

# 2016 in Review

## Highlights and Accomplishments



**Ecumenical  
Partnership  
for Housing**



This past year was full of blessings for EPH and the families we serve. EPH, its partnership churches, and The Salvation Army (TSA) served more families in 2016 (49) than in 2015 (40). Much of what was started in 2016 will increase our ability and capacity to serve families and our community in 2017 and beyond.

In April, the Board of Directors approved extending our transitional housing mission to include long-term supportive housing. As part of this strategy, the Board also approved a capital campaign - Pathway to Self-sufficiency – to raise \$1.5 million for the purchase of homes and to strengthen our endowment. Early contributions toward this campaign led to the purchase of two single-family homes, one of which is now a home for a mother and her six children.

We will continue to address the challenges associated with serving families who experience generational poverty. More than 80% of the families who entered transitional housing in 2016 came

### Generational Poverty

Defined as having a parent or parents who lived in poverty as a child.

from generational poverty. We are experiencing the challenges of serving such families; challenges such as more complex barriers to overcome, taking longer to develop trusting and supportive relationships,

and in some situations, families leaving before they are ready for self-sufficiency. In collaboration with our Salvation Army partner, we will strengthen our approach to serving families with multiple and more complex barriers.

Our maintenance team created a new process for using volunteers to address home repairs during a family stay. This allows us to be more proactive in our maintenance, and to show families we care about their comfort and safety.

We held our first “Voices of Hope” concert, an event for creating greater awareness of EPH and our ministry. There were more than 250 in attendance. Plans are already underway for 2017!

EPH published a daily devotional, *Blessings From The Heart: An Attitude of Service*, encouraging a partnership-wide awareness and dialogue on aligning faith and service.

### Partnership churches:

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran  
Calvary Lutheran  
First United Methodist  
First United Presbyterian  
of De Pere  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Grace Lutheran  
Nativity of Our Lord Parish  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic  
Resurrection Catholic  
St. Anne's Episcopal  
St. Bernard Catholic

Calvary Lutheran  
St. Elizabeth Ann  
Seton Catholic  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
St. Mary Catholic  
St. Matthew Parish  
St. Norbert College Parish  
St. Paul's Episcopal  
St. Paul's United Methodist  
Suamico United Methodist  
Trinity Lutheran  
United Congregational UCC

We are grateful for the many generous volunteers, contributors, and partnership churches who support us in this ministry. We are grateful for our Salvation Army partnership, as well as other partnerships within our community. As we are blessed, we try to be a blessing for the families we serve.

## Core Values

Our values guide every decision we make and action we take as we work with others and with the families we serve.

- We will make a difference one family at a time.
- We will meet our families where they are.
- We believe our families respond to their environment.
- We will act with a sense of urgency to move families out of homelessness.
- We will advocate for those in poverty.
- We believe we are called to put our faith into action.

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EPH partners with  
The Salvation Army  
for case management.

## Ten years later ....

It is often difficult to know how or when we make a difference in a family's journey to self-sufficiency. Most of the time we rely on faith and trust in what we do, and why we do it. With that being said, we recently received the following note via Facebook.

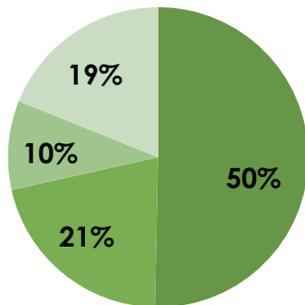
*"I was once part of EPH. I was pregnant with twins and placed them for adoption. My case manager though Salvation Army was Bree. I would love to give an update to you. I have 2 jobs in the health care field within the behavioral area, which I love a lot and have been in the field for over 7 years now. Because of you and Bree, I am the owner of a*

*trailer and just have to pay lot rent, which is awesome.*

*But again, thank you very much. I am one of your miracles. Keep up the good work of trying to change the life of a homeless family.*

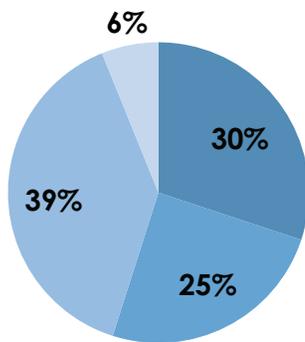
*P.S. I also enjoyed the maintenance man dropping off food when a pregnant woman could not get out much, being in bed rest for 6 months. Yes, I still remember that."*

**Trust that you make a difference.**



### Operational Income

Contributions	\$184,800
Grant Income	\$77,600
Long-term Supportive Housing	\$35,200
Other Income/The Salvation Army	\$69,400
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$367,000</b>



### Operational Expenses

Administrative, Insurance, Printing and Postage	\$97,300
Direct Family Support	\$80,300
Maintenance, Utilities, Depreciation	\$126,000
Other Designated Funds	\$19,800
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$323,400</b>

### Assets

Total Current Assets and Designated Funds	\$384,300
Cost Basis of Current Property	\$1,565,600
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$244,600
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,705,300</b>



Break the labels,  
help make them stable.

## Pathway to Self-sufficiency

### Capital Campaign

Pledges Received	\$879,000
Cash Received	\$272,800
Homes purchased (2)	\$185,000
Addition to the EPH Endowment	\$35,000

### Long-term Supportive Housing

In our community there is a lack of safe, available and affordable housing, especially for families who earn less than fifty percent of the area's median income (\$34,250). With the average cost of rent hovering around \$700 a month, families who are ready to leave shelters or transitional housing are often "housing cost burdened." That's why EPH now includes Long-term Supportive Housing as an option for these families. It is one more step on the path to true self-sufficiency.