



**St. Martin de Porres
House of Hope**
Healing Hearts, Minds and Souls

Fiscal Year 2018

ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friend,

In 2018, we marked the 35th anniversary of this beloved organization, which is dedicated to eradicating the effects of homelessness and drug addiction among women and their children. What started as a homeless shelter in the early 1980s has now become a treatment facility providing addiction, behavioral health and case management services.

St. Martin de Porres House of Hope has always been a forward-thinking organization, always adapting to meet the needs of the community and the women we serve. We continue to look for opportunities to create partnerships with a purpose, explore new funding streams and grow our fundraising program to increase revenue.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for their service and dedication this past year. They have been instrumental in positioning us to move our vision forward and facilitating our agency striving towards our goal of achieving sustainability. Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services.

While we have made great strides there is still much work to be done. Last year in Illinois, drug related overdoses rose by 10 percent. Now more than ever, our work providing addiction counseling, mental health and supportive services to women who are marginalized and disenfranchised is necessary and urgent.

Despite tough economic times, 2017 was an expansion year for us. St. Martin de Porres House of Hope was successful by any measure. We developed partnerships to expand our Behavioral Health Services. Through our partnership with Friend Family Health Center we were able to ensure that women had access to critical services such as health insurance, medical and dental care. We started a Relapse Prevention Group for recent program graduates and held our first formal graduation ceremony.

The work we do has so many moments of true transformation and inspiration. We are reminded each day that change is possible... change is always possible. As you read this annual report, I hope you are reminded of how you are making a difference by helping us do this vital work and become energized about the future of our agency.

Thank you for your commitment to the women and children we serve and for being a giver of hope.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yaisa Hagood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yaisa Hagood
Executive Director

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St. Martin de Porres House of Hope saved my life.”

KATRINA'S STORY



Through her early twenties, Katrina had it all. Raised in a loving home by her grandparents, she graduated Robert Morris College with an Associates degree in Business, had a baby boy, and got a good job working for the city. “I was making money, and in my late 20s I started partying,” Katrina recalls. “It was fun in the beginning. I enjoyed the lifestyle. Since I was working and making my own money, nothing bothered me. Partying felt like the thing you were supposed to do.”

That’s when Katrina’s addiction to cocaine started. “At first, cocaine was a social thing. I didn’t know it was a problem. I had my first apartment, but soon I was unable to pay my bills, and moved back in with my grandmother.” Katrina left her job, and worked for a time with a temp agency doing clerical jobs. But her addiction progressed. “I had to have more,” Katrina says. “The addiction got greedy, and I started hanging out with people in the streets and I became one of them for about 25 years.”

Nine years ago, after Katrina’s grandmother was murdered, Katrina began to seek treatment for her addiction. Determined to quit living on the streets, she was in and out of treatment facilities for several years. After missing an opportunity for Section 8 housing because she was too high to make the appointment, Katrina realized she had to make a change. She went to Loretto Hospital to seek help, and she remained there for 10 days. She was released from Loretto Hospital to St. Martin de Porres House of Hope.

Katrina says, “I came to St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, and that’s when I learned a

whole new way of life. I started loving myself more. I realized that getting high was not where it’s at. The staff at St. Martin’s showed us love. Having the curfew and the group sessions made me learn more and more about myself and the people around me. You have to be back in the house at 4:00 p.m., which is the time that stuff on the streets starts happening. The group sessions were excellent. You learn about other people and other addicts as well, and you find out that you are not the only one out there who struggles. They also teach you coping skills, how to act with people. Some of the staff have been where I was, and they have overcome.”

Katrina moved out of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope and into a studio apartment that her case manager helped her find. Now she has a job with Safe Passages doing community watch at Marquette and Ingleside.

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You get a lot of blessings being clean and sober. St Martin’s means what it says – ‘House of Hope.’ There is hope in yourself. St Martin’s teaches you that.”

KATRINA

HOW YOUR SUPPORT MADE A DIFFERENCE



80

Women made progress towards their goal of living clean and sober



22

Women Found Gainful Employment



20

Women Placed in Affordable Housing Units



90%

Acquired Medical Insurance



10,350

Shelter Nights Provided



16,499

Meals Provided

WHO WE SERVED

Mental Health Diagnosis	78%
Chronic Health Diagnosis	72%
Prior Incarceration	32%
High School/GED	66%
Elementary Education	23%
Single Mother	69%
African American	57%
Caucasian	32%
Hispanic	5%
Mixed Race or Native American	6%

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Fiscal Year 2018
June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018



INCOME

Corporate and Foundation Grants	\$198,849
Government Grants	\$62,349
Individual Contributions	\$198,450
In-Kind Donations	\$136,298
Investment Income (Net)	\$34,042
Organizations	\$74,652
Special Events (Net)	\$29,343
Total Income:	\$733,983



EXPENSES

Behavioral Health Services	\$80,352
Food Program	\$193,497
Fundraising	\$197,998
Health and Wellness	\$86,692
Management and General	\$64,460
Shelter	\$156,998
Substance Abuse Counseling	\$149,396
Total Expenses:	\$929,393

Deficiency of revenue over expenses (195,409)

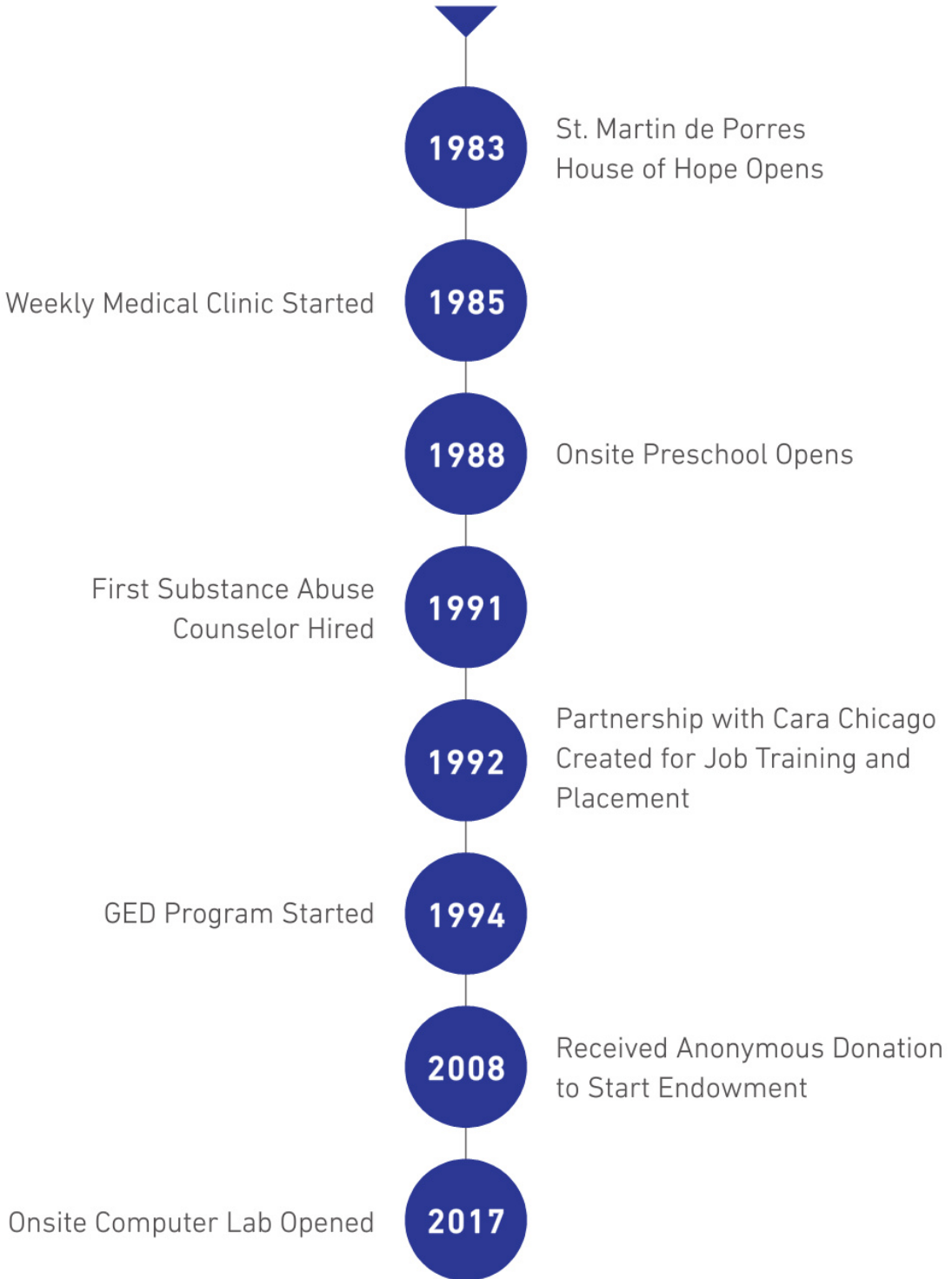
NET ASSETS

Beginning of Year	\$1,323,156
End of year	\$1,175,043

More detailed financials can be found on our website
www.smdp-hoh.org

MILESTONES FROM THE PAST 35 YEARS

In May 2018, St. Martin de Porres House of Hope celebrated its 35th year anniversary.



HONORING OUR FOUNDERS – 35 YEARS OF HOPE



SISTER THERESE O'SULLIVAN, a member of the Loretto Sisters of the Irish Branch, IBVM, is co-founder and executive director emerita of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, a women's substance abuse recovery home in Chicago's Woodlawn community. She realizes the importance of respecting women in recovery until they can learn to accept and love themselves.

Sister Therese became a nun at age 18 when she joined the Community at the Loretto Convent in Wheaton, Illinois. She took vows of obedience, chastity and poverty. Sister Therese thought her sole ministry would be teaching primary students. She had earned a bachelor's degree in education from St. Xavier University, and she had been teaching first graders at St. Cyril Elementary School (which was eventually razed) in Woodlawn for 18 years (from 1966 to 1984). Sister

Therese absolutely loved the children, and she loved teaching them.

She was caught off guard one day when her Mother General approached her and suggested that she broaden her horizons and pursue a new mission. Sister Therese, who was 45 years old at the time, did not want to leave her ministry in education. Touched by a newspaper photo she saw of a Chicago homeless man walking in a blizzard, Sister Therese felt called by the Spirit to work with women and children facing this same plight. Several months later, on May 18, 1983, Sister Therese and Sister Connie Driscoll opened St. Martin de Porres House of Hope as a homeless women's shelter. A few years later, Sister Therese and Sister Connie changed the direction of the shelter to substance abuse recovery. Since its inception, St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, located at 6423 S. Woodlawn Ave., has served more than 4,000 women addicted to drugs and alcohol.

A native of Chicago's Greater Grand Crossing, Sister Therese resided at St. Martin de Porres House of Hope from 1983 until 2017. She is the youngest of eight siblings. In her spare time, Sister Therese likes to read, take walks and visit her family and friends. She also loves going to White Sox games.

HONORING OUR FOUNDERS – 35 YEARS OF HOPE



SISTER CONNIE DRISCOLL, co-founder of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, died in 2005 at the age of 72, but her legacy lives on in the thousands of women and children whose lives she changed.

Before Connie Driscoll became Sister Connie, she was a sergeant in the Women's Army Corps, a law school graduate, and an entrepreneur. In her late 40s, she traveled to Chicago to visit nuns who had taught her at Loretto High School in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. In a 1990 interview with the Chicago Reader she said, *"I just stayed because they showed me what was going*

on with the hungry. They convinced me that this was the place to stay and help. So, we opened a shelter and we've been here ever since."

In 1983, Sr. Connie co-founded St. Martin de Porres House of Hope with Sr. Therese O'Sullivan. Two years later, she founded a religious order, the Missionary Sisters of the Poor, and dedicated the rest of her life to caring for women addicted to drugs and alcohol and their children.

Connie's long-time friend, Inner Voice CEO Jackie Edens, said *"She believed you could accomplish anything as long as you were willing to focus and put your shoulder to the wheel."* Sr. Connie also believed in taking personal responsibility. Residents at the shelter-turned-recovery home were required to both take care of themselves and to work as part of a community of women.

As she told Forbes magazine in a 1997 interview, *"They have to turn over 80 percent of their welfare check and 50 percent of their food stamps. I put the money and stamps into a safe-deposit box and return it when they're ready to leave. We teach them to pay rent, utilities and food bills first, then prioritize what else they need. The word on the street is that ours is a tough house. The women always have somewhere to be: career or computer training, GED classes, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous meetings or a job here in the house."*

Sr. Connie worked tirelessly for St. Martin de Porres House of Hope through her final days and left detailed instructions upon her death. "I wish to be buried in Chicago, so I can be close to my child. Since 1982, these have been the happiest years of my life. Please remember to give thanks to all who cared for me and made this possible. And always remember my family. You know my family has meant everything to me. All of my nieces and nephews, sisters, brothers, in-laws and extended in-laws. Therese, you have meant everything to me, and your spirituality has made me a better person."

WHAT MAKES HOUSE OF HOPE UNIQUE



St. Martin de Porres House of Hope believes women are capable of dramatic change when in a gender-specific recovery program that is facilitated in a nurturing and supportive environment. Our recovery program gives women the healing time they need to let their minds and bodies recover from the effects of homelessness, substance use, trauma and mental illness. We recognize that children also suffer because of homelessness and their mother's drug addiction and thus we welcome children into our program. More than 4,000 women have achieved success through our holistic and comprehensive program that combines evidence based practices with the 12 Steps of Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous.

4,000+

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THANK YOU

We'd like to thank the following corporations, organizations, and foundations for their generous support in FY18:

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In FY18 more than 200 volunteers donated a total of 3,081 service hours to help further the mission of St. Martin de Porres House of Hope.



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I support House of Hope because I believe in its mission and the long-term continuum of care they provide without charge for women struggling with addiction.”

BOB BATOR



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I'm impressed by the people who are here and the struggles and things that they've faced. I keep coming back because they're a wonderful example of courage.”

BROTHER TOM COLLINS, CFC



St. Martin de Porres House of Hope has come a long way since our humble beginnings, proving ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things. For more than three decades, our agency has been a beacon of hope in the Woodlawn community, providing thousands of women and children with the resources and support they need to overcome the disease of addiction and homelessness, to transform their stories from ones of hopelessness to lives filled with stability, health, and vision for a strong future.

The support of our donors and volunteers is critical to our mission. Together, we support life transformation for women and children by giving moms the tools they need to live free of drugs and alcohol, find safe and stable housing and a path to employment. Thank you for helping us transform lives!



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It's a treasure to me now that if I call my mom, she's there. It's so nice to have my mom back. She was just a shell before. The program at St. Martin de Porres House of Hope literally changed both of our lives, and I will be forever grateful.”

TATIANA

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES HOUSE OF HOPE

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