



# IMPACT REPORT 2017 July '16 - June '17

“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.” Martin Luther

With this Impact Report we would like to share with you all that DOORWAYS has DONE this past year through our HOPE for a better future and higher quality of life for our community members living with HIV/AIDS.

## Did You Know That Half of the People Living With HIV/AIDS Will Become Homeless?

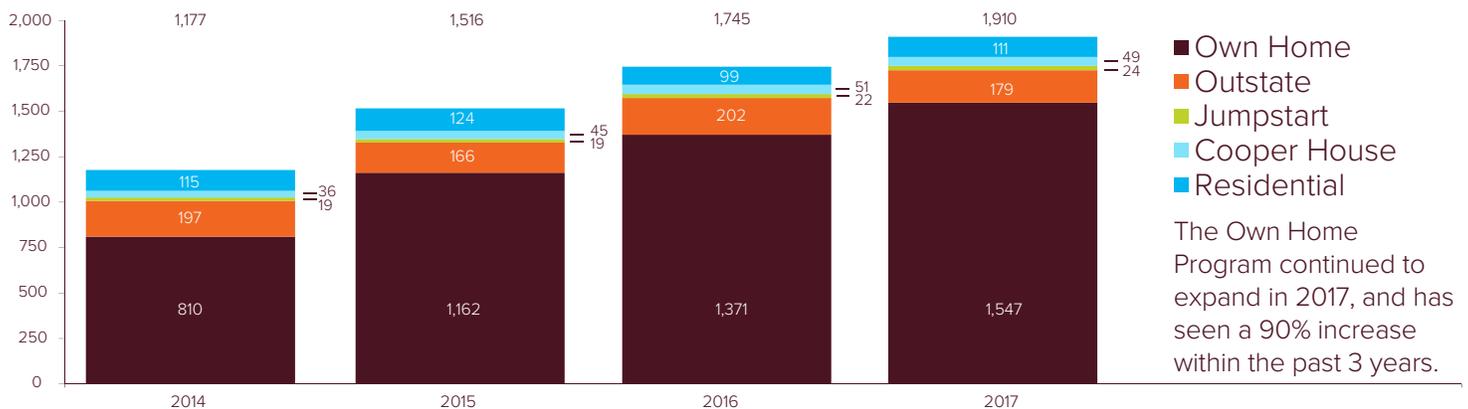


This is a staggering statistic and, sadly, each week more and more individuals affected by HIV are at risk of homelessness and poor health.

The health-related effects of homelessness are immediate and long-lasting, impacting the individual and their broader family. In fact, many of the clients DOORWAYS serves are single parents or heads of households, creating a ripple effect that is quite substantial.

The most recent data suggests there are approximately 6,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in the St. Louis region. This year DOORWAYS provided housing opportunities, access to healthcare and supportive services to over 3,100 men, women and children throughout Missouri and Illinois. Indeed, we served more than a quarter of all HIV+ persons in the metro area this year alone.

## Number Of Unduplicated Clients Served



## What are Our Goals?

DOORWAYS' Board and CEO are active partners in setting vision and strategy. Recognizing the need to do more, as part of our current three-year strategic plan, leadership seeks to accelerate our transition to a social service agency, with housing at its core. Our overarching goal is to help clients maximize their self-sufficiency and reach their personal potential by providing a safe, supportive environment. In doing so, good health is achieved and transmission of new infections is minimized.

# How Is Our Mission Accomplished?

DOORWAYS changes lives. As a leader in the field of HIV/AIDS housing, we provide services through five core programs—Cooper House, Own Home, Residential, Jumpstart and Outstate—helping people get back on their feet and on a path to independence after an illness or major life event. DOORWAYS' continuum of care encompasses services beyond housing: employment assistance, enrollment in GED courses, life skills training, community building activities, support groups and counseling for mental health and substance use conditions, which often co-occur with an HIV diagnosis. We are a **doorway** to a better life.

## Notable Accomplishments in 2017

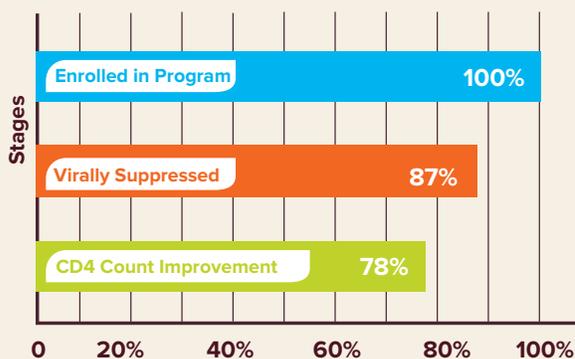
-  DOORWAYS conducted a building reserve study for our eight facilities in order to preserve the current standards our clients have come to expect.
-  We purchased a fully accessible van for the residents of Cooper House to assist in providing transportation to medical appointments as well as social engagements which enhance their overall well-being. Additionally, Cooper House celebrated 20 years of service to the most medically fragile in our community.
-  In our Residential Program 13 residents moved to independent housing and several others enrolled in higher education classes or completed drug treatment programs.

## What Impact Are We Achieving?

- HOUSING** to create a stable environment;
- HEALTH** to maintain a regimen of care and viral suppression;
- HOPE** for a better tomorrow.

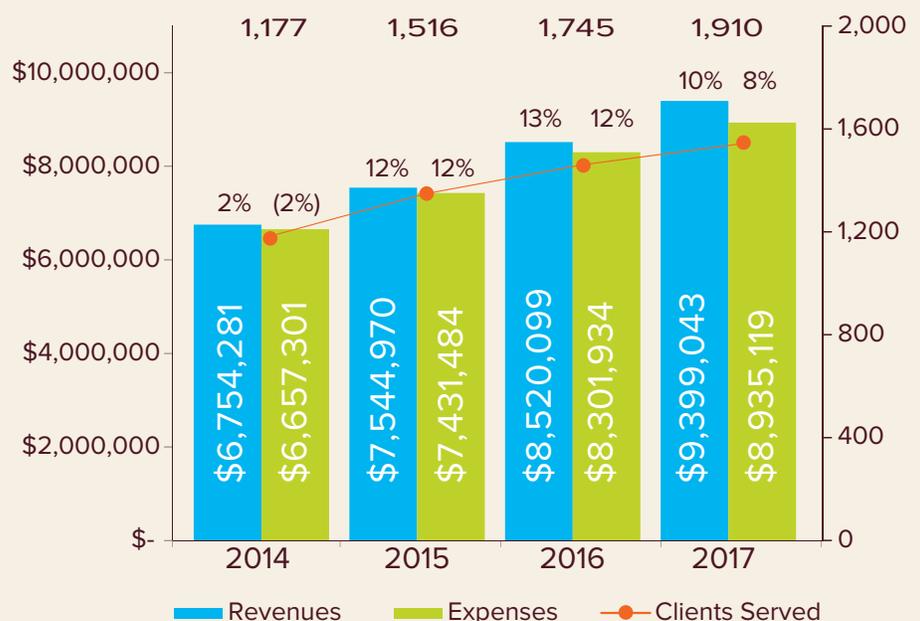
DOORWAYS broke our record yet again in 2017! This year we raised sufficient funds allowing us to provide services to over 3,100 people. The impact on the health of our clients has been tremendous, noted by significant improvements to their viral loads and CD4 counts.

### Own Home Program Snapshot



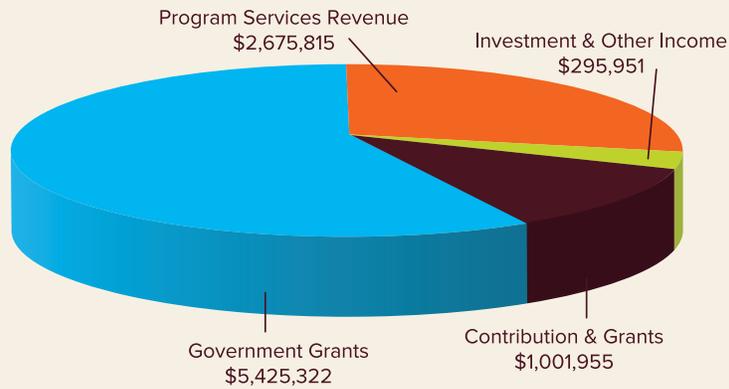
Viral suppression is defined as suppressing or reducing the function and replication of the virus. When discussing antiretroviral therapy for HIV, a regimen is considered to be successful if it reduces a person's viral load to undetectable levels. The term "viral load" refers to the number of copies of HIV per mL of blood; the amount of virus in the blood. An "undetectable" viral load simply means that there are too few copies of the virus to be detected by current tests.

### Growth Comparison



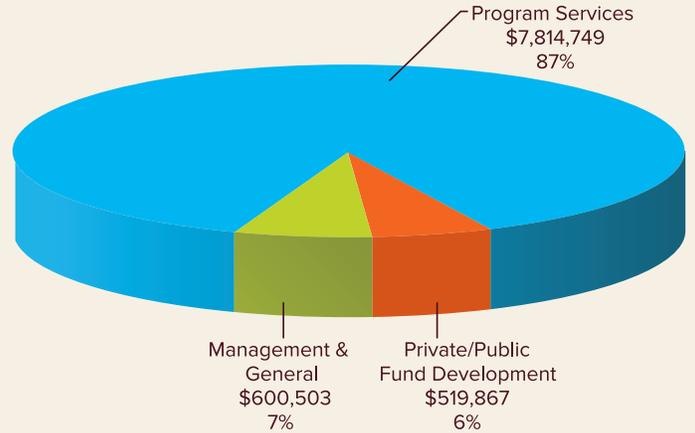
## Revenue

2017 = \$9,399,043



## Expenses by Function

2017 = \$8,935,119



## Meet Jay

Recently, a client, “Jay,” came into our Emergency Housing program with his girlfriend and granddaughter in tow, after his lease expired. The couple had full custody of the child, but lacked the social supports necessary to care for her. The family could not find an apartment that would approve them, and were struggling to live off disability income alone.

Within days, DOORWAYS staff began helping the family look for a new apartment. Jay’s girlfriend, who is also HIV positive, received counseling about how to enter into medical case management and was referred to our Employment Specialist. Jay enrolled in truck driving school while in Emergency Housing, knowing he needed a job to support his family.

Together the Emergency Housing Specialist and Own Home staff worked with Jay to find suitable housing for the family. They found a home in Jennings and DOORWAYS assisted with the security deposit, rent, and utilities to get the family moved in. Once settled into their new home, the agency subsidized Jay’s rent, allowing him time to focus on his training and find work. With their newfound stability, the granddaughter enrolled in the local elementary school and Jay completed his truck driving classes.

Jay called DOORWAYS last week and thanked the staff for their help. He announced that he has a full-time job as an over the road truck driver and no longer needs rental assistance. The family’s income is now at a point where they can afford rent and utilities on their own. He is eager to start each day, and looks forward to the future.



**“DOORWAYS has given me back my life and more.”- Jay**



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## You Make the Difference

### 2017 Monthly Income Averages



is the percentage  
of St. Louis area median  
household income that a  
family in our residential  
program lives off each  
month.

**Because of you, our low-income  
families can live with dignity  
and respect.**



*On behalf of the clients of DOORWAYS, I'd like to thank you for your ongoing support. - Opal M. Jones, CEO*

## FY 2017 Leadership

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President and CEO

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### Mission Statement

DOORWAYS is an interfaith nonprofit organization which provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

We are so privileged to have the support of our donors, for each of them has made it possible for us to bring housing to those in crisis, health to those struggling, and hope to those who have none.