Dear Friends,

I am happy to report that this year has been another wonderful year of change and growth for OPCS. Because of your compassion and support, our housing, recovery services, and employment supports continue to evolve in ways that lead people out of homelessness and into a home of their own. For example, this year we further reduced barriers to housing through an increase of 17 units for individuals who are most vulnerable. This housing ensures that mental health conditions, lack of documentation, medical conditions, or the need to live with pets or partners does not prevent the homeless from getting into housing.

In addition, through innovative thinking, and collaboration with our community partners, the Homeless Work Program increased from two to three days per week. This has resulted in over $36,000 dollars paid directly to workers who are experiencing homelessness, as well as the removal of over 37 tons of debris from our city streets. Most importantly, this income helped 86 individuals and families leave homelessness and enter a permanent home. In all, over 1700 persons were helped by OPCS in 2017, and 565 of those persons entered into permanent housing. We have set an ambitious goal of helping 800 persons find their way to permanent housing in 2018.

Of course, there are still many challenges ahead of us. There is still not enough funding for all the housing needed to significantly reduce homelessness in Tucson.

And specific homeless conditions have almost no funding. For example, OPCS provides 76 transitional housing and addiction treatment beds for persons leaving incarceration homeless. However, we only receive Federal funding for 16 of those beds. The remaining beds must be funded through community donors and foundations. Many individuals and organizations have stepped up to support this type of housing, through support of the OPCS Home Fund. However, every year we are short the funding needed, and every year we are forced to reduce our housing for persons in reentry from incarceration.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for allowing OPCS to be of service to the citizens of Tucson. Through your support we continue to grow the much needed housing and support services that will begin to reduce the degree of homelessness in our community. I know that you share the vision of Tucson as a community without chronic homelessness, and the belief that when all citizens have access to safe affordable housing, the entire community wins.

Tom Litwicki
Dear Friend and Partner,

As Chair of the Board of Directors for OPCS, I am happy to report that, together, we have made great strides to assure that OPCS remains in a position to best help those persons experiencing homelessness in Tucson. In 2017, OPCS completed a three year consultation with Social Venture Partners. The Board of Directors and executive staff are indebted to their guidance and support, resulting in the development of a robust strategic plan, backed up by a foundation of sound governance and leadership.

Our board grew this year, with the addition of new and passionate members of our community, bringing in new knowledge and experience in the areas of law and public health. And most notably, I welcome Michael Becherer, our incoming Board Chair for 2018. Michael brings with him not only a passion for helping those experiencing homelessness in Tucson, but also a reputation for bringing together diverse community stakeholders who share and support our mission.

During 2017 we made progress in our shared goals to increase our impact, serving more people in 2017 than any year previous, and helping 565 persons leave homeless and enter their a home of their own.

We have established OPCS as an innovator, with new projects like the Homeless Work Program, which provides immediate employment to those living on the streets of Tucson, and the expansion of our Low Barrier Housing, which offers bridge housing for persons who are waiting to get into a more permanent home.

I know that I speak for all of the Board of Directors when I say that it is a privilege to guide the mission of OPCS. The upcoming year will bring challenges for OPCS. We will experience changes and reductions to our Medicaid reimbursements, and we expect that funding for prison reentry transitional housing will continue to reduce. But we also know that we have the support of a local community who cares about our mission. And we know that with your support, and the leadership of OPCS, we will help even more homeless individuals and families enter a home of their own.
We recognize that anyone could end up without a place to call home.

Because of this, we listen to each person’s experience, recognizing that everyone has a unique story that led to homelessness. With a safe place to live, healthy food, and supportive relationships, OPCS residents can construct a new narrative that lifts them out of homelessness. We are grateful to be part of their story.

At OPCS we offer more than just shelter from the elements. Every resident has opportunities to join their peers in daily activities like cooking the meals they most enjoy, tending the community garden, or participating in therapeutic and self-improvement groups. They also have the opportunity enjoy their own quiet time, reading a good book, or watching their favorite show.
Those We Serve

Prior Conditions

Income

67% Had no income at entry

Substance Abuse

34% Alcohol 45% Drugs

Housing

27% Institutions 60% Homeless 13% From other locations

Wellness

53% Mental Illness 32% Chronic Health Conditions
8% Developmental Disability 31% Physical Disability
Outcomes

Persons Served 1720

Had Income at Exit 50%

Cost per client $3,416

Housing Destination To permanent housing 54%

Demographics

Gender
- Male 68%
- Female 32%

Ages
- Under 18 2%
- 18-24 6%
- 25-34 20%
- 35-44 21%
- 45-54 22%
- 55-61 19%
- 62+ 10%

Veterans 32%

Hispanic/Latino 26%

Chronically Homeless 29%

Diversity
- White 75%
- Black or African American 12%
- American Indian or Alaskan 5%
- Multiple Races 5%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 1%
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REVENUE
Government Grants and Contracts $5,421,267
Revenue Generated by Transitional Housing and Clinical Programs $138,066
Revenue Generated by Housing Development Programs $451,958
All Other (Contributions, Fundraising Events, In-Kind Donations, Other Income) $386,491

TOTAL REVENUES AND GAINS $6,397,782

EXPENSES
Program Services $4,569,578
Management and General $1,404,792
Fundraising $191,142

TOTAL EXPENSES $6,165,512

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR $1,668,141
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