



Calvary
Women's Services

In This Together

2020 Annual Report



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Dear friends,

“Calvary is a haven for me. This place has allowed me to focus on the positives and begin to mend my heart.”

These words from Tianna, who lived at Calvary Women’s Services last year, have resonated with both of us throughout this unprecedented year. As the leaders of this vital organization, we know what a difference Calvary’s programs make, and as our community’s need has grown, Calvary has grown to meet the challenges.

Over the holidays in 2019, Calvary opened a new housing program, Reach Up, which increased our capacity by 80%. This program, which provides housing for women experiencing homelessness as well as those fleeing domestic violence, was already critically needed – but then the crises hit.

The COVID pandemic and the racial unrest faced locally and nationally in 2020 laid bare the racial, economic and gender inequity and injustice in our systems and experienced in people’s lives. As an organization

serving primarily Black women and women of color and as one of the only providers in our region serving exclusively women, Calvary was uniquely positioned to rise to this moment. Our work became more critical than ever.

And our response would not have been possible without friends like you. You have made sure women have a safe home, nutritious home-cooked meals, and all of the services they need to transform their lives. Thanks to you, women who lost their jobs due to the pandemic have regained employment. Women whose health was at risk have accessed the care and support they need. Women who were fleeing violence have found a safe home.

Throughout this challenging year, the women at Calvary have shown resilience and courage, continuing to rebuild their lives. Calvary has continued to provide critical support to women because the community stepped up and provided the haven that women like Tianna have needed more than ever.

Please read through this annual report and learn more about your

impact on women’s lives and on our community.

With half of our funding coming from philanthropy, we rely on friends like you to ensure that we can continue to meet the community’s needs, to address inequity and injustice, and to support women who are transforming their lives. We can do that when we are all **in this together.**

Thank you for all that you make possible.

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Programs & Services

Calvary Women's Services empowers homeless women in Washington, DC, to transform their lives through housing, health, education, and employment programs. Calvary is committed to providing these services in Wards 7 and 8, which have the highest poverty rates in the city. Our programs are designed for women who are survivors of violence and trauma, are living with mental illness, or are in recovery from substance addiction. Our strategic approach includes:

101
total units
of housing



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- Transitional housing, providing **76 units of housing** with an average stay of 6-9 months
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- Permanent housing, providing **25 units of long-term supportive housing**
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- **Support services**, providing on-site education, job readiness and placement, health and wellness support, mental health services, daily addiction recovery meetings, financial literacy courses, and personalized case management

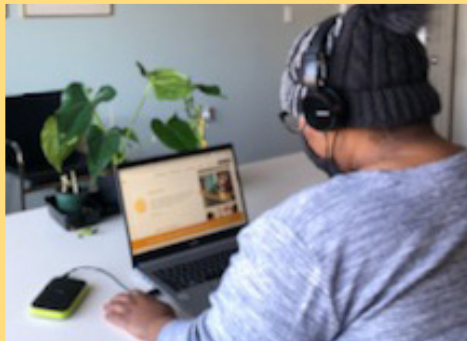
“I have everything I need – a safe environment, meals, and supportive friends. It gives me so much hope to go on.”

Felicia, Calvary resident



Programs & Services

In the last year, Calvary Women's Services provided housing and support services for a total of **138 women**. Each woman worked toward her own unique goals, including securing stable employment, maintaining sobriety and managing mental illness, building good health, and finding safe, affordable housing. As women worked toward these goals, they achieved the following successes:



- **75%** of women received income from employment or benefits.

- **61%** of women maintained their recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

- **53%** of women engaged in Life Skills, Education and Arts Program classes and activities.

- **40%** of women who participated in our Step Up DC job placement program secured employment.

*Of the women who completed our programs, **70% successfully ended their homelessness** and moved into their own homes.*

In addition to these outcomes, our programs provided many resources that supported women in reaching their goals. During the last year, these included:

- **Over 25,000 nights of safe housing**

- **Over 60,000 nutritious meals**

- **Over 600 therapy sessions provided on-site** by a licensed therapist

- **Over 300 hours of Life Skills, Education and Arts Program classes** offered in topic areas of job readiness, literacy and education, health and wellness, and the arts



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Volunteer Program

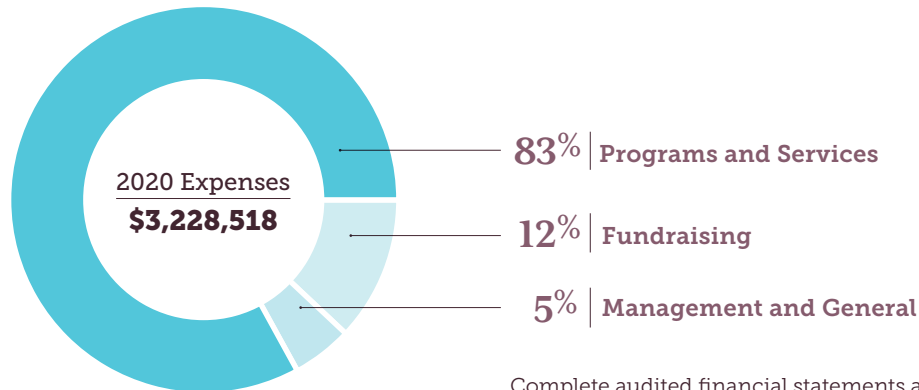
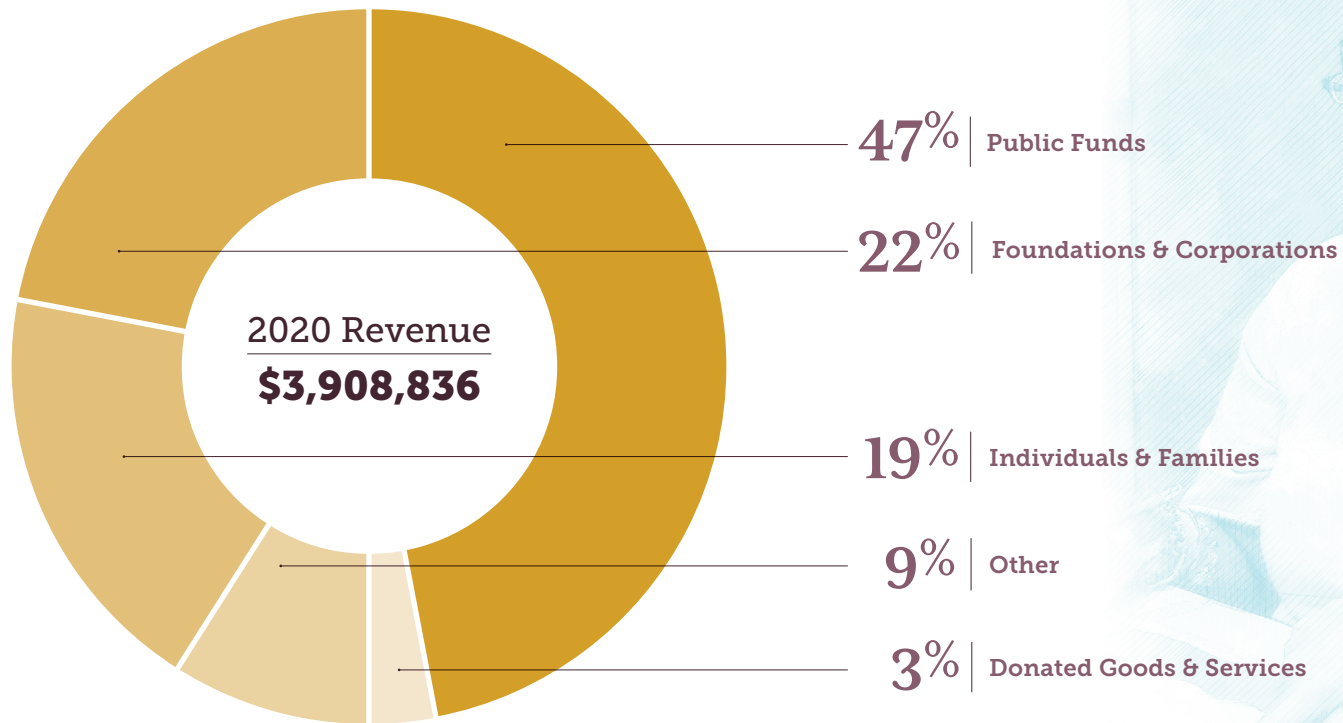
Last year, Calvary Women's Services had a family of 328 volunteers, including **60 new volunteers**, who supported the day-to-day operations of our programs, including serving meals, leading classes, and providing support to women searching for jobs. The time and talent that this team provided was **over 3,600 hours of service**. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for being a part of the Calvary community!

The women at Calvary are able to achieve their personal goals thanks to the donors, volunteers, and other supporters who are ***in this together*** with them.



Financials

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Calvary is able to provide life changing services to women who are overcoming homelessness. We take the utmost care to ensure that investments in Calvary are put to their best use.



Complete audited financial statements are available on our website at calvaryservices.org/about/financials

A full list of our foundation & corporate partners can be found at calvaryservices.org/about/corporate



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