

who we are

Founded in 2000, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA) is a unique coalition of non-profit and government entities that serve people experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of homelessness in Washtenaw County. WHA is a collaboration that harnesses the commitment, energy and resources of the public and private sectors, and the community at large, to end homelessness in Washtenaw County.

WHA members joined together in 2004 with the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to create "A Home for Everyone: A Blueprint to End Homelessness". The Blueprint is our vision of what it will take to end homelessness in Washtenaw County. For the last thirteen years, WHA has been charged by the City Councils of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners with the oversight, management, and implementation of The Blueprint. Since 2015, WHA has also been appointed by the Washtenaw County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board to lead the community's Built for Zero initiative, to end veteran and chronic homelessness.

what we do

WHA facilitates, encourages, and monitors the work of ending homelessness for our community in the following ways:

- Coordinates homeless system planning and design efforts
- Provides training and technical assistance to homeless and housing service providers to support innovation and best practices
- Advocates for the needs of people experiencing homelessness or those at-risk of homelessness
- Supports the development of more permanently affordable housing

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Annual Report 2016-2017

from the president

As the economy continues to recover from the Great Recession, and housing prices climb and inventory shrinks, the most vulnerable residents of Washtenaw County continue to struggle with housing instability. Our community made a commitment to work together to end homelessness in Washtenaw County when it launched "A Home for Everyone: A Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County" in 2004. Since then, we have seen great success in ending homelessness for thousands of people in Washtenaw County. Nevertheless, we know there is still work to be done, and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance continues to be at the center of this important work to end homelessness in our community.

This report provides you with the highlights of our work over the past year. We appreciate your support in the important work we do, and the partnership of our entire community in helping those who experience homelessness. Please remember, together, we can end homelessness.

Warmly,

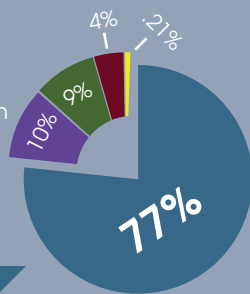
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finances

Revenues \$202,531

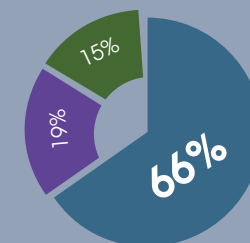
- Contributions, grants, pledges
- Net assets released from restriction
- Donated services / facilities
- Membership dues
- Other



Increase in unrestricted assets \$26,966

Expenses \$175,565

- Program services
- Fundraising*
- Management & general



* 74% of fundraising expenses goes to increase the Sister Yvonne Gellise Fund for Permanent Supportive Housing Services

our community's work

Homeless System Planning:

- Our member agencies provide services to many of the county's lowest income residents – those with incomes between 0 and 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). At \$61,900*, Washtenaw County has the highest AMI in the state of Michigan. (*Based on 2017 AMI for an individual, as published by HUD)

Program-level Outcomes:

83% of those who left a Rapid Re-Housing program went to permanent housing.

98% of those in Permanent Supportive Housing programs remained stably housed at the end of the calendar year and 85% remained housed for at least a year.

37% of all those served had income from employment by the time they exited services.

56% of all those served obtained non-cash mainstream benefits by the time they exited services.

- Washtenaw County is well-positioned to achieve an end to veteran and chronic homelessness, meaning homelessness will be rare, brief and non-recurring for these sub-populations. From July 2016 to June 2017, Washtenaw County has permanently housed 114 homeless veterans and 109 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness as part of our participation in the Built for Zero Initiative. The WHA serves as Washtenaw County's Community Leader for this initiative.

Training and Technical Assistance:

- WHA partnered with the Washtenaw Health Plan to co-host the first Washtenaw County Harm Reduction in Housing & Healthcare Conference in May 2017 for over 200 case and care managers, social workers, and medical professionals.

- In spring 2017, WHA conducted a salary survey of our member agencies, to help them better understand the salaries and benefits packages that similar agencies may be offering. The WHA's salary survey report will be used by member agencies during their hiring process, to help reduce turnover and offer competitive salary and benefits to their employees.

Advocacy and Affordable Housing Development:

- With WHA support, the Sr. Yvonne Gellise Fund for Permanent Supportive Housing Services, an endowment which was established to provide a sustainable revenue source for permanent supportive housing services, now has over \$3 million.
- WHA and our partners successfully advocated to the City of Ann Arbor for more affordable housing funding. The City voted in April 2017 to sell the Library Lot and as a result, \$5 million will be placed into the City's Affordable Housing Fund.

our member agencies

Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Avalon Housing, Child Care Network, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, Catholic Social Services, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Fair Housing Center of S.E. Michigan, Faith in Action, Food Gatherers, Habitat for Humanity, MI Unified, Housing Bureau for Seniors, Interfaith Hospitality Network @ Alpha House, Jewish Family Services, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Michigan Ability Partners, M.I.S.S.I.O.N., Offender Success, Office of Community and Economic Development, Ozone House, SAFEHouse Center, The Salvation Army, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services, Homeless Veterans Program of the VA Medical Center, Washtenaw Health Plan, Ypsilanti Housing Commission