

2017-2018
Annual Report



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, we welcomed the second highest number of immigrants and asylum seekers in our recorded 28 years' history of "welcoming the stranger." The 904 men, women, and children, from 86 different countries, whom we served in 2017-2018 - and those arriving after - calls to mind the following scripture passage:

"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were once foreigners in Egypt."

Leviticus 19:33-34

Many of the 904 clients who arrived at La Posada during the 2018 fiscal year suffered poverty, violence, and violations of their basic human rights. Some were separated from their families when they came seeking asylum. Some came escaping tyranny and were unjustly imprisoned and tortured for exercising their freedom of speech and their right to democracy. La Posada is an oasis of compassion in the middle of a desert of indifference; here we treat foreigners as native-born.

However, La Posada would not be able to carry its ministry of compassion and "welcoming the stranger" without the support of all of YOU listed in this annual report. THANKS TO YOU, we are able to provide shelter, food, education, and a welcoming space for our clients to recover and prepare for the hard journey that continues ahead.

May God bless you tenfold!

Magda Bolland

Magda Bolland,
Executive Director

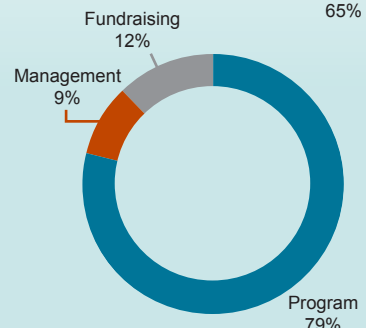
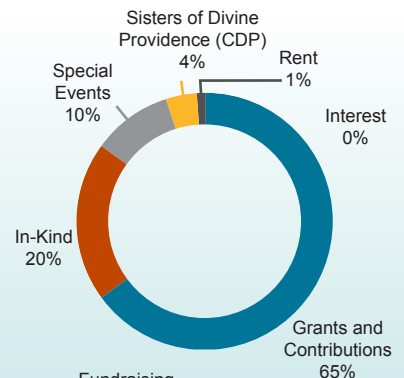
FINANCIALS

Revenue

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Grants and Contributions | \$ 458,626.00 |
| In-Kind | \$ 143,755.00 |
| Special Events | \$ 72,524.00 |
| Sisters of Divine Providence (CDP) | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Rent | \$ 2,415.00 |
| Interest | \$ 463.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 707,783.00 |

Expenditures

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Program | \$ 555,274.00 |
| Management | \$ 62,286.00 |
| Fundraising | \$ 82,079.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 699,639.00 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$ 8,144.00 |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | \$ 446,670.00 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$ 454,814.00 |



OUR IMPACT



100%

of clients residing more than three days or more are enrolled in ESL classes;



80%

of clients advanced their conversational English skills;



80%

of clients heightened their awareness for achieving successful self-sufficiency;



80%

of clients heightened their awareness for achieving a healthy lifestyle;



70%

of clients learned and/or expanded their technology skills;



80%

of clients learned about U.S. currency and money system;



80%

of clients learned to read an identity document card (I.D. card); and



75%

of clients can differentiate between a Social Security number, alien number, and phone number.

Clients residing eight days or longer were enrolled in English language assistance and life-skills classes. Those proficient in English upon arrival achieved the following:

Outcomes

80%



of clients acquired basic U.S. geography, social, and economic skills

70%



of clients showed improvement in job readiness; and

100%



of job-ready clients (with Social Security cards and work permits) sought and/or gained employment by end of residency.

This past year, the number of arriving clients proficient in English has decreased significantly. During FY 2017-2018, 67% of our clients were short stays (less than seven bed nights); staying an average of three bed nights.

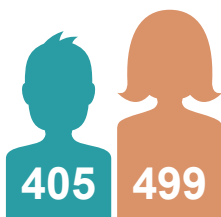
Because of the predominance of short-stays and the lack of English proficiency of the majority of our clients this past year, we have focused our attention on the area where we can achieve the greatest impact – teaching English language basics.

The majority of our clients learned the alphabet, greetings, numbers and how to count money.



Our Mission

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.



About Our Population

We provided shelter and care for 904 clients. Of these, 405 were males and 499 were females.

- 53% of these were adults; 47% were children
- 35% were families
- 5% or 43 women were pregnant

Shelter Support Services

- 7,783 Emergency Shelter Nights
- 23,223 meals served
- 22,223 miles driven for client access to needed services
- 5,975 ESL/Life-Skills hours taught
- 113 Medical – Dental Appointments attended



When asked how he felt when he was granted asylum, Angel said:

"I felt grateful with God and my family – I consider La Posada family. When I was released from detention I knew no one, had nowhere to go, and no money in my pocket; La Posada gave me a home and support (material and emotional). I felt particularly supported by members of the staff and the Sisters; I could not have made it this far without their help."



Countries of Client Origin

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|-------------|----|-------------|-----|-----------|----|--------------|----|
| Afghanistan | 1 | El Salvador | 113 | Mexico | 55 | Sierra Leone | 1 |
| Angola | 10 | Eritrea | 45 | Nicaragua | 3 | Sudan | 1 |
| Benin | 2 | Ethiopia | 2 | Nigeria | 1 | Togo | 1 |
| Belize | 4 | Guatemala | 237 | Pakistan | 3 | Ukraine | 2 |
| Brazil | 10 | Guinea | 3 | Peru | 3 | UK | 1 |
| Cameroon | 5 | Haiti | 2 | Romania | 7 | USA | 18 |
| Congo | 25 | Honduras | 321 | Russia | 3 | Venezuela | 2 |
| Cuba | 13 | Jamaica | 1 | Rwanda | 2 | Zimbabwe | 1 |
| Ecuador | 3 | Kenya | 1 | Senegal | 2 | | |

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9,341
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