2013 was a remarkable year filled with growth and service. 300+ people are housed, eating better and regularly seeing doctors, reuniting with family, getting new glasses and dentures, joining churches, singing in choirs, adopting pets, and doing all of the things that should happen in a life well lived! They have moved from sleeping on our city’s sidewalks to having a safe warm place, with a key of their own, to call home.

Pathways brought its Housing First model to Philadelphia in September of 2008 with a contract to house and serve 125 of the city’s most vulnerable folks, with multiple disabilities – many who had been on the streets for years, sometimes decades. Five years later we are successfully housing and serving more than 300 people. Those 300 people include people with severe mental illness, crippling addictions, HIV and AIDS, as well as other serious medical vulnerabilities. This past year we took on housing and serving 75 of our nation’s disabled and chronically homeless veterans, and have become the Veterans’ Administration’s national model for ending veterans’ homelessness in America. We are now expanding services to meet the needs of 80 additional disabled homeless vets.

With your support, Pathways to Housing PA has become a leader in housing provision and clinical excellence in our community. We continue to host visitors from other cities and nations who want to learn how to serve their most vulnerable citizens. We’ve helped Philadelphia take a lead role in the national 100,000 Homes Campaign, partnering with the City and other service providers to reach those most likely to die on our streets. We join coalitions and partnerships that empower each other to set higher goals and create bigger breakthroughs. We are ending chronic homelessness!

Our mission is not only about the services offered, but about how we serve. A colleague from another agency called recently. He used the words “grace” and “kindness” when describing how Pathways’ staff interacted with a client throughout a very difficult situation. Grace and kindness are simple words but sometimes practicing grace and kindness is not so simple, especially when facing great personal and professional challenges. Yet, they are the words that define how we do our work, and they are words that define a staff that never ceases to amaze us or to give us hope, especially as we continue to expand our work to include others in need.

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I became homeless in 1992, living in cardboard boxes, being a drug addict, being an alcoholic, asking people for change, and lying to people. I didn’t know who was going to care about me, who was going to help me, and stuff like that. I always thought I was going to die on the street. I lived in a dumpster for three years, that is where Pathways picked me up and moved me from. And they were saying, we can guarantee you an apartment, a place to live. Pathways helped me feel like I am somebody. Even when I make mistakes, and they say you are going to go through this… but we are here for you no matter what, we got you, you got you. That is why I call Pathways my angels.

Now I live in an apartment that Pathways offered me. Pathways gave me an apartment where I can pull out a key and put in the door. Today that was something I thought I would never be able to do. When I think about what these people have done for me… y’all don’t even know! I used to wake up and a rat would be staring me in my face. The cops would tell me “you can’t sit here, you have to move.” Even when I would go to some place to take a shower and dress to try and look normal, they still knew that I was homeless for some reason.

People used to cross the street when I walked… but they don’t do that to me anymore. They don’t cross the street. They speak to me now I say “hi” they say “hi” back. It’s a feeling I can’t describe. I don’t know what I did to deserve it. I’m just trying to enjoy my life now. I’m really enjoying my life.”

Victor,
Pathways to Housing PA Participant

I believe...

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Pathways to Housing PA

Pathways to Housing PA (PTHPA) was founded to positively transform the lives of people experiencing mental health challenges and chronic homelessness by supporting self-directed recovery and community integration. As an alternative to a system of emergency shelter/transitional housing progressions, PTHPA’s model is simple: provide housing first, and then combine that housing with supportive treatment services in the areas of mental and physical health, substance abuse, education, and employment.

While the Housing First Model is very simple, the Housing First Program is very complex and requires dedicated staff to coordinate all aspects (outreach, housing, healthcare, and case management) of the program. To be eligible for our Housing First Program, people must be chronically homeless and suffer from severe psychiatric disabilities and/or substance use disorders. Therefore, building a trusting relationship with these individuals living on the street, which may take many months, is the very first step of the program. Once a relationship is established and the individual agrees to join the program, the person chooses an apartment, it is furnished and he or she moves in.

At this point, even though the program participant is housed in his or her own apartment, stabilization in their new home is a very difficult process. Many obstacles often impede service delivery which may include: psychosis, depression, suicidal thoughts, acute and chronic health problems, dysfunctional family and social relationships, frequent hospitalizations, incarcerations, failure to reduce drug use and its related harmful behaviors, poor medication adherence, and the inability to manage finances. Fortunately, PTHPA’s non-fidelity Assertive Community Treatment Teams have the robust competencies and skills required to meet the multiple treatment, rehabilitation, and support needs of the people we serve.

PTHPA’s teams are comprised of social workers, substance abuse specialists, nurses, psychologists, primary care physicians, certified peer specialists and support staff who collectively have the expertise to best meet the complex needs of our program participants. Each team works with participants 24 hours a day to connect them with the services, medical care and community resources needed to ensure they are stabilized and doing well in their new home. Over the last two years, PTHPA has been able to bring its unique service delivery system to veterans who are chronically homeless and have multiple disabilities.

Services at a Glance

**Housing**
- Finding and securing safe affordable apartments and housing subsidies
- Maintaining strong relationships with landlords and property owners across Philadelphia

**Healthcare**
- Substance use treatment
- Mental Health treatment and counseling
- Medical treatment

**Support Services**
- Daily Living Skills Building (cooking, laundry, apartment maintenance)
- Residential peer supports
- Group activities, Meetings, and Workshops
- Justice System Supports
- Emergency food, clothing, and other necessities
- Vocational supports
- Other wellness programs

**Participant Tailored Treatment Plans for:**
- Individuals with severe mental illness
- Individuals who are chronic substance abusers
- Individuals who are elderly
- Individuals with HIV or AIDS
- Individuals who served in the military
- Individuals who are medically vulnerable

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PTHPA’s partnership with Thomas Jefferson University Dept. of Family and Community Medicine enables primary care physicians to help “Joe” get the ongoing medical treatment that he needs.

Social Workers and Psychiatrists help the individual to overcome his or her addictions.

Peer Specialists work very hard to help “Joe” connect with community supports including school and employment opportunities.

A team of social workers, medical professionals, psychiatrists, and Peer Specialists work with “Joe” to develop a treatment plan. This network of support may include reconnecting with family and friends, educational opportunities, and finding employment.

Joe establishes his goals which may include: reconnecting with family and friends; educational opportunities; and finding employment.

How Pathways to Housing PA’s Housing First Program Works

We help participants apply for medical assistance and other benefits.

In many cases, participants receive dental care for the first time in years.

A partnership of service providers and city departments identifies “Joe” and refers him to PTHPA.

“Joe” moves into his very own apartment. However, he is still struggling from severe mental illness and substance abuse issues.

“Joe” is enjoying the stability of his new home. He may now be prepared to deal with some of his chronic medical issues.

PTHPA’s Harbor Project, a partnership with ActionAIDS, offers specialized support for participants battling HIV and AIDS.

PTHPA holiday celebrations give participants a sense of family and belonging with wonderful meals and gift exchanges.

Our food pantry helps participants make ends meet on limited budgets.

Haircuts are provided to participants for free.

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“Joe” takes steps to become more self-sufficient. He begins volunteering and looking for employment.

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The Beginning “Joe” – a chronically homeless person on the street for several years.

PTHPA begins outreach with “Joe.” It can take many months to build up a trusting relationship.

We assist participants with their money management.

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“Joe” agrees to accept help from PTHPA and formally enters the Housing First program.

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Thank You Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Donors

We are deeply grateful for each donor who, through their contributions, brought vital services to people in Philadelphia living with histories of chronic homelessness, mental illness, serious medical issues, addictive disorders and other disabilities.

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US Department of Veterans Affairs

We are very grateful for everyone who donated coats, food, cups, chairs and the many other items that help to make our participants feel at home.

Thanks again to all of our anonymous donors who donated through our Amazon Wish List.

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Financials
Fiscal Year 2012-2013

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Medical Assistance $3,911,534 51%
Contract Revenue $3,020,028 40%
Clients’ Contribution $527,891 7%
Foundation Revenue $634,464 1%
Other Income $61,620 1%
Total Revenue and Support $7,584,538

EXPENSES

Program $6,121,100 86%
Management and General $855,655 12%
Funding $315,488 2%
Total Expenses $7,071,203

Beginning Assets $513,335
Change in Assets $453,359
Ending Net Assets $966,674
Pathways to Housing PA operates as part of a national network of programs through an affiliation with Pathways to Housing, Inc. (the national office). You can learn more about the Pathways to Housing Affiliate Network, including how to access training and technical assistance in implementing the Housing First Model at www.pathwaystohousing.org.

Our Mission

As originators of the Housing First model, Pathways to Housing believes housing is a basic human right. Our mission is to transform the lives of people experiencing mental health challenges and homelessness by supporting self-directed recovery and community integration. We work to change mental health and housing systems by:

- Providing immediate, low-barrier access to permanent housing, without preconditions.
- Setting the standard for services that support recovery and community integration.
- Advocating for people's right to live free from stigma and discrimination.
- Conducting research to find innovative solutions and best practices for those who are experiencing homelessness and psychiatric disabilities, addictions, or complex medical issues.

Our Vision

Our vision is to eliminate chronic homelessness and to ensure that every individual who is, or was, chronically homeless has the medical and mental health care, ongoing housing support, addiction treatment options, and community support they need to thrive in their homes and the community.