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Dear Friend(s) of Ascension Place, Inc.,

For thirty-six years Ascension Place, Inc. has provided women in crisis or transition with a stable environment and the opportunity to explore options for their future. We have done this through three programs in Hennepin County:

- St. Anne’s Place, an emergency shelter for women-led families experiencing extreme poverty and homelessness
- Ascension Place, a transitional housing program where women stabilize, recover and rebuild their lives
- Next Step Housing, a permanent supportive housing program for women and women-led families working to maintain housing stability.

In the fall of 2016 we requested feedback from marketing professionals regarding our Ascension Place, Inc. brand and after serious consideration we began a rebranding process with the expertise of IMAGEHAUS, a local marketing firm. Our goal was to strengthen our identity, increase awareness of our mission and eliminate confusion around our corporate and program names, Ascension Place, Inc. and Ascension Place. After much soul-searching, contemplation and professional advice, we landed on a name under which our programs will gather: Haven Housing.

Haven is defined as “a place offering favorable opportunities or conditions” and Housing is defined as “something that covers or protects.” We believe these definitions fully encompass our three programs: Ascension Place, St. Anne’s Place and Next Step Housing. While our programs will keep their names and identities, we are excited to promote our overall mission with newfound strength and clarity in our identity and messaging.

You are invited to celebrate the start of this next chapter with us at Bauhaus Brew Labs on Tuesday, June 6th (5-8pm) for food, drinks, live music, a silent auction and gift card wall, networking, community and fun. I am happy to answer any questions at 612-588-0861 or juliekelley@ascensionplace.org. Thank you for your role in the success of Ascension Place, Inc. and your support in the future of Haven Housing.

With gratitude,

Dawn Hofstrand, Board Chair

Julie Kelley, Executive Director
Next Step Housing provided permanent supportive housing for

32 women & 6 children

in site-based and scattered site apartments in Hennepin County

What we accomplished in 365 days...

St. Anne’s Place provided emergency shelter for

170 families including

308 children

Ascension Place provided transitional housing for

71 women
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Your support provided...
St. Anne’s Place

Leslie, a 19-year-old mother, sought shelter at St. Anne’s Place (SAP) with her two-year-old son. She had struggled with homelessness since age 16, and faced several barriers to securing stable housing. Leslie was challenged with severe mental health issues, and had a history of suicidal behavior.

Shortly after her arrival at SAP, Leslie began to seek out community services, and found a psychiatrist to address her mental health issues. She acknowledged that her mental health often interfered with her parenting, and worked closely with our Family Social Worker to develop effective strategies to cope with stress. SAP staff connected Leslie with Emerge, one of our community partners, that supports clients through employment assistance, financial education and more. During her stay, Leslie participated in nearly every group and activity offered at the shelter. She regularly attended the weekly on-site Minneapolis Public Schools Parenting class, and worked one-on-one with our Parent Educator to refine her parenting skills.

Through this support, Leslie learned to treat her son in a developmentally appropriate way, and gained a better understanding of which behaviors were appropriate for his age. She enrolled her son in a Head Start program, and was actively involved in his education.

After nearly five months at our shelter, Leslie and her son moved out of SAP to their own apartment.

Ascension Place

Edith came to Ascension Place (AP) in April 2016 from a drug treatment facility, determined to stabilize and regain custody of her young daughter. Once a self-described “normal person with a job, a house and a family,” Edith had lost everything to addiction. She took her “second chance” seriously and spent her time at AP working tirelessly toward her goals.

During her stay, Edith participated in our weekly chemical health and mental health groups. She saw a counselor 4 times a week, and had twice-weekly visits with her daughter at AP, to the delight of residents and staff. Edith participated in staff-led outings and activities - she especially enjoyed the Foshay Tower, MN History Museum, movies, and painting classes - to help reduce the negative effects of isolation and to learn how to have sober fun. She expressed gratitude for the fresh, healthy food provided every day, and the comfortable beds where she could get quality, stress-reducing sleep.

After seven months at AP, Edith was reunited with her daughter, and the family moved into their own apartment. She comes back to visit AP, submits poetry for the AP resident Newsletter, and hopes someday to write her story to serve as an inspiration to other women working to overcome crisis and instability.
Alyssa is a 22-year-old mother with a young son. She was referred to Next Step Housing (NSH) through her ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team, an intensive case management program for people with serious and persistent mental illness. Alyssa came to NSH with little family support, a history of domestic violence, and issues maintaining stable housing. Her NSH case manager helped Alyssa secure an apartment, and assisted her with the security deposit, lease, communications with her landlord, and maintenance issues. NSH also connected her with Bridging to help furnish her apartment, and with CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Programs) and PSOP (Parent Support Outreach Program).

Alyssa meets twice monthly with her NSH case manager, and checks in regularly. She has worked with her case manager on interview skills, household budgeting and potty-training her son. She often visits the NSH pantry for food and household supplies. In late 2016, Alyssa achieved her top goal of completing her GED. She is proud to own her own vehicle, which she uses to drop off her son at preschool every morning on her way to work.

Alyssa has been stably housed through NSH for two years, and recently signed a lease for her second year in the same apartment. She is now looking ahead to her new goal of earning an Associate’s Degree.
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Assets
Current assets ........................................ 2,091,662
Fixed assets ........................................ 1,569,818
Total assets ............................................ 3,661,480

Liabilities
Current liabilities ...................................... 181,667
Long term liabilities ................................. 308,000
Total liabilities ........................................ 489,667

Net Assets
Unrestricted ........................................... 3,125,765
Temporarily restricted .............................. 46,048
Total net assets ....................................... 3,171,813

Total Liabilities and Net Assets .......... 3,661,450

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Revenue & Expenses

Revenue
Total Revenue ........................................... 2,126,450

Expenses
Total expenses ........................................... 2,192,070

Program services ................................. 90.40%
Management/Operations ..................... 6.11%
Fundraising ........................................... 3.49%

Revenue by Program
Ascension Place ......................................... 753,713
St. Anne’s Place ....................................... 848,179
Next Step Housing ................................. 520,572
Other .................................................... 3,986

Expenses by Program
Ascension Place ......................................... 655,391
St. Anne’s Place ....................................... 799,439
Next Step Housing ................................. 526,839
Other .................................................... 210,401