

North Star
of Chester County

Helping Single Working Parents Succeed

Formerly Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2018



Interfaith Housing Name Change

Hello Friends,

This year marked our 25th anniversary serving the community as Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County. In that time, we helped hundreds of single working parent families remain in their homes. Our model of long-term financial assistance, paired with a lot of mentoring and supportive services, has proven to be a cost-effective, proactive solution to homelessness prevention.

Just as Chester County has changed over the last quarter century, so too have the challenges facing our families. It was time to adopt a name that more accurately reflected the depth and breadth of service we provide to our program participants. So on July 1, 2018, our agency officially changed its name to:



We are still the same agency with the same program, driven by the same purpose: helping single working parents succeed. We are constantly challenging ourselves and our parents to make this program more effective than ever before.

For more information please visit www.northstarofcc.org

If you ever meet a single parent who is struggling to make ends meet in Chester County, in spite of working full time, please have them call us.

Sincerely,

Joyce Lacy, Executive Director



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Celebrating 25 years

SINCE 1993



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North Star Staff



Left to right: Rosalyn Tilghman - Case Manager, Cat Welch - Case Manager, Nick Lohr - Project Manager, Joyce Lacy - Executive Director, and L. Diane Toaltoan - Senior Case Manager

Fiscal 2018 Year in Review

North Star of Chester County guides single working parents toward self-sufficiency while preventing homelessness for them. We run a structured program of case management, workshops and supportive services combined with up to three years of ongoing financial assistance to keep families stably housed. We believe that helping single working parents succeed strengthens the community by keeping hardworking people out of shelters, keeping kids in schools they like, and graduating self-sufficient participants. 8 out of 10 single parents avoid eviction while in our program and 80% of graduates maintain their housing for at least five years without needing financial help from another social service organization.



Prevented homelessness for **131** local single parents and children

Paid **\$41,523** in rental assistance to keep 29 Chester County families in their homes



5,360 nights of homelessness prevention

More than **\$4,000** spent on additional client support including car repairs to help our parents get to work



Participants worked with their case managers for a combined total of **1,000 hours**

88% of the parents we served were single mothers



Our families enjoyed our annual Summer Picnic as well as our Winter Holiday Party complete with a visit from Santa. We also provided 31 winter coats to our kids in need thanks to our partners at the Oscar Lasko YMCA and the CARing for Kids Foundation. Thank you also to the generous community members who provided 15 Thanksgiving dinners and holiday gifts for 18 of our families!



50 volunteers helped us fulfill our mission including students from West Chester University providing daycare, community members delivering furniture, and the Whitelaw Family designing and donating a new children's area in our office - including an iMac computer.



Fall & Spring Fundraisers

Thank you to our loyal supporters for making our Wine & Beer Tasting and Casino Night fundraisers a huge success. Together we netted more than \$100,000 to fight homelessness in Chester County!

Fiscal 2018 Year in Review



Thanks to a partnership with Orion Communities, Inc., we expanded our case management services to Phoenixville to better serve our participants in northern Chester County.

Throughout the year we conducted workshops including “Landlord Relations” with real estate investor Michael Maupin, a “Car Care Clinic” with Steve Wiley from Wiley’s Car Care, Banking with a team from Wells Fargo Bank, and “Give Yourself Credit” with Rebecca Worthington and her team at Benchmark Federal Credit Union.



In the spring of 2018, we began sharing the next chapter of the agency with our most loyal and longtime supporters. We officially unveiled our new name on May 5, 2018. Thank you to Donna Melton and her team from *Just in Time! Communications* and volunteer Tom Dintaman for their help in guiding us through this process.



Financial Results

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Assets

Cash	\$125,430
Certificate of Deposit	\$99,965
Accounts Receivable	\$18,015
Promises to Give, current	\$10,000
Prepaid expenses	\$5,380
Prepaid Rent	\$3,050

Total Current Assets
\$261,840

Liabilities

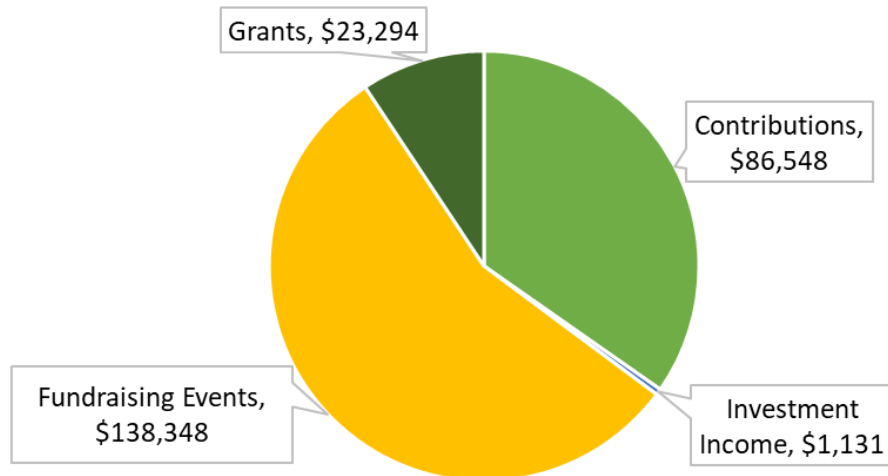
Accrued Expenses	\$9,313
Accounts Payable	\$1,364
Total Current Liabilities	\$10,677

Net Assets

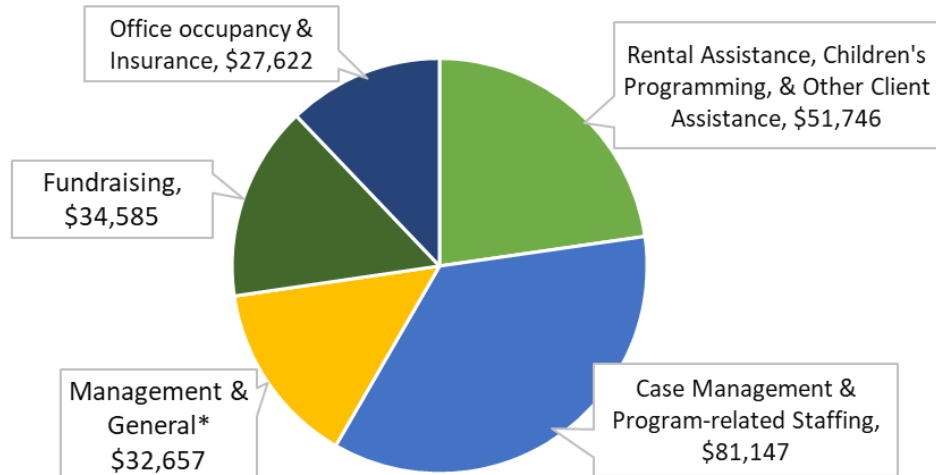
Unrestricted	\$231,163
Temporarily Restricted	\$20,000
Total Net Assets	\$251,163

Total Liabilities & Net Assets
\$261,840

Gross Revenue Sources: \$249,321



Functional Expenses: \$227,757



*Includes one-time expenses related to name change and re-branding activities

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Or by appointment

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Our Mission

North Star of Chester County, formerly Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County, guides Chester County's single working parents with dependent children, who are at risk of homelessness, toward stability and financial independence. We help our participant families remain in clean, safe, affordable housing as they work to secure their future through a structured program of financial assistance, mentoring and supportive services. Single parents who stay in our program for three full years emerge stable and proudly able to provide for their families.

North Star of Chester County was incorporated in 1993 and has 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. The official registration and financial information of North Star of Chester County may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Interfaith Housing Assistance Corporation of Chester County officially changed its name to North Star of Chester County effective July 1, 2018.