



Annual Report

2014



Briarpatch
Youth Services

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From Our Leadership

Dear Friends,

Since we opened our doors in 1971, more than 10,000 runaway and homeless youth have received counseling, case management, and/or temporary shelter services.

And, with support and guidance from our staff, court-involved youth have paid more than \$1.5 million in restitution to victims and performed approximately 250,000 hours of service to their community.

Many of you are familiar with our more than 40 years of service to youth and families throughout Dane County. We've experienced numerous changes during the last four decades including two mergers, three name changes, and several relocations. However, as evidenced by the service numbers above, our focus has never strayed from our mission of strengthening and improving the lives of youth, their families and our community.

As we write this letter from our new facility on Rimrock Road, it's with a sense of gratitude for all the support we've received during the last 40 plus years. The year 2014 was a big one for the agency. Our Board of Directors voted to honor our history by changing the organization's name to Briarpatch Youth Services. We also moved into our new home and launched a Transitional Living Program for homeless 18-21 year olds. We could not have done any of this without your support.

The next major step in our service to the community is opening Dane County's first shelter dedicated to serving homeless and runaway youth ages 13-17. With an estimated 300 homeless youth in Dane County on any given night, the need for this shelter has never been greater. The Briarpatch Youth Shelter will be housed in our facility on Rimrock Road where youth will have access to safe shelter, individual and family counseling, job search assistance, and other support services.

Local leaders like Attic Angels Association, CUNA Mutual Group Foundation, and National Guardian Life Insurance Company have helped lead the charge to open and operate the shelter. And we are thrilled to have you along on the next leg of our journey.



Gratefully,

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Services to At-Risk Youth & Families

Runaway & Homeless Youth

This program provides homeless and runaway youth with individual counseling, crisis intervention, family counseling, temporary shelter, and case management services as needed. Each youth also receives a comprehensive assessment to identify their individual needs. Program staff strives to ensure that youth have a safe place to stay when they leave program services.

176 youth and their families received assessment, counseling, and case management services

152 youth received counseling through our 24-hour help-line

95% of youth returned home or to a safe alternative

Street Outreach

Street Outreach serves at-risk youth and young adults who are homeless, runaways, or avoiding an unsafe home environment. Program clients may receive food, personal care items, STI/HIV prevention materials, brief counseling, and/or referrals for shelter and/or other services as appropriate.

Provided services to 1,971 youth and young adults ages 12-24

131 of these youth received a combined 2,743 hours of case management services

Children of Violent Homes

This program is a collaborative project involving Briarpatch, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Family Service Madison, and the Rainbow Project that provides services to youth and adults who have witnessed, been the victim of, or perpetuated violence.

Provided 122 hours of counseling to 44 unduplicated clients

35 referrals were made to partner agencies

Parent Support Services

Parents of at-risk youth receive brief counseling and case management services through this program.

Provided 1,500 hours of service to 93 clients from 33 families

22 parent support groups were organized and facilitated



Youth Development

Youth Job Center

This program works with 14-18 year old high-risk youth with barriers to employment and helps them acquire the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment. Once they have completed pre-employment training, each youth is provided with individual job search/placement assistance followed by 10 weeks of post-job placement mentoring.

Served 148 unduplicated youth

61 youth obtained employment and 31 of these youth completed at least 10 weeks of satisfactory job performance

Madison Street Team

Twenty five youth, ages 14 and 15, were employed in a first time work experience during the summer and in addition they participated in activities designed to improve self-esteem and promote teamwork. With supervision by adult staff, youth complete a variety of work in Madison's parks and along Madison's streets during June, July, and August.

Youth performed 1,743 hours of work

80% successfully completed their employment experience

Youth Groups

Briarpatch offers two separate groups for teens: CHOICES, for middle and high school girls and Teens Like Us, for LGBTQ youth. The primary goals of the groups are to strengthen resiliency, improve coping/problem skills, support academic performance, and promote healthy lifestyles through group discussions and social activities.

Served 22 at-risk females ages 13-18 during 45 group sessions

Served 114 LGBTQ youth during 48 group sessions and special events

Court Involved Youth

Youth Peer Court

An alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system for first time offenders who have pled guilty to a misdemeanor or ordinance violation, YPC services are provided throughout Dane County. A volunteer jury of high school students, with guidance from an adult staff member, hears the facts of each case and provides offending youth with a sentence designed to repair the harm they caused to relationships, property, and the community.

Youth Restitution Program

This program programs court involved youth with adult-supervised community service opportunities, helps youth find employment, collects restitution payments from youth, and forwards payments to each youth's victim(s).

Intensive Supervision

This program provides youth who have been found delinquent an opportunity to remain in their community while fulfilling their court ordered obligations. Services provided include crisis intervention, individual counseling, monitoring of school attendance, skill development groups, family support, mentoring and curfew monitoring.

Youth jurors heard 131 cases with 81% of youth successfully completing their YPC sentences

518 unduplicated youth received services as part of 634 separate court cases.

These youth performed 3,176 hours of community service and made \$31,920 in restitution payments

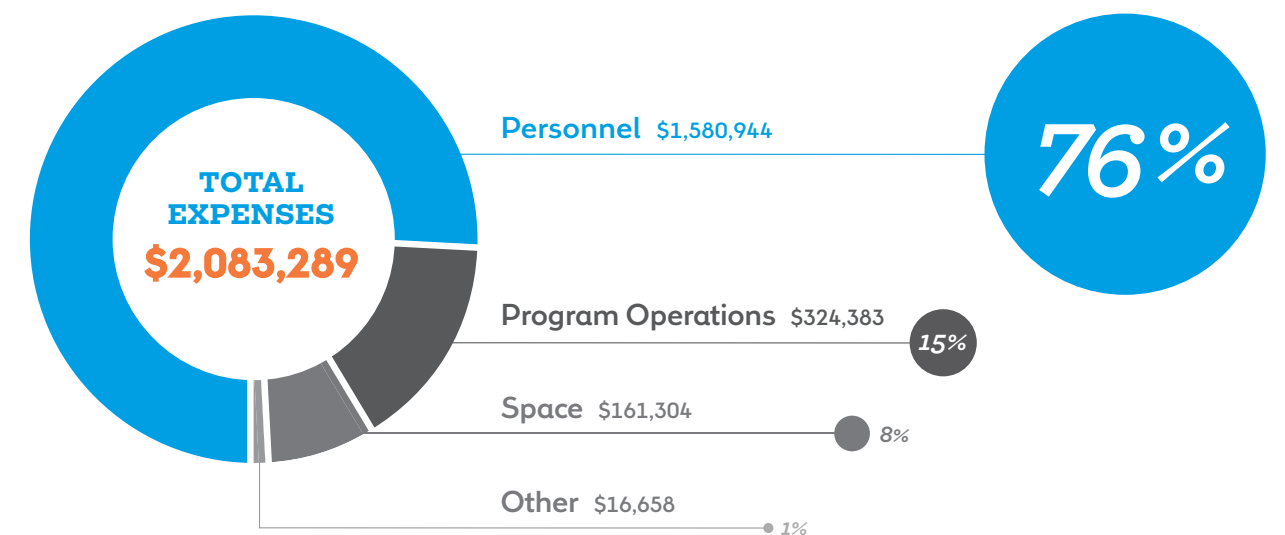
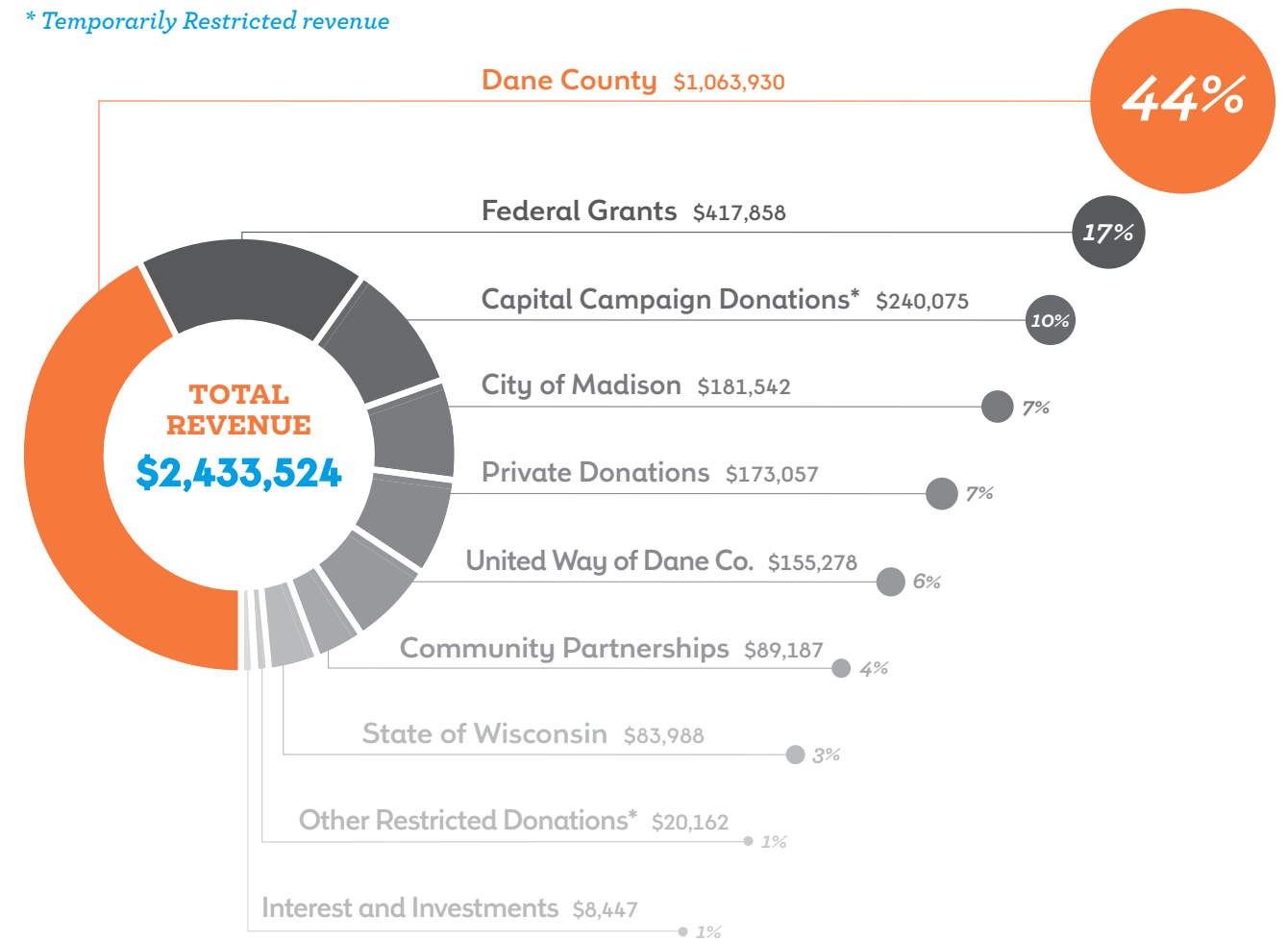
229 youth each received 15-25 hours of service monthly

78% of youth successfully completed the program by complying with curfews, attending school, and avoiding further law violations

In total, over 3,000 youth and young adults received assessment, counseling, and case management services.

Budget Breakdown 2014

* Temporarily Restricted revenue



Unrestricted Revenue Over Expenses: \$89,998 Change in Net Assets: \$350,235

Our partners

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program



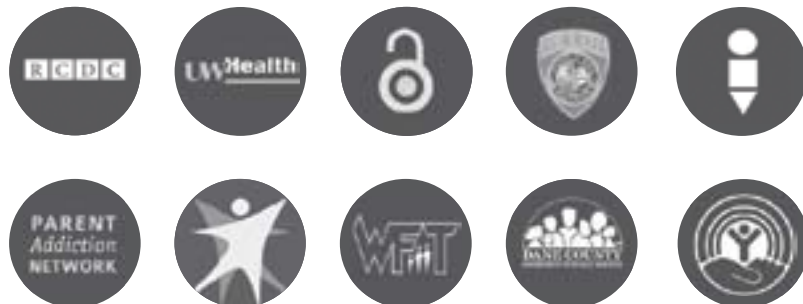
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- WI Dept. of Health Services
- United Way of Dane County
- U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
- The Rainbow Project

Court Involved Youth



- City of Madison
- City of Sun Prairie
- Village of Cottage Grove
- Village of Oregon
- Goodman Community Center
- Community Partnerships
- Coalition of the Aging
- Community Action Coalition
- Shelter from the Storm
- Mt. Horeb Food Pantry
- Mt. Horeb Senior Center
- Madison Metro School District
- Troy Gardens
- Rainbow Project
- Dane Co. Highway Dept.
- Dane Co. Dept. of Human Services

Parent Support Program



- Recovery Coalition of Dane Co.
- University of Wisconsin AADAIP
- Access to Independence
- Dane Co. Sheriff Dept.
- Horizon High School
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Parent Addiction Network
- Recovery Coalition of Dane Co.
- WI Family Ties
- Dane Co. Dept. of Human Services
- United Way of Dane County

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Help today provides hope tomorrow.

Give homeless youth a chance.

Where will I sleep tonight?

Today in our community, approximately 300 homeless youth will ask this question. Briarpatch Youth Services is taking a big step forward to help, by opening the first-ever facility in Dane County dedicated to providing temporary shelter to homeless youth ages 13-17.

Did you know?

In Dane County, more than 1,700 students reported being kicked out or running away from home in the last 12 months.

75% of homeless and runaway youth have already or will drop out of school.

It is estimated that 5,000 unaccompanied youth in the U.S. die each year as a result of assault, illness, or suicide.



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Want to help? Visit briarpatch.org/youth-shelter or contact our Development Office at 608.819.3775 to find out how you can give homeless youth a chance.

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- direct mail appeals
- grant proposals
- verbal donation requests
- special events

Use of Contributions

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