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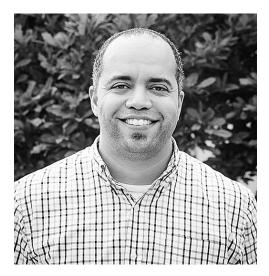
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Nick Brown Executive Director OVER 1/3 OF FREDERICK COUNTY RESIDENTS LIVE "ONE EMERGENCY AWAY FROM FINANCIAL DISASTER."

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are proud to share with you our 2018 Report to the Community. In the following pages, you'll read what we accomplished at The Coalition last year. But, in reality, you accomplished this. You provided these programs for Frederick, and you kept our most vulnerable citizens housed, fed, and secure.

Frederick is blossoming economically, and we're pleased to see this growth provide a boon to our local businesses, organizations, and citizens. However, alongside economic growth in our city and county, there is sadly a rise in homelessness. In 2018, a point-in-time survey conducted by the Frederick Community Action Agency reported a 28% increase in Frederick's homeless population over the last five years.



Frederick's growth also makes affordable housing harder to come by, which means we at The Religious Coalition see more individuals who are working but still cannot afford stable housing. We know one of the most prized aspects of Frederick its quality of life and sense of community. Because of this, we know that we are all interconnected, and that prosperity for some is not good enough. We all must tackle rising homelessness and issues surrounding near-homelessness now.

Over 1/3rd of Frederick County residents live "one emergency away from financial disaster" according to United Way's ALICE Report. Some of this poverty is very visible and blatant: we see homeless individuals on our streets with their belongings in tow, sometimes asking for spare change. But a lot of this financial insecurity is hidden: it is families surviving week to week, not being able to afford basic necessities like medication without falling into financial disrepair. A sudden illness, car trouble, or a missed month of rent check can all make people who are propel people into homelessness. At The Religious Coalition, we seek to address all forms of homelessness and poverty. We focus on the immediate needs of poverty at its core: for those immediately on the street, we operate our Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter, which serves as a year-round safe harbor for adult men and women, operating from 7 pm to 7 am nightly. We also have our Emergency Family Shelter for homeless families. For those who are on the brink of homelessness or who are attempting to stay housed, we offer prescription, dental, rent, energy, and security eviction prevention.

We are blessed with such a giving community. When there is a call for action for immediate needs, you provide generously and instantly. And we continue to make great strides in the services we provide, but we have to stress that we can't do it without your support and commitment. We rely on volunteers, advocacy, and your donations to meet expanding urgent needs. And expanding we are: we are growing in innovative programs like budget coaching and fighting food insecurity while still providing essential services such as emergency shelter, homeless prevention, security deposit, prescription, dental, hygiene, and fuel assistance. As always, our goal remains to respond to immediate needs of those in crisis, but we also want to prevent problems before they start.

Those that are one financial emergency away from homelessness and despair need your help now. You are instrumental to our support and growth.

Sincerely,

Nick Brown Executive Director

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our mission

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs seeks to prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty on the residents of Frederick County.

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OUR VOLUNTEER MISSION

Volunteers help us every step of the way, from answering our phones to doing client intakes to coordinating drives and donations for us. A Brownie group that made sandwiches for our Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter is just as significant to us as a volunteer coming in weekly and spending a whole workday with us.

A VOLUNTEER'S STORY:

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Serving is a very important part of our family. We have taught our children from a very young age to help whenever and however they can. We have been beyond blessed with opportunities to serve with The Religious Coalition. Helping those within our community is a very tangible, relatable way to get involved. Likewise, they have embraced the extreme importance of treating those we are serving with loving kindness. We are grateful that The Religious Coalition has afforded our family so many wonderful ways of serving within our Frederick Community. They are a beautiful example of kindness in action.

– Jamie Delili and Delili Family



ALAN P. LINTON, JR. EMERGENCY SHELTER

Our Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter is the largest overnight emergency shelter for homeless adults in Frederick County and operates 365 days a year. The Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter houses 80-90 residents per night and is a last-stop for many in crisis.

IN 2018 WE PROVIDED:

29,853 bednights and served more than 406 homeless adults

MEASURABLE SUCCESSES:

70%

of people transitioned from the emergency shelter into permanent and intermediate settings

250

clients received Case Management support = 493 Case Management appointments

62% of clients engaged in Case Management (compared to 38% in 2017)

13% Recidivism rate for people re-entering the shelter after transitioning The Alan P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter is a year-round adult shelter and remains at capacity even throughout the summer months.







EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER

Our Emergency Family Shelter program provides homeless families immediate support, stability, and safety, all while focusing on the future. We recognize that our littlest clients - children under the age of 18, need stability the most, and we seek to provide as much normalcy for children and homeless families as we can. In conjunction with community and house of worship support, as well as intensive Case Management, our goal is to look beyond the crisis and help families experiencing major hardships.

IN 2018 WE SERVED:

32 families (34 adults, 52 children)

MEASURABLE SUCCESSES:

69%

of families transitioned into more stable housing

67% engaged in Case Management

What is Case Management?

Case management is working with clients to create goals that they want to achieve. Whether that's employment, childcare, schooling, or housing, case management provides the client with local resources that are available to them.

Case management also ensures accountability that clients are actively working towards sustainable housing and reaching their goals.



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John was homeless and been living with family on-and-off for a few years after his divorce from his wife in 2007. "I was in a situation where I had a choice. I could continue to go to the next family member or I could try to go through this process of checking into the shelter." John is a single father to his 7-year-old son and spent two months in our Emergency Family Shelter, all while working full-time. "It was hard," admitted John. "The nights were rough. There were multiple families and it was hard to live with that lack of space." Eventually, after transitioning out of our Emergency Family Shelter and then spending another year of living in temporary housing, John got a place of his own for him and his son. What kept him motivated was his kids, and the nonprofit youth sports program that he founded for underprivileged children.

The hardest thing about this was having to be a single parent and going through all these processes of shelters and homelessness. But I had to go through all of that to get to where I am now, and to know that in my life, things are stable."

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

One of our main objectives is to keep people housed and to prevent homelessness before it starts. This is why we provide rent, security deposit, energy, and prescription assistance on an immediate basis, as soon as the problems arise. We all know that the costs of fuel, prescriptions, and rent can be astronomical, and the people who come see us are individuals who face real hardships. One crisis or unexpected bill can mean a spiral into poverty and even homelessness.

HERE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU HELP







ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Tamara has a genetic condition that she found about later in life. Her time is spent going in and out of hospitals, trying to stabilize her heart, brain pressure, and her fluids. Tamara sometimes can't make it into work, and because of the amount of over-the-counter medications she has to take, she has to make the difficult choice between medications and bills. We helped Tamara her with her energy bill so that her lights can stay on.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

Timothy had been homeless for two years and had stayed in our Alan. P. Linton, Jr., Emergency Shelter. He is on his feet now, but his health insurance costs went up, and he now has to pay \$300 for insulin. This is a medicine he HAS to take every two weeks, but it's a price that few people can afford. We were able to pay for his insulin and point him towards resources that could help him afford his medication long-term.

SECURITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

Trish had been homeless for 20 years, and, during many hard periods in her life, has stayed in our Alan P. Linton, Jr., Shelter. In the latter half of 2018, she got a job, saved money while she stayed at the shelter, and finally got her very own apartment. We were able to help her with her security deposit, and we celebrate her successes.



EVICTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

Wayne lost his job at the beginning of the winter and came to us to prevent being evicted from his home. He was determined to remain in stable housing while looking for a new job, which is something that we require before we approve this assistance. "Especially in the winter, it's really important for me to stay in my current place while looking for work," Wayne said.

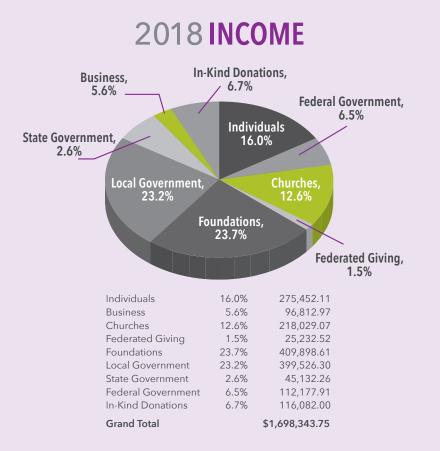
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people were prevented from being evicted and kept in their homes

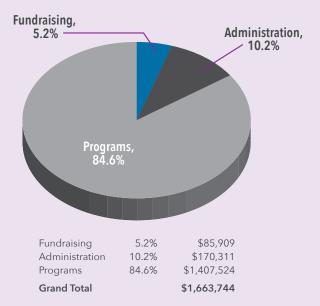
557 were helped with security deposits and moved into their homes

221 people received energy assistance

373 people received assistance for 881 prescriptions



2018 EXPENSES



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