



Heartline

Eureka, IL

Heart House

Where crisis ends and *Hope* begins!
Serving Woodford County since 1982

**2020
ANNUAL
REPORT**

**Woodford County Heartline and Heart House
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FINANCES

WOODFORD COUNTY HEARTLINE AND HEART HOUSE

STAFF MEMBERS

Executive Director

Brandi Gerber

Heartline Program Manager

Brenna Taufer

Heart House Program Manager

Rachel Dreste

Resident Assistants

Chris Stutzman

Peg Robson

Bookkeeper

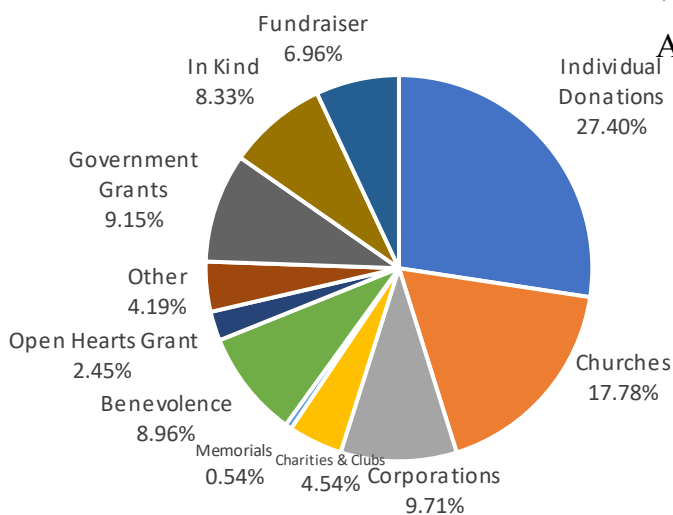
Jodi Gerber

2020 Income

Total Income:

\$408,210.14

Audited

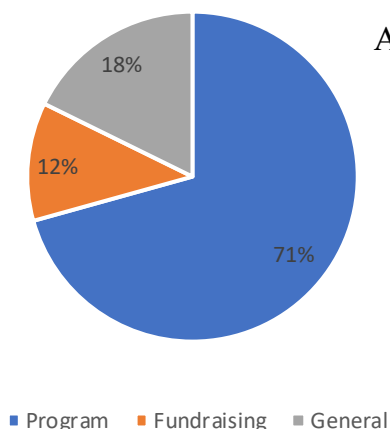


2020 Expenses

Total Expenses:

\$260,223.35

Audited



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Matt Sauder

Vice President

Judy Musselman

Treasurer

Linda Keys

Secretary

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VOLUNTEERS

All of our community supported events were made possible by a supporting community. In 2020, we had over 468 volunteers logging in over 1573 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.

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. 2020 attendance – average of 11 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. 2020 attendance – average of 11 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 2020, 317 bags of paper products and 33 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 190 with emergency food orders. We also assisted 6 families with baby formula.

Benevolence Fund

In 2020, 7 area churches gave \$39,316.60 to Heartline for our Benevolence Fund. Heartline distributed over \$13,137.62 for assistance to over 34 families for housing, utility bills and transportation.

EFSP Grant Funds

Heartline applied for and received a grant to help clients with rent and utilities through May 2021. We received \$27,000. In 2020, Heartline provided assistance for 36 bill payments for families for a total of \$9,392.16.

Vouchers

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS - In 2020, 11 vouchers for household items distributed.

Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends

Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends is a program through Ameren that we administer. In 2020, Warm Neighbors, Cool Friends helped 18 clients totaling \$4,735.00 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 2020, we served 70 families - 166 children.

Tree of Hearts Program

Tree of Hearts assists parents and care givers in supplementing their Christmas budgets. Gifts were distributed to 118 families - 316 children, and we estimated 1,580 gifts were distributed.

In 2020, we distributed 150 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 2020, we raised \$8,000.

Fundraisers

Spaghetti Supper - \$12,493.96

Race with your Heart - \$11,735.00

This was an odd year due to Covid-19. However, the few fundraisers we did have were wonderfully supported. The generosity of our community in supporting our organization is truly remarkable.

With your help \$24,228.96 was raised through these fundraisers to ensure the continuation of the programs here at Heartline and Heart House.

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 2020, Heart House served 15 individuals. 6 of those were 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.