

Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.



So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

- DANIEL BERRIGAN





HOUSE NOTES

Fall 2018
by Meridith Owensby

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.

Luke 6:38

This verse has come to me unbidden over the past season at Lydia's House. Life has been rich and brim-full, as our laps have frequently held babies, laundry, and garden produce. This season of abundance has felt luxurious, even as the months seemed to fly by.



We welcomed four (!) new babies into the Lydia's House community thus far this year, in births ranging from smooth and uneventful to emergency middle-of-the-night C sections. All the new babies are

doing well, and we've enjoyed the opportunity to rock sleeping newborns (while marveling that they manage to stay asleep while the toddlers bang the piano). Our volunteer photographer Juli has kept busy between maternity and new baby photo shoots.

Welcoming back those who spent some part of their babyhood at Lydia's House has been a frequent joy. Our annual Mother's Day celebration saw the return of many of our former guests. Building on the success of that gathering, we tried out a mid-August Back to School celebration and blessing for the first time this year. The party, complete with bounce house and cotton candy machine, was a blast. We also took that opportunity



to offer assistance in preschool and magnet school enrollment and helped our first Lydia's House baby enroll as a four year old in head start.

In the midst of all the celebrating we said some tearful goodbyes. Our associate Deb left in May with an intense itinerary: first farming in Honduras, then home building in Utah! Beloved friend from Xavier Ana also ended her years of volunteering as a meal angel with her graduation. Her delicious dinners, complete with starter soups, are sorely missed.



With goodbyes came hellos, and we have been pleased to make several new friends in the summer months. Charlie Weber spent late spring/early summer transforming the backyard at the Jean Donovan house, and his landscape architecture knowledge and skills were put to good use creating a rain garden, respite space and permanent labyrinth.

As the backyard transformed into an oasis, Fritz Kaiser saw to it that the side of our house was as attractive as the back by paving the area near the side door. For his Eagle Scout project he also constructed a bike rack so all our riders would have an easy place to park.



While Georgia Bishop continued her faithful care of the lawns of both houses, she also brought aboard JC Lawson, a volunteer who came to us from New City Church. JC's enthusiasm for hard work has been contagious, and he's even roped friends into coming along for his Friday evening labors.



Into late fall we celebrated our annual All Saints event complete with a taco party after and a merit badge for our volunteer Janet, who served us faithfully for four



years. Mary Ellen and Meredith were honored by Senator Sherrod's Brown's office for the work of Lydia's House at his Women's Leadership Summit and Mary Ellen spoke on a panel about grass roots social change.

Though much of life has happened in Norwood, we did occasionally venture out of our half-mile bubble. Several of us joined other Ohio Valley Catholic workers for a retreat weekend in Solsberry Hill, Indiana. Though we love seeing our Bloomington friends every year at the event, we were thrilled to get to host Andrea Martinie-Eiler for a few days of rest and sewing in July. We also brought a big crew to Episcopal Family Camp thanks to a grant from the Jergens Foundation.

The Wild Goose Festival again made our summer event calendar. This year a blue-haired Annie Eilerman roamed the campground with her bike and walkie-talkie, returning to the campsite only for sleep and the occasional granola bar. The adults, meanwhile, enjoyed sermons from Diana Butler Bass and Ruby Sales, and we even sang hymns with Amy Grant!

Mary Ellen and Elisa traveled to Minnesota to gather with other Mary's Pence grant recipients to discuss organizational strategy and capacity building. We were quite taken with the work of Cincinnati's own Contact Center, which is celebrating 50 years of advocacy this year. We look forward to opportunities to "raise hell" (their words) together in the future.

We also participated in our typical summer fun opportunities closer to home including trips to Coney Island and swimming at the YMCA pool. Per tradition,



we ended the summer with a trip to West Chester's own Cone, where a roll of quarters provided an evening's entertainment on the coin operated kiddie rides and pinball machines.

While the kids swam and romped, work on the apartment building continued apace in Ben's capable hands. We hosted a "Come and See" event in June to show off all that had been accomplished. In anticipation of the opening of the building next year we dedicated the proceeds of this year's Women for Women gathering to a trust fund for the apartment, to insure as much stability as possible for future tenants.

As I write we're preparing for Thanksgiving, looking forward to our annual delivery of fried turkey from St. Susanna parish and setting up a room to welcome our new associate Honna. We've just completed our annual budgeting and planning retreat for 2019. We're putting together giving tree lists in anticipation of our Christmas party at the Red Balloon café. We're so pleased to be hosting a great group of four women and their children in house, all who are working hard at jobs or school to meet goals and move into housing. No newborns right this moment... just focused moms and delightful children.

An update would not be complete without acknowledging work on the advocacy front. Our efforts this season have focused largely on advocating for support for those unable to get shelter beds. Throughout this fall we made calls and visits to many of our local representatives urging them to offer more options for homeless families. Into the coming season we're urging our Senators to vote yes on The Homeless Children and Youth Act (Bill S.611), which would allow states to use homelessness funding on children and youth in more targeted ways.

8/24/2018

An Open Letter Regarding Systemic Failures in our Homeless Safety Net

(This letter was originally sent to: Kevin Finn, Strategies to End Homelessness; Gregory Johnson, CMHA; Sally Duffy, Child Poverty Collaborative; John Cranley, City of Cincinnati; Tamaya Dennard, City of Cincinnati; Josh Spring, Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless; John Schrider, Legal Aid; Denise Drieaus, Hamilton County; Todd Portune, Hamilton County; Joy Pierson, Hamilton County; Alea Brown, office of Sherrod Brown; Jeniece Jones, HOME; Kevin Holt, JFS; Holly Hankinson, Women's Fund of GCF)

I am a representative from Lydia's House, a supportive temporary home that shelters four families at a time for an average stay of 110 days. We are also the only supervised temporary housing situation, that we know of, that accepts families in Hamilton County but does not receive HUD funding through Strategies to End Homelessness or use the CAP line exclusively for intake. As a result we receive many direct calls from homeless families and their advocates who have been unable to receive services through mainstream avenues or who have been turned away due to lack of space at other shelters.

Early afternoon on August 21, 2018 we received a call to our intake line. St. Vincent De Paul asked us to provide housing for a woman, Mia, and her 3 year old daughter. We were told that she was living in her car with her daughter and had been living in her car for over a month. Our intake specialist did a phone interview and we asked the representative from St. Vincent de Paul to coordinate with the local PATH team homeless outreach workers to get Mia "certified" as homeless.

Tamara, the worker at St. Vincent de Paul, called us back about ½ hour later to report that the PATH team was not offering homeless certification visits that day but that Mia could get a homeless certification by going to the PATH desk at the Homeless Coalition office, provided she could arrive there by 4pm.

Tamara provided Mia with quarters for parking and sent her to the Homeless Coalition. Our intake specialist, Laura, went to meet her. Mia arrived shortly after 4 pm and was unable to meet with the worker. Laura interviewed her as a possible candidate for Lydia's House and determined she was a good fit for our services when space became available.

At this point, I advised Laura not to put Mia in a motel temporarily because, should she spend a night in any place fit for human habitation, she would lose her "homeless status." After many conversations with the staff at Strategies to End Homelessness (STEH) and the PATH team regarding homeless certification, I confirmed that any person living in a motel is considered "housed" unless the room was paid for by a HUD funded agency. So too is a person living in an apartment that has utilities but no water or a person living doubled up, even if they are being asked to leave daily. An individual can qualify as homeless only one of two ways: to be admitted into a STEH funded shelter or to be certified by a PATH team or other HUD funded outreach worker. In Mia's case this would mean that a homeless outreach worker would come to her or she would go to them; they would "inspect" her car for signs that she was living in it and, based on the contents, determine if she was truly homeless.

Mia had tried all of these routes to end her time living in her car with her three year old. She called the Central Access Point(CAP) hotline on several occasions, and was told that the shelters were full. This response was unsurprising, as the majority of our applicants have unsuccessfully attempted to enter shelter by calling the CAP. In fact, in 2014 STEH published a report that 69% of family callers to their CAP line are turned away with no services offered. Mia requested a PATH team worker come to her. She tried to get to the Homeless Coalition so that someone could inspect her car between the hours of 9am and 4pm. All of these routes failed.

We were unable to offer immediate intervention because to do so would preclude Mia from receiving long term assistance. While a STEH affiliated shelter can offer a homeless certificate regardless of where a person slept the night before, we cannot. While a PATH team worker can inspect a car and determine if it is lived in, we cannot. Homeless certification opens the door to expedited housing, supportive housing, other support services and financial assistance. A certification also accesses expedited child care vouchers through JFS. Without the certification, we risked leaving Mia with fewer long term housing options and fewer short term child care options. We knew that the temperature overnight was mild and that she had lived in her car already for over



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30 days so we made the very difficult decision to ask her to stay until a PATH team worker could observe her car and issue this certification, presumably the next day during business hours. We arranged to meet her at the Homeless Coalition the next day at 9am, but when Mia and Laura arrived they were informed by a hand written note that no PATH team workers would be in until 1pm; thus another fail at homeless certification.

This series of options and the processes implicit in them are inhumane. Mia should not have to decide to live in her car with a child. We should not have to decide to delay immediate assistance in order for her to qualify for long term assistance. We should not have to call and revisit multiple times in order to find a worker to certify an emergency housing situation, especially one that puts a three year old child at risk. The decision to go well beyond the more generous HUD 2018 definition of homelessness to a narrow definition of "literal homelessness" that is granted by a select few agencies fails to serve many homeless families. Women with children, especially, stay hidden in fear of losing custody of their children. As a result, we will never see them camping in tents on 4th street or in Over the Rhine parks. With great encouragement and support, they may attempt to find a certified outreach worker; hopefully they are able to do so between the hours of 9 and 4, or 1 and 4 depending on the day, and can afford a parking meter. Hopefully they have a car to live in so it can be inspected.

I highlight this situation as a particularly grievous one but representative of situations that we see daily. Family Homelessness is a crisis of tragic proportions in our region. A February 2017 study conducted by the Community Building Institute reports that our region is 17,000 units short of affordable housing for the poorest families; most of these single women with children. Outreach workers, aimed at targeting youth, veterans, street homelessness and mental illness, are less equipped to respond to the needs of single mothers who desperately are trying to maintain custody of their children, typically by staying hidden. Policies that allow a small group of people to obtain expedited housing and support services, namely those that qualify as certified homeless through a narrow and difficult to access process, are unjust and prolong the suffering of children.

I write this letter in hopes of reform, and as a witness to Mia and her daughter and the many women and children like her, who do not have the capacity at this point to advocate for themselves on a systemic level.

Sincerely,


Mary Ellen Mitchell
Co-director of Lydia's House



Mia and her daughter at Lydia's House.

Post Script: After approximately 12 hours of intervention work by two Lydia's House staff members and four attempts at homeless certification Mia was certified on the evening of 8/22/18. Her vulnerability index score was 14, indicating she was extremely vulnerable. We moved her and her daughter into Lydia's House shortly after and she is currently living at Lydia's House, awaiting permanent supportive housing, which her homeless certification and score allowed her to qualify for. A month later the PATH Team, our local mental health outreach workers, notified us of the elimination of the option to get certification at the Homeless Coalition office, meaning that today it would be even more difficult for Mia to get services. Lydia's House continues to work with local and national advocacy groups to shine light on hidden family homelessness, the broken certification system and to get more services for these vulnerable families. To this end, this letter was recently published by a national advocacy network, School House Connection.



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THREE MIRACLES

By Maria Krzeski

We all can relate to situations in life when we felt desperate, without a solution, at the end of our rope; when we had tried everything and yet things did not turn out the way we hoped or needed. These moments are particularly painful in our culture, where we are supposed to be in complete control of our lives, yet in reality we control very little. In that context, I have been reflecting on The Hemorrhaging Woman from the Gospel. We all know the story. Jesus was begged by a synagogue official Jairus to cure his dying daughter. He is on his way, when he is touched by a woman who has suffered from hemorrhages for 12 years and spent all she had but did not find a cure. In an act of radical exasperation she decides to touch Jesus's cloak from the back, hiding among the crowd of his followers. And she is cured. In my Bible the chapter is called: "Jairus's Daughter and the Woman with a Hemorrhage." I think that a better title would be "A woman who dared to interrupt a miracle to see three miracles happen"

In contrast to the synagogue official, the woman does not have a name. She suffers from chronic menstrual bleeding, she is anemic and exhausted physically. As much as we get angry about politicians commenting on women's bleeding today, women from the time of Jesus had it much worse. She was an unclean woman, untouchable, abandoned by her family and friends. But exasperation is a source of creativity. She decides, in an act of courage, to seek healing from that famous prophet who is walking around, Jesus. First she approached one of the disciples, who tells her to wait: The master is busy with healing the child of Jairus, and she can come later. But do not fight a woman in despair. She decides that even touching his cloak from behind will be enough. She stretches her arm, touches, and yes, she feels this new dramatic joyful energy filling her body, her mind. She feels that the bleeding has stopped, but it does not even matter, because she is a different self. Then Jesus turns to her, looks at her and sees in her everything that she experienced in life: pain, disability, shame, abandonment, little joy and many frustrated hopes, and when he looks at her she begins to feel that she belongs. We all know these rare, yet most empowering moments, when we can say "I was seen." He calls her daughter. I think it is time we give her a name: maybe Veronica.

In the meantime, Jairus has been getting quite upset that this woman interrupted Jesus and is taking his time, while his daughter is waiting, perhaps dead already. The woman should have waited. The disciples are also upset, here is this child of the synagogue official that desperately needs cure and who is that unclean, unknown woman to dare to take Master's time.

So what happen next? What is the follow-up of a miracle? I imagine Jesus is very happy about his encounter with Veronica and asks her to come with him to see the sick girl. He holds Veronica's hand on the way to Jairus' home. When they arrive, the girl has died and the parents and the entire household are in commotion. Everybody is crying and yelling, they blame each other, the mother blames the father, the father blames

Veronica and Jesus for the delay, the servants accuse the disciples of not keeping an eye on Jesus's time. Veronica starts feeling guilty about what she did— after all she could have waited. But Jesus tells them to stop the commotion, and to focus exclusively on Him. Maybe he gives them the example of Veronica, her complete, radical, even absurd, focus on touching his cloak to be healed. Jesus, the parents, disciples and Veronica enter the room of a dead girl and another miracle happens, the girl resurrects.

Now we have a happy commotion. Jesus tells them to feed the girl, so food and wine are put on the table and everybody is invited to a very happy celebration. Veronica feels shy-- it has been a very long time, 12 years, since she was part of any celebration. The mother and the girl come to her. The mother says that she is sorry for all she said, and Veronica answers that it must have been so horrible to lose a child. The little girl says "I did not die, I only slept, I was very tired." The mother invites Veronica to stay with them. Veronica tells her of her condition. The mother immediately responds that her husband can help her get a statement from the priest so that she can be officially recognized as healed and reenter the society. Veronica and the little girl discover that they like each other very much and realize that they share the most important day of their lives: a new birth. The third miracle has happened for Veronica, she found her community.

Women who come to Lydia's House are very often at the end of their ropes and life-time hemorrhages. They enter Lydia's House, find healing and help for the time they live there. But just like in the case of Veronica, for them, the next essential question in what happens next? How can life be better than survival? Well, we have an almost renovated apartment building where the Lydia's House graduates can start a new life, but within the community of friends who can help them carry their everyday burdens. Some of these burdens will include losing jobs because a child gets sick or the car breaks, and then not being able to pay the rent. We all know that the end of this rope is eviction. Tonight it is our happy celebration to raise the money to insure that there is enough money to cover the rent when needed. And we all want to be part of this miracle.

(This reflection was presented by our event hostess at the Women for Women event in September 2018)





JANELL'S STORY

My name is Janell. I'm 23, a mother of one daughter, and I have lived at Lydia's House since January of 2018.

I was raised in the foster care system from age 3 to 18. Everything is not always pleasant there. I moved around a lot in foster care. It was mostly based off of some things that foster parents did, or the case worker felt the need to move you to a new home, or the time was up, or to get someone else in. And it was just like, you really don't know why. Sometimes the foster parents just don't want you anymore. That happens. So, after a while you kind of get used to it, and it just becomes a normal thing. Some people just don't unpack. Sometimes I slept with my shoes on... They may come get me in the middle of the night.

At 18, I was emancipated - I felt wrongfully emancipated. I became homeless the same day. It is really hard to figure out what do next. At 18, you're still a kid, even though legally you're an adult. It's really hard trying to figure out life. I was trying to go to high school when I was homeless, but it was just really hard. I eventually got my diploma from Dohn when someone picked me up every day to take me.

After being emancipated, I received help from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Services, which is a great facility in Cincinnati, and sometimes they have downfalls, but most of the people are trying to help you. From there, I was in adult group homes and then a couple shelters. I still had yet to get on my feet. After all that process, I was in my second group home and trying to leave because I didn't feel really comfortable. And then I found out I was pregnant.

During that time, I went to a service provider facility all day, and I didn't receive the help that I thought I would. Which became complicated and frustrating. I ended up staying a little



bit past the hours they were open, so they ended up calling the police. I didn't fight; I didn't hit anyone, but I held onto the door. They charged me with resisting arrest and trespassing, because it was after hours. So that looks horrible on anything - and I got turned down for housing because of it. I was really homeless. Like, I needed help. What am I going to do? No one wants to be homeless. No one wants to live on the street. No one wants to deal with sleeping on a bench or on the grass or under a bridge.

So then Lighthouse's outreach program referred me to Lydia's House, which was the best thing. I was kind of nervous at first. I don't know these people; they're not really a shelter. They're just a community, trying to help people. Like, why are they trying to help me? What is their benefit from helping me? And they were so nice. I was still suspicious, like, why are you so nice to me?

I was really worried before my daughter was born. I even had an anxiety attack before she was here. The anxiety attack was so bad that I couldn't speak. Just worrying about how I want to make her life better and do things that I needed to do. Because you have nine months. It's hard. You

know, you can't become rich in nine months.

We've been working on a plan for a while. With Lydia's House... They talk a lot about certain things like goal setting. They give us, basically, options of what we want to learn while we're here, what we want to achieve. Budgeting, cooking, learning how feed the baby and change diapers. Healthy eating. Trying to get housing, get schooling. Trying to get a job; trying to get a bank account; learning a trade.

When I first got here, I said, "I want to learn about budgeting." We did budgeting class. I knew something... It's just trying to save the money instead of spending it [snap] right like that. That was more of the things that I wanted to learn - what is necessary for me to spend; what is not necessary for me to spend. I also asked for crib safety because I didn't know about that. I know how to change diapers. I know how to feed a baby, but it was just like, if she's going to be safe to sleep on her own. What should I do if she was to stop breathing? Things like that.

Lydia's House became more and more

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BIG NEWS!

We're so pleased to announce our first commercial tenant: Azalea Montessori. Azalea is affiliated with Wildflower Schools, a national network of Montessori micro-schools. Children ages 3-6 (preschool and kindergarten) will be accepted for both half and full day programs starting in September 2019. For more information on enrollment and possible scholarship opportunities, please email jeana@azaleamontessori.org.



A Note From Wildflower: *Our Commitment to Equity*

Wildflower schools exist within the context of the segregation and inequity of our communities and society, and where there is no justice, there can be no lasting peace. As Montessorians, we believe children's unique capacity to adapt to their environment makes childhood the key to the long-term improvement of society and our greatest hope for a more peaceful world. We cultivate that capacity in schools that include people of different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and seek out ways to make our schools more accessible to all families; we celebrate diversity and foster inclusivity; and, we consider the unique opportunities and challenges facing every child and commit to giving each student what they need to find their purpose and fulfill their potential. We recognize the significance of this undertaking, and we work to transform ourselves, our school communities and our broader society to bring about our vision for justice and peace.



To learn more about the Wildflower network and its principles, please visit wildflowerschools.org.

We still have a commercial space available.

If you'd be interested in renting from us in West Norwood please contact ben@stlydiashouse.org

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

THE FUTURE OF LYDIA'S HOUSE

We're excited to announce that our new apartment building will open April 1, 2019. We look forward to offering affordable apartments to our guest families, keeping them in community with Lydia's House in a supportive, asset rich neighborhood.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BLESSING CEREMONY:

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 AT 4PM

As of publication all major systems had been updated, the drywall was complete, floor leveler had been poured and priming was in process. Thank you so much to our faithful volunteers especially Dan Aerni, Dennis Bishop and Dane Miller (AKA the triple d's).

We continue raising funds for unit adoptions and need to raise \$80,000 to complete our capital campaign of 1.1 million dollars!

We have 8 unit adoptions which will include kitchen, windows, appliances, trim, fixtures, flooring and paint: \$20,000 each (4 units needed). If you'd like to adopt a unit please contact Maryellen@stlydiashouse.org

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(Janell's Story continued)

a home setting. Someone I could call on even if I'm not here, just to talk to them, just to speak. They were with me when I was in the hospital having my daughter. I celebrated my birthday with Lydia's House and they surprised me with an outing I had wanted to go on for a long time. I know I will come back to visit once I move out.

When I move out, I believe that Lydia's House can be like my great aunt. They are always there. For example, if I need some diapers or just want to join for dinner, extra support if I need someone to talk to, or if I want to spend time with someone, express myself. They will always be there personally to help. They are also really good with opening doors to other things, like childcare. If I need childcare after a while, they will open doors and be like, "I know this resource... you can go here... you could do this." Certain situations like that. If it came down to helping me find a job, learning how to

drive, just little things like that. Like a great aunt, they are extended family. I appreciate any options they give and anything they can and are willing to do.

One of the big things that changed when I have been at Lydia's House is that I just gradually stopped being angry. Because it wasn't getting me anywhere. People didn't want to talk to me. People didn't want to deal with me; they were afraid of me. I never want to be that person again. And when you find your inner self, it's so much better. Like, I'm just this goofy, silly person. And I've just always kind of been hidden because I had this outside anger. And no one would know that. For my birthday, I got the Treasure Chest merit badge and they told me how much they have liked getting to know the real me.

I would also like to say that, coming from my situation and my life...

Anyone can make it. I have yet to feel like I've made it. But I feel like I'm on the way. I'm moving into my own place next week and have the things that I need. To have that feeling that you're on the way to making it or to being someone is greater than feeling that you're not. Keep that positivity in your mind and keep striving for something better. There's always light at the end of the tunnel. There's always some way or somehow that you're going to make it. Sometimes you need to give yourself inspiration. Don't always go looking for it somewhere else. Give yourself your own light. And for my daughter, I wish for everything for her; as much as I can give. Thank you.

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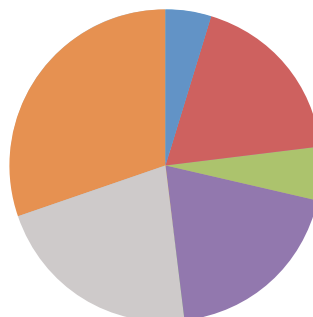
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TOTAL 410,289

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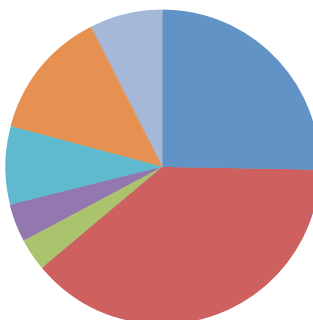
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EXPENSE 2017

Stabilization 38,151
(includes house expenses, insurance, maintenance, utilities, food, bus passes)
 Support 57,689
(includes volunteer stipends and all expenses related to guest support personnel)
 Community 5,188
(includes worship, outings, support for other ministries, newsletter, community outings, aftercare)
 Wholeness 5,973
(includes YMCA, counseling, garden, medication support)
 Administration and Fundraising 12,148
(includes office expenses and supplies, software and hardware, accounting professional expenses, fundraising professional expenses)
 Capital Project* 19,755
 Depreciation/Other 11,099

TOTAL 150,004

EXPENSE 2017



- Stabilization
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- Community
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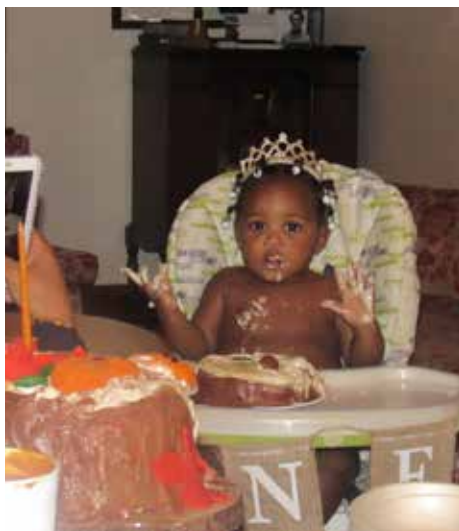
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