



Single Moms In a Loving Environment

Annual Report 2016 (June 2017)

Message from Executive Director

Thank you for praying for us and with us on our maiden voyage this year. Starting a non-profit ministry, we have learned many things and grown in 2016.

Sharing our vision with others has been a challenge, but a blessing as well. Networking with other agencies and people, we have moved forward in small steps.

We continue to share the vision and need as we raise awareness, and money for the ministry. To do this, we have established a Facebook page, a prayer team, brainstorming team, and are working on getting our website up and functional by July 1, 2017.

Seeing a glimpse of what God has done in 2016, may you be encouraged and become excited with us.

I personally want to thank God for everyone that He has provided to help in this process as we move forward. I won't take the time to name them all, but without them I would have made many bad decisions. I am so thankful for all the help and support that you have provided in the form of money, prayers, answering questions, and giving insight and direction to the steps that lay ahead. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Serving Single Moms and Their Children Together
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2016 In Review

HIGHLIGHTS BY MONTH

January – became an entity - board members – Juanita Stevens, Lisa Siegrist, Brock Youngren, visited similar houses, started hosting informational meetings

February – began working on policies and procedures

March – had turned 5 different agencies with women and children in need of transitional housing away, day visit with The Bridge in Orange City

April – interview on KJLY, more informational meetings

May – started to consider Duncan Heights for purchase

June – met with Board of Supervisors re: Duncan Heights, interview on KIOW

July – various meetings with people regarding support/fundraising, ministry opportunities, etc.

August – Immersion training for a week at The Bridge in Orange City

September – Decided to walk away from Duncan Heights – learned about building codes, costs, renovations, etc.

October – Established service area – 20 counties in North Central Iowa – coincides with Domestic Abuse service area

November – Had a booth at Women of Worth Expo in Blue Earth, MN, started looking at other properties

December – Continued working on plans for the next steps, policies, procedures, etc. Enjoyed the holidays with our families.



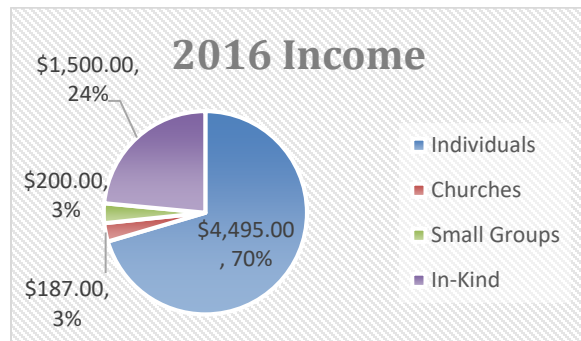
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STATISTICS

- > “According to the U.S. Census Bureau, out of about 12 million single parent families in 2016, more than 80% were headed by single mothers.” (U.S. Census Bureau, 2016)
- >Of these, about 50% are due to never being married and the other 50% due to divorce, separation, or widowhood
- >\$26,000.00 is the average income of a single mom compared to \$84,000.00 the average income for a married couple
- >Approximately 51% live in extreme poverty (<\$9,900/year)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Cash donations	\$4882.00
In-Kind donations	\$1500.00
Expenses	\$1119.00
Legal and fees for expo	



Projected Budgets for 2017

Operational budget \$15,000.00*
 *this may change as we acquire property, vehicles, etc.

Project Needs

For “Moms SMILE”
 15-passenger van \$30,000.00

For “Transitional Housing” Program
 We will move forward on these as we receive the monies. Our intentions are to remain a debt free ministry.

These numbers are based on the current property we are considering and are estimates:

Purchase + ins.	\$150,000.00
Update site office/house	\$ 50,000.00
Security system	\$ 25,000.00
Build House 1	\$200,000.00
Sprinkler System	\$186,000.00

BIG Dreams for 2017

- 1) To start “Moms SMILE” support groups in two communities and to be able to purchase a 15-passenger van
- 2) To purchase a property where we can start building homes to take in single moms and their children

“Moms SMILE” – bi-weekly support group for those exhausted moms who need encouragement in becoming the best moms they can be.

“Moms SMILE – Forest City”
 Meeting at First Baptist Church
 18508 Hwy 9
 Forest City, IA 50436

2nd & 4th Wednesdays starting in July
 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Meal and Childcare provided

“Moms SMILE – Algona” starting later this year, watch our website and Facebook page to see when and where.
 Prayerfully consider how you can be involved with SMILE, then act.