand/Feet Warmers
- Sleeping Bags
- Single Tents
- Blankets
- Men's Jeans: 29, 32, 34, 36
- Men's Shoes: 11, 12, 13
- Men's Shirts: S, M, L

To ensure the safety of our donors, residents and staff during this time, donations can be purchased online and shipped to us (at the address below) or dropped off outside our main entry for no-contact donating.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

We are very pleased to share that everyone is staying safe and healthy at Bethlehem Inn! During the pandemic, we've implemented several safety practices like plexiglass for meeting spaces and our front desk, handwashing stations, additional kitchen sanitation measures, disinfecting products for residents to use after finishing each meal and new policies including mandatory use of face masks and social distancing.

We are also limiting the number of people sleeping in each room to allow for adequate physical distancing. Two areas have been set aside to serve as quarantine rooms should any of our residents test positive for COVID-19.

Local community efforts make sure that masks and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) are available for all. Transitioning from our dedicated volunteers to staff preparing and serving meals is made possible by the community's generous in-kind and financial donations, which help the Inn implement a new level of self-sufficiency. Our shelter community is doing amazingly well with these extra health and safety measures, which is allowing us to continue to *transform lives together with shelter, help and hope!*

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