Providing women in crisis or transition with a stable environment and the opportunity to explore options for their future.
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Supports such as those provided through the programs of Haven Housing are necessary for individuals and families to maintain stable housing. We believe, and research confirms, that the work being done at Haven Housing is exactly what is needed for women and women-led families to end the cycle of homelessness and to thrive. And we are committed to providing those supports despite the challenges we may face.

So, despite what can seem like overwhelming challenges with homelessness in the state of Minnesota and the perpetual shortage of government funding to combat the problem, we at Haven Housing choose hope. Hope that our programs are healing the effects of trauma. Hope that each woman and child we serve is experiencing a supportive community and finding strength to press on. Hope that the generational cycle of poverty is being broken. And hope that, at the end of the day, the lives of our residents are being transformed.

Thank you for joining us in our mission to provide hope, one life at a time.

In gratitude,

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470 volunteers gave 5385 Hours of time for a total value of almost $133,000 of volunteer labor

Average length of stay at Ascension Place increased to 317 days

Average length of stay at St. Anne’s Place increased to 54 days

What we accomplished in 365 days...

We provided housing to 437 women and children: 217 women and 220 children

Approximately 46,500 beds filled per year

When I was a kid, I cried out for help and no one heard me. My daughter cried out for help and I heard her. Here at St. Anne’s Place, I’m determined to get her the help that I never got.

77 children’s mental health groups
98 children’s music therapy classes
16 children’s exercise groups
18 parenting groups
79 tutoring sessions
58 kids’ field trips
75 backpacks filled with school supplies
22 Early Childhood Family Education classes

64 therapy dog visits
98 chemical health groups
250 hours of consultation and programming with an on-site nurse
10 financial literacy classes
24 arts groups led by Free Arts
156 women’s mental health groups
145 women’s health and wellness activities
45 Community Meetings
After experiencing homelessness for most of her life, Tonya moved into St. Anne’s Place with the youngest of her four children. Reeling from a lifetime of trauma, Tonya was often on edge, resistant to accepting help from staff, and unwilling to participate in groups and activities. As the months passed and trust was built between Tonya and St. Anne’s Place staff, she began to accept small breaks as staff offered to watch her infant. Her mood lifted, and she accepted staff’s suggestion to attend Mom’s Group. During this period, Tonya was able to open up about her difficult past, offer suggestions and support to other moms, and even remember how much she loved being part of a community.

She began to attend financial literacy classes, ECFE, Music Therapy, Mom’s Night, and even voted in the local election. Shortly after this emotional turnaround, Tonya started an In-Home Trial Visit at St. Anne’s Place. Tonya and Gina share a closest relationship and are connected by a monumental moment in Tonya’s life, as this was the first time she had lived with and cared for her four children, all under age five, at once. St. Anne’s Place staff, the social worker and St. Anne’s Place case managers worked together to provide the support she needed, and assisted her in any way possible, gave her positive feedback, encouraged her daily, and cheered her on when she found out she was weeks away from getting her own apartment. As the months passed and trust was built between Tonya and St. Anne’s Place case managers worked together to complete paperwork, coordinate with apartment management to ensure requirements were met, and prepare for the move. For the first time, she was weeks away from getting her own apartment, Tonya’s social worker and St. Anne’s Place case managers worked together to provide the support she needed, and assisted her in any way possible, gave her positive feedback, encouraged her daily, and cheered her on when she found out she was weeks away from getting her own apartment.

St. Anne’s Place

Ascension Place

Gina faced significant trauma in her childhood. “There were some very dark times in my childhood. There was a lot of abuse from around those around me.”

Throughout her early life Gina lived in survival mode, without anyone to lean on. These circumstances led Gina to fall in love at a young age and have a child with an abusive man. She escaped this relationship, but found herself in another abusive relationship. This pattern lasted many years, yet despite the abusive relationships and having to raise her two children on her own, she always stayed steadfastly employed, maintained stable housing for her children and made sure they went to school. “I tried to persevere no matter what life brought to me.”

Gina came to Ascension Place after suffering a discriminatory accusation by her previous landlord, making it difficult for her to find housing. Ascension Place provided a secure place to stay to fight against her landlord in housing court and to heal from the many traumas her life had dealt her. After being at Ascension Place for a number of months Gina told us:

“Ascension Place has been a safe place for me. This safety has given me peace of mind and confidence. For the first time I have the ability to think about what I need to do to be healthy.”

There’s hope, Gina says. Working on myself and my needs is creating a payoff for my kids. The changes that I am making will break the generational cycle of poverty and negativity for my children.

Next Step Housing

Many challenging circumstances brought Teresa to Ascension Place, including a history of mental health issues and a painful divorce. After one year at Ascension Place, Teresa felt she had received the support and stability to become more independent. A vacancy became available at our Next Step Housing apartment building, and Teresa moved in. During her three years in the building, Teresa established a strong support network, received assistance from the housing court, and became a tenant advocate. She has more freedom and joy in her life than she ever thought was possible.
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets

- Total assets: $3,788,902
  - Fixed assets: $1,494,039
- Total liabilities: $485,551
  - Long term liabilities: $202,000
- Net assets: $3,303,351
  - Temporarily restricted: $14,135
  - Unrestricted: $3,289,216

Revenue by Program

- Next Step Housing: $466,424
- St. Anne's Place: $829,691
- Ascension Place: $659,589
- Total expenses: $2,225,465
- Total revenue: $2,224,143

Program services

- Management/Operations: 7.00%
- Fundraising: 7.00%
- Other: 88.10%
- Total expenses: $2,225,465

Revenue & Expenses

- Current expenses: $2,224,143
- Current revenue: $2,224,143
- Net assets: $3,303,351
- Other: 88.10%

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