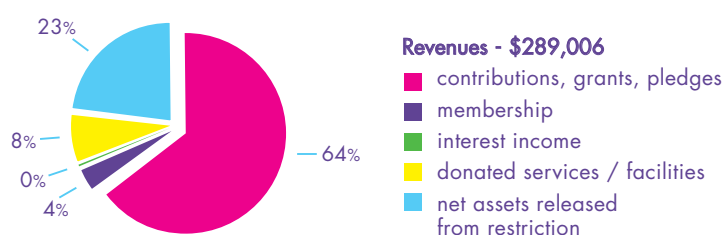


who we are

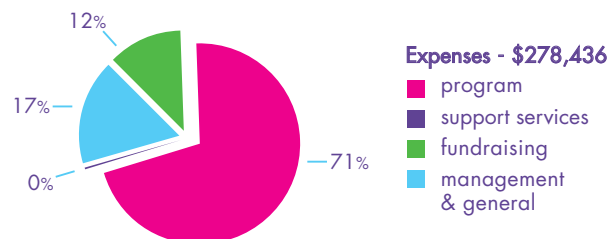
The Washtenaw Housing Alliance is a coalition of 35 non profits and government offices who are committed to ending homelessness in our community. WHA members joined together in 2004 with the cities of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to create "A Home for Everyone: The Blueprint to End Homelessness". The Blueprint is our vision of what it would take to end homelessness in Washtenaw County. Through this Blueprint our members work together for four major goals: Prevention, More Housing with Services, Reforming the System of Care, and Engaging the Community. In the past 9 years much has been accomplished and much more remains to be done. But throughout the years, we continue to work together to ensure that we serve those in our community who are **the most vulnerable** with effectiveness, efficiency and by utilizing best practices.

When people are housed, other problems can be addressed and lives are improved. As the only organization in the County committed to fulfilling this purpose, the WHA is a leader in building community support for homelessness and housing programs, providing technical assistance to providers to support innovation and best practices, advocating for the needs of people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and supporting the development of more truly affordable housing.

finances



Increase in unrestricted assets \$10,570



NOTE ON FUNDRAISING EXPENSES: The WHA has been charged by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners with providing staff support to the Task Force on Sustainable Revenue for Supportive Housing. In 2012-13, the WHA hired a consulting firm to assess the climate for conducting a campaign to develop an endowment for this work. This work represents 98% of our expenses in fundraising. 2% was actually what was spent for WHA fundraising needs. For a full financial report visit www.whalliance.org

homelessness at a glance

4360 
4360 individuals experienced homelessness in Washtenaw County in 2012

53% 
53% were individuals in families with children under the age of 18

47% 
47% were experiencing homelessness for the first time

1300+ 
The WISD, Education Project for Homeless Youth served more than 1300 homeless school age youth during 2012

our community's work

- Our member agencies provide services to many of the county's poorest citizens—those with incomes between 0 and 30% of the Average Median Income for Washtenaw County.
- 75% of those who used shelter services left for a positive housing experience and 70% were still housed 12 months later.
- 70% who left Transitional Housing went to permanent housing and 76% were stably housed for 6 months.
- 93% of those who entered Permanent Supportive Housing remained housed for at least a year, and 72% maintained or increased their income.

- Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC) responded to more than 4,223 housing related calls between Nov, 2012 and June 30, 2013 and provided homelessness financial assistance with an average amount of \$975. Many other people were referred into shelters for available beds; many more were diverted from shelter by working with the household to identify safe, temporary housing; and housing search assistance was provided to even more.
- HAWC is working in tandem with Judge Cedric Simpson, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, and the MI Dept. of Human Services in Judge Simpson's court to prevent evictions by conducting mediation and interventions between landlords and tenants right in the court.
- WHA successfully led implementation of historic federal policy shifts by facilitating a community change process with more than 35 public and private non-profit agencies to strengthen and transform housing and homelessness work. WHA was recognized by being awarded a national planning and coordination grant from U.S. HUD, that comprised 17% of our annual budget.
- Through the WHA facilitation and planning, our community will repurpose more than \$2 million in federal funds in 2014 to create more rapid rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing opportunities for households experiencing homelessness.
- With WHA providing the staff support, The Washtenaw County Task Force on Supportive Services has been exploring a campaign to raise an endowment to help fund critical housing supports.

wha membership

Ann Arbor Housing Commission | Avalon Housing | Child Care Network | Wash Co. Community Support and Treatment Services | Project Outreach Team (PORT) of CSTS | Catholic Social Services | Community Action Network | Michigan Department of Human Services | Education Project for Homeless Youth | Fair Housing Center of S. E. Michigan | Faith In Action | Food Gatherers | Friends in Deed | Habitat for Humanity | HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) | Home of New Vision | Housing Bureau for Seniors | Interfaith Hospitality Network @ Alpha House | Jewish Family Services | Legal Services of South Central Michigan | Michigan Ability Partners | MISSION | Neighborhood Senior Services | Office of Community and Economic Development | Ozone House | Peace Neighborhood Center | SAFEHouse Center | The Salvation Army | Shelter Association of Washtenaw County | SOS Community Services | Synod Community Services | Homeless Veterans Program of the VA Medical Center | Washtenaw Health Plan | Washtenaw Prisoner Reentry | Ypsilanti Housing Commission

from the president

The world of housing and homelessness work continues to change dramatically as our community needs continue to increase. Federal budget battles in Washington have threatened some of the most successful programs that keep people housed; funds for new affordable housing development are threatened; and our state and local funds are not likely to get back to pre-2008 funding levels. At the center of all of these changes is the Washtenaw Housing Alliance. In these challenging times, the WHA works with our member agencies and our community systems to create more effective programs, greater efficiency, and a higher level of support for our most vulnerable citizens.

This report provides you with the highlights of our work over the last twelve months. We hope you will agree that WHA provides a "value-added" proposition to our community. We appreciate your support and the caring our entire community has shown to people in the most desperate situations. Political leaders, community funders, volunteers, board members of agencies, agency staff and our faith-based communities truly make Washtenaw County a caring community. Please remember, **together, we can end homelessness.**

Warmly,

Bob Guenzel



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