Covenant House

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## Mission Driven. Donor Sustained.

On behalf of the Covenant House Board of Directors and staff, it is our honor to present to you the 2019 Annual Report. In keeping with tradition, we believe our community deserves transparency and ethical stewardship.

While nothing about 2020 has been normal, you will see 2019 was another record-breaking year for addressing food insecurity, homelessness, and improving access to health care for people living in poverty and on the streets.

As we continue to operate in the extremely challenging environment of a pandemic, racial inequity, and an even more fragile economy, Covenant House knows our work and advocacy will be more crucial than ever before.

The greatest public health threat of our lifetime has increased housing instability and food insecurity for tens of thousands of West Virginians. As of this writing, the moratorium on evictions and the extended unemployment benefits have expired.

At the same time, underlying racial inequities and poverty make life in The Mountain State a daily struggle for many. Therefore, Covenant House will continue with unrelenting fervor to seek justice and help people in need, even as we adapt to emerging developments in public health.

We humbly ask you to continue to support our efforts. We are not a United Way funded agency—when you donate to Covenant House, 83% of every dollar goes directly back into your community to help our most vulnerable neighbors; at 17% we have one of the lowest overheads in the non-profit sector.

We encourage you to call and learn more about our work to prevent homelessness and improve food security. You may reach Ellen at 304-344-8053, extension 20, or eallen@wvcovenanthouse.org.

With gratitude,

Reverend W. Patterson Lyles
President, Board of Directors

Ellen Allen
Executive Director

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

In early March, we adapted our services to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As a place of social connection, it is not unusual for as many as 200 people a day to visit Covenant House, many for services, but many come simply for social connection. After review of the science, we took swift action to protect the well-being of our community while continuing to deliver on our mission.

- Temporarily suspended day-shelter access where people congregate and "hang out" for long periods of time in confined spaces.
- Temporarily relocated the Covenant House Food Pantry to the Service Center at Covenant House to continue to provide access to our choice pantry five days per week.
- Continued coordinated intake and centralized assessment to help people find shelter and housing.
- Continued—uninterrupted—to provide rental and utility assistance to prevent new homelessness, and rapidly rehouse those already homeless, including many suffering with substance use disorder.
- Continued weekly—and sometimes more frequent—visits with and even made food deliveries to residents in Housing First and Community Housing.
- The WV Health Right Clinic located on-site at Covenant House expanded its footprint during this time to 40 hours per week to provide more comprehensive health care and testing.
- Maintained 100% of the Covenant House staff at full-employment, full wages, and health care.


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THE COVENANT HOUSE 2020 NEWSLETTER AND 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Community Impact

In 2019, Covenant House advocates had **63,258 contacts with persons in need**—an average of **264 contacts per day**, ranging from an in-depth assessment for shelter and housing to brief informational and referral assistance.

### IMPROVING FOOD SECURITY

**11,182 West Virginians**—all low income and mostly working—with children, seniors, and people with disabilities **shopped the Covenant House food pantry** located at the First Presbyterian Church.

Another **100+ West Virginians living with HIV/AIDS received the nutritional supplement Ensure** to improve their health outcomes.

### PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

**1,890 of our community's most vulnerable citizens received rental and or utility assistance** that prevented them from becoming homeless.

### REDUCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

**38 people who experienced homelessness for a year or more were stably housed** through our Housing First Program, an evidence-based HUD funded program. An additional **five people live in our Community Housing Program.**

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

**1,401 severely low-income individuals**, or people experiencing homelessness, **received first class health care** from the comprehensive WV Health Right medical clinic on-site at Covenant House.

### SERVICE CENTER ACTIVITIES

**132 people on average visited Covenant House every day.**

**2,883 showers were taken.**

**3,575 loads for laundry** were washed and dried.

**23,817 diapers were distributed to 533 local families,** thanks to Ellen Johnstone and Diaper Drop Charities.

**2,109 people received free clothing, winter coats, and socks**, thanks to our partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church.

**199 people were assisted in obtaining birth certificates.**

**95 people received a free pair of reading glasses.**

**CHEF'S CHALLENGE 2020** was an incredible evening with great friends and gourmet food at the Clay Center. Attendees enjoyed a tapas-style gourmet dining experience prepared by over 15 local celebrity chefs using food typically found in our food pantry.

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*A very special shout out and thank you to Chef Paul Smith for helping us orchestrate another extraordinary Chef's Challenge.*

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2019 with Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2018

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|---|---|
| **ASSETS** | | |
| **Current Assets** | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $55,327 | $70,368 |
| Grant receivable | 140,487 | 129,460 |
| Accounts receivable—related party | 27,767 | 20,049 |
| Accounts receivable | 19,853 | 35,241 |
| Prepaid expenses | 22,535 | 20,192 |
| **Total Current Assets** | 265,969 | 275,310 |
| **Property and Equipment, at cost** | | |
| Land | 410,491 | 410,491 |
| Building and improvements | 1,784,175 | 1,784,175 |
| Equipment and furnishings | 264,814 | 255,097 |
| Landscaping | 42,364 | 34,659 |
| | 2,501,844 | 2,484,422 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 1,040,636 | 974,583 |
| **Total Property and Equipment** | 1,461,208 | 1,505,839 |
| **Other Assets** | | |
| Beneficial interest in perpetual trust | 3,726 | 3,129 |
| Investments | 1,701,370 | 1,592,539 |
| **Total Other assets** | 1,705,096 | 1,595,668 |
| | 3,432,273 | 3,380,817 |

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|---|---|
| **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** | | |
| **Current Liabilities** | | |
| Accounts payable | 47,856 | 40,330 |
| Accrued payroll and withheld taxes | 17,548 | 14,301 |
| Accrued annual leave | 33,942 | 26,937 |
| Grant funds received in advance | 18,755 | 35,078 |
| Other current liabilities | 18,030 | 18,209 |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | 136,131 | 134,855 |
| **Net Assets** | | |
| Without donor restrictions | | |
| Unrestricted | 1,334,760 | 1,432,932 |
| Designated | 1,236,545 | 1,114,790 |
| Total without donor restrictions | 2,571,305 | 2,547,722 |
| With donor restrictions | | |
| Donor restrictions | 170,638 | 144,041 |
| Land | 118,891 | 118,891 |
| Endowment | 435,308 | 435,308 |
| Total donor restrictions | 724,837 | 698,240 |
| **Total Net Assets** | 3,296,142 | 3,245,962 |
| | $3,432,273 | $3,380,817 |

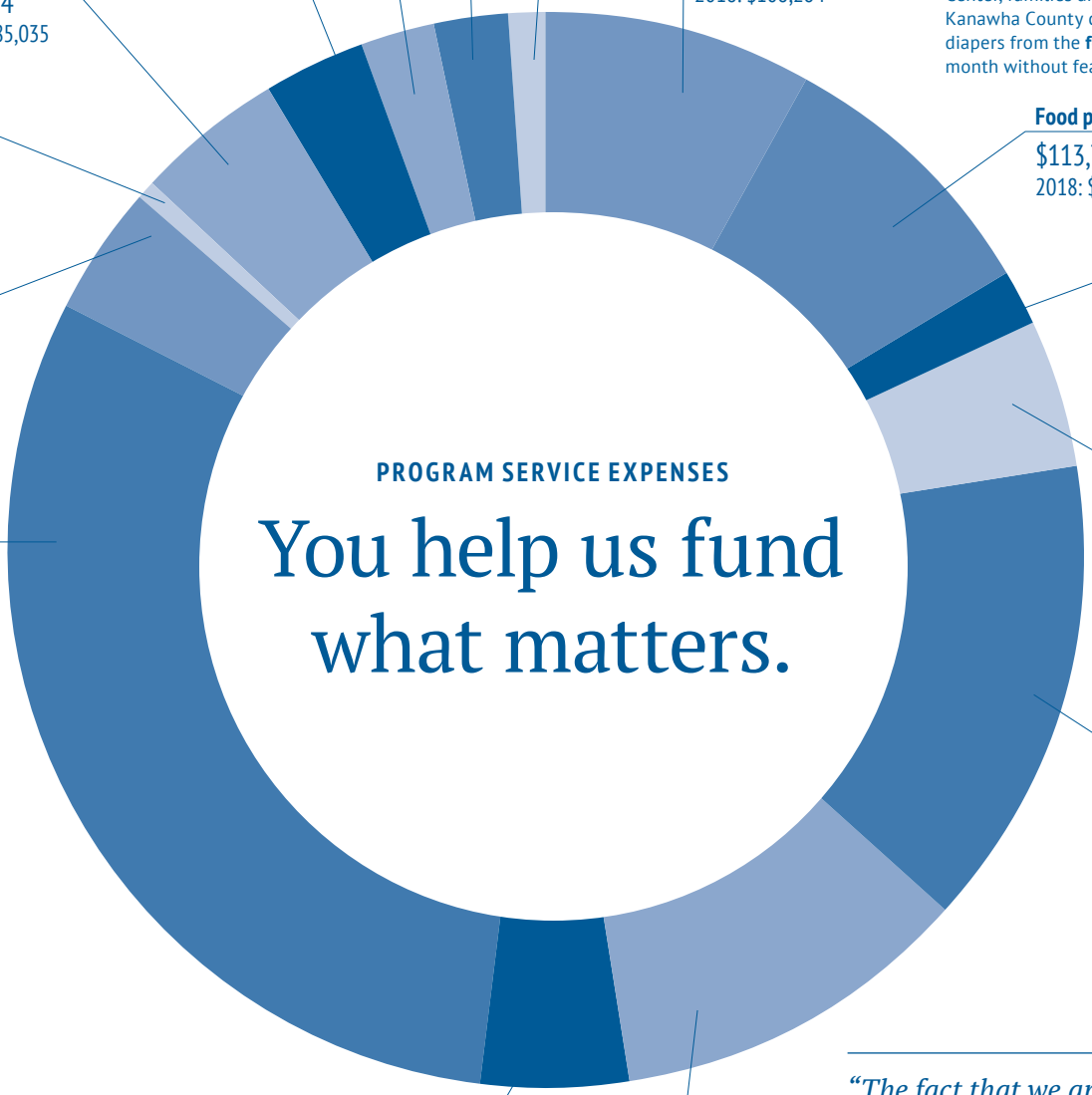
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019 with Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | 2019 | | | 2018 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Without Donor Restrictions | With Donor Restrictions | Total | Total |
| **SUPPORT AND REVENUES** | | | | |
| **Support** | | | | |
| Contributions | 420,974 | -0- | 420,974 | 446,404 |
| Government grants | -0- | 778,777 | 778,777 | 868,516 |
| **Total Support** | 420,974 | 778,777 | 1,199,751 | 1,314,920 |
| **Revenues** | | | | |
| Program service fees | 1,968 | -0- | 1,968 | 2,624 |
| Investment income | 335,408 | -0- | 335,408 | (69,311) |
| Special Events | 56,536 | 65,235 | 121,771 | 68,696 |
| Rental income, next of expenses of $8,643 | 3,364 | -0- | 3,364 | 16,376 |
| Other revenues | 6,877 | -0- | 6,877 | 4,377 |
| **Total Revenues** | 404,153 | 65,235 | 469,388 | 22,762 |
| | 817,415 | (817,415) | -0- | -0- |
| | 1,642,542 | 26,597 | 1,669,139 | 1,337,682 |
| **EXPENSES** | | | | |
| **Program Service Expenses** | (see graph on facing page) | | | |
| **Total Program Service Expenses** | 1,350,824 | -0- | 1,350,824 | 1,370,882 |
| **Supporting Services** | | | | |
| Management and general | 245,618 | -0- | 245,618 | 243,709 |
| Fundraising | 22,517 | -0- | 22,517 | 21,354 |
| **Total Supporting Services** | 268,135 | -0- | 268,135 | 265,063 |
| | 1,618,959 | -0- | 1,618,959 | 1,635,945 |
| | 23,583 | 26,597 | 50,180 | (298,263) |
| | 2,547,722 | 698,240 | 3,245,962 | 3,544,225 |
| | $2,571,305 | $724,837 | $3,296,142 | $3,245,962 |

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES

# You help us fund what matters.



**COC**
$30,392
2018: $0

**Home for Good**
$30,274
2018: $0

**CDBG**
$12,356
2018: $10,602

**Community Housing**
$41,242
2018: $30,424

**Service Center and emergency assistance**
$111,223
2018: $108,264

**Other Programs**
$61,344
2018: $85,035

**Broadway Cares**
$7,117
2018: $8,042

**Food pantry**
$113,727
2018: $131,250

**Covenant House Opportunity Shoppe**
$21,353
2018: $23,876

**Supportive Housing Program**
$53,244
2018: $36,621

**LGBT**
$58,452
2018: $50,657

**Housing First**
$411,504
2018: $398,559

**AIDS**
$191,567
2018: $199,005

**State Budget AIDS**
$59,855
2018: $44,546

**Emergency Solutions—Homelessness Prevention**
$147,174
2018: $244,001

With a referral from the Service Center, families and individuals in Kanawha County can access food and diapers from the **food pantry** twice a month without fear of judgment.

A **Housing First** approach rests on the belief that helping people access and sustain permanent, affordable housing should be the central goal of our work with people experiencing homelessness.

*"The fact that we are here and that I speak these words is an attempt to break that silence and bridge some of those differences between us, for it is not difference which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken."*

**– AUDRE LORDE**

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