

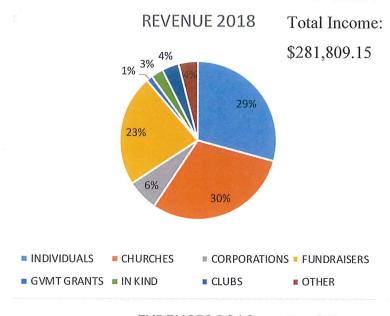
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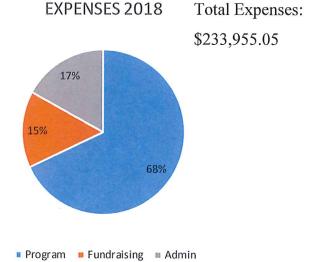
Serving Woodford County since 1982

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Woodford County Heartline and Heart House
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FINANCES





VOLUNTEERS

All of our community supported events were made possible by a supporting community. In 2018, we had over 200 volunteers logging in over 3500 volunteer hours.

Volunteers provide weekly administrative support by answering phones and assisting residents daily during office hours, every week day from 4:30-8:00pm.

Volunteers are crucial to our community events and programs such as our Spaghetti Supper/Bake Sale fundraiser, Race with your Heart, Operation Backpack, Tree of Hearts, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

WOODFORD COUNTY HEARTLINE AND HEART HOUSE

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide emergency shelter for women and their children; financial aid and education; community and resource referrals; and basic essentials to residents of Woodford County who find themselves homeless, victims of domestic violence, or in any other crisis situation

Woodford County Heartline

Stretch Your Dollar Classes

Stretch Your Dollar classes are free classes provided to all Heartline clients to show creative ways to save money. Meets second Friday at 10 AM every month. 2018 attendance – average of 15 clients per class.

Classes, Assistance and Programs

Financial Class

Financial Classes are free classes offered to clients and to the community on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. 2018 attendance – average of 15 clients per class.

Paper Products/Diapers

At the end of each Heartline class, clients receive paper products and diapers to help them out during the month. In 2018, 241 bags of paper products and 103 diaper packages were distributed.

Food/Formula Emergency Services

Heartline screens weekly for the Eureka Area Food Pantry, which is open each Wednesday morning. Heartline also dispersed 34 families with emergency food orders. We also assisted 23 families with baby formula.

Benevolence Fund

In 2018, 8 area churches gave \$24,895.00 to Heartline for our Benevolence Fund. Heartline distributed over \$21,666.26 for assistance to over 92 families for housing, utility bills and transportation.

Vouchers

CLOTHING -- In 2018, 14 vouchers for clothing distributed. FURNITURE - 60 vouchers were distributed for the Apostolic Christian Material Aid World Relief Center. TRANSPORTATION - We Care 29 vouchers were distributed.

Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends

Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends is a program through Ameren that we administer. In 2018, Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends helped 25 clients totaling \$6,617.00 in assistance.

Operation Backpack Program

Operation Backpack program is critical to making sure the kids in our community have new book bags and school supplies to help them start off the school year on a good note.

In 2018, we served 112 families - 265 children.

Tree of Hearts Program

Tree of Hearts assists parents and care givers in supplementing their Christmas budgets. Gifts were distributed to 106 families—269 children, and we estimated 1,700 gifts were distributed.

In 2018, we distributed 200 stockings and 200 food boxes as part of the Salvation Army program at Christmas.

Heartline also coordinates with the Salvation Army Kettle Program for Woodford County. The Salvation Army gives us 100% of the proceeds to utilize in the next year. In 2018, we raised \$4,287.14.

Fundraisers

Spaghetti Supper - \$14,242.75

Race with your Heart - \$19,144.23

Metamora Ice Cream Social - \$373.29

Pork Chop Cookouts - \$1,325.50

Night in a Car - \$26,510.88

With your help \$61,596.65 was raised through these fundraisers to ensure the continuation of the programs here at Heartline and Heart House.

Numerous other small fundraisers were done throughout the year by community individuals. The generosity of our community in supporting our organization is truly remarkable.

Heart House Shelter

In 1995, Heart House was financially equipped to move into their own secure facility, built with donated funds of caring and concerned individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses throughout Central Illinois. Twenty four years later, Heart House continues to provide shelter to women and their children who are homeless, fleeing from domestic violence or other crisis situations. The shelter is open 24 hours a day /7 days a week. In 2018, Heart House served 19 individuals and 7 children.

When women enter our shelter doors they are filled with uncertainty and hopelessness. We take great pride in our shelter programs, which encourage women to be independent, empowered and gain the ability to support themselves and their children. Each woman and family is unique. Our program examines all aspects of the family dimension, not simply housing and employment. We advocate and contact schools and counselors, attend court appointments, and utilize our resources to offer each person assistance with medical, psychological and spiritual counseling.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35 Currently the programs at Heart House include 1:1 program management, financial and budgeting classes Art from the Heart, domestic violence counseling and support groups, AA classes, parenting classes, cooking and nutrition classes and bible studies. Many of these programs were led by community volunteers and advocates.

Needing a speaker for your group? Contact us at 309-467-6101, ext 4 and we would love to discuss with you the opportunity to come and share about our ministry.