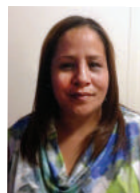


JEANNETTE'S STORY



A tenant with Housing+Solutions since 2009, Jeanette and her daughter live in a two bedroom apartment.

Jeannette says growing up in the Bronx in a dysfunctional family lead her to using heroin and methadone for 15 years. "I lived this destructive lifestyle in order to fit in with my siblings and friends," she notes. After attending a nine month treatment program at Greenhope Services for Women, she was reunited with her daughter who was 1 ½ years old.

Jeanette began her career in social services as an intern at Greenhope and remains working there to this day. She has been in recovery for 10 years and has since earned her GED. Jeanette is truly an inspiration, every day she works hard to write her own life's story and she is letting nothing stop her.

Through the support of Housing+Solutions, Jeannette began her one year CASAC training at the Outreach Institute in July 2015. "My motivation in helping others in need is my life goal," she says. "I want to be a positive role model, someone who will listen to their needs as well as guide them in making a smooth re-entry into society." The training will certify her as substance abuse counselor. Jeannette also wants to attend college and study psychology.

When asked how Jeannette felt when she connected with Housing+Solutions, she said, "I felt rescued, overwhelmed and blessed. I needed to break the cycle, for myself and my children." Now, she is encouraging her son Elias to continue his education. "Education is key—don't ever give up hope," she tells him.

Jeannette continues to write new chapters of hope and promise in her life – for herself and her family.



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OUR MISSION

Housing+Solutions, Inc. provides community-based 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.

By providing permanent housing, we allow women to accomplish the short-term goal of remaining safe and housed. Once this is done, they can begin to build an environment for growth and empowerment for themselves and for their families, and as a result, begin to recognize and address the obstacles that have led, or contributed to their current life circumstances.

Dear Friends,

Please enjoy this year's original sunflower image painted by board member and artist Phyllis Chillingworth. A sunflower stands tall above all others in the field--not one flower, but a cluster of more than 2000 tiny flowers. Sunflowers achieve their destined height--tracing the sun each day before gently fading until another day. All of our tenants, rising at dawn, journey through the day working to achieve their destined height.

Making a living wage is an ongoing struggle--every day women like Jeannette worry about paying their rent and other bills. The fear of homelessness looms. Our role is to help them see that achieving financial security is the best gift they can give themselves and their children, and to provide the support that will allow them to attain that goal.

This summer we completed a strategic planning course with McKinsey & Co. thanks to the Robin Hood Foundation and we have recommitted ourselves to seeking "housing+solutions" for women trapped in the criminal justice system, for veterans returning home only to end up homeless and families who are entering the city shelter system at astonishing numbers.

I hope we can count on you again this year to join us in being part of the solutions.



RITA ZIMMER
Founder & Executive Director

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• This year, Housing+Solutions served a total of 191 individuals (124 women and 67 children). 99% of those in permanent housing have remained housed. Of the individuals served, 26 were veterans living without children and 5 families were headed by female veterans. By the end of December 2015, we anticipate housing 91 single women and 45 families, at any one time.



• Many of our veterans, not yet or newly employed, participate in educational and financial workshops. Each woman who is employed has opened a bank account and has begun a savings plan. Six of the women have saved between \$750-1,000 that they will use when they move into permanent housing. 100% of the women apply for veterans benefits within three months of moving in.

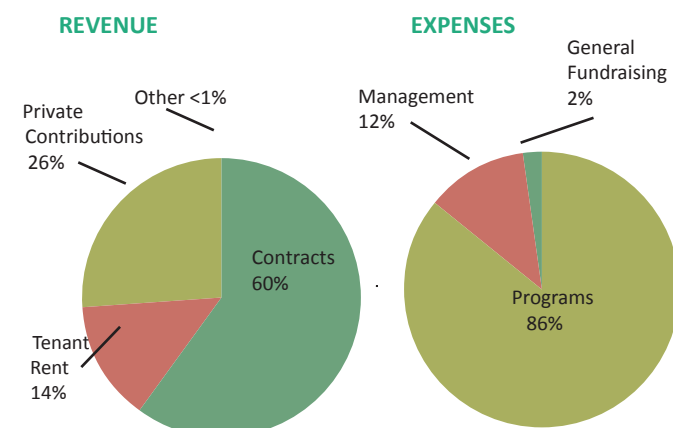
• Camp Sunflower, our summer program funded by Simple Works, served approximately 30 children and their families this year. Each day, the children received tutoring combined with both recreational and educational field trips. One special field trip was to the Brooklyn Museum to view the exhibit "The Rise of Sneaker Culture". After the trip, the well-known graffiti artist - George "SEN One" Morillo, helped the children design and create their own "wearable art" sneakers.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue	FY 2014	FY 2015
Contracts	1,265,634	1,495,184
Tenant Rent	294,084	335,637
Private Contributions	716,120	642,480
Other	21,112	11,946
	\$2,296,950	\$2,485,247

Expenses	FY 2014	FY 2015
Programs	1,902,895	2,155,213
Management	236,603	296,763
General Fundraising	56,564	52,831
	\$2,196,062	\$2,504,807



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