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CHRIST HOUSE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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CELEBRATING

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30 YEARS

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OF SERVICE

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PROVIDING HEALING AND HOPE FOR  
WASHINGTON'S HOMELESS SINCE 1985





# DEAR FRIENDS

Thank you so much for your continued investment in Christ House's mission. It is our pleasure to present the 2015 Annual Report. Last year marked the 30th anniversary of our founding on Christmas Eve, 1985, and it was a very busy year. We saw a record number of patient-days of care—10,885—as our homeless patients came to us with complicated medical problems that could not be solved quickly. We worked with each patient holistically to ensure that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs were met while they were with us. It is through this deliberate, careful process that we have been able to break the cycle of homelessness for so many of our patients.

When we opened Christ House 30 years ago, we gathered outside the building and prayed that we would one day be able to close our doors—that there would be an end to homelessness and a need for our services. Sadly, that has not come to pass. Our beds are almost always full, and our patients come to us after many years of neglect and suffering.

With your help, we will continue to offer patients a welcoming home where they can be safe and recover in body, mind, and spirit. The need for Christ House is greater than ever, and with your support, we will carry on with the work of providing healing and hope to those in need. We hope that you will enjoy reading this report, and seeing the life-changing care that your gifts have already made possible.

With gratitude,

*Allen Janelle*

ALLEN AND JANELLE GOETCHEUS  
CO-FOUNDERS OF CHRIST HOUSE

SINCE OUR FOUNDING

**OVER  
8,300  
TOTAL  
PATIENT  
ADMISSIONS**

**192  
TOTAL  
KAIROS  
PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS**



1985



2015

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## 2015 AT-A-GLANCE

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### PATIENTS



**237**  
PATIENT  
ADMISSIONS

**46**  
DAYS  
AVERAGE  
LENGTH OF STAY

**10,885**  
PATIENT  
DAYS OF CARE

### MOST COMMON ILLNESSES

HIV or AIDS; cancer; organ failure including liver, kidney, and heart diseases; skin diseases including frostbite, ulcerations, and gangrene; respiratory diseases; burns, fractures, and wounds from accidents and assaults; hepatitis C; diabetes; hypertension; and mental health diagnoses

### DONORS



**2,768**  
DONORS

**4,690**  
FINANCIAL  
GIFTS

**\$27,383**  
VALUE OF  
DONATED MEALS

**DONORS INCLUDE**  
individuals, churches,  
community groups,  
foundations &  
corporations

**61,422**  
MEALS  
SERVED

**\$28,932**  
VALUE OF IN-KIND  
DONATIONS

## LAWRENCE

Following his military service from 1976–1979, Lawrence lived and worked in Washington, DC. When he started abusing drugs, his life began to unravel. He lost jobs, homes, and relationships. For two years he wrestled with the grip of addiction and the harsh reality of homelessness. While living on the streets, Lawrence was diagnosed with skin cancer. Since he couldn't change his dressings while in such a vulnerable state, he was sent to Christ House. Here, he completed cancer treatment and began to transform his life. He successfully finished the New Day Addictions Recovery Program and was offered a spot in the Kairos Program.

Lawrence recently celebrated eight years of sobriety. He also models a life of leadership and service. Lawrence stays busy volunteering in the development office, doing maintenance at Kairos House, and working as a Homeless Care Assistant with the nursing staff at Christ House.

He is a member of the Kairos Program leadership group which is tasked with screening new candidates for entry into the Kairos Program. He also serves on Christ House's Board of Directors. He considers it an honor to hold these leadership roles and says, "I try to give 100% in everything I do."

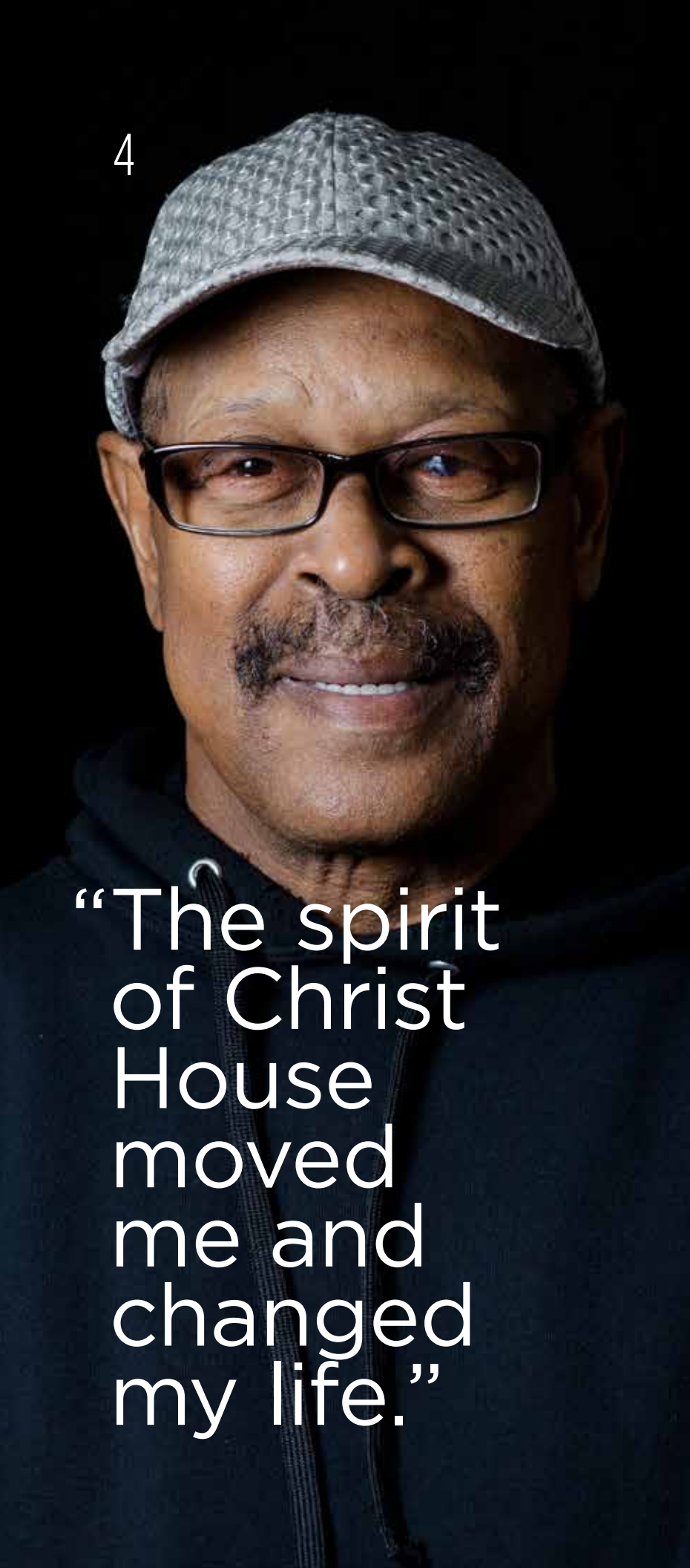
Thinking about his Kairos community, he says, "we're a team; we take care of each other." Lawrence is thankful for his community, sobriety, health, and renewed relationships with his family. He says with gratitude, "I couldn't be more fortunate."

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A close-up portrait of Lawrence, a Black man with a short beard and mustache, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. He is wearing a black and white striped polo shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

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“The spirit of Christ House moved me and changed my life.”

**RONNIE**

Every single morning, you can find Ronnie brewing a pot of coffee for Christ House patients and staff. But his life was not always so stable. For 20 years, Ronnie did not have a place to call home; he worked odd jobs and bounced between different shelters. He was admitted to Christ House after being diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Ronnie remembers this turning point, “The spirit of Christ House moved me and changed my life.”

Under the care and guidance of our staff, Ronnie began to experience holistic healing. His heart condition improved drastically and he overcame his longstanding addiction. Committed to sobriety and community, he joined the Kairos Program.

Today, Ronnie works as a Homeless Care Assistant at Christ House, assisting the nursing staff with patient care. He serves on the Board of Directors of a nonprofit that provides affordable housing and supportive services to economically disadvantaged residents in his neighborhood.

He is also learning about computers and software through information technology classes at UDC Community College. “I never dreamed that I could come back from where I was and be so focused,” he said. He is now the go-to expert when his fellow Kairos Program members have questions about technology.

Ronnie has embraced his new life wholeheartedly. And he’s committed to giving back. He says, “It’s a privilege for me to be in a capacity to help others.”

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# 2015 AT-A-GLANCE

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## VOLUNTEERS

**2,843**  
INDIVIDUAL  
VOLUNTEERS  
CONTRIBUTED  
**10,877**  
HOURS

**40**  
KAIROS  
MEMBERS  
VOLUNTEERED  
**10,578**  
HOURS

**67**  
MEAL  
GROUPS  
VOLUNTEERED  
**3,898**  
HOURS



**15**  
YEAR-LONG  
VOLUNTEERS  
SERVED  
**12,461**  
HOURS

**55**  
WORK GROUPS,  
TOTALING  
435 PEOPLE,  
VOLUNTEERED  
**1,736**  
HOURS



# DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

## \$3,000+ PARTNERS

**\$3,000 covers the unreimbursed cost of one day of comprehensive medical and social services for up to 34 patients**

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Edward Williams  
Gianna and Dario Zucchi

**ABOVE: Christ House nurses discuss a patient's treatment plan**





“I can honestly say that I am happy for once in my life. And you haven’t seen the best of me yet.” – Christ House patient

**\$1,500+**

## ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS

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## DONORS

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## DONORS

## ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

A variety of activities are available to our patients: art workshops, exercise sessions, video games, movie nights, and excursions to local parks, museums, and sporting and cultural events.

The following organizations and individuals donated tickets, time, and/or talent for our activities program:

James Blum  
Bowl America  
Burke Presbyterian  
Chowan University Choir  
The City Singers  
Cox Family Farm  
Dakshina Indian Dance Group  
First United Methodist Church  
Georgetown University Women's Basketball  
House of the Lord  
Howard University Men's Basketball  
The John. F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
Yvette Kraft  
Mini Musicals on the Move  
Redskins Replay Program  
The Sapphires  
The Washington Chorus  
Washington National Cathedral  
Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts  
Wong Family

## VOLUNTEERS

## MEAL GROUPS

Meal groups serve in the kitchen by helping to prepare meals, serve patients, and cleanup.

The following meal groups served once a month on a regular basis:

All Saints Episcopal, DC  
All Souls Episcopal Church, DC  
Burke Presbyterian, Burke, VA

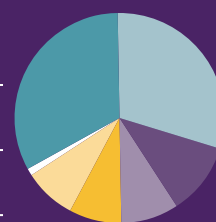
Church of the Advent, DC  
Create Church, DC  
Epiphany Catholic Church, DC  
Felix Lodge No. 3, DC  
First Baptist Church, DC  
First Baptist of North Brentwood, MD  
Foundry UMC, DC  
Friends Meeting of Washington, DC  
Friends of Nancy Charlton, DC  
Grace DC Downtown, DC  
Grace DC Meridian Hill, DC  
H. Stew Productions, Adelphi, MD  
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Jeehye and Friends, Falls Church, VA  
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Lewinsville Presbyterian, McLean, VA  
Ludy Drach and Friends, Arlington, VA  
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The McCreight Family, Fort Belvoir, VA  
Mt. Zion UMC, DC  
Potomac UMC, Potomac, MD  
Project ReDirect D.C.  
Dennis Rudy and Team  
Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic, DC  
St. Alban's Episcopal, DC  
St. John's Episcopal, Mt. Rainier, MD  
St. Luke's Episcopal, DC  
St. Mark Catholic, Vienna, VA  
St. Nicholas Orthodox, DC  
St. Paul UMC, Oxon Hill, MD  
St. Peter's Catholic, DC  
St. Thomas Episcopal, DC  
The District Church, DC  
Trinity UMC, McLean, VA  
Trinity Washington University students, DC  
Walter Reed/USUHS students, DC  
Washington, D.C. Jewish Community Center

**ABOVE: A Kairos Program volunteer prepares the dining room to host an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**

# REVENUE & EXPENSES

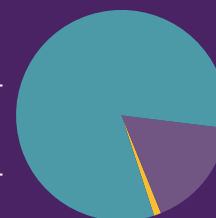
## REVENUE

INDIVIDUALS & CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,410,887	33%
FEDERAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$1,272,713	30%
FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS	\$465,525	11%
DONATED SERVICES	\$371,953	9%
KAIROS HOUSE	\$344,198	8%
REIMBURSEMENT	\$328,669	8%
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	\$46,690	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,240,635</b>	



## EXPENSES

PROGRAM EXPENSES*	\$3,504,701	83%
ADMINISTRATIVE & FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$704,194	17%
CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$31,740	0.75%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,240,635</b>	



\* Program expenses include medical care, case management, food services, addictions counseling, and the Kairos Program.

Christ House is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Copies of the completed financial statement, audited by Halt, Buzas and Powell, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, are available from Christ House upon request.





Christ House Addictions Counselor encourages a student in the New Day Addictions Recovery Program





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