

2016 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

DEAR FRIENDS,

As the newly appointed Executive Director of the Religious Coalition, I consider myself fortunate to be writing this letter. While thinking of what to share for this first correspondence, the thought that comes to mind is an overarching theme of "change". The most notable change was the retirement of Rev. Brian Scott at the end of 2016. Brian's retirement ended an 18-year career that saw exponential growth for the Religious Coalition. From a budget of less than \$100,000 to now a budget of \$1.5 million, I can only hope to build on the foundation that Rev. Scott facilitated. The thousands of lives affected by the noble work the Religious Coalition produces is just a small testament of the dedication that he has provided for this community. We thank him and wish him well.

This letter, while usually a reflection of past successes can't avoid the air of transition we're all experiencing at the Coalition. While we maintain pride of past accomplishments, we look to the future and the vast potential that lies therein. If you've been to the Coalition recently or spoken with staff, you may have heard the phrase **"It's a new day"**. This has been our mantra in 2017 and if you come to our offices you'll feel it as soon as you walk through the door. As we progress, we look forward to making new partnerships,

rekindling past relationships, and forging ahead in this community to remain the safety net that so many rely upon. This Coalition is not mine, it belongs to you. We simply cannot complete the work we do without those who contribute the time, the effort and the resources it takes to accomplish the mission of alleviating the effects of poverty in our community.

As we move ever forward, we invite you to come see us. Come see how your Coalition operates; volunteer and meet someone new, hear a story that you've never heard, spend an evening with a family and play a game with a child and watch them light up with the simplest of interactions. We are not in the social work business-we are in the people business-be it funder, volunteer, advocate, staff, recipient, or partner, the Coalition is YOU!

The service we provide is what happens when community comes together! We invite you to join us in our new day.

With warm regards,



Nick Brown, Executive Director



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IT'S A NEW DAY

Our Frederick County neighbors who are struggling face incredible challenges; The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs is meeting those challenges everyday.

We partner with those who are also committed to helping those facing immediate crisis, including over **1,000** compassionate and devoted volunteers, public and private donors, **300** diverse faith communities, partnering social service agencies, foundations, corporations and government agencies.

As experts in providing services to people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, the Religious Coalition provides individuals and families with the resources and tools specific to their needs, empowering them to move from crisis to stability.

THE RELIGIOUS COALITION STAYS WITH PEOPLE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Case management and support services have been proven to be the most effective aspect of our client support system; resulting in clients who are better prepared to manage life's challenges without falling back into homelessness.

OUR PROGRAMS alleviate and prevent the adverse effects of poverty in Frederick County by supporting citizens with immediate emergency services and intermediate case management support.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter Program
Served **359** Homeless Adults
Providing **22,278** Safe Bed Nights
(a safe bed night = 1 client/bed/night).

EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER PROGRAM Emergency Family Shelter Program
31 families were provided emergency family shelter support (**36** adults and **57** children).

HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS Assistance is provided to keep families in their homes. **636** individual heads of households were provided Rental Assistance, Security Deposits or Utility Assistance.

MYBUDGET COACH PROGRAM Financial Literacy Program
Served **359** Homeless Adults
Provides families and individuals with budgeting skills to make well informed financial decisions; clients meet monthly. **7** clients* participated in budgeting skills

2016 SUCCESS:

92%

transition into stable housing; 8% are chronic homeless who are unable to transition.

2016 SUCCESS:

100%

of families receive case management services; 24 families have moved into stable housing.

2016 SUCCESS:

65%

of those receiving assistance, remain stably housed.


NEW PROGRAM 2016!

2016 SUCCESS:

100%

have remained in their home.

*Program launched in July 2016.
Data reflects time period of July - December 2016

WHO WE SERVE

In 2016 we served **4,400** unique individuals all of whom are homeless and/or very low-income, living **200%** below Federal Poverty Levels.



A HOMELESS MOTHER'S JOURNEY FROM SHELTER TO SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AND WORKING FULL-TIME:

This testimonial highlights the our partnerships and interaction of various shelter programs and how each one in the community provides a need at the critical times during the homeless journey toward sustainable housing.



"I entered the emergency family shelter program in April of 2016 with my children who are 8 and 13. Both go to school in Frederick County. While I was in the Emergency Family Shelter, I was connected with an English tutor from the Literacy Council and applied for transitional shelter through the Frederick Community Action Agency. After about a month at the family shelter, I was transitioned into the transitional shelter at FCCA that I applied for. This month (June 2017), I will be moving into a transitional shelter apartment through Advocated for Homeless. This is one step closer to moving my family into my own house."



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WHAT WE DO

THE RELIGIOUS COALITION
FOR EMERGENCY HUMAN NEEDS
IMPACTS **4,400** LIVES A YEAR!

THANK YOU!

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs acknowledges the generosity of all donors who made gifts between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Thank you for being an essential partner in our vital work in 2016.

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WE ARE THANKFUL!

Over 900 volunteers, both individuals and groups, continue to deliver kindness and compassion to our clients! Without our volunteers, the Religious Coalition would be unable to function at such a high level of service.

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