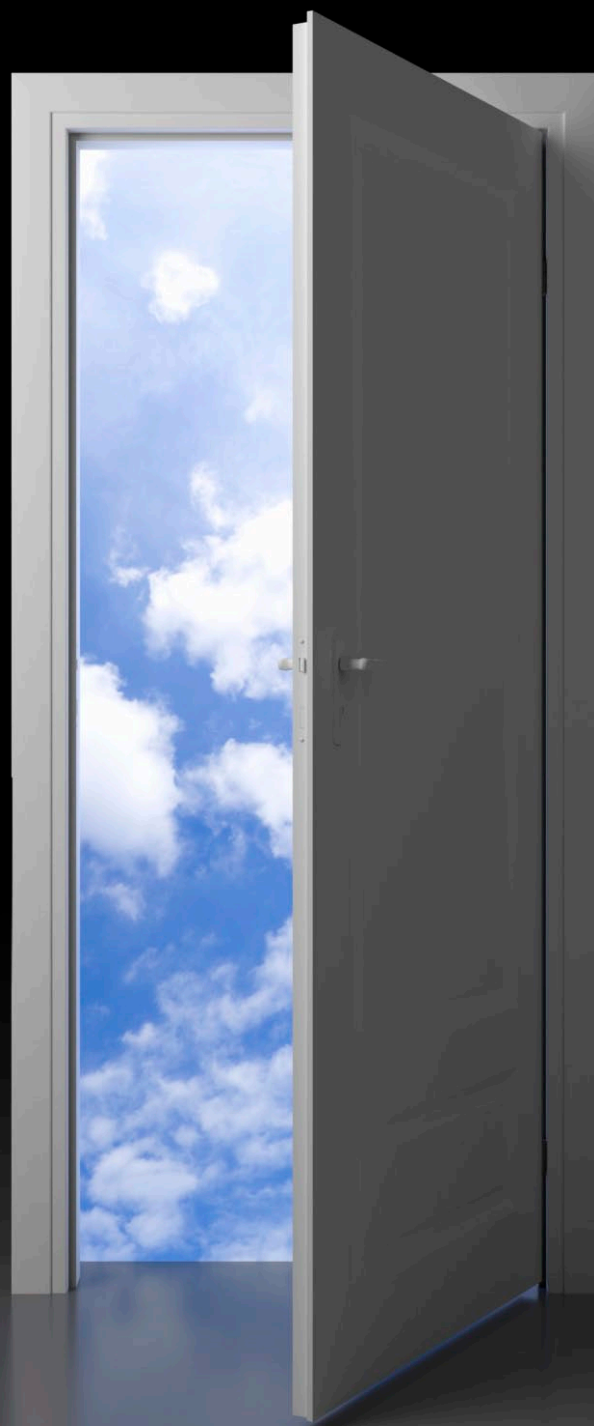


The Women's Housing Coalition **2011 Annual Report**



Continuing to Open Doors to Change

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From the Board President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to present the Women's Housing Coalition's 2011 Annual Report.

Despite the ongoing economic downturn, the WHC work and success is *continuing*. In 2011, we *continued* to provide housing and services to 99 women and 40 children. Our residents *continued* to be employed, attend college and grow by moving into subsidized, independent housing. We also *continued* offering programs that provide the support so residents can sustain social and financial independence.

The Women's Housing Coalition also *continues* to be supported by people and institutions who share our mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness in Baltimore. It is only through the support of our donors, foundations, corporations, city government and the United Way that we are able to make a real difference in the lives of our residents and their children.

It is through your support that we confidently *continue* to prepare for the future. We look forward to creating new partnerships, housing opportunities and supportive services to assist our residents on their paths to success. On their behalf, I extend our thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Moskovitz
Board President

FY 2011 Summary

Housing & Services

The Women's Housing Coalition is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness for women and children by providing affordable housing and supportive services to enable them to sustain social and financial independence.

The WHC was founded in 1979 by a group of women who discovered that women were invisible in the community. Due to the lack of resources, the WHC was created to assist this overlooked population with safe, affordable housing.

Continuum of Care

The integration of housing and supportive services is key to the WHC's "continuum of care" model. Every woman and family has a different need which is determined through individualized evaluation and case management. This process requires constantly changing goals, meaning resident's success is an on-going, evolving process. Initial goals often include substance abuse and mental health treatment or completing the basic activities of daily life. Women may eventually be ready for education or workforce training. Through employment and increased income, women with stable health are able to move on to independent living.

Housing

The Women's Housing Coalition housing is comprised of five programs; an entry program for women, an intermediate program for women, an entry program for families, and independent housing for both single women and families. Each resident's length of stay at a WHC home is based on the goals she has set for herself in conjunction with her case manager. While most women set independent living as their ultimate goal, there is no defined time limit for completing the program; women are free to stay in the residences for as long as they need housing and the services provided.

The Calverton is the residence for 14 women. This highly-structured environment provides the first step in the WHC's continuum of care. With the assistance of a Case Manager, residents develop individual plans to identify long and short term goals, attend weekly meetings to effectively monitor residents' progress and offer assistance when obstacles arise.

The Margaret Bennett House in Mt. Vernon provides permanent housing for 29 women. This less-structured environment also requires residents to develop an individual service plan and attend bi-weekly meetings to discuss goals. The four-story building is divided into five quads in which women share a kitchen and bathroom. Residents have access to a state-of-the-art computer lab, an exercise room and a wellness suite where Peoples Community Health Center provides health services to the residents.

The Margaret Jenkins House has 22 units, each with its own bathroom. The women who reside at Jenkins have created a supportive community; they host an annual Thanksgiving dinner for family and friends, publish a monthly newsletter, and organize pot luck dinners and movie nights.

The Susanna Wesley House is the entry program for formerly homeless families, as well as for residents reunifying with their children. The Susanna Wesley House Board provides housing while the WHC provides clinical services. The families receive support in a structured environment; the mothers develop plans which also include goals for their children and are required to complete a series of parenting classes. The residence has a computer room/library/play room and a backyard playground with swings, a sliding board and picnic tables. The WHC sends eligible children to summer camp and provides school uniforms, school supplies and tutoring.

The Scattered-site Program is the last step in the WHC's continuum of care and achieves the goal of independent living for many of the Calverton, Bennett and SWH residents. The women and families in this program live in apartments and houses throughout Baltimore City and receive a rental subsidy based on their income. These participants continue to receive case management services but have demonstrated that they are financially responsible, can live independently and are good neighbors and good tenants.

Services

The Women's Housing Coalition provides targeted supportive services that help women stay on the path of personal development and growth. Depending on the individual needs of the residents, the WHC will partner with appropriate organizations to offer workshops or enable residents to participate in off-site training and services. The services offered to the WHC's women and families include:

Relapse Prevention and Mental Health Services: Through a grant from the Stulman Foundation, the WHC partners with the People's Community Health Center to provide physical and mental health care to residents. This partnership brings healthcare to the foreground of the residents' consciousness and focuses on preventative care.

Employment Readiness and Training: The WHC implemented the "Women Working Wonders" workshop, covering areas such as skills assessment, goal setting, identifying job training and education needs, resume writing, job searching and interviewing. The WHC also partners with several job training programs to introduce residents to potential careers and prepare them for success in their chosen paths. Maryland New Directions assists the residents with employment readiness workshops and job placement, while Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake offers job training and certificates in human services.

Financial Literacy: PNC Bank employees present a series of workshops on money management, including budgeting, money management for seniors and raising money-smart kids. The WHC opened an Individual Development Account as a way to prompt and monitor client participation in a savings program. The WHC matches a percentage of client savings.

GED/ABE Classes: The WHCs' partnership with Greater Homewood Community Corporation provides Adult Basic Education and General Education Diploma classes, along with computer training.

Parenting Classes for Families: The Family Tree and Baltimore Families First offer parenting classes and support for mothers of children who have behavioral problems and disabilities.

Legal Services: The WHC refers residents to Homeless Persons Representation Project, Legal Aid, Maryland Disability Law Center and Maryland Volunteer Lawyers to resolve legal issues such as expungement, entitlement benefits, credit card debt and consumer issues.

Computer Classes: Maryland New Directions and The Franciscan Center offer computer classes to WHC residents.

The Arts: A partnership with Young Audiences of Maryland brings a series of SLAM Poetry workshops to residents. Women write and share their unique poems. The WHC also incorporates the Support, Honor, Inspire, Nurture and Evolve program. Where residents use mindfulness as a basis for developing personal and community strengths.

Success

In 2011, the residents of the Women's Housing Coalition had success in all areas. Nearly 25% of the women moved through the continuum of care into the next appropriate housing stage, with 13 successfully exiting the program to independent living—most residents' ultimate goal. Nine women moved to subsidized housing and five women moved to market-rate housing.

The WHC women were also successful in their career and education goals. Through job training and readiness programs, 26 women were employed or promoted, and several attended college, obtained professional licenses or graduated with degrees and certificates.

With these women as their role models, many of the WHC children completed the Mayor's Youth Works Summer Jobs program and two graduated from high school.

FY 2011 Contributions

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This list reflects gifts of contributors between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Every effort is made to accurately recognize all gifts. If any errors or omissions have been made, please contact the WHC office.

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Women's Housing Coalition, Inc.
Baltimore, Maryland

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Women's Housing Coalition, Inc. and related entities, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of activities and change in net assets, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and "Government Auditing Standards," issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Women's Housing Coalition, Inc. and related entities, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the change in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2012, on our consideration of Women's Housing Coalition, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.

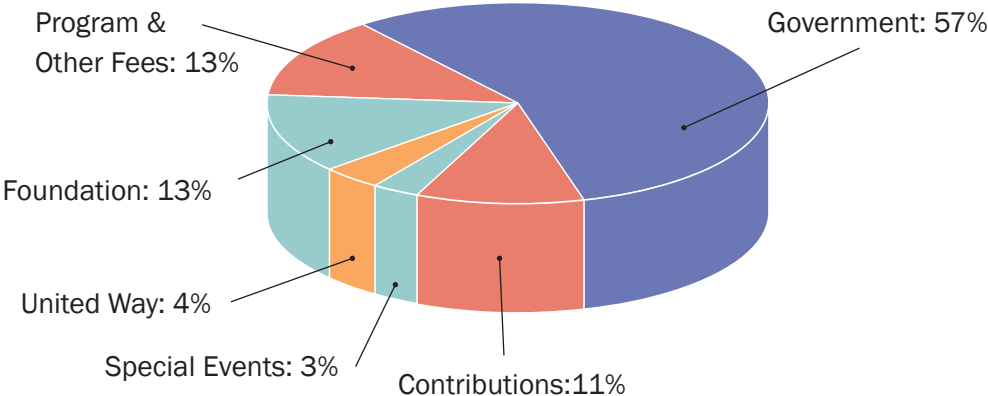
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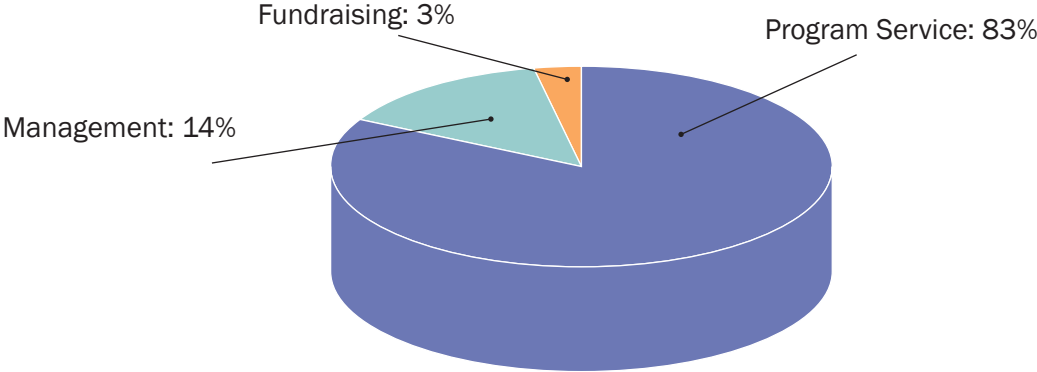
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Year Ending December 31, 2011

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Total Expenses: \$1,316,102



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