



## Annual Report Sharing Hope Ministry 2016 YTD

### Sharing Hope Ministry

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Sharing Hope Ministry is to assist women who are incarcerated or who are residing in addiction recovery facilities in overcoming their destructive behavior by sharing God's love and hope through the teaching of His Word and by equipping them with life skills.

#### **Background**

The Bible Distribution Ministry includes the provision of the *Life Recovery Bible*, Bible studies and prayer to women who are incarcerated or who are in addiction rehabilitation facilities across the nation. Other services include jail ministry to Potter and Randall county jails, aftercare services including the provision of hygiene items and a list of area resources for women who have recently been released.

#### **Amount of services provided in 2016**

The amount of overall Christ-centered services, and actual Life Recovery Bibles provided in 2016 increased from 2015. In 2016, 8,351 women received a Life Recovery Bible. The Bible study distribution program increased by .5% from last year with a total of 3,525 Bible studies being provided in 2016. The top states receiving our materials are: TX, LA, FL, MO, and OH. Locally, 361 women incarcerated at Potter or Randall County Jail received Bibles and Bible studies this year. Prayer correspondences were sent to 1,010 women across the United States. There was a total of 14,506 Sharing Hope Ministry services provided in 2016.

#### **Management of Distribution/Duplication**

The "rate of return" of our materials has decreased from 2015's rate of 3.36% to 2.76%. (Material is returned because of packaging error or when inmates are no longer residing at the facility). This return rate was highest in 2006 when it was at 4.33% and was predominately due to provision to Texas county facilities. This continues to be the case as Randall County Jail has our highest return rate across the nation.

Processing time (time from receiving letters to mailing materials) averages 4 days. This is based on holding the requests to ensure each shift of volunteers has work. This time frame has been consistent since 2013.

Duplication of services -The ministry has continued to do a good job to ensure that inmates only receive one *Life Recovery Bible* from our ministry. Potter and Randall County Jail inmates are allowed to have a second Bible if it has been longer than a year since they received their first. Volunteers check names on miscellaneous offender search websites and also records middle names and dates of birth to ensure we utilize our funding as conscientiously as possible. Women participating in Bible studies follow a pre-set curriculum which reduces the chance of duplications.

### **Effectiveness of Services**

Our services continue to be effective and are instrumental in the inmates changing their behavior through a relationship with Christ. The inmates report attitude and behavior changes based on receiving our services through an evaluation tool. In 2016, 96.6% of those receiving a *Life Recovery Bible* and 97.2% of those receiving Bible studies report positive change in their lives.

### **Correctional Facility Overview/Total Services**

Seventy-four facilities were added to our accepted list for receiving our material in 2016. These facilities are researched when an inmate requests a Bible from a previously unserved facility. Staff checks to ensure the facility fall within our guidelines and that our Bibles will be accepted through the facility mailroom. A total of 449 facilities are now approved to receive our services. These facilities are located in 49 states and in the District of Columbia.

### **Sharing Hope Ministry Volunteers (not including Patsy's Place Volunteers)**

Volunteers by program – 33 Bible distribution, 7 Bible study distribution, 10 data entry, 14 jail team members, 4 hygiene runners, 7 prayer warriors, and 130 fundraising volunteers. Bible and Bible study volunteers work in shifts of 1 – 2 hours. There are five weekly shifts for each program. SHM volunteers represent 23 area churches.

### **SHM Vision for the future**

- Continue expanding into unserved correctional and drug rehabilitation facilities so that every searching, offending woman can receive assistance as she builds a personal relationship with Christ.
- Resolve our distribution and return issues with Randall County Jail.
- Continue to increase local and national funding for the provision of the Bibles and studies.

### **Facility Evaluation**

The facility's renovation was completed in December 2014. The building's roof was replaced in 2015 and is considered to be in good condition. Increased security is needed for both inside and outside of the building.



## **Background**

Patsy's Place Transitional Home was opened February 1, 2011. A total of 86 women have entered the program since it was opened. The Stepping Stones mentoring program, the Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund, and the Intern program is associated with Patsy's Place Transitional Home.

## **Demographics**

The women range in age from 18-60 years old with an average age being 37yrs old. They vary in education levels from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to some college, with only 37% completing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. They also share similarities of: addiction issues (100%), victims of abuse (94%), they have children (90%) and health related problems (87%). Our attendees averaged 4 incarcerations prior to being accepted in our program. Meth is the predominate drug of choice.

## **New in 2016**

The amount of women entering our program who have histories of abuse are increasing. In 2016 a sexual and domestic abuse support group was added to the Patsy's Place Transitional Home program and is being facilitated by Family Support Services.

## **Objectives and Outcomes**

PPTH had stated objectives prior to opening the home which cover provisions of basic needs, social services and life skill education to help make participants self-supporting. These objectives were satisfactorily accomplished in every category through:

- Provision of safety, shelter, food, and clothing
- Phase one life-skills classroom education
- Accessibility to addiction and trauma recovery programs
- Facilitation of medical, dental and mental health services
- Educational assistance with GED preparation and assistance with college enrollment
- Provision of mentors and financial coaches
- Provision of spiritual support through daily studies and through the introduction of area churches.

## **Completion Rates for the Patsy's Place program**

20% of the women have successfully graduated from our one-year program with 17% successfully completing the 9 month program. 54% of the participants did not complete the program. 8% were taken in on an emergency basis until they could return to their own communities or find safe housing. Our recidivism or re-incarceration rate for this group of women is 17% compared to the national average of almost 40% (state, federal incarceration or up to 67% for arrest and incarceration including county). Contributing factors to the non-completing group include: mental health issues, disciplinary issues, drug addiction, family responsibilities and previous negative influences of friends and family.

## **Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund**

The Patsy Britting Benevolence Fund was established to provide emergency financial assistance to qualifying local post-offenders who endure extenuating circumstances as they re-enter our community. This is a one-time gift that cannot exceed \$1000 and can only be used for housing, transportation or unmet medical needs. In 2016, financial assistance was provided to four women.

### **Facility Evaluation**

The house maintenance needs have increased in 2016. There were several incidents which included a kitchen fire, and elevator repairs. Eight of the participant's beds were replaced in 2015 but the remainder of the beds will need to be replaced in 2017. The living room furniture, an office desk, and chair will also need to be replaced. A goal is to remove the carpet which is showing wear from 6 years of operations. Volunteers serves as our maintenance and landscaping team.

**Other - Volunteers** – An average of 65 men and women volunteer with Patsy's Place Transitional Home and represent 24 area churches. This volunteers are mentors, financial coaches, teachers, and Patsy's Pearls.

### **PPTH Needs/Vision for Future**

- Additional PRN staff is difficult to find but necessary to keep the house monitored 24/7 without overtaxing current staff.
- The Intern program needs to become more structured, and we'd like to recruit new volunteers to give the participants a realistic working experience.
- New furniture will need to be acquired to keep the house in optimum condition.
- An additional vehicle is desired so that the van doesn't have to be utilized for small groups of women. This will also keep staff from having to use their cars if the group is going in opposite directions. We expect a minivan to be donated this spring.



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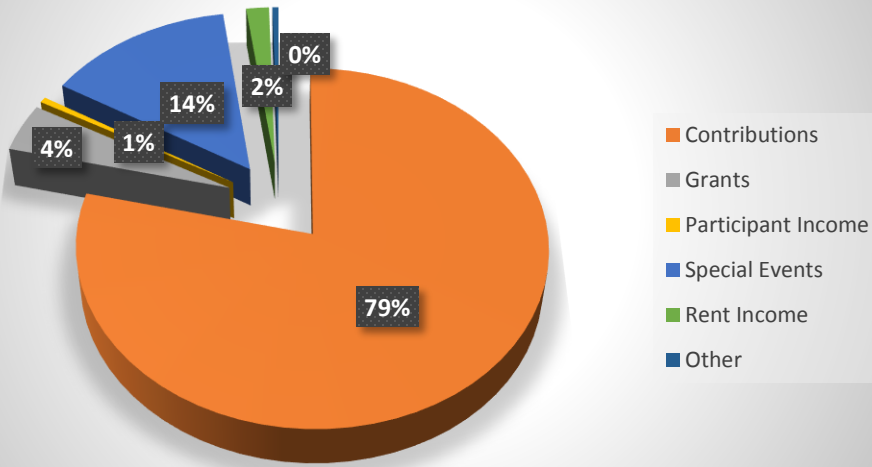
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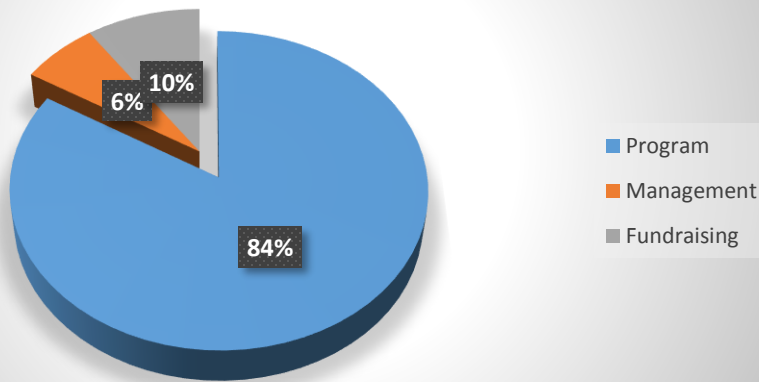
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# 2016 Financial Information

## 2016 Revenue and Support



## 2016 Expenses



Temporarily restricted funds of \$731, 570 were received in 2016 for the construction of the Lucille and Leo Caiafa, Jr. Center for Advancement.

Total net assets for 2016 were \$2,199,672.00