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Golf Tournament!

Friday, June 17th
Tiffany Greens Golf Club
8 a.m. registration and full breakfast, 9 a.m. shotgun start, 2 p.m. BBQ Lunch and Awards

⇒ Prizes, contests, silent auction, and more!
⇒ Hole-in-one contest for a new car from Shawnee Mission Ford
⇒ Meet Steven St. John—810 Sports Radio WHB—Honorary Chair

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A Client’s Story—Leslie and Her Family

Leslie and her children are among the 95 families Sheffield Place served last year. Like many clients at Sheffield Place, Leslie is not the first generation to experience poverty, homelessness, and addiction. Leslie experienced nothing but the trauma of abuse since her earliest years. To dull the pain of her life, Leslie turned to meth and served time for dealing. Upon her release, she found her way to Sheffield Place where she was reunited with her children.

Over the two years, Leslie has remained clean from drugs, has worked hard to become an effective parent, and has found full-time employment. The family has moved into their own apartment. This family represents the transformation that takes place every day at Sheffield Place.

Thank you for your partnership in breaking the generational cycle of poverty, homelessness, and addiction for Leslie and her daughters.

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Growing to serve more homeless families

Dear Friends:

Sheffield Place has expanded rapidly over the past five years to serve a larger portion of the growing need.

Through careful planning and a strategic vision, the agency served nearly 100 families in 2015 and will serve even more in 2016. That growth results from:

⇒ More and better services; families can move through the residential program in an average of 3.5 months instead of 2 years
⇒ Aftercare—these families stabilize in the shelter and then move into permanent housing and receive ongoing case management, therapy, and supportive services
⇒ More living units in the shelter; 3 new living units came online in 2015 for a total of 17 units
⇒ Acceptance of larger families; the agency now accepts families with up to 5 children in the shelter
⇒ Acceptance of families with adolescents; a family with a minor child of any age may now live at Sheffield Place; in the past, the maximum age of children was 12 years
⇒ Implementation of the permanent housing program; the agency now owns five units of permanent housing and renovated and opened three units in 2015. Five additional houses/units will be added in the next 12 to 18 months.
⇒ Families may live in the homes as long as necessary.

Thank you for growing the program to serve more families.

Kerry Welch
Executive Director

Key Outcomes—2015

Residential Clinical:
- 96% of mothers demonstrated improved mental health
- 92% of families experienced improved family functioning
- 84% of the mothers abstained from alcohol and other drugs
- 83% of mothers improved their effectiveness as parents
- 65% of children improved or maintained normal mental health functioning
- 91% of all discharged clients went to permanent housing

Aftercare (families that have transitioned to housing in the community and receive continued case management and supportive services):
- 97% maintained/increased their income
- 94% maintained permanent housing
- 92% abstained from alcohol and other drugs

For a complete report on outcomes before 2015, please see annual report at SheffieldPlace.org

Sheffield Place served 287 homeless mothers and children in 2015—95 mothers and 192 children. Of those:
- 72 families (136 children) in residential services
- 23 families (56 children) in aftercare services.

Client Characteristics (mothers):
- Live below poverty - 100%
- Mental health diagnosis - 92%
- Struggle with addiction - 89%
- Domestic violence - 88%
- Grew up in foster care - 39%
- Lack HS diploma or GED - 38%
- Average age of mother – 31.8 years
- Average age of child – 5.7 years
- *most commonly PTSD, depression, bi-polar disorder, adjustment disorder, and anxiety disorder

Services Provided:
- 23 families (56 children) in aftercare services.
- Sheffield Place served more families than ever in 2015!

How you can help:
- Make a cash gift
- Transfer appreciated stock
- Include a gift in your estate plans
- Donate items from the immediate needs list – laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, feminine hygiene supplies, etc.
- For a complete list, please visit: www.sheffieldplace.org/in-kind-gifts
- Volunteer! Would you like to become directly involved in ending family homelessness? Sheffield Place offers many volunteer opportunities from working in the children’s program to serving on the planning committees for the golf tournament and Off the Wall.

Individuals as well as groups are encouraged to volunteer their time. For more information, visit http://sheffieldplace.org/volunteer!

Client Characteristics (mothers):
- Caucasian - 5%
- African American - 46%
- Mixed Race - 45%
- Hispanic/Latina - 6%

Demographics:
- 49% of mothers are Caucasian
- 45% are African American
- 6% are mixed race
- 5% self-identify as Hispanic/Latina in ethnicity

2016 Strategic Goals
- Increase the number of clients served
- Increase the depth and menu of services
- Continue to diversify funding
- Expand volunteer program
- Increase community awareness