

IMPACT REPORT • 2016-2017



A FUTURE WHERE NO FAMILY IS HOMELESS IN PIERCE COUNTY

Families are sleeping on the streets, in their cars or living in shelters. Our community must meet the immediate need of housing in order for families to achieve self-sufficiency.

Our Family Permanent Housing program is strengths-based and family-driven, because when a family takes ownership of the work being done they are committed to their action steps.

We walk alongside our families to get them off the streets and into a rental property within the first 30 days of entering the program. We provide rent assistance while the family works with a case manager on personalized family goals. These goals may include education, employment or increasing natural support systems. Each family is given access

to community resources, guidance on increasing mainstream benefits eligibility, employment and education services and more.

“FAMILIES POSSESS THE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES...”

Families possess the power to change their circumstances and the motivation to return to permanent, affordable housing. That’s the strengths-based principle you support when you contribute as a donor or volunteer to the work of Associated Ministries. ☺

ABOUT ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES

Since 1969 Associated Ministries has had an historic leadership position working at a grassroots level in Pierce County, mobilizing people of faith and good will to unite in service to vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness, hunger and poverty, as well as the elderly and disabled. Our vision is for deeply engaged interfaith and other partners to join together to bring about the transformation of our community. Our programs endeavor to effectively walk alongside those who come to us for services as they emerge out of crisis, find paths out of poverty into personal stability, and aspire to build a foundation of skills, social connections and financial assets.

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PAINTING TACOMA BEAUTIFUL



Ray Carreau has seen a lot in his 95 years. He served in the Army, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard and was present at the invasion of Normandy. This past fall he witnessed the love and kindness of strangers who painted his home and replaced his leaky windows through Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful (PTPB).

The white paint covering Ray's house was flaking badly.

Living mostly on Social Security, Ray didn't have the means or physical ability to maintain the property as he did in the past.

Of the 26 homes chosen for the Paint Tacoma Beautiful program this year, six belonged to veterans like Ray. A crew of volunteers — including members of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade from JBLM, students from the Youth Build program and retired Air Force airman Mike Farley — showed up and got to work.

"It's really about building community. It's not just the homes that get painted, but connections among neighbors and community groups are forged," said Amy Allison, Director of PTPB.

For volunteer Mike Farley, the work felt unfinished even when Ray's house had a fresh coat of paint. He noticed the windows were old, single paned and not weatherized. He contacted Puget Sound Window and Door and the company agreed to replace all of the windows free of charge. "My generation was just in awe of these guys; they stepped on up, and just accepted it as what they had to do. Getting to know Ray, and to do something for him, it's an honor for me," said Mike. ☺



INTERFAITH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This past spring, over 400 women attended AM's Interfaith Women's Conference, "Building Bridges of Interfaith Unity". With more than 24 speakers offering workshops, 50 vendor booths,

yoga, meditation and sacred spaces, this conference had something for everyone. The conference's focus? Listening, dialogue and action. Planning is underway for the 2nd biennial conference, which will be held on March 9, 2019. Our Women's Conference is an integral part of AM's mission to bring people of all faiths together to learn more about one another, create kinships and to effectively work together to serve those in the margins. Our other interfaith events include a Thanksgiving Service, Day of Prayer gathering, and community dialogues. ☺

HOW WE HELP THE COMMUNITY



6,185 Households
Coordinated Entry



53 Youth
Youth Advancement
And Housing



94 Households
Family Permanent
Housing
(279 individuals)



191 Households
Foreclosure Housing
Counseling



3,270 Individuals
Protective Payee
41,466 instances
of service



2,095 Taxfilers
served through VITA

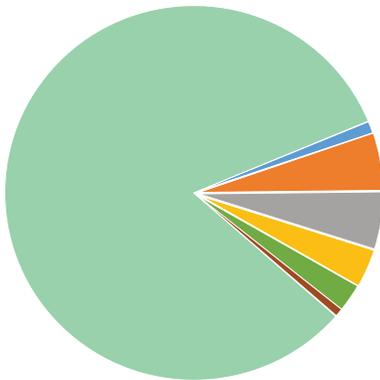


4,004 Individuals
Homeless mail
service
55,515 instances
of service



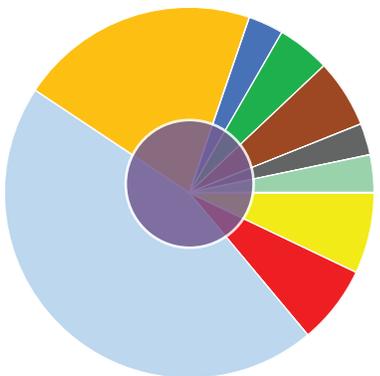
28 Homes Painted
Paint Tacoma-
Pierce Beautiful

REVENUE & EXPENSES



Revenue

- Program Grants and Contracts - \$2,332,401
- Special Events - \$86,035
- Faith Communities - \$29,198
- Individuals - \$144,772
- Foundations - \$142,594
- Business, Org's - \$79,248
- Other - \$19,946



Expenses

- Coordinated Entry - \$1,105,155
- Rapid Rehousing - \$510,250
- Foreclosure - \$75,005
- Payee & Mail - \$112,484
- Assistance to Shelters - \$144,977
- Other - \$66,945
- Fundraising - \$80,420
- Community Mobilization - \$171,923
- Interfaith Engagement - \$166,418
- Admin/Indirect Costs - \$439,717

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT
OCTOBER 1, 2016 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

INTERNS DRIVE IMPORTANT WORK AT ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES



Bethanie: "The most interesting thing I have learned so far is just the sheer capacity of the effect of what AM does throughout the community. The most informative thing I have learned is that it's okay to be human. There are many different departments that are interconnected with each other, so you are never alone in one thing that you are doing. I've learned a great deal about what it's like to work for a non-profit agency. So if you want to help out the homeless community or even work more on administration, come intern or volunteer at AM. You won't regret it."

Ryan: "The most challenging thing for me here has been managing the number of tasks that need attention. There are always several projects lined up, and AM is doing important work! Associated Ministries has a wonderful environment, with great people who care about their work." ☺



AMAZING QUEST: UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS

There are many misconceptions about homelessness. AM designed Amazing Quest to educate participants by illustrating the daily struggles of our homeless neighbors in insightful and engaging ways.

Amazing Quest took place on October 7 in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood. Teams of two to eight people visited stations around the area and participated in various eye-opening challenges.

*"...WORK TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO LIVE
STABILIZED LIVES..."*

Funds raised from the event will support Associated Ministries' work to address homelessness and empower people to live stabilized lives off the streets. ☺

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Associated Ministries is extremely grateful for the support from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound, an employee-owned charitable giving program managed by Boeing employees. The employees who make the fund possible are meeting the needs of people experiencing poverty and homelessness in our community. Their generosity has allowed us to improve safety and security for those who come to Associated Ministries for assistance. Thank you Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound! ☺

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