



SAINT LOUISE HOUSE

Build. Believe. Become.

Values in Action 2018 & 2019



Mission

Saint Louise House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the success of women and children moving from homelessness to healthy, independent lives.

We strive to empower women and children to overcome homelessness for generations to come.

Values

Empowerment

Strengths

Simplicity

Humility

Effectiveness



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Thank you for all you do to support the families living at Saint Louise House. Together we are providing pathways out of poverty to mothers and children who need more time and support than emergency shelters can provide. With your help, we are providing families with safe, stable housing and highly individualized on-site support. Our program fosters education, financial stability, and healthy living for two generations so that both mothers and children can lead healthy, independent lives.

The Board of Directors of Saint Louise House recently completed a yearlong strategic planning process with valuable participation by staff, volunteers, donors and other stakeholders. One result was deep understanding and clear articulation of our work.

“Saint Louise House provides a successful approach to overcoming homelessness that is fueled by the values of Empowerment, Strengths, Simplicity, Humility and Effectiveness.”

Values are powerful tools and critical to the long term growth of our organization. These values describe our desired culture and approach to problem solving; they act as a compass for the people who work and volunteer at Saint Louise House. Knowing and understanding our values is not enough, we also have high expectations of ourselves to behave in accordance with those values.

As we look back over the past year and a half, you’ll see the presence of these values clearly in our work; and as we look forward to a future of continued growth, these values will guide us.

- Laura Ward, Executive Director



On the way to the Austin Bouldering Project for a teen field trip, all were nervous and claimed they would watch or sit out. The teens slowly started trying to climb the wall. Eventually, all became extremely engaged, and each made it to the top!

Empowerment

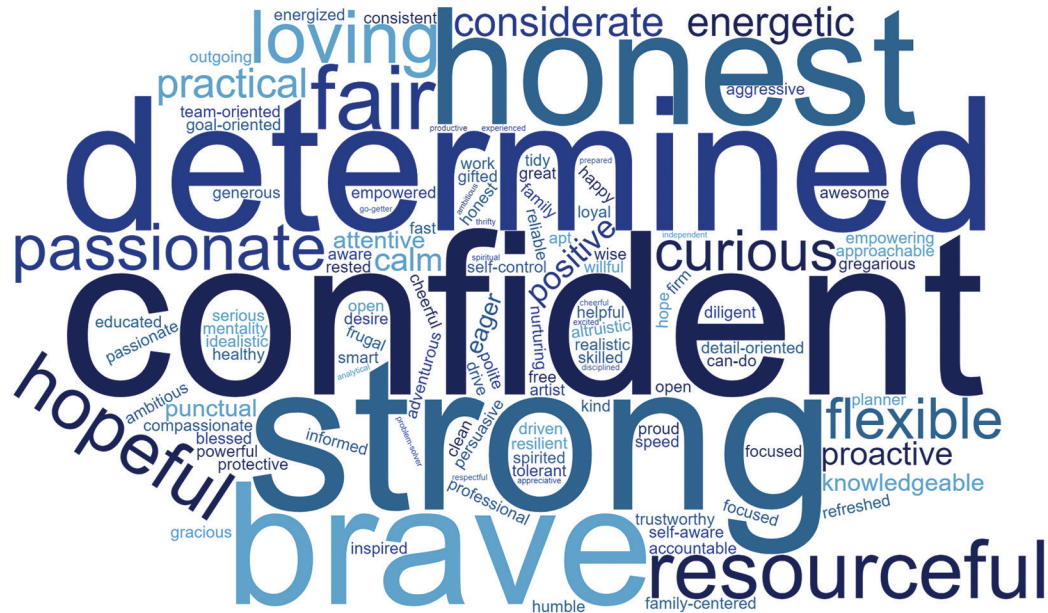
Saint Louise House strives to empower mothers and their children by providing them the stability, information, tools, and resources they need to have faith in themselves and effect change in their own lives.

Empowerment Partners are licensed social workers who work hand-in-hand with families every step of the way.

Empowerment In Action

1,690 Meetings between Saint Louise House mothers and their Empowerment Partners

Strengths Discovery by Saint Louise House Moms



“I am strong. I am insightful and creative. I am a proud and safe mom.”

Strengths

Saint Louise House believes that all individuals have strengths that can be used to improve the quality of people's lives.

With the security of stable housing and support provided through our wraparound services, mothers and children alike are able to discover and build upon their own strengths.

Strengths In Action

100% Of mothers dedicated to working or pursuing additional education



“I cried when I saw the four beds because when you have lived in shelters, and you have lived on pallets and on people’s floors, a simple thing such as a bed can make a huge difference.”

Simplicity

We strive to empower families by supporting them in translating their goals into the smallest, simplest actions possible, believing that small changes lead to major changes and the simplest gestures from our community of support have a big impact.

Simplicity In Action

18 Apartments homes fully furnished and lovingly decorated by volunteers

Achieving Goals



Education



Employment



Financial Literacy



Self Care



Parenting



Health



Legal Resolutions



Life Skills

“I was consistently encouraged and supported in completing my goals and reaching milestones towards life transformation.”

Humility

The value of humility encourages us to make no assumptions about individuals or groups. Families are recognized as the experts on their own lives and lead the way in setting goals and finding solutions to challenges.

Humility in Action

1,042 Weekly goals achieved

“Saint Louise House is a stepping stone to get you where you need to be on your own.”

Career Paths of Graduating Moms

Art Coordinator
Box Truck Driver
Child Care
Debt Collector
Food Service
Home Healthcare
House Cleaner
IRS Data Collection

Lawyer
Music Teacher
Nurse
Recreational Therapist
Social Worker
Student Health Assistant
Teacher
Tech Support

Effectiveness

Our highly-individualized program of support for families recognizes that what is effective for one family may not work for others. We strive for effectiveness, seeking ways to measure progress and demonstrate a willingness to learn, adapt and evolve our service to families.

Effectiveness in Action

52 Mothers served

91% Of mothers increased self-sufficiency

14 Families graduated to stable housing

137 Children served

100% Of school-aged children graduated to the next grade level



Stable Housing
+
Wraparound Services
+
Family Strengths
=
*Pathways to Healthy,
Independent Lives*

Stable Housing

Stable Housing is the key to economic security. Saint Louise House provides 40 families fully-furnished, two-bedroom apartments with rents starting at \$50 a month. Families graduate from Saint Louise House taking everything in the apartment with them.

Wraparound Services

Wraparound Services support families on their journeys toward self-sufficiency. Saint Louise House provides case management, life skills workshops, children's activities supporting social and emotional development, and direct support such as a food pantry, bus passes and flexible funds.

Family Strengths

Family Strengths guide goals and achievements. Saint Louise House focuses on each family's strengths and builds on them so that mothers and children can reach their full potential.

The combination of stable housing, wraparound services, and family strengths provides mothers and children with pathways to healthy, independent lives.



Strengthening Families



Children Thriving

Saint Louise House strives to make the most of every day children are with us and to give mothers the support and information they need to promote their children's healthy development.

Friday Fun Days for Middle School and High School Youth

Friday Fun Days for Teens provide opportunities for building self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of community.

StarKids!

StarKids! is a weekly workshop that supports the social and emotional development of elementary school-aged children.

Mommy and Me Groups

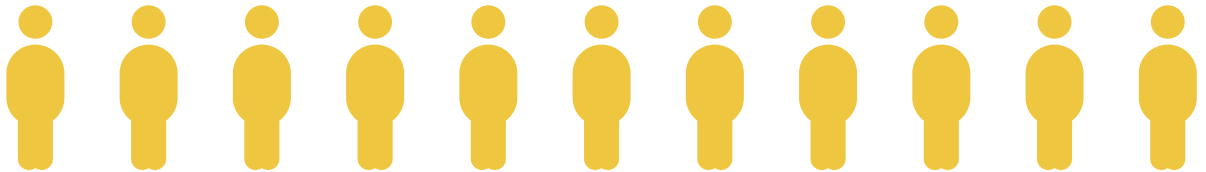
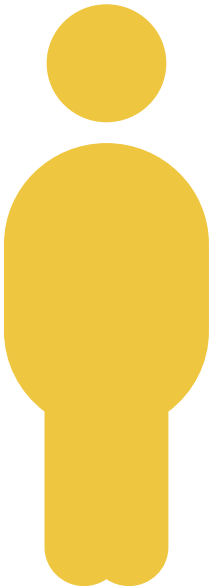
Mommy and Me Groups give moms a chance to build support networks while learning how to interact with their babies through song, reading, and simple games.

Volunteers

250+
volunteers

- 18 apartments furnished and decorated
- 300 meals delivered and shared
- 275 hours of shopping & administrative support
- 30 evenings of childcare provided

6,500+ hours of service
to Saint Louise House families





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Executive Director Laura Ward, Guest Speaker Dr. Donna Beegle, Board Chair Molly Trexler, and Legacy Circle Co-leader Jack Gullahorn at 2018 Legacy Circle Event

Through generous annual financial commitments of \$1,000 or more, Legacy Circle donors give Saint Louise House the financial stability needed to give opportunity to mothers who are ready to build new legacies for themselves and their children.

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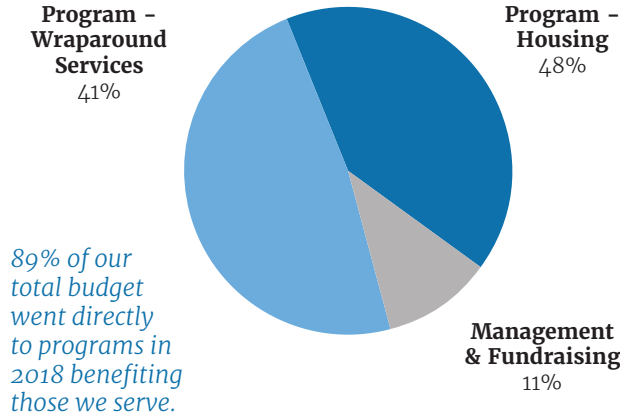
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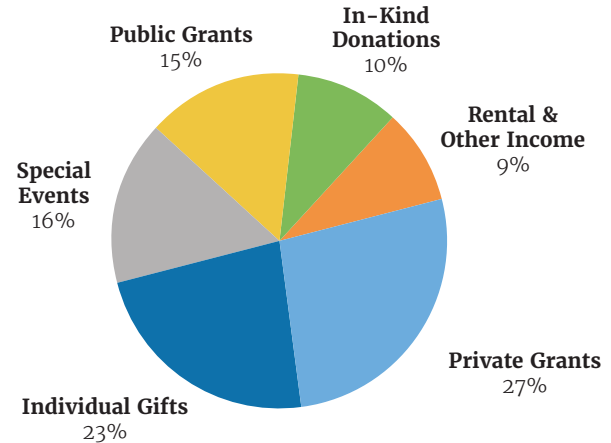
Financials

To strengthen self-sufficiency and gain economic security, families served need more than a roof over their heads. They need stable housing paired with wraparound services.

Annual Expenses



Annual Revenues



All numbers are based on independently audited financials for fiscal year 2018. Operating expenses totaled \$1,465,627 and revenue totaled \$1,622,080. Financial statements audited by Reynolds & Franke, PC, who expressed an unqualified opinion.

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