

Annual Report 2015-2016



A Year of Transition and Growth

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Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Leadership transition is hard for any organization. It is especially hard when we say goodbye to a long-time leader who was beloved by our organization and the community. When I joined CCU in 2015 as the first new Executive Director in almost 20 years, I was extremely grateful to be walking into the legacy Jacquie Rucker had left for me. I thank God for the faithfulness he has shown to CCU over the years, especially for the leadership he has raised up like Jacquie and many others, to push forward with our mission of serving our community.

My first year at CCU, the 2015-16 fiscal year, was one of learning to know and be known. Learning to know and understand the wonderful programs that CCU operates, the dedicated staff and board, and the loyal and generous support base from churches, individuals and the broader community. And learning to be known by being present in church, community and organizational leadership opportunities.

In addition to my new role as Executive Director, we welcomed new leadership at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven. We sought new ways to strengthen community collaboration and communication. Through these transitions, our services continued and grew through HELP Ministries (helping families overcome poverty, homelessness or other crises), Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (long-term housing and support for men who were chronically homeless), and our Prison Action Committee (mentoring and spiritual support for individuals while in prison and as they return to the community). We supported The Bridge Advisory Board as they transitioned the oversight of the New Cumberland food pantry to New Hope Ministries, allowing for additional services for their clients rather than duplicating services once New Hope opened their new Lemoyne ministry center. And we laid the groundwork for further ministry expansion in 2017 through Project A.S.K. (Assisting Students and Kids in West Shore School District).

The following stands out from my first year at CCU:

The Dedication of CCU Staff and Volunteers:

Whether helping families obtain emergency shelter or rental assistance to prevent homelessness, helping men at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven move from chronic homelessness to stability and

growth, or supporting the spiritual needs of individuals in Dauphin County Prison, our staff truly shares the love and compassion of Christ on a daily basis.

Vibrant Churches Reaching Out: CCU is a rally cry for churches to work together: to care for our neighbors in need and proclaim good news to the poor. While the church in America can sometimes be maligned for being too inward focused, from my vantage point I see area Christians reaching out daily to serve their community and love their neighbor. A highlight of the past year was our 2016 Spring Assembly, with 30 of our member churches represented in attendance, and three new member churches welcomed to the partnership that evening.

Being a Community Partner: CCU continues to be an active member of the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH), Capital Region Ex-Offenders Support Coalition (CRESC) and Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence – Harrisburg Chapter. We gave leadership in helping CACH update their long-range strategic plan to reduce homelessness, helped organize a unity rally to stand up against hate speech in our community, and participated in community dialogues on racism and gun violence.

Strengthening our Communication: With the help of a new Community Relations Assistant (Steve Burlew, or "Steve #1") we have started a regular e-newsletter, rebuilt our website and developed a social media presence. Please like us on Facebook to stay informed! www.facebook.com/ccuhbg

Building for the Future: This past year we added to and diversified our board, and added a Director of Development to our staff (Steve Schwartz, or "Steve #2").

With all these things in place, I look forward to celebrating CCU's 35th anniversary in 2017 and continuing to work with our staff, member churches, and volunteers to provide help and empowerment to those in need.

2015-2016 Program Results

HELP Ministries

• Homeless Services:

- 775 households provided with emergency shelter or with rental assistance to prevent or leave homelessness. Over 83% of these families found or remained in permanent housing at time of discharge from our services.
- Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing Programs
 - ◆ Households/Individuals Served: 382/852
- Emergency Shelter Placement & Case Management
 - ◆ Households/Individuals Placed/Served: 393/816

• Other Emergency Assistance:

- Prescriptions (Persons Served): 375
- Emergency Travel Assistance (Persons Served): 300
- PPL Operation HELP Utility Assistance (Households Served): 386

Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven (SHSH)

- Men Served in Long-Term Housing Program: 41
- Nights of Housing Provided (Long-Term Housing Program): 7,260
- Nights of Housing Provided (Winter Overnight Safe Haven): 2,400

Dauphin County Wide Homelessness Study*	2009	2016
# of Chronically Homeless Individuals in Dauphin County	152	53
% of Dauphin County Homeless Who Are Chronically Homeless	35.1%	17.6%

* SHSH was a community wide effort founded in 2009 targeted at reducing chronic homelessness. The numbers above show SHSH, in coordination with other community initiatives, are having a great impact. (Source: Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness Point In Time Surveys, 2009 & 2016)

Prison Action Committee

- Community Connections Breakfasts*
 - # Held/Avg Attendance: 12/40
- Work Release Worship Services*
 - # Held/Avg Attendance: 48/45

* These gatherings are designed to help ex-offenders connect with supportive faith communities as they transition back to society from prison.

The Bridge Food Pantry

- Average Households Served on a monthly basis: 175
- Operation turned over to New Hope Ministries in September 2016.

Community Leadership/Participation

- Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness
- Capital Region Ex-Offenders Support Coalition
- Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence
- YWCA Let's Talk About Race Series
- Harrisburg Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Council

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2015-2016 Statement of Financial Position

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

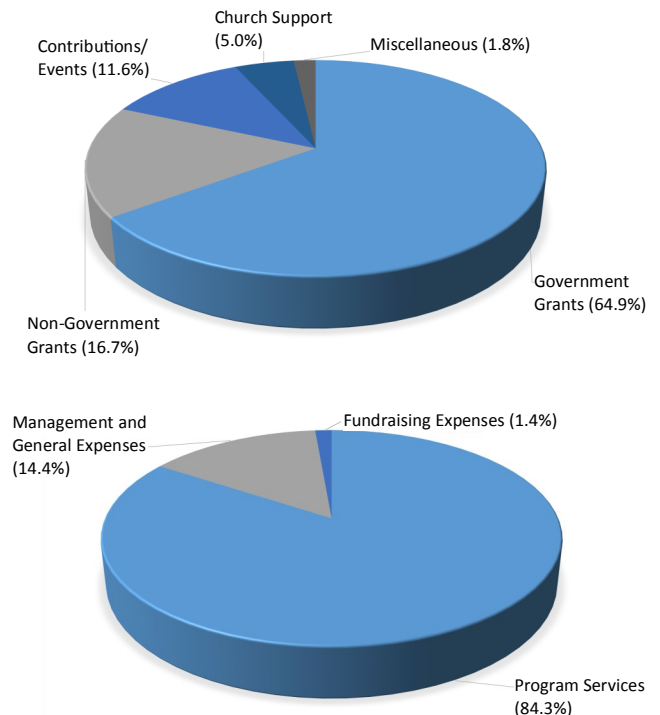
Revenue

Government Grants	\$1,041,551
Non-Government Grants.....	\$268,009
Contributions/Events	\$186,252
Church Support.....	\$79,516
Miscellaneous.....	\$29,458
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,604,786

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,403,925
HELP Ministries: Homeless Assistance	\$667,293
HELP Ministries: Emergency Services	\$274,017
Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven:	\$378,410
Other Program Services	\$84,205
Management and General Expenses	\$239,231
Fundraising	\$22,862
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,666,018

Change In Net Assets..... (61,232)



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