



*Believing in*  
**Herself**



Calvary Women's Services  
2015 Annual Report



*A safe, caring place for tonight;  
support, hope and change for tomorrow.*



## About Calvary

Calvary Women's Services offers housing, health, education and employment programs that empower homeless women in Washington, DC to change their lives. Our programs carry out our mission to achieve excellence in what we offer: *a safe, caring place for tonight; support, hope and change for tomorrow.*

At Calvary, we believe every woman has the strengths and gifts she needs to be successful. Each woman in our programs identifies and builds on her strengths, meeting her goals for safe housing, good health and financial independence.

*"When I came to Calvary I found community for the first time, and by talking with other women, I realized that I wasn't alone."*

*– Beverly, resident*

## Believing in Herself

### Addison remembers both the good times and the tough times

that she had at Calvary Women's Services. It was hard for her to adjust to the reality of being homeless. "I was a mess," she admitted. It took a while for Addison to build positive relationships and believe in herself. Right before she came to Calvary, she lost someone she loved. She was unemployed. On top of all that, she was working to stay sober after spending years battling addiction.

After moving in to Calvary, Addison started working closely with a case manager on her goals. Their meetings were not always easy. Addison said that at first she did not want to listen, but she eventually realized that the "tough love" approach was helping her to stay focused and think about the direction she wanted her life to go. "I realized that someone believed in me. She saw progress in me when I couldn't," Addison said.

Addison was one of the first women to secure a job through Step Up DC, Calvary's job placement program. She talked through her career goals and worked on her resume with Calvary's workforce development specialist. Like many people, she felt anxiety about being interviewed. After doing a few mock interviews, though, her confidence grew.

Soon, Addison started to hear back from employers. She accepted a full-time job as a hospitality assistant at a hospital. She said that she loves her job, especially working with older residents.

After six months at Calvary, Addison moved into an apartment where she enjoys even more independence. She recently said, "I had the most awesome, wonderful case manager in the world!" After achieving so much at Calvary, Addison also said that she is excited to push herself and see how much further she can go.





## Our Programs

Calvary's housing programs provide women with a safe place to live, healthy meals and basic services, and our support services program ensures that women take positive steps toward independence. Calvary Transitional Housing Program and Pathways are transitional housing programs that primarily serve women who have been chronically homeless. Sister Circle provides permanent supportive housing for women in recovery from addictions and health problems.

Our support services empower women to move out of homelessness.

- *One-on-one support from case managers*
- *Addiction recovery meetings*
- *On-site therapy and mental health services*
- *Step Up DC job placement program*
- *Life skills and education classes*
- *Nutritious meals and healthy cooking classes*
- *Connections to partner agencies for other services*

More than 130 women lived at Calvary in 2015, where they had access to high-quality housing, health, education and employment programs. With the support of generous donors, Calvary provided comprehensive services that gave women the long-term stability and the tools and skills to end their homelessness.



*“I am so grateful for everything in my life that is coming together – my new home, my job, and my family. Everyone who has supported Calvary has been part of my journey.”*

*- Laverne, Sister Circle resident*





# A Year of Achievements

## Housing

- **70%** of women moved to permanent housing
- **100%** of women in our Sister Circle program maintained their permanent supportive housing

## Programs & Services

- **85%** of women maintained their recovery from drug and alcohol addiction
- More than **500** psychotherapy sessions were provided to women by a licensed therapist
- **75%** of women engaged in Life Skills, Education and Arts Program (LEAP) classes and activities

## Employment & Income

- **60%** of women who participated in Step Up DC secured part-time or full-time employment
- **90%** of women who secured employment had retained their jobs for more than three months
- **70%** of women secured income supporting their move from Calvary

## Volunteers

- Calvary's family of **450** volunteers contributed over **6,000** hours leading LEAP classes, providing overnight support and supervision and preparing and serving meals
- Without volunteers, Calvary would have to hire an additional three full-time staff to cover the work they do



*"I started volunteering because I wanted to contribute and make a meaningful difference. That pales in comparison to the **sense of meaning and purpose** this experience gives me."*

*- Marjorie, volunteer*

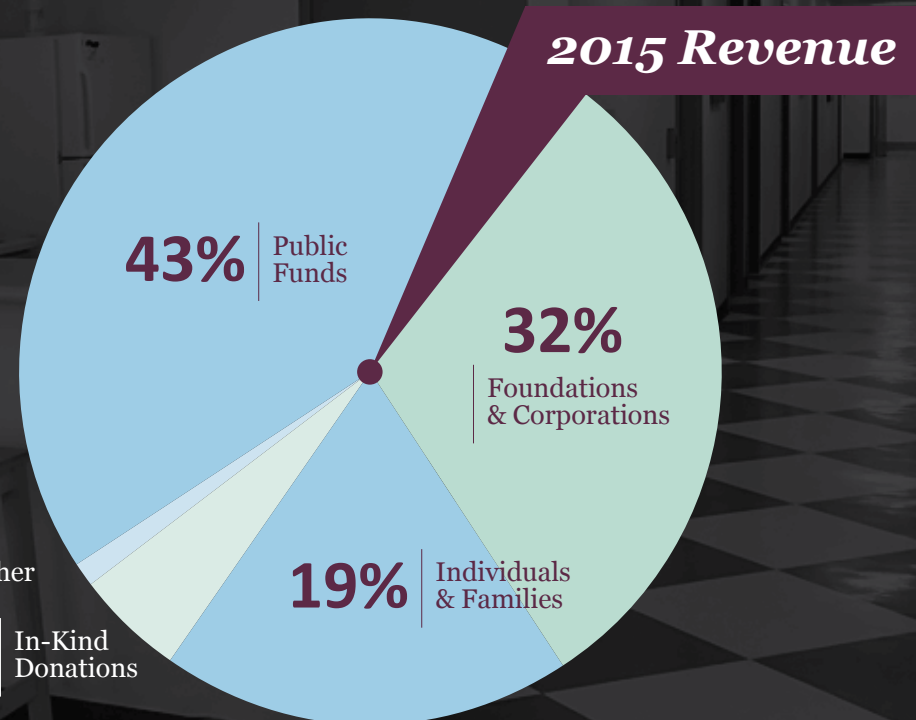




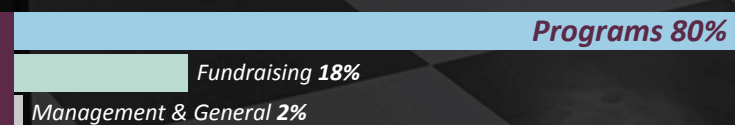


# Financial Accountability

Calvary Women's Services is grateful to the many individuals and organizations that make it possible to provide high-quality services to women who are working to overcome homelessness. We manage those investments wisely, putting dollars and donations to their best use.



## 2015 Expenses



Each year Calvary's financial statements are audited by an outside firm. To receive a copy of our audited financial statements, please call us at (202) 678-2341. To get involved or make an investment, please visit our website at [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org).



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*“I am proud to be part of Calvary because I see the extraordinary potential in connecting so many members of the community to bring their experiences, gifts and resources to the table.”*

*- Allison, board member and volunteer*






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Through diverse volunteer opportunities, financial and in-kind donations and pro bono professional support, you make it possible for women to move out of homelessness. Thank you.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit [www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org).

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