



Hope House
MISSION

In partnership with City Gospel Mission



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2018-19

A Message from Executive Director Dr. Mitchell Foster



Since 1989, Hope House Mission has been a beacon for the homeless and poor in the city of Middletown, throughout Butler and Warren counties, and in surrounding communities.

Our **vision** is: Striving to eliminate homelessness in our community.

Our **purpose** is: To provide mental, emotional and spiritual resources designed to promote long-term, sustainable life transformation, regardless of race, religion or social status.

We served 400 men, women and children in our shelters last year. And we serve 220 hot meals each day. Often, a meal served with kindness is the first step on the road to recovery for a homeless man or woman.

In 2014, we began a partnership with City Gospel Mission in Cincinnati to expand our impact, and we have grown ever since.

In 2020, we embarked on a new chapter when we opened an amazing new men's facility with 30 furnished apartments and a 50-bed shelter.

The biggest news of year: 30 guests prayed to receive Christ and were disciplined weekly through Bible study in large and small group settings.

We can't thank our supporters enough for being part of God's provision so that hurting men, women and children can live in a safe place and hear the life-transforming message that Jesus has for them.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Mitchell Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Mitchell Foster, Executive Director of Programs

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FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	486,604	379,222
Capital campaign promises to give	215,700	1,469,650
Accounts receivable	3	0
Accounts receivable - third party	728,844	0
Prepaid expenses & other	18,999	6,206
Total Current Assets	1,450,150	1,855,078
INVESTMENTS		
Investments	16	0
Total Investments	16	0
FIXED ASSETS (LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT)		
Fixed Assets (Net)	2,029,955	674,641
Total Fixed Assets	2,029,955	674,641
OTHER ASSETS		
Investment in Grove Street PSH, LLC	458,500	0
Total Other Assets	458,500	0
Total Assets	3,938,621	2,529,719

LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable & other accruals	526,265	28,442
Accrued payroll	16,960	12,341
Total Liabilities	543,225	40,783

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE			EXPENSES		
	2019	2018		2019	2018
Public support	\$1,742,582	\$2,372,168	Program services	\$620,664	\$586,997
Noncash donations	\$64,179	\$68,714	Management & general	\$93,466	\$32,321
Program service fees	\$63,392	\$31,786	Fundraising/development	\$128,176	\$159,244
Special events, net	\$19,278	\$45,774	Total expenses	\$842,306	\$778,562
Other income	\$4,545	\$132			
Realized/unrealized gain (loss on sale of investments)	\$1	0			
Gain (loss) on disposal of asset	(\$146,195)	0			
Interest/dividend revenue, net of investment fees	\$984	\$1,438			
Total public support & revenue	\$1,748,766	\$2,520,012			



MEN'S SHELTER



Our men's facility, opened in 2020, includes a 50-bed emergency shelter, administrative offices, additional counseling and case management offices, meeting spaces, a chapel, a recreation room, a dining room with a commercial kitchen, a private intake office, and a health counseling room for nurses and visiting doctors. The facility also includes 30 one-bedroom permanent supportive housing apartments designed to especially help the chronically homeless.



WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER



Up to 40 women and children are welcomed as guests each night at our emergency shelter.

More than a roof over their heads, our shelter provides a sense of safety and security and surrounds women and children with support needed to work on the root problems that led to homelessness. Through counseling and case management, guests are equipped with the tools needed to live transformed lives.

Jessica's redemption: 'I thank God I'm alive'

I celebrated being 2 years sober on Dec. 4. I'm thankful for what the Lord has brought me through. I thank God I'm alive. And with all that I did and all that I put them through, my children still love me.

I was expelled from school in 9th grade, and from there my life just spiraled down. When I was 15 years old I was in a car accident. My arm was crushed. I had to have emergency surgery, and I needed a blood transfusion, which left me having rods and screws in my arm. I was prescribed Vicodin for the pain, and that's when my addiction set in with opiates. On my 21st birthday, I tried cocaine for the first time, which led to crack cocaine. From the time I was 28 to 35 I was a heavy heroin and meth user. I would inject them both through snorting and IV.

I lost my home, I lost my children - everything I cared about. Losing my children really messed me up and sent me over the edge. You would think someone losing their children would straighten them up. Not me. I lost all self control. And if it wasn't for my parents taking them in, who knows what would have happened to them. I couldn't hold a job unless I had my drugs. Even then it seemed impossible. I needed them to feel normal.

I ended up in and out of jail. I went through homelessness because my family just had enough. I overdosed more times than I could count - three times in one week. I was thrown out of an apartment and left for dead.

By God's grace and mercy, someone found me and called the paramedics. I've been

involved in all sorts of violence, from physical to guns being pulled on me. I'm lucky I wasn't kidnapped or murdered.

When I was arrested for prostitution, that's when the Lord really got a hold of me and gave me strength to walk away from it all.

I loved it at Hope House. It was the structure, but also the love I received. They helped me so much in so many ways. I felt peace there. I was really focused on not going back to my old ways.

Today, I have my own apartment and car. I have a job I love at Hope House, helping women who are where I was. I have steady income and can pay my own bills and don't have to live off the state. I'm back in school getting my GED. I have salvation, a wonderful relationship with the Lord, and I am blessed with a supportive church community. A Hope House board member is even my life coach.

I thought my children were going to bury me 2 years ago. Now, I'm trying to break the cycle with them.

My son Cody will go to church with me sometimes. My son Levi wears a Jesus bracelet. And my daughter asks me about gospel songs. Cody wants me to sing at church. I can't sing, so I say, "Well, we'll pray about that." It just all warms my heart.

My children are watching me. I have hope I'm doing things right. And I know I wouldn't have any of it without God.



'It's awesome to have your own apartment'

My whole life I had my own home, my own vehicle, a boat, I had everything. But because of those drugs, it messed me up.

I actually got a storage unit, and put all my stuff in there, and I went to go get some clothes one time and I didn't have anywhere to go to sleep. The storage unit next to mine was open, so I just threw my bed in there and slept in there for about four months.

After that I ended up at Hope House. I was a very angry person before I came in. Now, I'm probably the happiest person in here.

It's a wonderful place, having a bed and food every day – three square meals – if you need shampoo, deodorant, a toothbrush, toothpaste they'll have it for you. They will help you tremendously. It's unbelievable.

I've never been off drugs in my life for 30 months, and it's a wonderful feeling. It's an awesome feeling to have your own individual

apartment. Just being free again. The apartments are a Godsend. It has given my independence back, day by day.

I just bought a car, and I'm working for Hope House now. What I do is sit at the desk up front and keep an eye on the apartment side and help out the guys from the shelter side with whatever they need. And I answer the phones.

Hope House has done nothing but wonders for us. I'm back to my old self before I was on drugs, and it's nice. It feels really good. I can't ask for more.

I do believe now. Good things can happen. Let God take you where you need to go, and He will.



Breaking the cycle of poverty and despair...

One Life at a time.

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