



LAWRENCE
COMMUNITY
SHELTER

Stories of Hope
2017 Annual Report



Our Mission

The mission of the Lawrence Community Shelter is to provide a safe shelter and comprehensive programs that set individuals and families facing homelessness on a path to a positive future.

OUR STORIES

"My kids are thriving since we got here. I mean, they really like it here. I understand the stigma we have in the community, but the reality is that they are helping people change their lives here, they are helping people with their families. I'd also like to start saving to put Levi [my son] through KU. **Really, my children are my world.**" -John

"I had anxiety about leaving my home, having no money, no job, and no vehicle. I'm so grateful to this place for getting me stabilized with work. I've had two major operations since I've lived here. I've gotten past my operations and I've secured really good employment.

I don't know where I would have been without the help of the Lawrence Community Shelter. Trying to find a job without a place to sleep is really hard. It's hard go to your job everyday and nobody knows that you are homeless. **Lawrence Community Shelter is my heart and home. I'm going to be in a house just like anybody else now.**"

-Gina



Paving a Path to a Positive Future *Opportunities of Hope*

At the core of the Lawrence Community Shelter's mission are our individualized and integrated case management programs. The programs you support through your donations provide opportunities for children and adults experiencing homelessness.

These opportunities include employment, housing, and health care. All of these combined pave paths to positive futures.

753 | Adults & families
served in 2017



FINDING MY VOICE

"My name is Alta and I have five kids. My husband was having a problem with drinking, he lost his job and then our house. My four-year-old and my newborn baby got lead poisoning before we came to LCS. **They could have died. This place saved them.** They have improved so much after we moved here. Before, my son could not speak, he was still in diapers. My daughter could not see. The lead poisoning stunted my son's growth and ate up his teeth, it slowed his motor and verbal skills. He is four but he looks like he's two. It's hard to get lead poisoning out. But now, he can speak and he is growing. My daughter can see.

The shelter is the best thing that could've happened to us. It helped us out as a family. My kids have benefited being here.

We went to parenting programs every other Friday. This place has changed me a lot. The shelter improved me, I know how to stick up for myself now. I learned to be a better mom and stand up for myself.

In my new house things are much better. **As long as my kids are happy and healthy, I am happy."**



Healthy Lifestyles *LCS Family Program*

LCS connects children and families experiencing homelessness with the services they need to ensure a successful transition. We collaborate with local education programs for children and their parents.

LCS helps parents focus on permanent employment and housing .

Each family is unique. LCS is uniquely equipped to help each family meet and overcome the challenges they face. There is no happier day than when a healthy and stable family moves out of LCS and into their new home.

57

**Children
served in 2017**



Employment Success

Many LCS guests face meaningful obstacles to maintaining full-time employment. LCS case managers and the employment team provide **ongoing support** in order to help adults overcome personal and social hurdles, resolve workplace issues, and advance towards better work and better pay.

Work is the path to **independence, self-worth, and social integration** within the community. The Employment Program does everything it can to set adults on that path.

106 | Adults found employment



BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY



106
Placed into permanent jobs (net of jobs lost) at an average wage of \$10.50.



159
Moved into permanent housing.



1,132
Medication prescriptions filled.



127
Referred for mental health treatment.

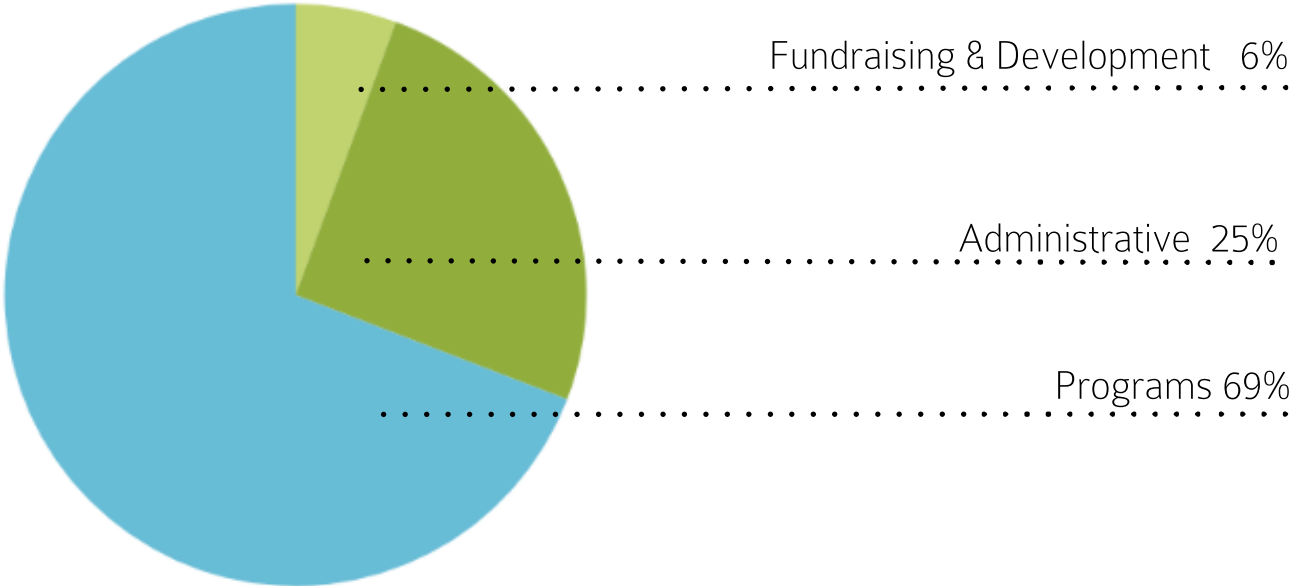
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\$1
INVESTED IN JOB
PLACEMENT
THROUGH LCS

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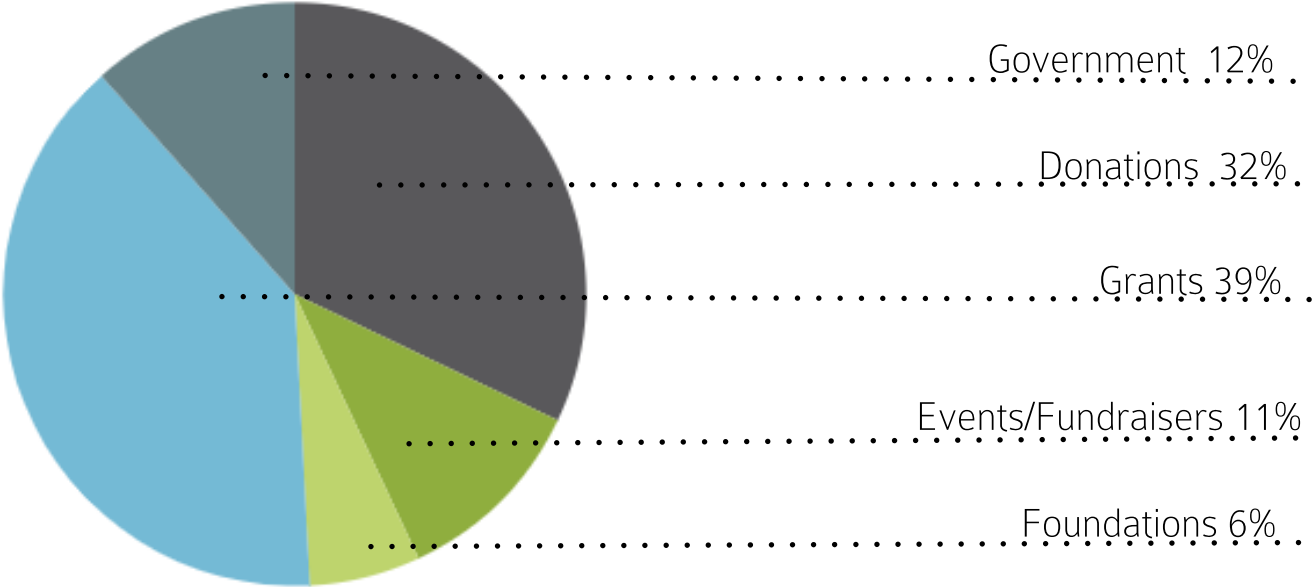
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Total Operating Expenses: \$1,162,604

Operating Revenue



Total Operating Revenue: \$1,100,752

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