

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



A PLACE FOR YOU

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA
220 3RD AVE SE PINE CITY, MN 55063

March, 2018

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Pike

In November of 2017, A Place for You celebrated its five year anniversary. It's a relatively short period of time, but yet amazing things have taken place. Since 2012 the shelter received 1,614 calls from people experiencing homelessness and provided services to 353.

In 2017 the board continued to focus on providing guidance and support to staff and shelter residents. Board members contribute time and talent as well as actively participate in fundraising endeavors. The gala was successful and exceeded expectations. Progressive dinners were held in Sandstone and Rush City. A Blue Christmas event was held in Pine City on December

21st, the longest night of the year to remember our neighbors who find themselves homeless. While progressive dinners provide a small but necessary source of income, it is also an excellent opportunity to educate and inform communities about A Place for You.

Financial support continues to be a challenge for the shelter. For the past 2 years, A Place for You has participated in a non-profit financial resiliency program sponsored by the Initiative Foundation. We received grant money and extensive training to start a social enterprise to help us achieve long term financial resiliency and sustainability. After instruction in value propositions, strategy mapping, the role of capital and building a business model, we finally focused on a thrift furniture store, Furnishings for You, which will open in

spring/summer of 2018.

Meanwhile grants from various organizations provided computers for staff and much needed funds to help with extensive repair costs to our building. Hopefully another grant will help finish the remaining work that needs to be done.

It was a challenging and rewarding year. In 2018 we will continue to work on financial sustainability, develop strong leadership among board members and attract volunteers who will serve specific needs and support residents during and after their stay at the shelter.

The shelter remains a place of refuge and hope for those in a desolate place. Your support and contributions are so greatly appreciated. We continue to embrace our mission which is to "empower the homeless to transition into a more stable future."

RESIDENT TESTIMONIAL

A Place for You . . . where do I start?

From the moment I walked through these doors, I knew that this is my safe place. The hardest thing for me to do was walk through these doors. The second I walked in I was greeted with a warm smile and comfort. Somebody cared about me even though they didn't know me. They didn't care about my past. They

cared about me.

I am so grateful for A Place for You. There is no other shelter that allows you to stay all day. It would be such a wonderful thing and it would help so many people in so many ways if we could open up more shelters exactly like this place.

To the kindness and this Place. I'm truly grateful.



SHELTER NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

"Open our eyes that we might see our own face, reflected in a stranger . . . To walk in the ways of fairness and equality."

Deborah Cooper

At A Place for You we have had an amazing year. Our residents and staff have been working diligently to move residents from homeless to housed. In 2013 our average length of stay was 54 days and in 2017 our average length of stay was 35 days. By shortening the length of stay we are able to serve more people. We are also seeing an increase in the number of people who are moving into housing. Previously we were at a rate of 43% of our residents moving into permanent housing. In 2017 50% of our residents moved into permanent housing.

In 2017 we also were able to stabilize some funding through the State Housing with Supports program (formally GRH). We also applied for Adult Mental Health Initiative funding to support our Mental Health Outreach Worker for 2018. We worked

hard to improve services, reduce barriers, and increase funding.

We are hoping 2018 will be full of new opportunities, funding options, and successes. The support from individual donors and the community as a whole warms my heart. The residents are great to work with and appreciate all we do and you do.

In closing, I want to let everyone know I have submitted my resignation. I have enjoyed my time at A Place for You and while I will miss working here, it is my intention to continue to support A Place for You in other

ways. I am hoping to volunteer and help out as much as I can. I will not be working in another position but will continue to do foster care and enjoy my life with my new husband.

Financials 2017

Expenses:

Shelter Expenses	\$161,113
Administrative Expenses	38,388

Total Expenses

\$199,501

Revenue:

Donations	\$ 68,957
Grants	146,339
Event Income	40,207

Total Revenue

\$255,503

In-Kind

\$ 26,704

Capitalized Building Improvements

\$ 42,326



Wow! Our **4th Annual Giving Gala** at Grand Casino Hinckley on October 13, 2017 was absolutely incredible! We are so grateful for everyone's generosity and commitment to powering our mission to provide a safe place for those in distress where dignity and respect are the foundations of our services. Thank you to all the table sponsors, businesses, auction donors, volunteers, and guests. It's because of your generosity that we were able to raise over \$34,000! Your dedication to our mission is humbling and inspiring, and we can't say **thank you enough!**

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Thank You to the **John and Bonnie Schlagel Endowment, a Donor Advised Fund of the Initiative Foundation and Nancy and Wayne Eller** for their support of the Gala

Thank You to Auctioneer **Jim Jorgenson** for donating his services for our live auction, to **Cindy Novy** for the table centerpieces, to **Tony Roberto** for musical entertainment and to all the volunteers who contributed.

Working together . . . makes it happen!

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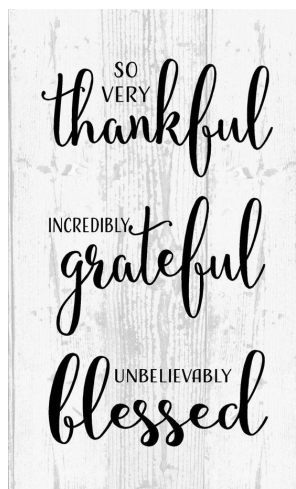
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VISION:

Our vision is to create a community where there is no homelessness.

PURPOSE:

To supply basic human needs for those finding themselves homeless. In partnership with other organizations, we offer individualized, supportive services to assist those persons to find affordable, permanent housing and work toward self-sufficiency.



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