

# Annual Report 2018



## HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

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**House Director**, Mary Danforth

**Board of Directors:** Mary Danforth (President), Jean Bush-Bacelis (Vice President), Gemaya Griffin (Treasurer), Debra Dill (Secretary), Harrold (Hal) Kooyers, Tom Messner, Roger Vance, Hank McQueen, Kevin Graber and Heather Neff.

### Purpose

House by the Side of the Road's purpose is to provide FREE clothing and small household items to children and adults in need. People come in after family breakup, job loss, fire, or prolonged illness. We also serve those who are homeless, those who are just re-entering society from prison, people with mental health issues, recent immigrants, and migrant workers.

For more information, please visit the website: [www.HousebytheSideoftheRoad.org](http://www.HousebytheSideoftheRoad.org)

### History

We were started in Washtenaw County in 1970 as a partnership between the County Board of Commissioners and various area churches. Washtenaw County provided a building and utilities for the first 40 years. However, in 2010 we became an independent non-profit. In both 2017 and 2018 we succeeded in taking in enough revenue to offer our expenses. We continue to be self-funded for and count on the generosity of friends and supporters to continue our good work in the community. We are successfully developing our fundraising skills.

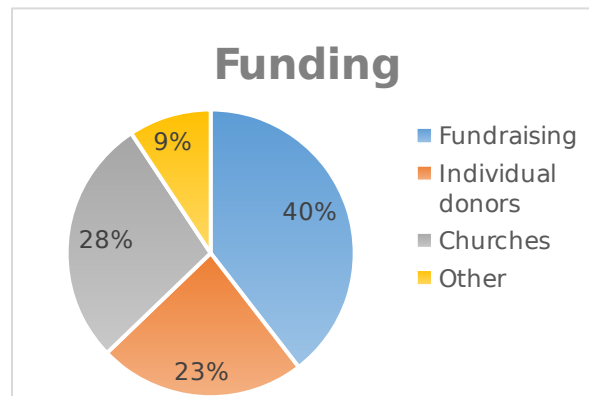
### Accomplishments

At the House by the Side of the Road, we are happy to be able to serve the needs of our clients. Volunteers and Volunteer Board Members bring special skills and dedication to the mission of the House by the Side of the Road. Our clients pay nothing and are not required to provide a referral. We are proud to report that we are, uniquely, a 100% volunteer run organization. That means we have NO paid staff but rely on the generosity of many individuals.

### Statistics 2018

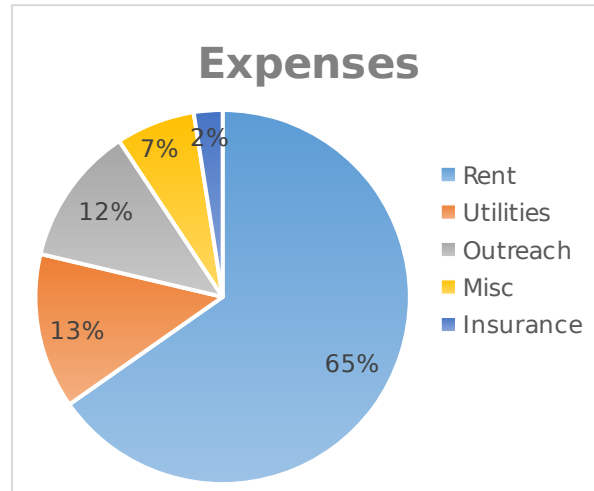
#### Funding

- Annual Gala Fundraiser - Weber's Inn October 2018 (\$17,000)
- Individual donations (\$10,000)
- Church donations (\$12,000)
- Other (including grants) (\$4,000)



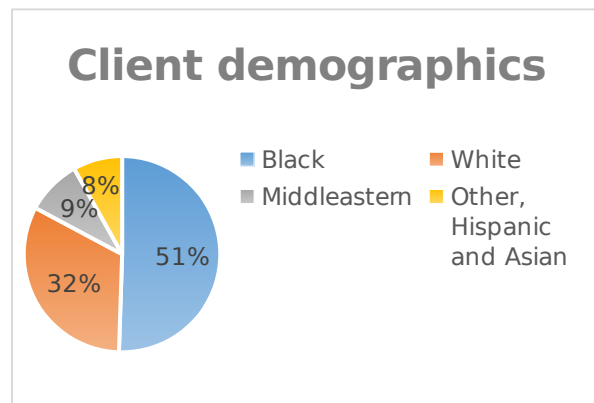
## Expenses

- Rent (\$29,000)
- Utilities (\$6,000)
- Outreach (\$5,000)
- Miscellaneous (\$3,000)
- Insurance (\$1,000)



## Clients

- 2,827 households
- 235 families per month (average)
- 787 new clients
- From
  - o 54% Ypsilanti
  - o 37% Ann Arbor
  - o 9% other (most from Washtenaw County)



One of the clients we served, who was referred to us by Safe House, had to leave her home with nothing after her partner beat her. She had a broken arm and foot and a badly bruised face. We were able to provide her with the clothes she needed.

## Needs

- Volunteers (special need: Spanish and Arabic speakers)
- Financial donations
- Usable clothing and small household goods such as sheets, towels, coffee makers, toasters, pots and pans

**Open for clients: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 2:00pm**

(clients may shop until 2:30pm)

Open for donations: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 2:30pm

(ring our bell at the back and we'll help you unload your donations)