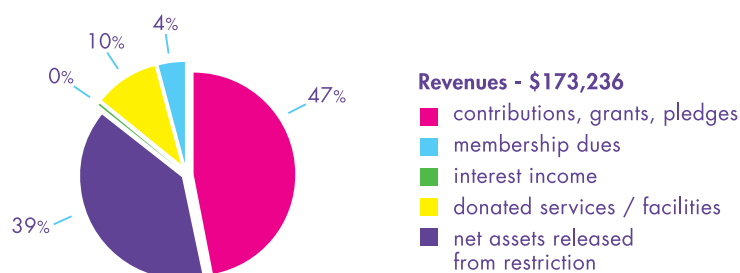


who we are

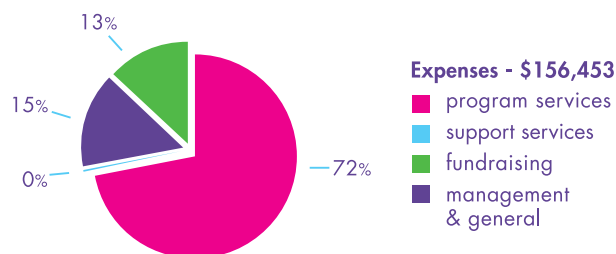
The Washtenaw Housing Alliance is a unique coalition of over 30 non-profit and government entities that are committed to ending homelessness in our community. WHA members joined together in 2004 with the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County to create "A Home for Everyone: The Blueprint to End Homelessness". The Blueprint is our vision of what it will take to end homelessness in Washtenaw County. The WHA's work focuses on the primary goals of The Blueprint: Prevention; More Housing with Services; Reforming the System of Care; and, Engaging the Community.

We have made great progress over the past 11 years preventing homelessness whenever possible and quickly re-housing people when they become homeless, but there is more work that needs to be done so that every person in Washtenaw County has a safe and secure place to call home. As the only agency in Washtenaw County that facilitates, encourages, and monitors this work for our community, WHA provides training and technical assistance to providers to support innovation and best practices, advocates for the needs of people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, and supports the development of more permanently affordable housing.

finances



Increased in unrestricted assets \$16,783



homelessness at a glance

4666 

4666 individuals experienced homelessness in Washtenaw County in 2014

38% 

38% were individuals in families with children under the age of 18

40% 

40% were experiencing homelessness for the first time

1295 

The WISD, Education Project for Homeless Youth served 1295 homeless school age youth during 2014

our community's work

- Our member agencies provide services to many of the county's poorest citizens – those with incomes between 0 and 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for Washtenaw County.
- 80% of those who left a **Rapid Re-Housing program** went to permanent housing.
- 96% of those in **Permanent Supportive Housing programs** remained stably housed at the end of the calendar year and 85% remained housed for at least a year.
- 34% of all those served had income from **employment** by the time they exited services.
- 86% of all those served obtained non-cash **mainstream benefits** by the time they exited services.
- During a six month period (October 2014 – March 2015), Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC) responded to 4,425 housing related calls and diverted 126 households from emergency shelter by working with the household to identify safe, temporary housing. During this time, HAWC also placed 609 households in emergency shelter, and 99 households in rapid re-housing programs. Many other people were provided with housing search assistance.

- In 2014, the Washtenaw County Continuum of Care was selected to join the Zero:2016 Initiative with more than 70 other communities across the country, to end veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016. WHA serves as the community organizer for Zero:2016.
- Between January and June 2015, WHA partner agencies housed **68 homeless Veterans** and **53 chronically homeless individuals** through the community's Zero:2016 initiative. Read more about the progress at www.WashtenawZero2016.com.
- The Washtenaw County Continuum of Care was awarded a \$653,369 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to create a 52-unit permanent supportive housing project for chronically homeless individuals.
- With WHA support, the **Sr. Yvonne Gellise Fund for Permanent Supportive Housing Services** has raised over \$2.1 million to fund critical housing support services. The private, community endowment has a goal to increase the endowment to more than \$5 million in the next few years.
- In June 2015, the WHA sponsored a **Landlord Appreciation & Breakfast Event** to thank landlords and property managers that have been working with our member-agencies to house people moving out of homelessness and also recruit new landlords and property managers to work with our agencies. During the event, a "reverse-auction" was held, where landlords were asked to commit units to ending homelessness; 28 units were committed on the spot.

wha membership

Ann Arbor Housing Commission | Avalon Housing | Child Care Network | Wash Co. Community Support and Treatment Services | Project Outreach Team (PORT) of CSTS | Catholic Social Services | Michigan Department of Human Services | Education Project for Homeless Youth | Fair Housing Center of S. E. Michigan | Faith In Action | Food Gatherers | Friends in Deed | Habitat for Humanity | HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) | Home of New Vision | Housing Bureau for Seniors | Interfaith Hospitality Network @ Alpha House | Jewish Family Services | Legal Services of South Central Michigan | Michigan Ability Partners | MISSION | Neighborhood Senior Services | Office of Community and Economic Development | Ozone House | Peace Neighborhood Center | SAFEHouse Center | The Salvation Army | Shelter Association of Washtenaw County | SOS Community Services | Synod Community Services | Homeless Veterans Program of the VA Medical Center | Washtenaw Health Plan | Washtenaw Prisoner Reentry | Ypsilanti Housing Commission

from the president

In 2004, our community made a commitment to work together to end homelessness in Washtenaw County when it launched "A Home for Everyone: The Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County". Since then, we have seen great success in ending homelessness for thousands of people in Washtenaw County. Nevertheless, we know there is still work to be done; the needs continue to grow and become more complex, and affordable housing in our community is becoming scarcer for the most vulnerable residents of our community. The Washtenaw Housing Alliance continues to be at the center of this important work to end homelessness in our community. By working with our member agencies, we weathered the economic crash of 2008, reallocated federal funds to best create new permanent housing programs in 2013, and joined the Zero:2016 initiative in 2014 to end veteran and chronic homelessness by next year!

This report provides you with the highlights of our work over the past year. We appreciate your support in the important work we do, and the partnership of our entire community in helping our most vulnerable residents. **Please remember, together, we can end homelessness.**

Warmly,
Sandi Smith



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