

GRATITUDE

2017-2018

REPORT



pope francis center

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Grateful for YOU!

Dear Friend,

The sunrise can be a breathtaking sight. For those of us with jobs and a comfortable place to live, the rising sun announces the beginning of a new day filled with possibilities.

A new day to enjoy life, to pursue our dreams, to love and be loved.

Unfortunately, for the homeless of our community, daybreak carries no such hope. Rather, it is a reminder that another long day of struggle has arrived.

But you and I can do something about that. When we see our neighbors in need, we're called, as people of faith and goodwill, to act.

Too few people today care. But I know that you, as a friend of the Pope Francis Center, think differently. You recognize that we actually become better people when we take action to see the need around us and act.

As you consider all the good things happening at the Pope Francis Center, please remember our work depends on the ongoing support of people like YOU!

I hope you are proud of our work together. In these pages you'll get a

more specific sense of the good you're doing—every day—in our community through the Pope Francis Center.

You'll notice in fact that rather than calling this an Annual Report, we've titled it a "Gratitude" Report. That's because I'm so thankful for the support of good people like you.

I hope this Gratitude Report encourages you to continue—there is still much to be done in downtown Detroit.

Thank you for answering the call to care for our neighbors in need. We could not do this work without you.

With deep gratitude,



Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ,
Executive Director



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Help. Healing. Love: Programs & Services

Located in the heart of downtown Detroit, the Pope Francis Center offers programs and services made possible by the generosity of friends like you. Your compassion provides a hot shower on a cold winter morning ... a filling meal for an empty stomach ... a doctor's expert hand to mend a broken bone. For a person living on Detroit's streets, your kindness allows the Pope Francis Center to remain a beacon of help and hope.

**"A LITTLE BIT OF MERCY
MAKES THE WORLD LESS
COLD AND MORE JUST."**

- POPE FRANCIS



SHOWERS



DENTAL CLINIC



SHAVE



LEGAL CLINIC



FOOT CARE



FOOD



BIKE REPAIR



LAUNDRY



MEDICAL CLINIC



MAIL



Help. Healing. Love: By the Numbers

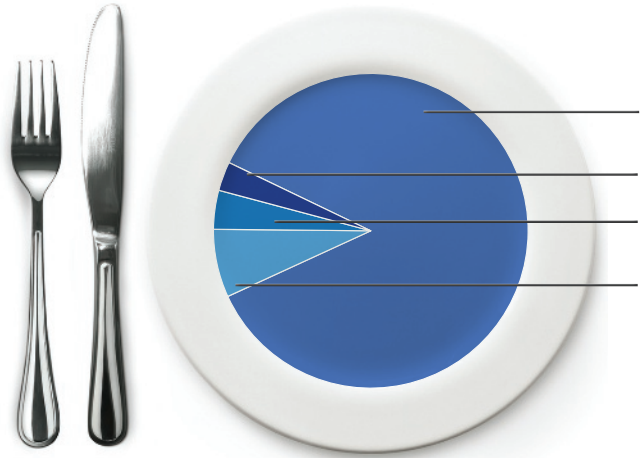
Behind every number or statistic at the Pope Francis Center, there are human faces and beating hearts. A mother who lost her job, and then slowly her way, now sleeps alone beneath a highway bridge. An elderly veteran whose body and mind can't escape the terrors of a long-ago war. Or a teen who ran away from an abusive home but continues to mask his hurt and pain through addiction. These are the guests we welcome each day with open arms and open doors. Their words of gratitude for what YOU make possible communicate more beauty and meaning than any spreadsheet or pie chart ever could.

"FOR ME, POPE FRANCIS CENTER IS LOVE, JOY AND FAMILY, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT GAVE ME."

- POPE FRANCIS CENTER GUEST

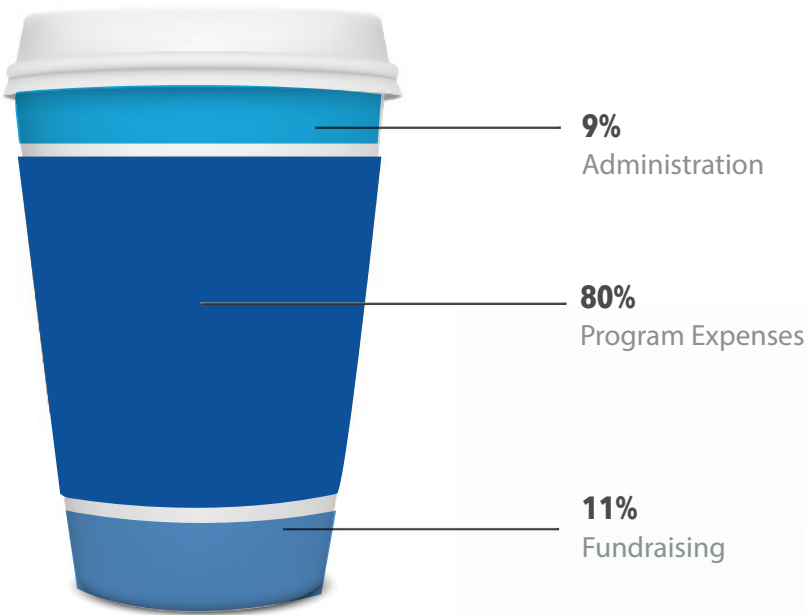
REVENUE

Contributions & Grants	\$1,173,387
Material Donations	\$92,890
Food Donations	\$43,989
Donated Services	\$48,094
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$1,358,360



EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$830,824
Administration	\$91,531
Fundraising	\$118,050
Prudent Reserve	\$300,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,340,405



58,440
MEALS SERVED



3,781
LOADS OF LAUNDRY



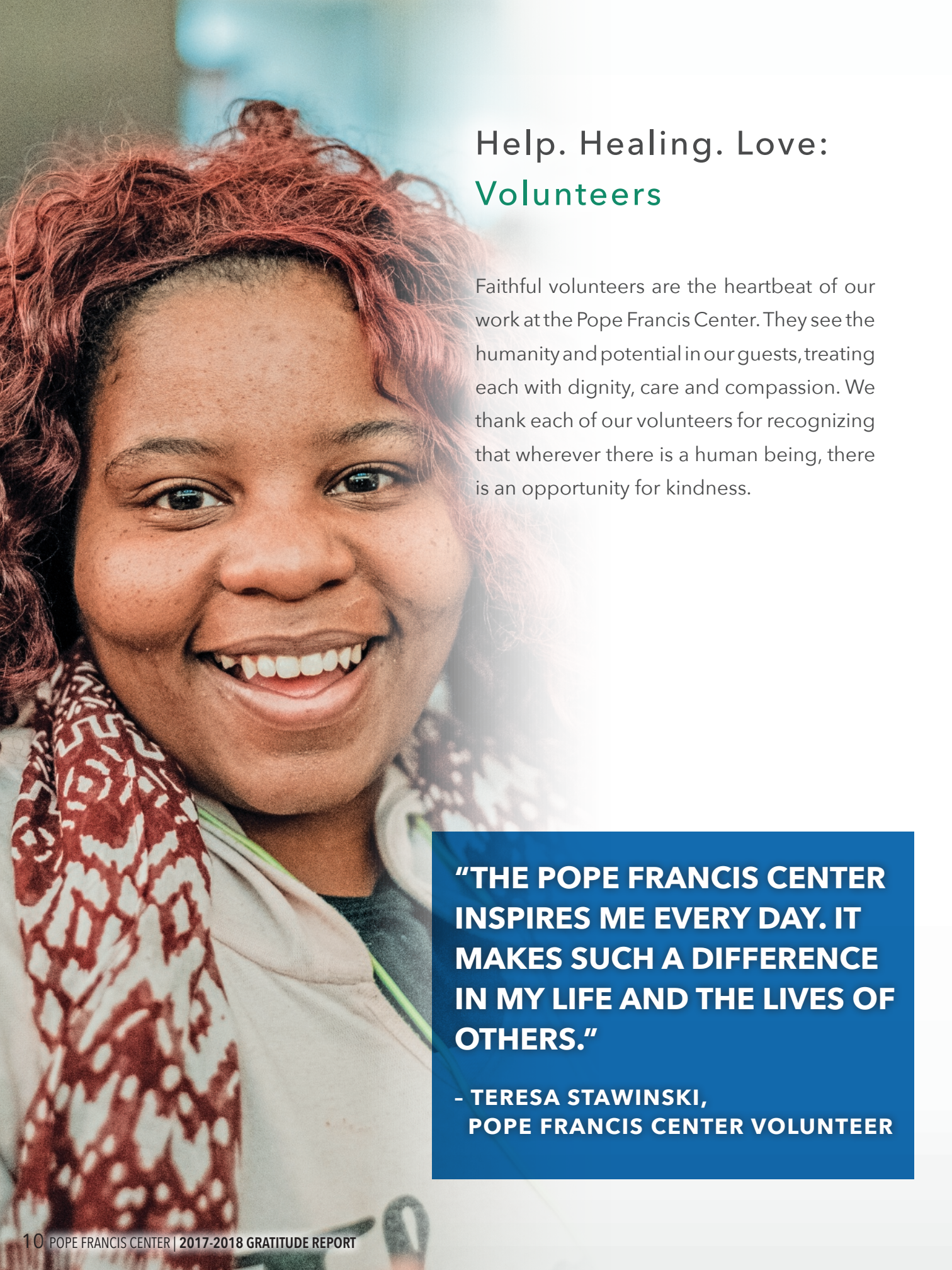
5,987
SHOWERS TAKEN



155,840
HOURS SPENT OFF
THE STREETS



20,025
CUPS OF COFFEE
SERVED



Help. Healing. Love: Volunteers

Faithful volunteers are the heartbeat of our work at the Pope Francis Center. They see the humanity and potential in our guests, treating each with dignity, care and compassion. We thank each of our volunteers for recognizing that wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.

**"THE POPE FRANCIS CENTER
INSPIRES ME EVERY DAY. IT
MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE
IN MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF
OTHERS."**

**- TERESA STAWINSKI,
POPE FRANCIS CENTER VOLUNTEER**

VOLUNTEERS





Help. Healing. Love: Donors

By opening their hearts and supporting the Pope Francis Center, our donors see the dire need in Metro Detroit and put their compassion into action. With caring donors behind us, we're able to provide a safe place for anyone in our community who is experiencing homelessness. Working together, we provide hope and help for our guests so they can realize a brighter future. In the following pages, we acknowledge and give thanks for those who have cared and made a difference.

"THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND SUPPORTS THE WORK OF THE POPE FRANCIS CENTER. ALONG WITH A GOOD MEAL AND A HOT SHOWER, GUESTS ARE GREETED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. LIFE ON THE STREET IS TOUGH - KINDNESS IS A GAME CHANGER FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE."

**- JIM VELLA, PRESIDENT,
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Mike's Second Chance

A new man. A transformed life.

A miracle that YOU made possible...

Life hasn't been easy for Mike. He grew up on the East Side of Detroit not long after summer of 1967. While still just a teenager, Mike became addicted to heroin. It dominated his life for the next 35 years.

While on the streets, Mike hung out with a group of eight other homeless men who banded together and helped keep each other safe. One of the guys, Eric, shared Mike's passion for reading. At night, they would read by candlelight to pass the time and trade books with each other when finished.

For nearly 15 of his years on the streets, Mike was a regular guest of the Pope Francis Center. For the majority of those years, he lived under a highway bridge just blocks from the Center. Mike recalls how most days would begin by lining up each morning with about 50 other guests, patiently waiting for the doors to open. He and the others were so grateful for a place in the city where they could go to eat or take a hot shower.

While homeless, Mike believed in his heart that he deserved every bad thing that came his way and that his life was destined for doom. "Life was just going to be misery, and then I was going to hell. It's what I deserved," he says.

"IT'S A MIRACLE I'M STILL HERE."

Through the support of caring friends like you, the Center kept Mike alive during the roughest time of his life. Your generosity allowed us to take care of Mike until the day he could begin taking care of himself.

Mike's big break came when some Good Samaritans helped get him into a methadone clinic to get clean. After a month of sobriety, they helped Mike get his teeth fixed, set him up



with a car and phone, and began helping him to find a job. When Mike started to backslide, they convinced him to seek treatment in an inpatient program in Chicago.

Having successfully completed his treatment, Mike was hired to work at the program for the next six years. Starting as a counselor, Mike quickly worked his way up the ladder, becoming manager of the counselors and then director of the men's program. During this time in Chicago, Mike also fell in love and married his wife, Maureen.

Five years ago, Mike moved back to Detroit. He and his wife volunteer at a rehabilitation center where he counsels other addicts, sharing his own personal story while providing them hope for the future. Recently, Mike visited the Pope Francis Center. He was amazed by how much the Center had grown and all it was doing to help others like him.

When told that he must have an angel looking out for him, Mike simply nods his head in agreement and smiles. This same man, who once believed he was destined for hell, now believes in the power of angels and a miraculous Father who dearly loves him...

"I really do feel that way," says Mike. "I really do. A lot of guys I knew didn't make it. It's a miracle I'm still here."



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