Sheffield Place Served More Families Than Ever in 2017

Through the generous support and commitment of donors, volunteers, and the courageous families the agency serves, Sheffield Place had another year of growth. With your help, the agency changed more lives than ever before in 2017.

- **More families served.** Sheffield Place served 133 families with residential, aftercare, and permanent housing services. More than a six-fold increase from the 20 families served in 2010.

- **Overwhelming need.** Last year, 725 families called Sheffield Place in search of shelter. That’s an all-time high. In 2012, 505 families called.

- **High-barrier families served.** 100% of mothers had mental health issues; 92% had addiction issues; 85% had domestic violence backgrounds; 44% lacked high school diploma/GED; 40% grew up in foster care or were runaways; 15% self-reported felony convictions.

- **Continuing expansion.** Sheffield Place will continue to purchase and renovate houses in the neighborhood. Sheffield Place currently owns 9 units of housing and is working toward the goal of owning and operating 15 units in the neighborhood. In 2017, the agency completed renovations of two houses.

Thank you for your partnership in making this progress possible for the benefit of the homeless mothers and children who transform their lives at Sheffield Place.
Sheffield Place invests in families, neighborhood & community

Sheffield Place’s goal for all of our families is to acquire skills to be self-sufficient - to live independently, to be financially stable, and to be part of the greater community. The program stresses independence and responsibility. Mothers work on their trauma and other barriers including addiction, mental health, and employment. The expectations for the women are very high. For many mothers, no one has ever expected them to succeed, including themselves. Many struggle to envision a life where they are clean & sober, employed, and have permanent housing.

Clients say that the program is difficult. But if we don’t have the expectation that the women can be successful, how will they? Famous movie director, Lee Strasberg said, “If we cannot see the possibility of greatness, how can we dream it?” Sheffield Place provides the tools, safety, skills, and hope to help the families achieve their goals.

Seven years ago the agency expanded to serve more families with more services. Each year we have served more families and provided more services. We will continue to work towards this goal. Frankly, it has taken a true community effort to grow as we have. It has been accomplished through many hours of volunteer contributions, in-kind donations, and financial support. As volunteers, staff, supporters, groups, and the community, we invest in these families in multiple ways. Thank you for your investment in our families. Thank you for your commitment to our families. And thank you for having high expectations of our families.

Kelly Welch  
Executive Director  
Nate Vander Hamm  
Board President

How you can help:

- Donate items from the immediate needs list – laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, feminine hygiene supplies, children’s toothbrushes, etc. For a complete list, please visit: www.sheffieldplace.org/in-kind-gift
- 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.
- Make a cash gift or a gift of appreciated stock or charitable rollover (if you are 70.5 years of age or older)
- Include a gift in your estate plans
- Follow Sheffield Place on Facebook and Twitter! Like and share our posts!

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

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The mission of Sheffield Place is “To empower homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and help them become self-sufficient.”
Sheffield Place Appreciates the Generous Support Of the Community and These Major Donors

Sheffield Place Makes a Measurable Difference for Homeless Families

Sheffield Place carefully tracks the progress of the children and mothers to ensure that the agency’s programs are effective.

Here are major program outcomes for 2017.

**Mothers—Residential Program**
- 72% of mothers improved mental health function
- 74% of mothers with addiction issues tested negative at discharge (88% for mothers who stayed more than 30 days)
- 73% transitioned to permanent housing at discharge (87% for mothers who stayed more than 30 days)
- Of mothers in the program more than 30 days, 12% were employed at intake and 62% were employed at discharge

**Mothers—Aftercare (continued supportive services in the community)**
- 90% remained in permanent housing
- 94% abstained from drugs/alcohol
- 94% maintained or increased income

**Children—Residential Program**
- 76% of children improved mental health functioning
- 72% of families improved functioning
- 61% of mothers improved parenting

- Anonymous
- Geraldine and R.A. Barrows Foundation, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee
- Allison Bergman/Hardwick Law Firm
- Ina Calkins Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee
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- Oppenstei Brothers Foundation
- Vivian & Hymie J. Sosland Charitable Trust
- Victor E. Speas Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee
- Elizabeth & Rick Simpson
- Village Presbyterian Church
- Walton Family Foundation
- Watco Charities, Inc.
A Client’s Story—Terri and Her Family

Terri grew up in an abusive home in a different city. She came to Kansas City with an abusive boyfriend several years ago. She started smoking marijuana at an early age. By her late teens, her drug of choice switched to PCP. Her first child was placed in foster care within the first few months of life.

Terri came to Sheffield Place to begin recovering from her addiction and to receive help with her depression and anxiety. While at Sheffield Place, she gave birth to her second child, received the support she needed, began taking the appropriate medications to control her mental health symptoms, and committed herself to living a clean and sober life for herself, her new baby, and the daughter she hopes to have back in her custody soon.

Terri is also pursuing employment once she completes treatment. “I owe everything I’ve accomplished to Sheffield Place. I have a long way to go, but at least I’m finally on the right path.”

Golf Tournament!

⇒ Prizes, contests, silent auction, and more!

Friday, June 22th, 2018

Tiffany Greens Golf Club

8 a.m. registration and full breakfast
9 a.m. shotgun start
2 p.m. BBQ Lunch and Awards

Off The Wall – Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE - Off the Wall
Saturday, October 13, 2018 / 5:30 to 11 p.m.
Exhibition Hall at Municipal Auditorium
An evening featuring dinner, drinks, live art, silent and live auctions, and dancing!

Sponsorships & registration available for both events—www.sheffieldplace.org
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