



Serving the Community, ONE Neighbor at a Time

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating community service since 1967, Capitol Hill Group Ministry (CHGM) is a nonprofit made up of congregations and concerned individuals of all faiths, united to serve the spiritual and social needs of the Capitol Hill Community, Ward 6, and beyond. CHGM serves homeless families and individuals, as well as low-income households from across the District of Columbia.

Our Mission

CHGM will be one of the DC area's most cutting-edge, effective catalysts for change that helps homeless people and those at-risk of becoming homeless transform their own lives. We will continue to be known for excellence at providing empowering human services, our highly effective organization, and engagement of our community as partners in our work.

Our Vision

Our vision is of a community in which people are working together – across the boundaries of race, religion and income – to ensure that all of our neighbors have the opportunity to live safely with opportunity and justice.



Dear Friends,

2015 was a year of exciting growth for CHGM. Over a few whirlwind months, we competed for and won a grant to become one of only four organizations to launch DC's new Family Homelessness Prevention Program, renovated Shirley's Place to accommodate it, and began welcoming new clients.

In the last quarter of 2015, we helped 126 families reverse a downward spiral into homelessness. Due to high levels of need and our early success, we have already expanded our program staff.

In addition to making room for the Prevention Program, Shirley's Place underwent additional changes in 2015. With a generous grant from the William L. Anderson Jr. Foundation, we were able to complete a number of significant maintenance and improvement projects. The Anderson family's investment has not only made Shirley's Place a more welcoming place for today's guests, but also will help ensure its structural integrity well into the future.

Other parts of CHGM also grew and benefitted from attention to infrastructure needs in 2015. Our Shelter Plus Care Program moved from Potomac Gardens to a safer, brighter office at The Lutheran Church of the Reformation, and we procured additional funds to hire two new case managers for our over-stretched Family Rehousing and Stabilization Program. All of our programs and our outside callers have enjoyed vastly improved communication capabilities following the installation of a new Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system in each of our offices. In 2016, we will continue working to ensuring that each of our programs, and our organization as a whole, has the resources and infrastructure necessary for us to serve our clients expertly and efficiently.

Our 2015 successes were facilitated by the support of dozens of enthusiastic volunteers. Our Homeless Assistance Response Team helped us serve more than 327 chronically homeless individuals; our Golf Committee hosted another hugely successful tournament; and our Board of Directors put in countless hours; guiding and supporting CHGM toward the fulfillment of its mission and taking on numerous projects that would have been impossible without their dedicated service. Thank you all for gifting CHGM with your time and talent in 2015. I look forward to sharing more exciting developments with you in 2016!

Sincerely yours,



Karen E. Cunningham
Executive Director



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2015 CHGM Finances

2015 Revenue by Program

"Shirley's Place" Day Hospitality Center and Congregation Based Shelter Program	\$312,561
Rapid Rehousing Program/FRSP	\$310,339
Shelter Plus Care	\$161,908
ADA Unit Shelter Program	\$111,131
Homelessness Prevention (HPP)	\$105,681
Street Outreach	\$27,561
Community Engagement	\$550
General & Administrative	\$184,430
Revenue Total:	\$1,214,161

2015 Expenses by Program

"Shirley's Place" Day Hospitality Center and Congregation Based Shelter Program	\$265,221
Rapid Rehousing Program/FRSP	\$312,218
Shelter Plus Care	\$182,227
ADA Unit Shelter Program	\$71,394
Homelessness Prevention (HPP)	\$94,153
Street Outreach	\$60,911
Community Engagement	\$16,962
General & Administrative	\$173,986
Expense Total:	\$1,177,072

2015 Revenue Source

Government Contracts	\$971,637
Individual Donors	\$88,615
Foundations & Corporations	\$65,082
Special Events	\$51,804
Congregations	\$37,023
Income Source Total:	\$1,214,161



CHGM 2015 Program Data

Family Homelessness Prevention Program

- CHGM was one of only four organizations chosen to launch the city's prevention initiative.
- Between September 1st and December 31st, CHGM served 126 families at imminent risk of homelessness.
- More than 92% of the families we served were successfully stabilized in the community and did not have to enter shelter.

Housing Programs

- Our Rapid Rehousing Program provided subsidized housing and case management services to 70 families, including 129 adults and 93 children.
- Shelter Plus Care, our permanent supportive housing program, served 33 families, including 54 adults and 33 children.
- 5 families, including 10 adults and 14 children, were housed and supported with case management services in Emory House and our 4 accessible, apartment-style shelter units.

Street Outreach

- Our Outreach Team served 327 homeless individuals through 1,333 interactions.
- Our Homeless Assistance Response Team volunteers deployed 60 times, with 45 deployments on dangerous hypothermia alert nights.
- Our chronically homeless Action Hour participants met twice a month throughout the year to discuss their daily struggles and emerging concerns, and learn how to become better advocates for themselves and DC's homeless population.



Shirley's Place Day Hospitality Center

- Shirley's Place provided approximately 1,550 individuals with:
 - 1,637 loads of laundry
 - 2,230 light meals
 - 1,107 showers
 - 432 computer lab sessions
 - 410 toiletry kits
 - 648 phone sessions
 - 879 kitchen/meal prep sessions
 - 466 food, clothing, transportation, prescription drug, and rental assistance services, and
 - 1,000s of referrals for a wide variety of social, economic, and legal needs
- Our Wellness Coordinator, housed at Shirley's Place, provided 75 CHGM clients with 101 individual counseling sessions, facilitated 2 5-month parenting and recovery support groups, and provided 9 Life Skills workshops for clients of CHGM's housing programs.

Community Support Projects and Special Events

- Our Annual Back-to-School Backpack Drive provided backpacks and school supplies to 294 children.
- 435 families had a hearty Thanksgiving meal through our Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive.
- CHGM donors provided an abundance of holiday gifts to 127 families, including 397 children and their caregivers through our Adopt-a-Family program.
- Our congregational partners hosted 4 Family Nights with food and fun for families participating in CHGM programs.
- CHGM hosted 10 Community Nights to educate participants about homelessness and engage them in advocacy efforts addressing the problem.

Thank You! CHGM is grateful to the many volunteers, partner organizations, and donors who make our work possible, especially our 2015 award winners recognized at our interfaith Thanksgiving service:

- Rob Farley, Ruth Rappaport Wisdom Award
- Korrin Bishop, Champion Award
- Mothers on the Hill, Premier Partner Award



Join us in Service!

Here's how you can help:

Shirley's Place

- Volunteer as a guest services assistant, welcoming guests, facilitating their access to services, and helping us maintain good records and a pleasant and tidy space for our visitors.
- Prepare food and share a meal with your guests (Wed/Th, 11am to 1pm).
- Help with yard work, indoor beautification, and seasonal decorating.

Street Outreach

- Join our Homeless Assistance Response Team (HART) and walk the streets of Capitol Hill with a partner, distributing food, drinks, and essential care items to our homeless neighbors.
- Invite CHGM to give a group training about how to effectively engage and support your homeless neighbors even as you go about your daily routines.

Collections & Donations

- Collect and contribute essentials such as water, snacks, sandwiches, toiletries, blankets, socks, and undergarments for distribution to Street Outreach and Shirley's Place clients.
- Make a casserole for us to reheat and serve to guests at Shirley's Place.
- Sign up to provide Back-to-School backpacks, Thanksgiving baskets and/or holiday gifts to families participating in CHGM's programs and services.

Join our Golf Tournament Host Committee

- Work with CHGM board and staff members to plan our 14th Annual "Hope for the Homeless Golf Tournament."
- Committee members recruit sponsors and golfers, solicit prizes for the raffle, develop event communications, select vendors, and volunteer at the event to be held on Monday, September 19th at Glenn Dale Golf Club.

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