

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities

*Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.*

2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

# as•pire

verb

direct one's hopes  
or ambitions toward  
achieving something



### Dear Friends,

In 2019, St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities marked our 40th year of providing help and creating hope for women, children and families in need. Looking back across those four decades of history, one can't help but notice the growth and changes that have taken place. From the merger of Catholic Charities New Albany with St. Elizabeth's Regional Maternity Center to the evolution of our housing programs to better meet the current needs of women and children facing homelessness in our community, a consistent theme that emerges on the timeline is "aspiring for more."

As an agency, St. Elizabeth has spent the past 40 years aspiring to do more... to help more people... to be a stronger force for good in our region. We have been blessed with devoted staff, passionate Council Members, generous donors and an incredible number of dedicated volunteers that have worked tirelessly to push us toward fulfilling our mission to help individuals and families in need achieve empowerment and self-sufficiency.

The thousands of mothers, babies, children, families and individuals we have served over the years are really the people who helped establish St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities as a place where you can find help and hope during your hour of need, a place where you can receive the support to overcome obstacles and a place where you can set your intention on making life better...where you can ASPIRE for more.

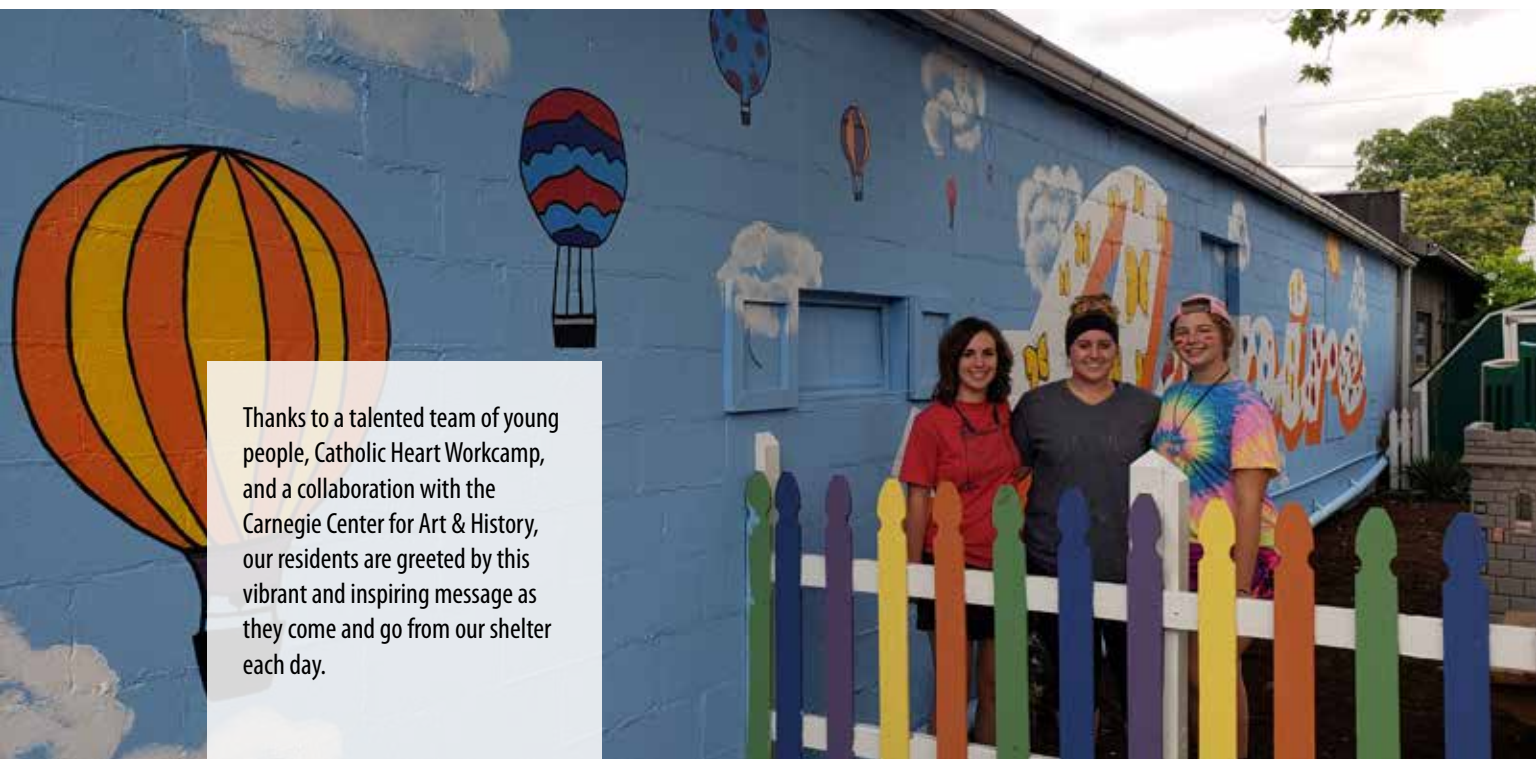
Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Casper".

**Mark Casper**  
Agency Director







Thanks to a talented team of young people, Catholic Heart Workcamp, and a collaboration with the Carnegie Center for Art & History, our residents are greeted by this vibrant and inspiring message as they come and go from our shelter each day.

Volunteer help has been a consistent factor in St. Elizabeth's history. From planning special events to cutting grass and everything in between, the help of volunteers enables us to do all that we do!

This year alone,  
**232 volunteers**  
devoted  
**4,592 hours**  
of service.



Pictured: St. Meinrad Alumni helped with some renovations; Building storage bins was on the to-do list for Catholic Heart Workcampers; A team from St. John Paul II is one of eight that keep Marie's Community Distribution Program operating every Tuesday and Thursday; Prodigy Volleyball held a supply drive; St. Anthony Youth Group pulled weeds to keep our campus beautiful; Patsy Unclebach shares her clerical skills around the office weekly; Leadership Southern Indiana NEXGEN helped with landscaping.





Over the years, St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities has come to mean many things to many different people. Here are the thoughts of some who have been impacted by the agency's work.

**From the mother of a resident nearly 20 years ago:**

"My daughter was a resident at St. E's in 2001. She gave birth to my wonderful granddaughter and stayed in your program for several months. Despite a rough start, she developed into a responsible, loving and spiritual woman and the most wonderful mother I know. I believe the opportunities and support given to her at St. Elizabeth helped her become who she is today."





## From a recent resident:

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"My name is Devin. It seems like I've spent my whole life bouncing from place to place, first with my mom and brother, then on my own. Crashing on couches or sometimes in a friend's car, I managed to get by. Recently, I had been living with my boyfriend, but when our relationship ended badly, I spent the next two weeks staying in abandoned buildings. It was fine for me, I had done it before, but this time was different since I was seven months pregnant.

Things totally changed when I was referred to St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities. I arrived at their Emergency Shelter to find a safe place to stay and support to figure out what to do next. I spent the rest of my pregnancy preparing to become a mom, learning about resources to help me care for myself and my baby and setting goals for the future. I delivered a healthy little girl and recently began working part-time. I plan to move into the Family Stability Program at St. Elizabeth to keep working on my goals. I applied for a Certified Nursing Assistant training program. I hope to eventually become a Registered Nurse one day and to own my own home with a swing set in the backyard. My whole outlook on life is different now. I know I can give myself and my daughter a better life. At St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, I found hope for a brighter future and the confidence in myself to pursue it."



### From a longtime Staff Member:

Being around and involved with St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities since the age of 9, Michelle Frossard has unique insight into the agency. Her family provided tender care services, her father Phil, a physician, assisted with medical care for some of the maternity home residents and her mother, Theresa, served on the board. Michelle did a summer internship in 2001 and returned in 2003 as a Kent School student. After graduate school, she began working in the agency as a Therapist, Case Manager and eventually Residential Director.

After leaving in 2009 to pursue a nursing degree, Michelle remained engaged and involved with St. Elizabeth's mission, serving a term on the Advisory Council. When St. Elizabeth expanded into School Counseling in 2015, she decided to become a part of the staff once again. Here are her reflections of a lifelong journey with St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities:

"I feel blessed that at an early age my parents taught me the importance of giving back to the community. They taught me the importance of giving with a grateful heart. Throughout my life journey, I have been involved with St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities in a number of ways. Each opportunity has allowed me to see all the ways the mission of the agency is alive. I am not only inspired by the dedicated team at St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, but by those we serve. I see my current role, as a school counselor, as a calling. I provide students and families with the support they need to grow in all areas of their life. To be able to provide them with hope and then to see growth, is so rewarding. I am forever grateful for these experiences. I am forever grateful for St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities."

**- Michelle Frossard, MSSW, LCSW, RN**

### From the Agency Director:

"Community needs change and grow, but our mission still remains the same. We strive to affirm the dignity of and respect for all human life by assisting individuals and families in need to achieve empowerment and self-sufficiency."

**-Mark Casper**



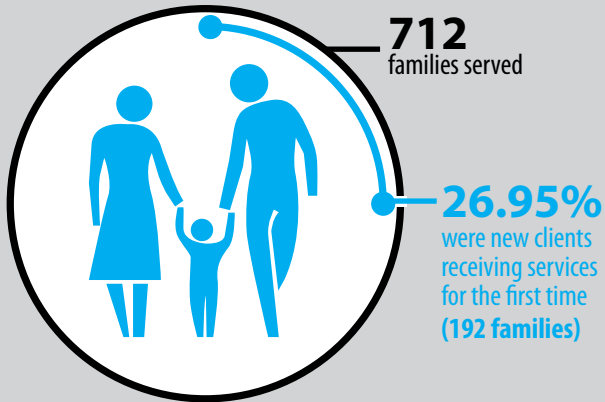




Michelle with husband Todd and their three children in a recent family photo, during her internship in 2001, and in 2006 as a staff member accompanying Theresa as she receives an award recognizing her volunteer work at St. Elizabeth.

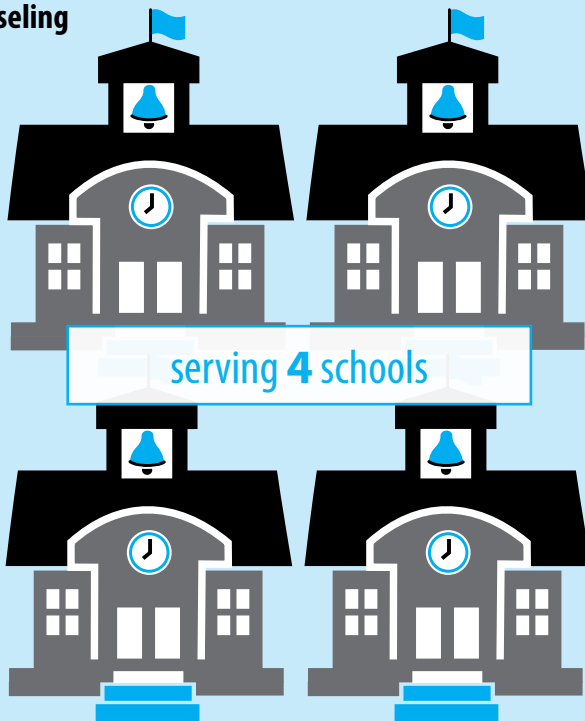


### Marie's Community Distribution Program



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### School Counseling



Offering  
**873**  
children support  
to succeed

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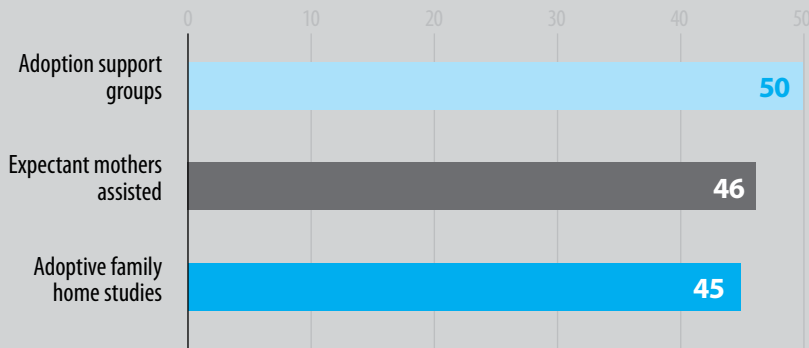
## 2018-19 Stats



**Adoption  
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### Adoption Bridges of Kentuckiana

**397** professional adoption services conducted including...

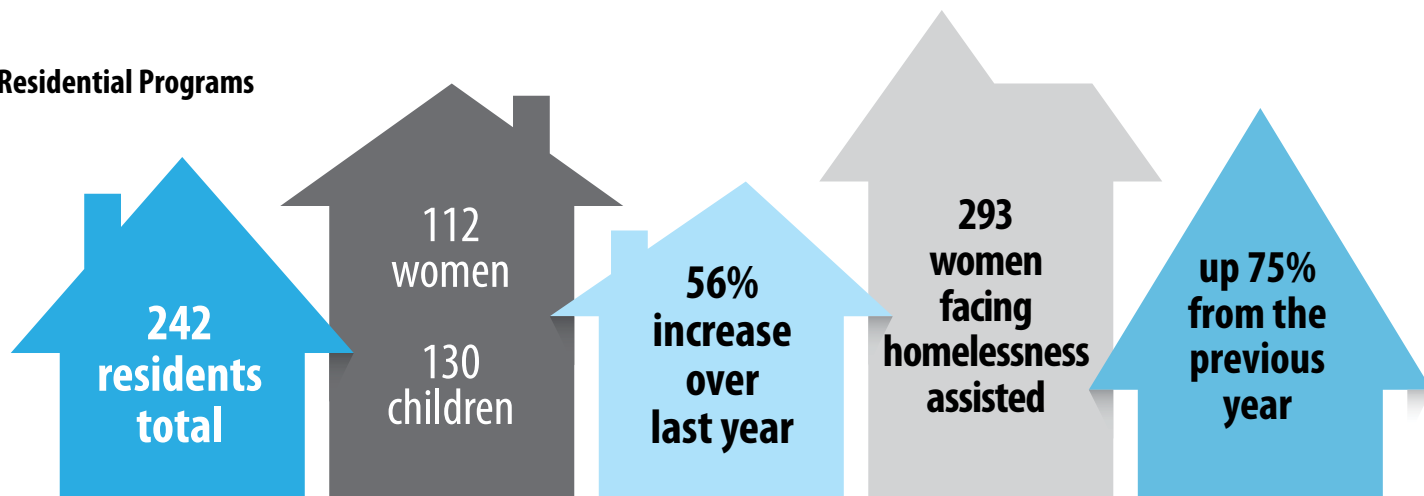


### Supported Living Program



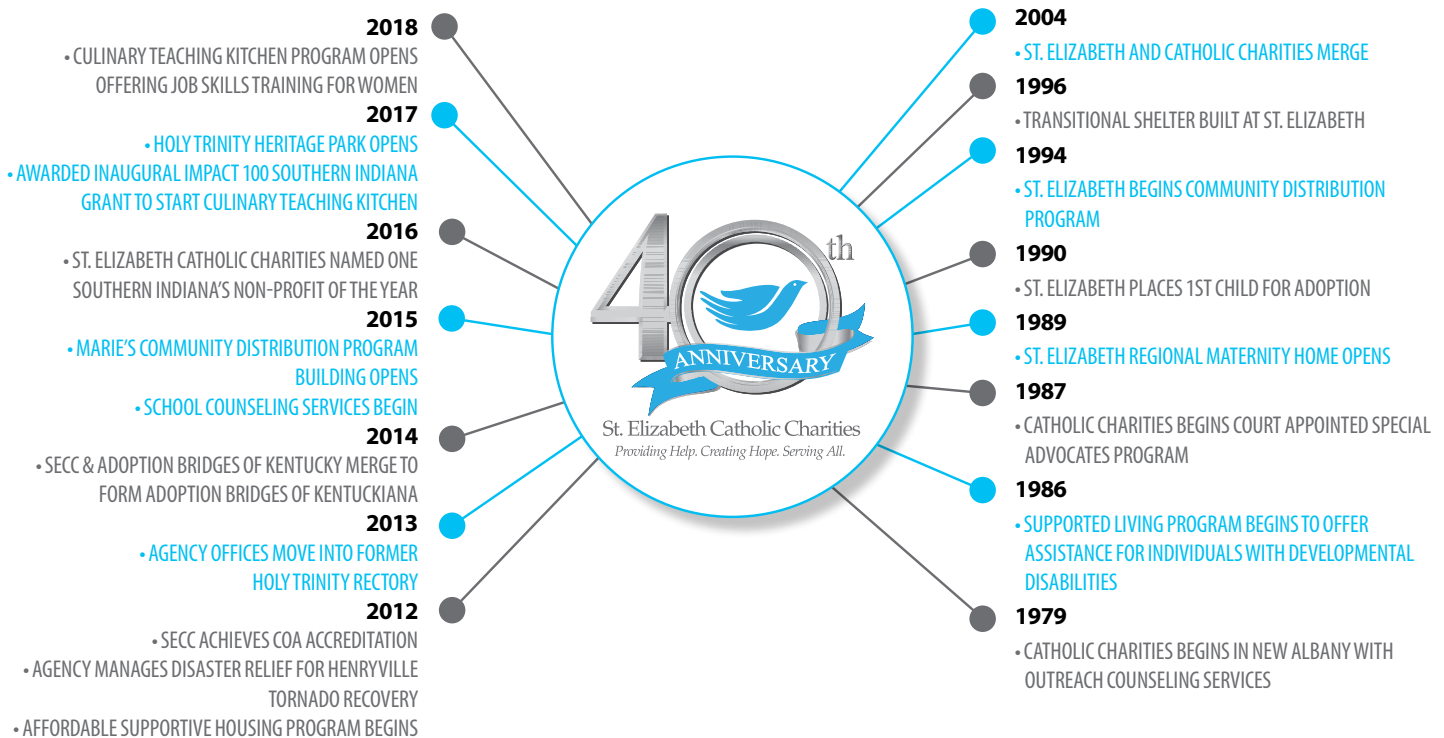
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### Residential Programs





## A Brief History



## 2018-2019 Highlights:

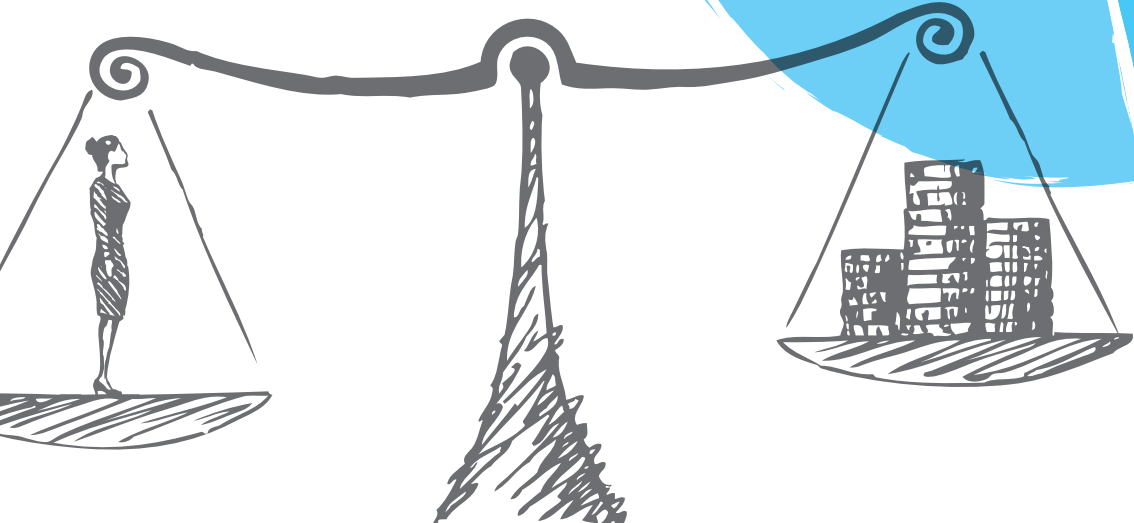
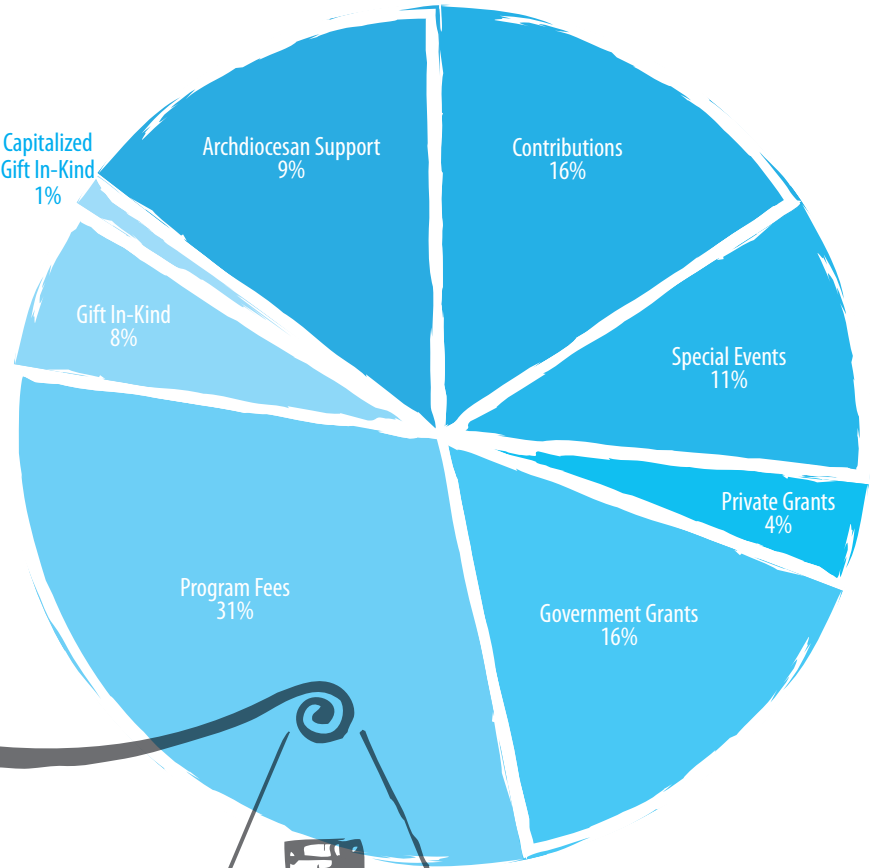
**This was a big year for St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities!** (Clockwise beginning with top left) Archbishop Charles C. Thompson visited to learn about our ministry. We presented Tex Very and Page Walker with the Spirit of Hope Award. Our Supported Living Program gathered to celebrate Christmas. New skills were acquired through our teaching kitchen. Clients, staff, volunteers

and their families gathered to share a holiday meal and give thanks. Our adoption program connected birth parents to peers to share, learn and heal. St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities became the Fun Division Champion of the Kentucky Derby Festival Great Bed Races! Storm Troopers invaded our 40th Anniversary Gala.



Revenues

Contributions	297,978	15.9%
Special Events	202,142	10.8%
Private Grants	75,630	4.0%
Government Grants	300,721	16.1%
Program Fees	575,002	30.8%
Archdiocesan Support	120,140	6.4%
Capitalized Gift In-Kind	25,000	1.3%
Operating Gift In-Kind	271,800	14.5%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,868,413</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

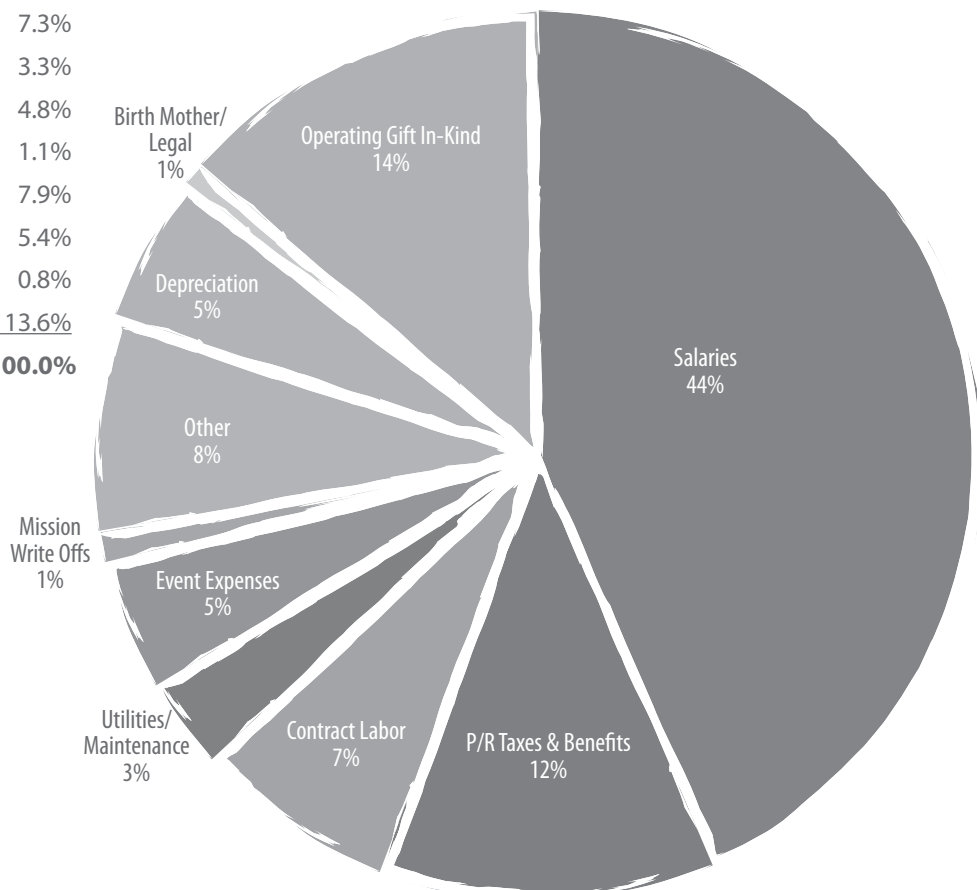




## Operating Funds Only • Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/19

### Expenses

Salaries	868,575	43.6%
P/R Taxes & Benefits	243,128	12.2%
Contract Labor	145,344	7.3%
Utilities/Maintenance	66,023	3.3%
Event Expenses	95,313	4.8%
Mission Write Offs	22,758	1.1%
Other	156,575	7.9%
Depreciation	107,076	5.4%
Birth Mother/Legal	16,740	0.8%
Operating Gift In-Kind	271,800	13.6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,993,332</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(124,919)</b>	



95.8 cents of every donor dollar goes directly to client services.

We serve any person in need of our services, regardless of their religious, social or economic backgrounds.

A copy of the 2018 Audited Financial Statement for the Chancery and Certain Entities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is available at [www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html).

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