

NEXT STEP MINISTRIES

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Vision

Women exiting sexual exploitation and discovering their identity.

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From the Executive Director

I am always amazed at how faithful God is and has been to Next Step Ministries. In 2018 we saw growth in generous givers, capacity and lives changed. We have truly been blessed to walk alongside women that are exiting sexual exploitation. The increase of calls on our 24-7 emergency line is very telling. These calls range from people desperately running from pimps, gangs and often their “boy friends” to just wanting someone to care. I am so encouraged by the way our staff will listen, talk about a plan, share resources and give the person a word of hope.

We get to reach into very dark places in our society. I believe we are making a difference in every woman we meet.

Phil Reimer



*“ This place saved my life
and I was able to get my
children back”*

- Participant -

Our Programs

It is our hope at NSM that each and every woman will experience God’s love, our love and understand that they have choices.

The Outreach Program: The Outreach program meets women exiting sexual exploitation where they are at, helping them access resources and create an exit plan for those ready to move forward.

The Housing Program: The Housing Program provides second stage housing for women exiting sexual exploitation. The women are given their own room, a key so they have a safe place to call their own. We opened our first house over five years ago and August of 2017 we opened our second house.

The Day Program: While the women are in the Housing Program, they attend classes in the Day Program four days a week. In the Day Program they work on recovery and life skills, facilitated through a trauma informed lens.

The Follow Care Program: We offer a long term Follow Care Program, which helps the women get jobs, permanent housing and follow their educational goals. Participants are able to access staff support at any time.

Life Changed

We received a phone call from a girl that had escaped from her trafficker. Desperate, scared and in need of help right away. We brought her in but it took awhile for her to feel safe as her trafficker had found her many times before. During her six month stay with us, she gained confidence and courage. It was amazing to witness her growth.

Because she had been trafficked from another country she was here illegally. In her 5th month with us Canadian Border Services began to pressure us to send her back to her country. This was complicated in that we needed to find a safe place, get an airline ticket lined up and then call border services for their approval. Once they approved we could book the flight. Three times we had things arranged but by the time we got approval the space was not available. Finally it worked and she is now back in her country of origin, safe from her traffickers.

NSM TEAM

Phil Reimer
Executive Director

Becky Bradbury
Outreach/Intake & Housing
Coordinator

Jackie Reimer
Day Program & Follow
Care Coordinator

Crystal Sayers
Day Program Key Worker

Cathie Morrison
Day Program Key Worker

Kathy Yang
Book Keeper

Kendra Pointen
Social Media

QUICK FACTS

- 21 intakes
- 3 women given visits with their children
- 1 year longest participant stay
- 12 hours shortest stay
- 99 agencies connected with in 2018
- 11,680 volunteer hours for our live-in's
- 1650 hours with practicum students
- 5 years Sparrow House has been open
- 2 Cobs bread bakery delivers bread every two weeks.
- New By-laws approved

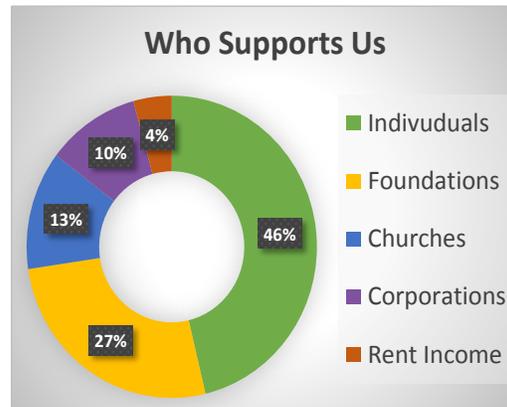
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Financial Information

	2018	2017	2016
Revenue	\$485,400	\$454,300	\$316,100
Expenses	\$518,800	\$384,700	\$324,100



Financial sustainability is greatly enhanced by regular monthly donors through efforts like #100NextSteps (100 donors giving \$25/month to cover our Housing Program).

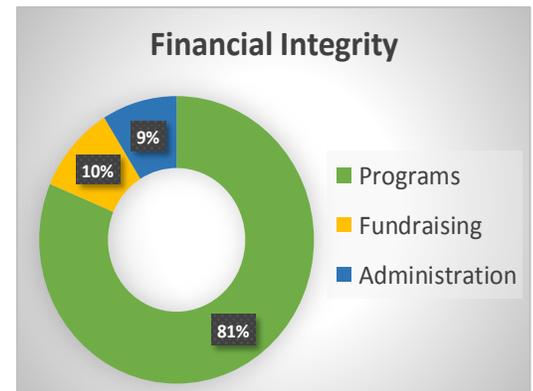
In 2019, NSM will focus on increasing support from monthly donors, Corporations and Foundations.

NSM is committed to handling our finances with the utmost integrity. Our team walks alongside women exiting sexual exploitation, and this past year 81% of all funds went towards helping these women on their journey to break cycles of addiction and abuse.

Next Step Ministries is a grass roots organization that has been blessed over the years with loyal supporters from a variety of sources.

In 2018, we saw support growth in the areas of Individual donations, Foundations and Corporations.

There was considerable growth in 2018 with the second (Sparrow #2) residence, implementation of an employee benefits plan, and securing a permanent office.



Looking Forward to 2019

We are opening an ONLINE STORE in 2019

Yes that's right an online store. We will start with research, designing a new website and begin to make products for the store. We are excited that we will be able to provide on the job training for both women in the program and alumni. They will be a part of the designing and creating of the merchandise, running the store, customer relations and learning computer skills, all the while creating sustainable funding!

Thank You!

2018 saw Marv Poetker step down as board chair. Marv was instrumental in supporting the vision of Next Step Ministries. He took on the position as board chair for nine years. Under his leadership NSM grew from an idea, to having two houses, a day program, offices, new bylaws and a strong focus on walking along side women exiting sexual exploitation. Over 90 women have found a safe place to heal and find their true identity. **Thank You Marv!**

We would not exist without our **Volunteers, Prayer Partners** and **Financial Partners**. We wish we could adequately express how much you mean to us at Next Step Ministries!! Because of you, lives are changed for both this generation and the next. We are grateful!