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HORIZON HOUSE REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016-2017



Horizon House is where *possibilities* are *realized* and *opportunities* for brighter futures become a *reality*.

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Dear Friends,

VER THE LAST 65 YEARS, we have helped many men and women restore their lives in the community. You can see the pride on their faces and feel their joy in their achievements through their smiles. They are etched in our minds and motivate our board, staff, and supporters to continue our mission.

The challenges faced by each person may be different, but their experiences are a part of their journey that leads them to our door.

Over the years Horizon House has broadened its scope of services to meet the needs of individuals with psychiatric disabilities, developmental disabilities, substance abuse issues and homelessness. At the core is our belief that each person is entitled to a fulfilling life in the community. Whether an individual pursues housing, work, education, or therapeutic supports, we at Horizon House believe everyone should be supported to create goals and pursue their dreams.

You will read the inspiring stories of Mary, Alex and Loren on the pages to follow. Horizon House takes pride in the support that we have provided them and the opportunities they have embraced. Today they are all thriving in a safe and supportive home, and their confidence has been re-established allowing them to look to the future with hope.

Our partners in the community: businesses, friends and families share our belief that the people we serve are worthy of a better life. And with this support they not only thrive but are transformed.

We thank you for your commitment to Horizon House and the men and women we serve. We hope you join us in celebrating their achievements and encourage others to believe that there are endless possibilities in front of them.

Together we are helping to restore independence and brighter futures.



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ALEX: MY POSSIBILITIES ARE UNLIMITED!

HEN HORIZON HOUSE entered my life, a veil lifted from my eyes. Their programs changed my life forever." Only eight years ago, Alex's life was dark and in shambles. He was estranged from his family, homeless, and frequenting a crack house. "I was scared, lonely, and my heart hurt." Life for Alex was discouraging and hopeless. There were no thoughts of the future - just a day-to-day struggle to survive.

"I finally realized I had to love myself first, and then I could show others that I loved them."

Alex found himself turning to a shelter for food and a place to sleep. It was there he was referred to Horizon House and finally discovered hope. The Shelter Plus Care program within Horizon House helped Alex recover from substance abuse, obtain housing assistance, and connected him with a weekly Living in Recovery Group and monthly support meetings. Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Alex was stabilized in an apartment and able to receive the medical and mental health care he needed. With the support of his case management team at Shelter Plus Care, he says, "I've got a new direction with purpose!"

Horizon House provided Alex with opportunities he never imagined. "Because of Horizon House, I know change begins with me, and I was my own biggest obstacle. Now I have goals and focus." Horizon House assisted Alex with pursuing his education. He attended Sierra Academy's computer training, completed two internships, and was employed by Coca-Cola as a seasonal employee.

With the support of Horizon House, Alex restored his relationships with his two children. "I never thought it possible. I finally realized I had to love myself first, and then I could show others that I loved them. It's made all the difference."

Alex is now at peace and enjoys reading the Bible. There is calm in his voice as he shares his journey. He has come a long way, and he knows that sharing his story can help others.

Today, Alex is committed to making the most of every day. He attributes his strength to his faith, what he's learned from life, and to Horizon House. "I'm grateful that Horizon House opened up a new world for me."



"I realize that with my Horizon House family, my possibilities are unlimited!"

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LOREN: LOVING AND LIVING FOR HIS HOME TEAM!

THT THE SUPPORT of Horizon House, Loren's life, like that of his beloved Philadelphia Eagles, has taken off and soared. Born with Down Syndrome and a moderate intellectual disability, Loren lived in his family's home where he was embraced by the love of family, church, and community.

In 2009, with the steadfast advocacy and love of his sister, Lynda, Loren transitioned from living at home to continuing his adult life in a Horizon House Community Residential Living apartment. It was a change that created new friends and enlarged his family.

Loren lives with his roommate, E.S., who he calls "my brother." They have a special bond and enjoy spending time with each other and going on supervised vacations, including Washington D.C., Virginia, and the Poconos.

With the support of Horizon House, Loren's life is full of opportunities for personal growth and community connection. He's actively involved with the Philadelphia Carousel House where he swims, socializes, and is a basketball coach. He's also an active member of the Holy Apostles and The Mediator Episcopal Church where he is the longest-serving acolyte in church history. The steady source of joy throughout Loren's journey has been his family. He frequently visits his sister, her husband, and their godchildren, and they are each other's biggest fans. They've collaborated with Horizon House to make Loren's apartment his home. Because of the support he receives from Martha Lewis, his House Coordinator, and other members of the 24/7 Horizon House staff, his sister Lynda knows that he's safe and happy. Knowing that his needs are met and that he lives in a caring environment makes it easier for her to breathe and rest easy.

Loren's smile and charm make him a superstar in the community. He describes himself as a "Philly Eagle's fan, a caring person, and a ladies' man!" He's a high school graduate, winner of a gold medal for swimming in the PA Special Olympics, and was employed by McDonald's for over 30 years.

His life has been a joy to watch, much like an Eagles' march downfield to yet another touchdown. It's heartwarming to see how his family, community, and Horizon House are truly his 'home team' and, together, they're all cheering him on!



Loren is all about his home team, the Eagles.

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MARY: "I'M A 360 DEGREE HUMAN REVOLUTION!"

THOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES and possibilities, caring, therapy, and the programs I participated in, I would still be homeless and hopelessly lost." Life is different today for Mary than it was 15 years ago before she got to Horizon House. "I was living with junkies, forced to hustle for money or I'd be on the street." She was struggling with voices in her head, multiple addictive behaviors, diabetes and hypertension her future was bleak.

At a church dinner in 2002, Mary met a Horizon House Outreach Program volunteer who shared that he too once lived on the streets. He explained how Horizon House helped him regain his life. After listening, Mary felt a glimmer of hope and decided that she needed to escape her abusive street life. She was ready to start over with the support of Horizon House.

Mary turned her life around over the next three years. "I surrendered my spirit to a higher power and decided to stop using drugs and alcohol." She participated in a Horizon House Focus Challenge Program, received consistent medical and psychological care, and has since maintained stable living conditions. Mary began to heal through art and mental health therapy. Being creative helped me see the potential in others. It's not just about me anymore...I'm a 360 degree human revolution!"

In 2005 Mary quit smoking, and became a Certified Peer Specialist. While volunteering with the Wellness Alliance she helped publish a newsletter and co-facilitated selfesteem groups and poetry workshops. Currently, she provides administrative support to Project Health and co-facilitates the Nicotine Anonymous support group. (Project Health, a Horizon House program that integrates physical and mental health care and Wellness Alliance, a program at Horizon House that assists adults with mental illness take an active role in improving/ changing their life.)

Mary is a grandmother, a published poet and is writing *Roses: A Memoir*. She finds peace in writing and her Buddhist faith. "My 15 years here have been full of valuable life experiences. I wouldn't want my life to go any other way. I get up in the morning excited about what the day will bring. I leave work feeling satisfied, hoping that I made a difference in someone's life."



Like the mural outside Horizon House where Mary is depicted, she is a symbol of hope as she reaches out to help others in the community.

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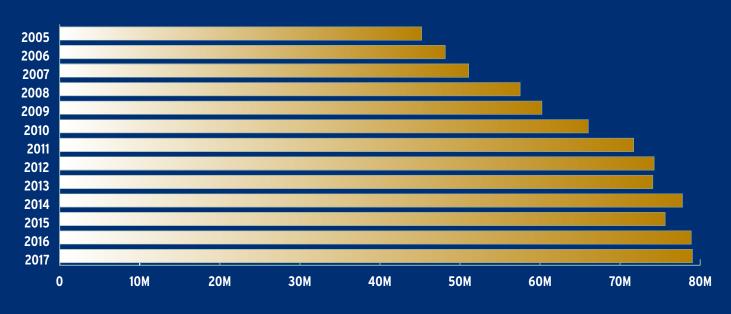
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016

HORIZON HOUSE, INC. AND AFFILIATES COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
REVENUE		
Support and Revenue:		
Program Revenue	75,787,583	75,378,370
Grants and Contributions	2,069,098	2,551,066
Other	1,171,033	946,147
Total Support and Revenue:	79,027,714	78,875,583
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol	47,261,997	46,395,762
Intellectual Disabilities	23,189,968	22,941,241
Administration	9,183,364	9,360,356
Total Expenses	79,635,329	78,697,359
NET ASSESTS		
Net Assets Beginning of Year	4,053,755	3,361,683
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	260,324	752,072
Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	120,000	(60,000)
Total Changes in Net Assets	380,324	692,072
Net Assets Year End	4,434,079	4,053,755

Total Revenue By Year (in millions)





We Value PEOPLE

We believe people should be treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and consideration in environments that are safe and comfortable and that support individual advancement.

We Value GROWTH

We believe that personal growth is promoted through attention to present strengths and not past weaknesses. The development of community supports and resources enhances the quality of life.

We Value DIVERSITY

We believe that an atmosphere of mutual respect for each other's differences adds quality to our services and is essential to the rehabilitation process.

We Value SHARED IDEAS

We believe that listening is a crucial part of effective communication and that people served should actively participate in their service planning.

We Value ADVOCACY

We believe that everyone is responsible for bringing about the change necessary to benefit those we serve to the fullest extent.

We believe services must be available as long as they are needed.

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