

OUR MISSION

Housing+Solutions, Inc. provides community-based permanent housing and comprehensive services to women, including women with children, to support them in overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, trauma, and the effects of incarceration, in order to build lives of stability, and to define and realize goals for themselves and for their families.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Each year I introduce you to one of our tenants so that her story can make the annual report facts and figures come alive. Karen's story demonstrates how Housing+Solutions doesn't simply touch a person, but provides a platform for changing lives.

Early in 2016 we received a five year state grant to expand our employment program to serve all our adult tenants and the young adult children living in our housing. We have been approved to receive a new HUD grant to open up permanent supportive housing for 30 more female veterans in 2017 and a foundation grant to continue the trauma work that each veteran needs.

Our role as leaders in criminal justice reform, along with a special one-time grant from the Patrina Foundation, made it possible to launch the Women's Community Justice Project pilot. This is a ground breaking effort to demonstrate that we can end the unnecessary detention of women at Rikers because they are homeless and cannot make bail by moving them back into the community where they will receive the housing and services they need. Our partners in this work include: Greenhope Services for Women, Hour Children, Providence House and Women's Prison Association.

We are ready to celebrate our fifteenth year in 2017 and I hope I can count on you to help us make a difference and to help eradicate poverty and injustice for some of the most vulnerable women and families in New York.

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A TENANT'S STORY: KAREN

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Karen served in the Army for 15 years. When she finished her service, she had a hard time adjusting. She felt “like a baby starting kindergarten for the first time” as she tried to fit into civilian life. “It’s starting all over again, and you need somebody to usher you into that,” she said. Karen and her two young daughters ended up homeless, but moved to a Housing+ Solutions’ apartment last fall.

As soon as she moved in, staff helped Karen feel at home. “Miss Jade gave me that reassurance that I’m coming to a program that cares for women, military women and all women, and kids,” Karen said. “She’s been a mom to me, because I don’t have my mom with me here; she loves my kids, and she made me realize that when I have my own home, it’s my home.”

“The first day when I got those keys, I kept swiping [them to open the door]. It’s a great feeling,” she said. “It’s clean. Sounds funny to some people, but it’s really important to have a clean environment. Somewhere you can cook food. Just cooking a meal is important to me. The warm bed. The blankets. Just those small things, right there, helps me to feel a bit more mentally stable. I don’t have to get up and worry about where I’m moving to tomorrow.”

With Housing+ Solutions, Karen meets regularly with our on-site trauma therapist to manage her PTSD. She is starting a college program this winter, and in the meantime she is focusing on her daughters’ education. She said her daughters feel like they are part of a larger community: “My girls love it here. They can wake up, not feel any fear. They can go to school. They love the atmosphere.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

For women experiencing homelessness in New York City, Housing+ Solutions provides housing so they can create real homes, helps them get suitable jobs, and addresses the traumatic events that may have led to their homelessness. More than counselors and advisors, we are empathetic, compassionate mentors, providing each woman with tools that empower her to achieve personal and financial security for herself and the family she loves.

- We launched a pilot Alternative to Detention program to prevent women from being unnecessarily detained at Rikers Island. We provide temporary housing and support services so that women who are homeless or precariously housed and cannot afford bail can qualify for bail fund programs and safely remain in the community while they address their legal issues.
- In January, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance increased its support for our employment support services by awarding us a \$1.6 million grant for the next five years. With this support, and the support of private foundations and individuals, we can expand the number of women and young adults we are helping to find jobs from 11 to 127 by adding new career counselors and a job developer to our staff.
- For more detailed explanation of our programs, please visit: www.housingplussolutions.org

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHO WE SERVED

Single adults without children: **118**

Families: **44**

Children: **75**

99% of those served remain permanently housed.

VETERANS

Single veterans: **30**

Families headed by veterans: **10**

90% of the veterans participated in trauma/mental health treatment*

*In 2017, trauma services will expand to include non-veteran tenants and their families.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/RECOVERY

Tenants with substance abuse histories remaining clean/sober: **54**

50% of those remaining clean/sober are actively participating in recovery work (outpatient, NA/AA).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Drew House Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) families: **6**

The Alternative to Detention (ATD) pilot program: **7***

Total children able to remain with mothers (in both programs): **11**

100% of those served in our criminal justice programs completed court mandates.

*The new ATD only began in the last six months of FY2016.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employed: **49**

Searching for employment and/or enrolled in education/training: **62**

Education/Employment Assessments completed: **127**

75% of those assessed are utilizing employment services.

Government Grants

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

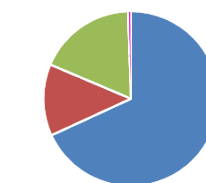
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW			
Revenue			
		FY 2015	FY 2016
	Contracts	\$ 1,495,184	\$ 2,444,305
	Tenant Rent	\$ 335,637	\$ 475,486
	Private Contributions	\$ 642,480	\$ 649,152
	Other	\$ 11,946	\$ 18,734
		\$ 2,485,247	\$ 3,587,677
Expenses			
	Programs	\$ 2,155,213	\$ 2,846,690
	Management	\$ 296,763	\$ 359,522
	General Fundraising	\$ 52,831	\$ 349,605
		\$ 2,504,807	\$ 3,555,817

A copy of the complete financial statement can be obtained on our website.

REVENUE



Contracts 68%
 Tenant Rent 13%
 Private Contributions 18%
 Other 1%

EXPENSES



Programs 80%
 Management 10%
 General Fundraising 10%

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