



Kennett Area Community Service Serving People in Their Time of Need

2016 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

It's with great pleasure that we share our successes and results from the previous year. As anticipated, we doubled our facility space with the June opening of the KACS Resource Center. But that is just the beginning. KACS took another step in our journey to go from an immediate crisis agency to one that also walks a journey with families to build lasting stability.

This was a year that we continued to transform program delivery to reach the most vulnerable members of our community. The Resource Center provides a welcoming place for those that are homeless and marginalized to bathe and launder clothing. In the process of fulfilling this most basic need, they discover acceptance and healthy relationships with people that genuinely care about their well-being.

Over the past two years, volunteers and staff began to look beyond food insecurity to gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges faced by those living in a recurrent state of crisis, and in some cases, chronic homelessness. The Resource Center was created to be a co-locating facility, providing space for partner agencies to deliver a multitude of services in a community-based setting. Now KACS participants can access employment and legal services, family benefits, computer classes and more – right in their own neighborhood.

KACS leadership began to address the issue of poverty with a fresh approach by launching the Bridges Out of Poverty initiative. We firmly believe that everyone in Southern Chester County can achieve quality of life and play a part in building a healthy community. The effectiveness of this model depends on collaboration across every sector. We are excited to bring the Bridges philosophy to the region and are pleased that many groups are joining the effort to build pathways for economic mobility.

The successes of the last year reflect a dedication and passion of a community that cares. We are grateful that you have joined us in this work – keeping the Cupboard filled and helping us provide safe, warm housing for local families and individuals. With our deepest appreciation, we thank you! Yours in service,

Barbara Shaven

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Serving People in Their Time of Need Reducing Food Insecurity

\$1 million of food came to the Cupboard through Food Donations in 2016. This happens through community partnerships and because of caring citizens like you!





The Kennett Food Cupboard

At a Glance

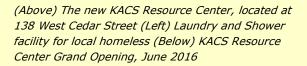
- 786 Families received food at the Food Cupboard throughout the year, including 1,030 Children, 1,072 Adults & 243 Seniors
- Families selected an average of 120 lbs. of nutritious food on monthly trips to the Cupboard
- 42,900 lbs. of food moved through the Kennett Food Cupboard monthly
- In cooperation with the Kennett Consolidated School District, 380 students received nutrition assistance through the Summer program
- 94% of Food Cupboard visitors enrolled in the Healthy Options program to secure additional healthy nutrition and participate in Case Management services to gain resources and minimize food insecurity



- 92% of food is provided through local grocers, partner agencies and local food drives
- \$25,000 of fresh meats, dairy and produce are purchased by KACS for consistent, quality nutrition
- 86 food drives helped to fill the Cupboard throughout the year
- Thanks to our volunteers & partners, 100 seniors receive home delivery each month

Serving People in Their Time of Need Ending Homelessness











KACS became a provider for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing in 2013. Since that time, 150 homeless households were given shelter and secured safe, permanent housing by working with KACS Case Managers.

With the opening of the KACS Resource Center, the homeless have a place to bathe, launder clothing, obtain basic food assistance and most importantly - find a community of people ready to help.

Our Emergency Assistance program continues to provide financial assistance and homeless prevention services to stop a crisis before it's too late.

The KACS Resource Center also houses six partner agencies, bringing additional resources and one-stop shopping to the community. Another three agencies and community groups utilize the Resource Center for meetings, mobile client visits and more.



In 2016

- KACS provided motel room fees for 236 nights
- 45 homeless households secured permanent housing through KACS
- 40 families received homeless prevention services to avoid eviction or utility shut off
- 44 heating oil tanks were filled
- \$10,984 was paid for security deposits for rental housing
- Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing services provided to the homeless in Kennett Square, Avondale, West Grove, Oxford and Nottingham
- 92% remain housed for 12 months
- Overall, \$121,195 was provided to support 860 people in need

Serving People in Their Time of Need Reducing Poverty



Sustainability Programs At a Glance

- Launched the Bridges Out of Poverty classes for professionals and the community
- Trained 80 community members and 35 partner agency staff about creating a community of opportunity for under-resourced families
- In September, KACS launched the first 'Getting Ahead-in-a-Just-Gettin'-by-World' Class
- 23 participants joined these classes to learn about each of 11 resources needed to find economic mobility
- Installed 9 raised bed gardens to provide gardening workshops and much needed produce for the Food Cupboard
- Conducted 18 Nutrition Workshops with recipes and food sampling for families when they visit the Cupboard
- Hosted 8 Agency partners in the Resource Center to provide family benefit assistance, employment resources and CareerLink, legal services and more

Look for more information about the Bridges Out of Poverty Initiative for

Southern Chester County!







Serving People in Their Time of Need Neighbors Helping Neighbors





Volunteers are the heart of our work. Each week 70 volunteers give their time to build connections and let their neighbors know the community supports them in their time of need.



- Hundreds of volunteer hours were donated in the planning and renovation of the new KACS Resource Center, from demolition to painting to the garden installation the Resource Center is a community place!
- 1,000+ volunteer hours are worked every month
- 400 volunteers organize and work events to serve 650 families
- Volunteers provide service in every area of the operation leadership, serving, reception, driving, sorting, cleaning, administrative work, data & trends analysis, special projects and so much more.
- Over 400 volunteers participated in the assembly and distribution of the 63th Annual Christmas Basket program, providing a wonderful holiday to 650 families
- 25 volunteer groups, employers, scouts, churches and more, completed projects at KACS

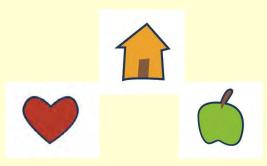
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2016 By the Numbers

Kennett Area Community Service STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2016	2015
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 213,763	\$343,528
Gift cards on hand	4,076	3,891
Inventory	17,502	19,739
Prepaid expenses	11,507	20,500
Deposit	0	2,000
Grants receivable	99,578	127,765
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	346,426	517,423
FIXED ASSETS		
Building	1,081,007	547,569
Construction in progress	0	175,751
Equipment & vehicles	78,805	75,243
Accumulated depreciation	(172,698)	(144,476)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	987,114	654,087
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,333,540	\$1,171,150

KACS 2016 Income

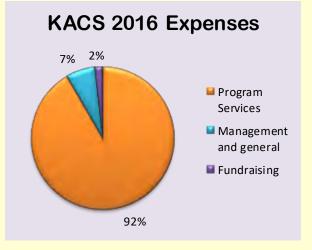


LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	15,593	\$ 5,951
Payroll liabilities	11,895	6,611
TOTAL LIABILITES	27,488	12,562
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,212,247	\$968,868
Temporarily restricted	93,805	190,080
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,306,052	1,158,948

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES

Year Ending September 30, 2016

SUPPORT & REVENUE

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Interest & Misc Income	2,287
Net special events	43,164
In-kind donations	1,007,262
Contributions	\$ 567,465

Total support and revenue \$1,620,178

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,350,144
Management & General	97,311
Fundraising	25,619
Total Expenses	\$1,473,074
Change in Net Assets	\$ 147,104

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Net assets-beginning of year	\$1,158,948
Net assets-end of year	\$1,306,052

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The Kennett Food Cupboard is filled and run by you! Our thanks to the thousands of individuals that fill the Cupboard by growing vegetables, bringing in food donations and supporting Food Drives in our area. And a big thank you to the Grocery Store and Produce sellers that donate nutritious foods to keep our community healthy!

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Thank you to the hundreds of anonymous donors that provide food and produce to the Food Cupboard! You join the community in feeding our friends and neighbors in need!



The Mission

Serving People in Their Time of Need

The Vision

We are an organization committed to serving families and all individuals in the fight against hunger and homelessness in the Kennett area and surrounding communities.

We are responsible stewards of the community, helping members of the greater Kennett community to lift themselves in a dignified manner out of the cycle of poverty.

We achieve this goal by both raising awareness in the community to the needs of the under-resourced, working with them to identify and work towards solutions to their challenges through a network of community connections that care.



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