



ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

DEAR *friends,*

I am delighted to present you with our inaugural Annual Report. What a year it has been! Thanks to the love and kindness of our wonderful staff, volunteers and benefactors, we see miracles nearly every day at the Pope Francis Center. We are blessed to be at the intersection of great need and great generosity. It is through you that Pope Francis' message of love and mercy is carried to the vulnerable men and women who come to our door.

Within these pages, you will see the extraordinary work we've accomplished this year, quantified into facts and figures. But that is only part of the story. The heart of our work is intangible; it is the human interactions that bring hope and healing to those being served and to those who serve.

Most of our guests carry the wounds of childhood trauma, abuse, mental illness and loss. Being homeless and living on the streets is but a symptom of the hurt and limitations that life has thrust upon them. That's why the Pope Francis Center is so important. We go beyond providing a meal and a warm place to spend time off of the streets. At the Pope Francis Center we see the human face of Jesus hidden within these broken lives. Here, among our staff, volunteers and benefactors, there exists a spirit of compassion that is truly holy. Here, unconditional love and acceptance is available—no matter what a person's situation. Here, our guests can wash off the dirt and smell that so stigmatizes and degrades. Here, there is nourishment; not only physical, but spiritual and emotional nourishment for their journey towards wholeness.

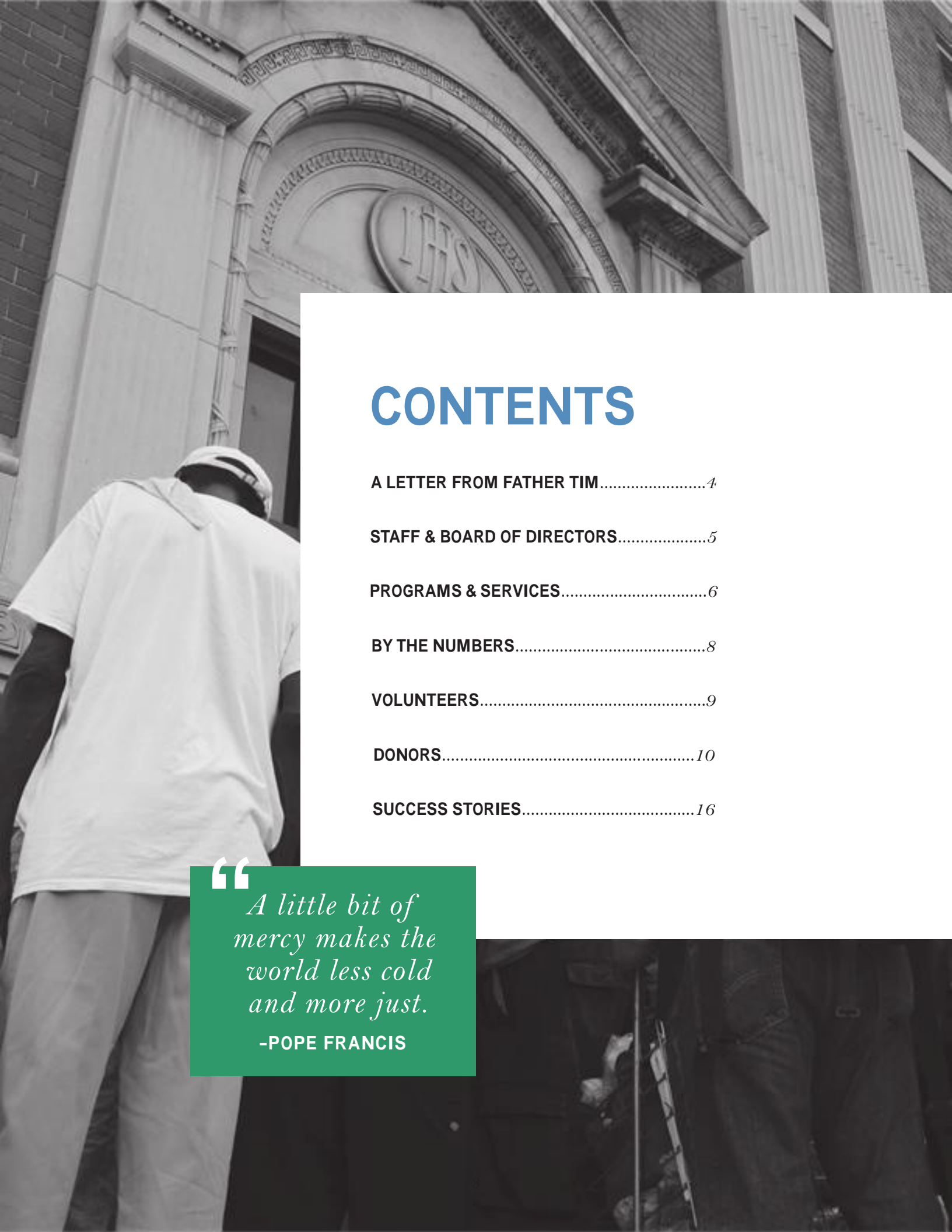


The number of guests that we serve each day has risen dramatically this year. At the outset, serving 100 people was a busy day. Today we rarely see less than 120 people per day and often more than 150. Our program has grown right along with our numbers. For the second time, the UAW Ford fund has made an enormous difference, this time helping us launch a Nutrition Program that allows us to provide healthier meals and better care for the health of our guests. We have also teamed up with Covenant Community Care to provide a free dental clinic, a much-needed service for those living on the streets. This is the newest addition to our clinical program, which also provides free legal counseling, foot care, podiatry, and a host of other services.

None of this would be possible without you, someone who makes the world a more beautiful and humane place with your generosity. With your help, we can reach for the *Magis*, imagining a future where we make sure that it is no longer necessary for any of our brothers or sisters to sleep on our city streets. Thank you for being a part of this vital work.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness,

Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ,
Executive Director



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*A little bit of
mercy makes the
world less cold
and more just.*

-POPE FRANCIS



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PROGRAMS *and* SERVICES

NUTRITION



Upon arrival, guests are served a continental breakfast which often includes oatmeal, hard boiled eggs, fresh fruit and coffee. This is followed by a hot and nutritious meal at 9 a.m.

HYGIENE CARE



Kits including shampoo, conditioner, soap, razor, toothbrush and toothpaste are offered to the guests daily. They also have access to deodorant, new socks and over-the-counter medications upon request at our front office.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES



Recent renovations allow our guests to enjoy a private shower or hot shave in a clean and welcoming environment. Should they choose to do laundry, they are offered a new pair of underwear and a fresh set of clothing while they wait for their belongings to be washed and dried.

WEEKLY CLINICS



Free clinics are available to all Pope Francis Center guests on a rotating, weekly basis. They include; general medical care, dentistry, mental health services, podiatry care, legal advocacy, employment assistance, housing and job placement.

By the NUMBERS

106,084
HOURS guests
spent off the street

26,520 Meals eaten

14,142 Cups of hot coffee served

9,945 Personal hygiene kits distributed

6,630 Hot showers taken

3,536 Loads of dirty laundry washed

3,200 Blankets, hats, mittens and scarves distributed

REVENUE

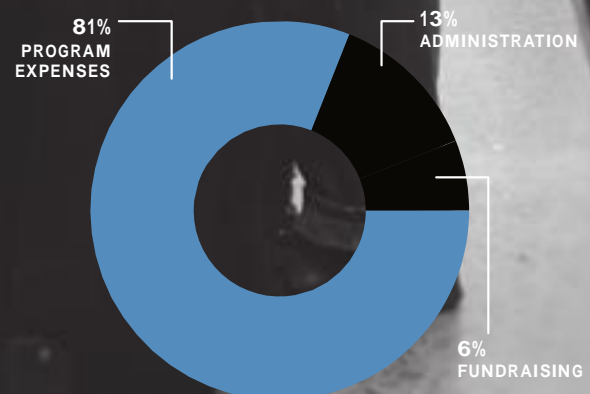
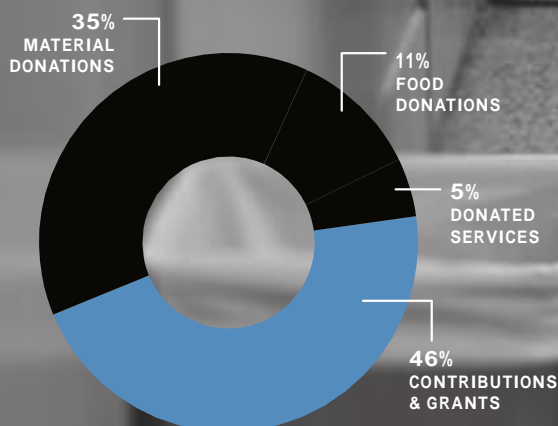
{Where money comes from}

Contributions & Grants	\$359,100
Material Donations	\$299,347
Food Donations	\$83,329
Donated Services	\$36,341
Total Support	\$778,117

EXPENSES

{How money is spent}

Program Expenses	\$619,997
Administration	\$99,492
Fundraising	\$43,388
Total Expenses	\$762,857





VOLUNTEERS

It is the faithful service of the volunteers that make the Pope Francis Center ministry possible. These generous spirits can be found chopping, mopping, folding and sipping coffee with our guests. They each bring unique gifts that are cherished by the staff and guests alike.



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Success

A letter written by Frank Brady, deeply-cherished volunteer at the Pope Francis Center:

Once in a while the Good Lord surprises us, not only with something that wasn't expected, but something that really knocks your socks off.

About seven years ago, I began my humble journey at the Pope Francis Center. That journey has opened my heart and soul to a wonderful new family of friends. Yet, ironically (or maybe not) I have failed to learn many of their stories. That is, with one exception; my friend Dave Odom.

I met Dave on my first day volunteering. He was living on the street then and acting as the self-appointed president and CEO of the "Hard Core Homeless Association," a loosely organized group of men and women who took some pride in the fact that they did not sleep in shelters at night. (I don't think they ever really had any meetings!)



As time went on, I learned that Dave was a godfather figure to this group of homeless individuals who looked out for one another - making sure each had enough blankets, slickers, cold weather gear, and protection from the elements.

Eventually, with more than a little encouragement, Dave accepted a Section 8 voucher and "went inside!"

He found a nice apartment on Chene near Lafayette. Not long after, he approached me about my involvement in the Detroit Goodfellows. He told me how the Goodfellows had brought needed Christmas gifts to his children when they were very young and he wanted to join many other former recipients by becoming a member. Since then, he has become "Mr. Goodfellow." He writes solicitation letters, marches in our parades, hands out packages at our distribution centers, and visits our summer camps. Our director wants to clone him!

In all of this, however, he has not forgotten his friends on the streets. He continues to act as the godfather - making sure his friends get their medications, show up for appointments, and get on Section 8 lists.

Most importantly for me, Dave has become a very close friend. And I thank God for that gift.

ROSEY WHITE

A letter written by Rosey Denise White, former guest of the Pope Francis Center.

There is often an untrue stigma associated with homelessness and the plight each homeless person faces. It is truly a divine gift to have this opportunity to share my story, and hopefully, help break that stigma.

I became homeless after a brief illness and unexpected job loss. The Pope Francis Center, under the leadership of Father Tim became a safe place of refuge and hope during my times of challenge.

While homeless, most people only saw my face, few knew my story or the horrors I faced while living on the street. Even though Father Tim didn't know anything about my background, education or lack of family support, he along with his staff embraced me and surrounded me with the love I so desperately needed. Under Father Tim's instruction, many of the homeless men became my protectors and we developed an unexpected bond that still exists today.

The challenges I faced while unemployed and homeless pushed me to develop RDW Creations LLC, my current business. Through it, I am able to demonstrate my passion and sincerity about providing literacy services to at-risk youth and adults in greater Detroit. To date, we have held over a dozen successful programs throughout the city, reaching approximately 500 youth and adults. Our company continues to thrive and looks forward to its five year anniversary in 2017.

I am very appreciative to Father Tim and his team for their continued love and support!

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