

CIRCLES OF LOVE

Inspired by the Gospel mandates to love, serve and teach, Catholic Charities provides care and services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need.



FY19 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

7/1/2018-6/30/2019

13 OF 24

able bodied clients obtained or maintained employment

122 DAYS

The average number of days in which Emergency Shelter clients were able to become rehoused

97

adults and children served by Anna's House programs (48 adults, 49 children)

Average wage of employed clients:

\$11.48/hour

95%

of families who exited the Anna's House Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing Program moved into a permanent home

81%

of prior year households maintained their permanent home for 12 months or more



Jill and son Caleb.

MEET JILL...

My story began in 2014, when my struggles with mental health and addiction caused me to lose everything. I ended up homeless. I didn't realize at the time but I was also four months pregnant.

My son, Caleb, was born in December 2014. He was born prematurely and struggled in the NICU. While he was in the hospital, I promised him that I would always protect him and that we were going to make it together. Caleb saved my life!

In August 2015, Caleb and I moved into Anna's House. The support I received

at Anna's House propelled me forward in my life. I successfully completed the Transitional Housing program and I am now a proud Permanent Supportive client. They assisted me with my basic physical needs but most importantly, Anna's House has supported my emotional needs. The people are compassionate and made me realize I deserve a second chance at life! It is truly breathtaking what the people at Anna's House have done to help me and for that I am forever grateful!

BIG CHANGE FOR ANNA'S HOUSE

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(L) Cynthia Wood and Bill McCarthy, Executive Director, Catholic Charities
(R) Karyna Smith and Liza Frye, Early Head Start Administrator

September marked a month of big change for Anna's House. Cynthia Wood, the program director of Anna's House for the past six and half years, announced that she is stepping down to pursue new endeavors.

During her tenure, Cynthia has served as a tremendous leader and advocate for her staff.

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She has expanded the scope of services from four to seven programs and has almost doubled the number of clients served. She also grew the number of staff from seven to ten including two staff members who were formerly served by the program.

Cynthia has had a remarkable influence in growing two very successful Rapid Rehousing programs, helping families and individuals transition from Emergency and Transitional Housing into permanent housing. Under Cynthia's leadership, she has also helped grow the annual breakfast benefiting Anna's House and Harford County Early Head Start into a highly successful and hallmark event.

"Cynthia has been here to guide us through all of the changes and has done so with wisdom and grace," said Jennifer Crosson, Resources Development Manager. "We will miss her dearly."

Cynthia served as a leader in the homeless services community of Harford County and established phenomenal relationships with our working partners and key members of the community.

Catholic Charities has hired Karyna (Karyn) Smith to take over for Cynthia as the

Director of Anna's House. Karyn comes to us from Early Head Start in Harford County where she has developed a great reputation over the years as a Manager in that program. Karyn has tremendous experience, earning her Master's in Social Work in 2011 and comes to us with over 16 years' experience with Catholic Charities.

Change is never easy but we are excited to welcome Karyn to the Anna's House team! She assumed her new role September 16th. If you are in the area, please stop in and welcome her. I am sure she would love to meet our community friends and partners.



CAMP HAPPY IS A ONE WEEK SUMMER ENRICHMENT DAY CAMP.

The We Cancer Movement sponsored camp for our Anna's House children. We Cancer Movement is a nonprofit led by rising 9th grader and cancer survivor Grace Callwood, and staffed by young volunteers. Because of Callwood's personal experience, she understands the urgency of doing things now for kids in need.

How was camp?

"Well, I don't think you could have asked for anything more," said a 13-year-old volunteer counselor, Peter. "The counselors are nice and welcoming and the activities are fun. Everyone had fun."

The Anna's House children visited a dairy farm and its creamery, swam at a community pool, and learned about Maryland's wildlife at a nature center. The last day was "carnival day," followed by a cookout and a massive water-balloon battle that left all soaking wet and exclaiming with laughter.

— Rena Daly, Manager Media Relations and Editorial Content for Catholic Charities



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FALL/WINTER 2019

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WISH LISTS

OUR TOP SIX NEEDS:

- 1 - Paper Towels
- 2 - Toilet Paper
- 3 - Household Cleaning Products
(Cleaning Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner,
Disinfecting Liquid or Spray Bottles -
Lysol, Clorox, etc.)
- 4 - Laundry Detergent (no pods please)
- 5 - Kitchen Trash Bags (13 or 30 Gallon)

GIFT CARDS

- Gas Cards
- Giant
- ShopRite
- Target
- Wal-Mart
- Wawa

Or check out our website wish list for updates at: cc-md.org/AH-wishlist

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FALL DONATION

As we welcome summer and all of nature's beauty, we would welcome a donation to Anna's House to support the families we assist and the resources that we offer to help them transform their lives.

You can make your donation in the enclosed envelope, or donate on-line at www.cc-md.org/give-AH.

Thank you for supporting our work!

