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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Case Management -- Intake and assessment, goal setting, and progress meetings, basis for management of all program involvement

Housing

On-site emergency night shelter for 125 families and adults, housing applications, referrals and collaborations with local landlords, Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority, The Salvation Army, and Topeka Rescue Mission, and other regional shelters

Employment

Back-to-Work — job preparation, job search, job oversight, permanent and temporary employment assistance; Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats entrepreneurial jobs program – on-the-job training for production, marketing, and distribution skills; collaborations with Work Force Center and employment agencies; a Vocational Rehabilitation provider

Benefits, ID, Legal

Identification replacement, food stamp, disability, Medicaid and other applications, Kansas Legal Services, DMV, Social Security office, DCF, KDADS, SOAR trainer

Intervention – Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

Alcohol and drug counseling, transportation to detox and rehab programs in Topeka, Johnson County, and Kansas City, AA meetings; referrals and collaborations with DCCCA, RADAC, Valeo, and Johnson County Adult Detox Unit, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and others

Daytime Services - breakfast, lunch, laundry, mail, telephone, internet access, storage, art therapy, book club, health screenings and promotion, refuge from extreme weather, transportation, quilting group

Night Services – beds for up to 125 families and adults, dinner, storage, showers, substance abuse intervention, counseling

TWELVE MONTH SUCCESSES – 167,566 units of service delivered to the homeless

Housing -- staff helped with applications, landlord/tenant relations, fees, searches

- 245 guests moved into permanent housing
- 44 guests applied to Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority

Employment -- staff helped with job coaching, entrepreneurial projects, state employment guidance

- 97 guests started permanent jobs

Benefits -- staff helped obtain ID, birth certificates, licenses, DCF and SS applications

- 94 guests applied for ID, driver's license, and other documentation
- 42 guests applied for disability

Intervention -- staff helped with mental and physical illness episodes, substance abuse detox and rehab

- 23 guests entered substance abuse detox or rehab programs
- 59 guests went to the emergency room or were hospitalized for physical illness
- 79 guests went to mental health assessment or treatment
- 847 prescriptions filled by prescription assistance program

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

- ❖ 672 intakes for new guests in 2013 into case management programs (vs 665 new intakes in 2012)
- ❖ 836 unique individuals participated in all shelter programs combined (vs 815 individuals in 2012)
- ❖ LCS Family Program served 78 families with 102 adults and 142 children
- ❖ 62% male; 37% female; 0.3% transgendered; 0.6% unknown
- ❖ 17% under 18 years of age; 75% between 18 and 60 years; 8% over 60 years of age
- ❖ 74% White; 13% African-American; 8% Native-American; 5% Other
- ❖ 20% with diagnosed mental illness and/or substance use disorder

GOALS ACHIEVED

- Hired new Kitchen Manager, served 3 meals every day of the year.
- Expanded LCS Family Program, more than doubling the number of families and children served
- Completed the Garden Project, celebrated with a harvest party in the fall
- Provided 41,509 bed nights to shelter guests
- Trained staff and guests to become Kansas Certified Peer Mentors
- Retail sales of Good Dog! Dog increased and products now available in both Lawrence Hy-Vee stores.
- LCS Family Program playground built and fenced by the end of the year.
- Over 200 volunteers assisted with projects, meals, groups, transportation, supply drives, and fundraisers.

COLLABORATIONS

- United Way of Douglas County and Roger Hill Volunteer Center's AmeriCorps program focused on improving health outcomes for LCS shelter guests as part of community wide effort.
- Strengthening Family Network worked to insure guests in the LCS Family Program have five protective factors that reduce incidents of child abuse.
- Collaboration with Health Care Access and Independence Inc. saw that guests were able to access a medical home after the move to the new facility.
- Partnership with Catholic Charities provided programming to shelter guests in group settings on the topics of decision-making in relationships and basic money management.
- Worked with Lawrence Family Promise to raise awareness of family homelessness in Lawrence through the first 5K Home Run event on Memorial Day.
- Membership in the Harvesters Food Network led to gleaning of food from local stores and businesses for use in the LCS meals program and in local Harvesters affiliated food pantries like Salvation Army and Ballard Community Services.

GOING FORWARD

- Completion of training classroom and roof repairs
- Continue to increase marketing and distribution of Good Dog! Biscuits and Treats
- Complete search for new Executive Director
- Hire new Jobs Program staff person
- Playground dedication event
- Make improvements in intervention programming

Interested in Volunteering? Report a Problem? Make a Donation? Learn more about LCS?

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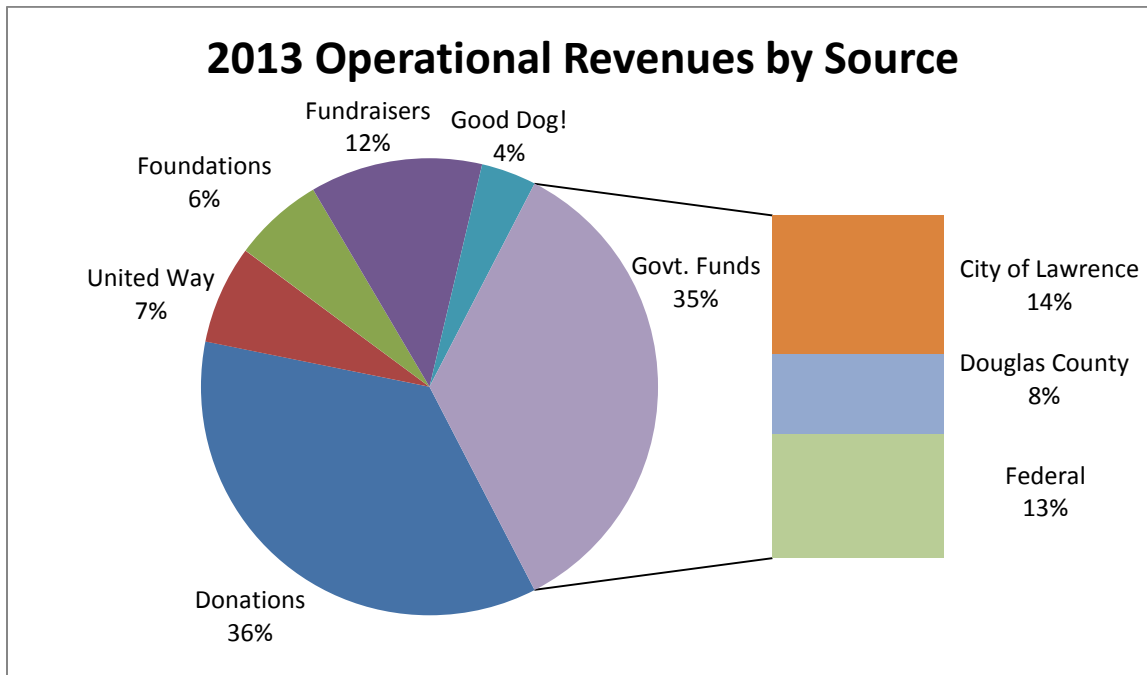
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Stewardship

Lawrence Community Shelter's 2013 fiscal year operating expenses totaled \$933,628. The operational revenues for 2013 were approximately one-third public funding from local, state, and federal sources. The other two-thirds of the budget were made up of private contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations. LCS ended the 2013 fiscal year with \$100,741 in operating cash. Direct programming expenses make up 83% of LCS's operating costs while the other 17% is expended on administration, fundraising, and general indirect costs.



Lawrence Community Shelter ended its Capital Campaign at the end of 2013 having collected over 90% of all pledges made to the campaign. LCS received a low-interest long-term loan from the City of Lawrence for \$725,000 that allowed LCS to retire all commercial debt accrued during the purchase and renovation of the facility which was completed in 2012. Additionally the loan will pay for repairs to the roof of the building. Those repairs will be completed in early 2014. \$225,000 will be transferred to the City of Lawrence to reduce the principal of the loan in 2014 and the balance will be amortized over 30 years.

Lawrence Community Shelter ended 2013 with \$318,367 in current assets and \$2.9 million in total assets.

In 2013 LCS staff also won the Tom and Anne Moore Peace and Justice Award for their hard work and dedication.