



2016-2017 Annual Report

OUTCOMES FOR 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM OUTCOMES

100% of clients had their otherwise unobtainable basic needs for safe shelter and food met

CLIENT SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

For clients staying longer than eight days
and receiving a case management plan

80%



of clients showed improvement in their understanding of the relationship between following well-balanced meal plans and achieving good health

80%-95%



of clients adopted well-balanced meals as part of their daily routine

80%-85%



acquired basic understanding of U.S. geography, social and economic skills (identifying states, introduction to personal banking / budgeting and use of internally developed learning aids, etc.)

90%-95%



of clients acquired basic English conversational skills (communicating name, address, phone number and common greetings)

90%



of clients received health referrals to a local free clinic. When residing longer than one week, clients in need received a follow-up

80%-85%



gained employment skills and completed milestones requisite for employment (introduction to job-seeking vocabulary and practices; learned how to complete a job application; proper job interview conduct; and acquired U.S. Social Security card, work permit and Texas ID)

100%



of children and infants identified with health issues received a referral and follow-up visit

95%-100%



of children residing longer than six weeks enrolled in school and attended regularly throughout their stay

Message from Program Director Sister Zita Telkamp, CDP

For the past ten years, I have served as the Program Director of La Posada Providencia. During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, we welcomed the third highest number of immigrants and asylum seekers in our twenty-seven years' history of "welcoming the stranger." The 486 men, women, and children whom we have had the privilege of serving in 2016-2017 and those who are arriving at our doors today as I write this article, calls to mind the following Scripture passage:



"My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt...and lived there as an alien...When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us...we cried to the Lord...and He heard our cry...He brought us out of Egypt...into a land flowing with milk and honey."

Deuteronomy 26:5-9

Many of the 486 clients who arrived at La Posada in 2016-2017 not only suffered extreme poverty, maltreatment, unjust imprisonment, and death threats as a result of actions taken by their oppressive governments; but some were robbed, kidnapped, and tortured for ransom as they journeyed in search of welcoming hands. It was the welcoming hands of La Posada, the generous support of friends and contributors, and their trust in God that "...brought them out of a land of oppression and danger. . .into a land of freedom and peace."

Thank you, to all of you whose names are listed in this annual report; without your assistance we could not have kept the lights on, water running and food on the table as we welcomed the third highest number of brothers and sisters who arrived in 2016-2017.

May God's abundant blessings be yours.

Gratefully,

Sister Zita Telkamp, CDP



Victor Escalona, former La Posada client, became a U.S. citizen on January 20, 2017

"I came to the United States 6 years ago. Like all beginnings, it was tough; but with perseverance, I have been able to overcome most obstacles. In 2011, I moved from the Rio Grande Valley area to western Pennsylvania to start my new life. My immediate goal was to improve my English skills and immerse myself into the American culture. Today, I continue to have an accent, but I do my best to improve it every single day."

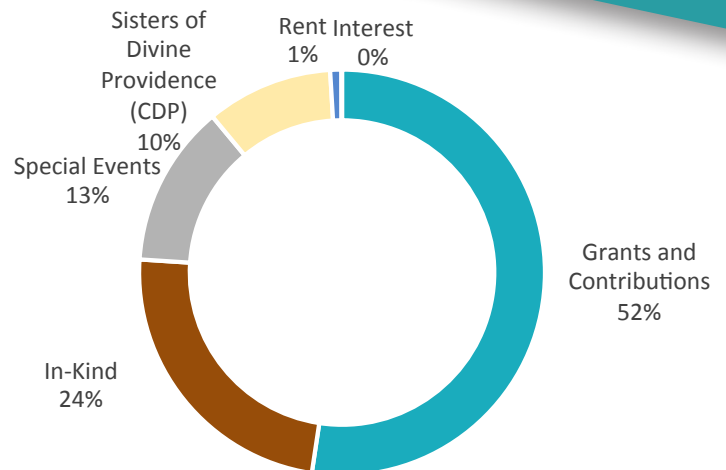
In 2015, I applied to and was hired as a bilingual customer service representative for a health insurance company in downtown Pittsburgh that serves Medicare and Medicaid recipients. I love helping others and giving back, so this job has been a perfect match for me.

I always remember everything La Posada did for me and I will forever be thankful."

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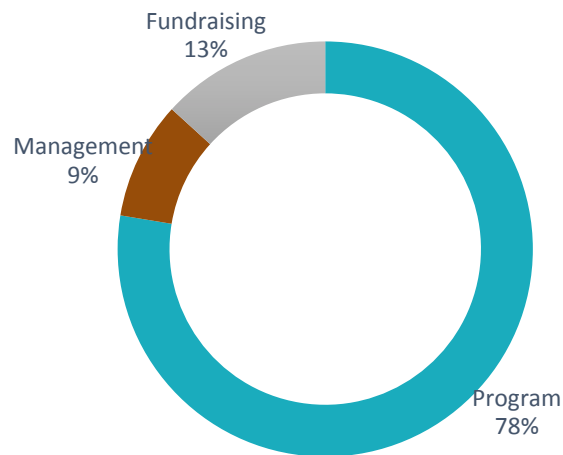
Revenue

Grants and Contributions	\$ 311,420.00
In-Kind	\$ 140,554.00
Special Events	\$ 76,904.00
Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP)	\$ 60,000.00
Rent	\$ 5,320.00
Interest	\$ 265.00
Total Revenue	\$ 594,463.00



Expenditures

Program	\$ 551,141.00
Management	\$ 65,129.00
Fundraising	\$ 94,012.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 710,282.00



Change in Net Assets	\$ (115,819.00)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 562,489.00
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 446,670.00

Countries Served in the Fiscal Year: 31

Afghanistan	1	Cuba	42
Honduras	104	Somalia	4
Angola	2	El Salvador	88
Kenya	2	Sudan	3
Benin	2	Eritrea	32
Mexico	32	Swaziland	1
Brazil	2	Ethiopia	16
Nicaragua	1	Ukraine	2
Cameroon	4	Germany	1
Nigeria	1	USA	40
China	1	Guatemala	71
Pakistan	4	Uzbekistan	1
Colombia	1	Guinea	4
Peru	1	Venezuela	4
Congo	10	Haiti	1
Romania	8		



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La Posada Providencia, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Divine Providence, is a ministry for people in crisis from around the world, who are seeking legal refuge in this country. The shelter staff provides a safe and welcoming home, mentors to promote self-sufficiency and cultural integration, and imparts values which witness God's Providence in our world.

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Businesses

ALEF Professional Services Inc
Blanquita's Restaurant
Boggus Ford
Cabi
Casa Marianella
Chick-fil-A
Chuy's Custom Sports
Culligan Water Conditioning of the Rio Grande Valley
Dream Fitness & Nutrition, Inc.
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The Silent Re-Run
Texas Regional Bank
The Medicine Shoppe
University of the Incarnate Word
Valley Asthetics
Valley Photo
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Businesses - In-Kind

Antigua Bakery & Cafe
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Home Depot
IC Pharmacy
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Leonor's Healing Touch Massage
Platillos Mexican Restaurant
San Benito Wings
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Texas Rural Communities, Inc.
Wesley United Methodist Church
The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

Organizations - In-Kind

First United Methodist Church, La Feria
Honey Bees



On July 2, 2016, Birhan, one of our client residents from Ethiopia, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Naomi. The La Posada family shared the joy of the occasion with the new parents. Naomi was Birhan's first born child and the first baby born in the 2017 fiscal year. Helping mothers and families is a priority at La Posada. We take pride knowing that our expecting mothers receive needed prenatal medical care and emotional support.

Our Lady of Lourdes, La Paloma
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**For I was hungry and
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 you gave me drink,
 a stranger and you welcomed me.**

~ Mt. 25:35

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Just past the closing bell of fiscal 2017, La Posada gets new vehicle

We are grateful for our generous supporters who have enabled La Posada Providencia clients to access various appointments and activities via a new 2017 Ford Transit Connect van. Client transportation is a daily activity and reliable, cost efficient vehicles are a must. Heartfelt gratitude goes to The John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, the Sisters of Divine Providence, the Sisters of Providence-Washington State, Boggus Ford-Harlingen and their Drive 4 UR Community program from Ford Motor Company, Kohl's Cares, Marlene McClain, generous online donors Kenny Salazar and James and Anne Denison and our faithful donor who chooses to remain anonymous.



**SIGNIFICANT
STATISTICS
for fiscal year
2016-2017
include:**

7,412

bed nights

19,604

meals served

486

individuals sheltered
(246 males, 240
females; of these 35
women were pregnant
and 171 children were
under the age of 18)

22,955

miles driven for client
appointments

5,663

total tutored hours
of ESL and
life skills classes