

SAMARITAN MINISTRY

of Greater Washington



2015 Annual Report



Executive Director's Letter

Sisters and Brothers,

Your generosity fuels the “rigorous compassion” that Samaritan Ministry provides every day to our neighbors who struggle with homelessness and unemployment. But there are other crippling conditions like addiction, HIV/AIDS, or domestic violence.

There is so much more to do. In the Washington metro area, over 11,000 of our neighbors are homeless – which doesn't even include those living on the edge of poverty. That staggering reality is motivating Samaritan Ministry to do more, and, together, we are!

In October 2015, our Board approved a robust strategic plan. The plan focuses on meeting potential Samaritan participants where they are – whether that's a school, a jail or a Partner church. It also envisions a strengthened community partnership taking collective action to end chronic homelessness.

We opened our first-ever site in Maryland at Church of Our Saviour, Silver Spring. This is part of a broader effort to open satellite sites throughout the metro area at Partner churches which serve as critical meeting points for our neighbors in need.

Our Partnership with the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys (BWS) deepened as we empower BWS parents so they may empower their boys. The partnership is broadening to include volunteer engagement thanks to a grant from St. John's, Norwood/Chevy Chase.

In partnership with other organizations at the Skyland Workforce Center, we launched “HIRE DC,” a shared participant database. We share similar missions of providing a “hand up” to our neighbors in need and now have the capacity to share data to better empower our participants. The database also allows better metrics for tracking participants' progress.

And so much more!



The Partnership

Samaritan Ministry is blessed with 56 partners who champion our work. In 2015, Partner Churches and Schools donated \$101,614, empowered 34 Partner Representatives, ran countless food, clothing and toiletry drives, gave thousands of volunteer hours, and organized the *Next Step* Breakfast, the Empower the Homeless (ETH) Campaign and the Annual Gala and Auction. We are deeply grateful for our amazing Partner Churches and Schools, and their representatives and volunteers.

Partner Churches and Schools

Church of the Holy Trinity, Bowie	St. Columba's, DC	St. Patrick's, DC
Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda	St. David's, DC	St. Paul's, K Street
Grace Church, Georgetown	St. Dunstan's, Bethesda	St. Paul's, Rock Creek
Grace Church, Silver Spring	St. Dunstan's, McLean	St. Peter's, Arlington
Immanuel Church-on-the- Hill, Alexandria	St. Francis, Great Falls	St. Philip's Evangelist, DC
Memorial Baptist, Arlington	St. Francis, Potomac	St. Stephen & the Incarnation, DC
St. Alban's, Annandale	St. George's, Arlington	St. Thomas', DC
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St. Andrew's, Burke	St. John's Church, Olney	St. Timothy's, DC
St. Andrew's, College Park	St. John's, Lafayette Square	Transfiguration Church, Silver Spring
St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Potomac	St. John's, Norwood Parish, Chevy Chase	Trinity, Arlington
St. Augustine's, DC	St. Luke's, Bethesda	Trinity, DC
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St. Christopher's, Springfield	St. Margaret's, DC	Washington National Cathedral, DC
	St. Mark's, Capitol Hill, DC	
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Partner Council

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Larry Gooch

“I was just existing, trying to survive.” says Larry Gooch. “I was diagnosed with HIV in 1986 ... I unconsciously continued to try and speed up my impending demise by continuing my drug use. After a year I was arrested. During my period of incarceration, my brother passed, my mother passed, and my wife passed.” In 2013, Larry was released from prison and came back as a returning citizen. Like many, he returned without a home address, without a job, and with few prospects.

Larry saw an advertisement in the Washington Post for services directed to those living with HIV who need assistance in writing resumes and gaining employment. “I was sick of the way I had been living, and I was looking for a change. I found myself on Samaritan Ministry’s doorstep looking for help and guidance.”

“I had formulated a plan of how I planned to get my life back on track. I knew that I would need help from people who could direct me and be willing to take a chance in supporting me through my journey.” While working through the Next Step program and meeting with his caseworker, he set manageable and realistic goals for himself. Today Larry is a Residential Counsellor for the Catholic Charities’ Men’s Shelter. He continues to set and reach his goals!

“I am forever grateful that Samaritan Ministry was there for someone like myself who needed a hand up and not a hand out. I couldn’t have done it without the assistance and dedication of the staff and volunteers.”

“I just did not want to be stuck anymore.”



SMGW Staff

Samaritan Ministry has a dedicated team of paid & volunteer staff members who are essential to our mission and vision of empowering participants to achieve their goals.

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Empower the Homeless 2015

Samaritan Ministry's annual Empower the Homeless Campaign is the high point of our work to engage partner churches and schools in sharing their time, talent and treasure with their neighbors, who might otherwise remain nameless and invisible. Together we cultivate relationships that nurture both partners' own missions of community outreach and the mission of the Samaritan partnership.

In its second year, the 2015 Empower the Homeless Campaign engaged more partners and individuals while raising more support for our work. From April 1 to September 30, Partner Churches and Schools held 29 events that engaged hundreds of individuals. More than \$122,000 was raised along with in-kind donations of toiletries, food, and clothing.

Critical to the campaign were the opportunities provided for parishioners and students, and their friends and neighbors to learn about the devastating impact of homelessness on some of our neighbors. We also gained a deeper awareness of the basic, systemic and unmet needs of our community that underlie homelessness – including high housing costs, low wages, unemployment, personal tragedy, and illness.



Program Descriptions, Outcomes and Impacts

In 2015 Samaritan Ministry served and worked with 1,023 of our neighbors in the Greater Washington area. Designed to promote personal dignity, positive change, confidence, and self-reliance, the *Next Step* Approach is the heart of all that Samaritan Ministry does.

Next Step Program

The *Next Step* Program is the centerpiece of Samaritan Ministry. In 2015, 699 participants worked to change their lives by taking one step after another until reaching their goals. With open hearts, Samaritan Ministry caseworkers actively listen to participants without predetermined agendas or judgements. In partnership, caseworkers identify manageable next steps for each participant to take. Caseworkers provide encouragement, a link to resources, and a real commitment to each participant to improve or rebuild their lives. The most common goals among participants are employment and housing, followed by education, health and transportation.



Our *Next Step* program serves participants with ancillary support including computer mentoring and resume writing, transportation, food and clothing assistance, and mail and message pick-up.

This year, through Samaritan Ministry's partnership with Tallgrass Hiring Group, 23 *Next Step* participants were hired. New creative outreach efforts resulted in a 3% increase in new *Next Step* Program participants in 2015. Providing transportation assistance to our 273 pre-GED students increased class attendance by 9%.

To make our programs and services available and accessible, Samaritan Ministry works out of five locations throughout the Greater Washington area: Arlington, VA; Northwest, DC; and in Southeast, DC in Anacostia; the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys and Skyland Workforce Center.

Church of Our Saviour in Silver Spring, MD, opened in October 2015, is Samaritan Ministry's newest and sixth location. It is also a model for how Partner Churches and Samaritan Ministry can work together to expand both ministries to serve our communities. Housed within the church, it is entirely staffed by church volunteers. With Samaritan

Ministry's experience and engagement, a growing number of people in the community can access our hand-up, *Next Step* approach in their own neighborhood.

Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys

In its second year, Samaritan Ministry's Family & Community Caseworker at the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is a coach-counselor. Working with parents and guardians to set goals and take next steps, lives are improved and their capacity to provide a healthy home life for their boys is expanded. This unique partnership is funded in part by a grant from St. John's Episcopal Church Norwood Parish.

In 2015, 57 parents and guardians took advantage of the Samaritan Ministry's coach-counselor and accessed educational opportunities, and strengthened their family. Which adds to the success of the boys in the school

HIV/AIDS Support Program

In tandem with the *Next Step* Program, Samaritan Ministry offered an HIV/AIDS Support Program that provides a safe, supportive and healing environment to people living with HIV/AIDS. Through the facilitation of regular support group meetings and an annual retreat, Samaritan Ministry supported 85 individuals living with the realities and community perceptions of the virus or disease during 2015.

As an extension of this program, Samaritan Ministry, through a grant from the DC Government's HIV/AIDS Burial Assistance Program, worked with family members to provide personal and financial support for burial assistance for 23 DC residents who succumbed to AIDS.

ACTS 3

Many people who come to Northern Virginia for employment do not have family and social networks to turn to when they are in need. A distinctive program in Northern Virginia, ACTS 3 is a partnership of eight Episcopal Parishes which provides emergency financial relief to people who are facing eviction or disconnection of their utilities.

By pooling resources and coordinating outreach through Samaritan Ministry, the eight parishes assisted 59 individuals and their families during 2015. Working with a caseworker as trusted coach and advisor, these Northern Virginia families avoided homelessness, and accessed Samaritan Ministry's programs and services.

All in Partnership

The Samaritan Ministry partnership extends to our work with other service providers, parishes, health centers, schools and community groups. These formal and informal partnerships help our participants more efficiently and effectively secure the resources they need, eliminate the duplication of services, and strengthen the continuum of care in Greater Washington.

Through a formal partnership with Sales and Margin (salesandmargin.com), 45 *Next Step* Program participants with entrepreneurial goals were professionally trained and supported in reaching their business goals.

Yolanda Jeter

One day in 2006 Yolanda Jeter was on a DC bus, visibly crying from the stress she was under. She had recently lost both her mother and father; her fourteen-year position as a special police officer; and her home. "I felt like I was about to die because everyone I loved was gone. I thought I had no one to turn to." says Yolanda today.



As Yolanda tells it, "A lady on the bus asked what was wrong. She gave me a card to call Samaritan Ministry and simply said "They can help you." I called the next morning and spoke to Ms. Annette (the Lead Caseworker at Samaritan Ministry's Northwest DC office) and she asked if I could come in at 9:00 AM the next day."

"She welcomed me with a beautiful smile. I felt comfortable -- I was no longer alone. The first thing Ms. Annette helped me with was employment and housing. I decided to go back to school and get my high school diploma to prepare me for a better career and more opportunities. I received my diploma within a year!"

Next step by next step, Yolanda kept working and kept reaching her goals. After receiving her high school diploma, Yolanda set her next goal with Annette: enrolling at the University of the District of Columbia to study criminal justice. "I will graduate in May 2016," says Yolanda, "and when I do I would like to work with domestic violence victims."

Outcomes and Demographics

Next Step Program Results

In the *Next Step* Program, Samaritan Ministry's primary service, 699 (37% were new) individuals set 1,248 goals. Individual in the program are called participants because they participate in their own changes. To reach these goals participants and caseworkers identified 3,146 manageable *Next Steps* of which 2,244 were completed. That's 71%!

Nature of Goals

Many goals, especially those related to housing and employment, are long-term and not completed in one year. There are also conditions and circumstances outside participants' control or influence, such as the availability of affordable housing or entry-level jobs.

Obtain New Employment	192	Obtain New Housing	190
Improve Employment	59	Improve Housing	38
Obtained Identification Card	17		

Next Step Services

Activities

Computer Mentoring	148	Resume Assistance	132
Pre-GED Course	273	Health Screening	51

Assistance

Computer, Phone and Fax Use	1,986	Mail or Message Service	1,100
Bagged Lunches	1,313	Bagged Groceries or Food Gift Card	363
Transportation (bus tokens, passes)	1,029	Toiletries	330
Gift Card	32	Clothing	147
Financial Assistance	54	Resume Assistance	132
Computer Mentoring	148		

Gender	Female	42%	Male	58%
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Age	18-25	9%	26-40	20%
	41-65	66%	66+	5%

Race	African-American	87%	White	4%
	Hispanic	2%	Other	7%

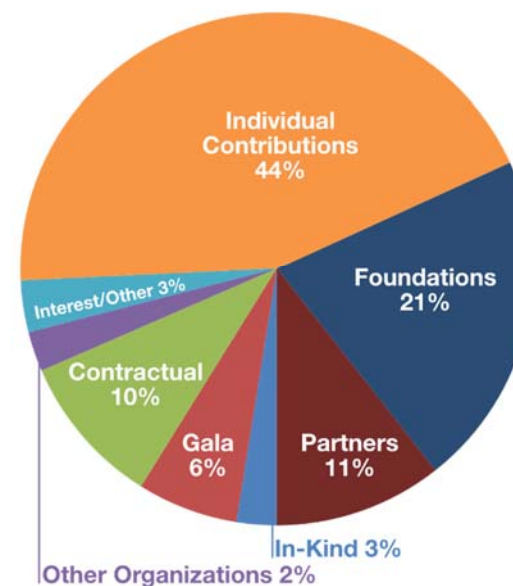
Returning Citizens* 36% (*formerly incarcerated persons)

Homeless 68%

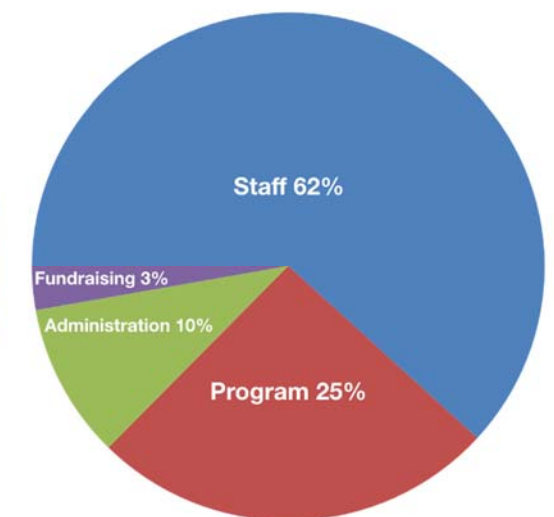
Financials

INCOME	FY2015	EXPENSES	FY2015
Partner Parishes & Schools	107,463	Operating Expense	
Individual Contributions	444,941	Staff	611,253
Foundation Awards	214,989	Program Expenses	252,752
Other Organizations	25,415	Administrative Expenses	97,487
In Kind: Other donations	25,598	Fundraising Expenses	27,493
Contractual Income	97,364	Sub Total Expense	988,985
Gala Revenue	64,330	Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	24,047
Interest Income/Other	32,932	Non-Cash Expense	
TOTAL INCOME	1,013,032	Depreciation Expense	17,383
		Total Expenses	1,006,368
		Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	6,664

FY2015 INCOME



FY2015 EXPENSES



a - includes individual ETH contributions and matching sponsorships as well as fulfilled pledges; b - Corporate and Workplace giving (United Way, CFC); c - primarily toiletries, food and interview clothing; d - government contracts and shared services contracts; e - Gala with Silent Auction; f - primarily unrealized gain (loss) on investments/reserves. Note: Figures above are based on Unrestricted Activity per statements audited by Jones, Maresca, and McQuade dated June 30, 2016.

Thank You for Your Support



The *Next Step* Giving Society is a wonderful group of individuals and families who have made gifts of \$1,000 or more in 2015. Samaritan Ministry thanks the following members for their generous commitments which empower us to do together what none of us can do alone.

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