

Loving Our Neighbors... Together

by Darrel Reinford, Executive Director

Divisive. Angry. Condemning. Apathetic. These are words sometimes used to describe the church community. Sadly, at times, they can be accurate.

But what I see each day is different.

United. Loving. Welcoming. Motivated.

The vision for CCU was exemplified over 40 years ago when churches joined together to help flood victims after the devastation of Hurricane Agnes. Neighbors helping neighbors. They knew they couldn't do it alone.

That vision carries on. Look at the numbers to the right. No one church could invest this much love, assistance, and hope in our capital region. But by working together over the past year, we multiplied our impact through these programs:

HELP Ministries: Provided emergency and longer-term aid to individuals and families to prevent or end homelessness, or resolve crisis situations.

Prison Action: Organized collaborative prison ministry and reentry efforts, including mentor training and worship services/connection breakfasts for inmates.

Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven: Provided long-term housing and support to men who were on the street for over a year and facing mental health issues.

Project A.S.K.: Rallied neighbors to provide tangible support to children in need in the West Shore School District so they can focus on learning at school.

Winter Overnight Safe Haven: Offered a warm, dry place to sleep during the cold winter months to men on the street, run by volunteers.

In addition to the above, which continue, we give leadership in our community to help tackle systemic problems and work towards collaborative solutions. This past year we helped to bring together Bethesda Mission, Downtown Daily Bread, the Salvation Army, and other local church and civic leaders to increase winter shelter space in downtown Harrisburg so people can get off the street in extreme weather. We worked with Leadership Harrisburg to develop a powerful video about how Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven is changing lives. We coordinated worship services each Sunday over the summer on the Pride of the Susquehanna riverboat. We partnered with the interfaith community to respond to incidents of hate and division, helping to organize and promote two separate unity events. We were (and continue to be) a local distribution point for "Welcome Your Neighbor" signs, with over 1,100 signs distributed. We are building capacity to serve more men, women and children than ever before.

The word "we" is used a lot in the above paragraph. Redundant? Perhaps. But it's intentional. *We* includes you, and is a testament to how much we can do, together. CCU continues to be a model of churches and the community joining hands—United!—to love our neighbors, overcome barriers, and breed hope. Thank you for loving your neighbor. Together.



2017 Annual Report

CCU...by the numbers

- 2,600** Men, Women and Children served (all programs)
- 410** Households helped with rental assistance to prevent or leave homelessness
- 85%** Of emergency shelter & rental assistance clients obtained permanent housing
- 619** Individuals placed in, and supported during, emergency shelter
- 42** Men receiving long-term housing and support at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (SHSH)
- 1,364** Women, Men and Children provided housing
- 25** The chapter of the book of Matthew that inspires our work. See also Isaiah 58.
- 52** Work Release Worship Services
- 20** Churches leading Work Release Worship Services
- 9,480** Nights of housing provided at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven
- 340** People who attended CCU's 40th Anniversary Celebration
- 125** Men provided warm, dry place to sleep at our Winter Overnight Safe Haven
- 770** Summer long attendance at Riverboat Worship Services
- 14** Nurses offices supported with tangible items by Project A.S.K. in West Shore School District (WSSD)
- 1,160** Weekend food backpacks provided to children in WSSD
- 6** Leadership Harrisburg classmates creating our SHSH video
- 5%?** Of people receiving this annual report still reading this column
- 1,100** Welcome Your Neighbor signs distributed

HELP Ministries Testimonial: How We Help

A woman came to us in a tough spot. Due to bad winter weather, her hours had been reduced at work. Then her car broke down. She was only one week behind on her room rent, but since she was renting a room and not on an official lease, she was in danger of immediate eviction if she couldn't pay the bill. We were able to assist her with her room rent and also provide a voucher for a bus pass to help her get to work until she could get her car repaired. For the working poor, one setback can be devastating. We help folks navigate crises to avoid homelessness.

Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven: Safe and Warm

A resident was volunteering, making some treats to take to a few supporters of SHSH to say thanks. He asked if he could help deliver the treats. He joined a staff member for a partial day on the road, talking about growing up on the farm, working hard. He had lived with his parents his entire life due to some of his challenges. But they passed, and he was living in his car. The cold was too much. He's so thankful he found Susquehanna Harbor. Now he's working to get stable with his mental health and some medical issues, so he can find a job and improve his situation.



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2016-2017 Statement of Financial Position

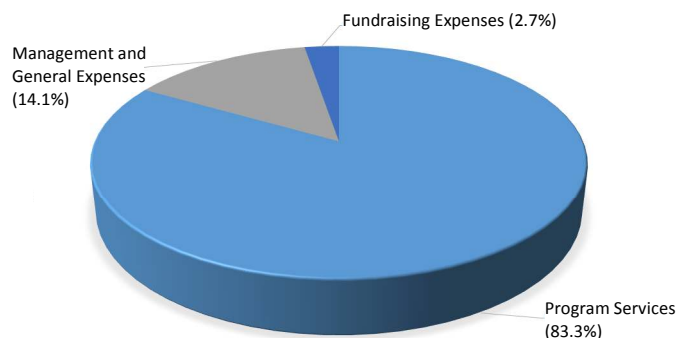
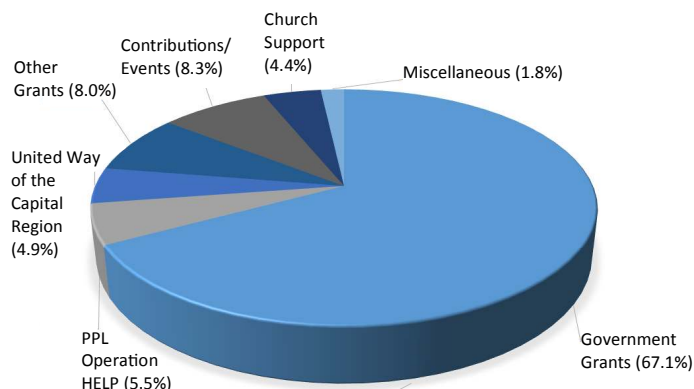
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Revenue

Government Grants	\$1,273,722
PPL Operation HELP	\$104,543
United Way of the Capital Region	\$93,081
Other Grants	\$152,577
Contributions/Events	\$156,621
Church Support	\$83,262
Miscellaneous	\$33,615
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$1,897,421

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,609,994
HELP Ministries: Homeless Assistance ...	\$890,776
HELP Ministries: Emergency Services	\$215,656
Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven:	\$388,950
Other Program Services.....	\$114,612
Management and General Expenses	\$271,969
Fundraising	\$51,451
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$1,933,414
Increase/(Decrease) In Net Assets.....	(35,993)
Total Assets.....	\$1,989,793
Total Liabilities	\$44,704



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