

2014
Annual Report



RUTH'S  HOUSE
A Healing Place for Women



From the Director...

Dear Ruth's House Family,

Thank you for opening your heart to those who are the

most vulnerable, who find themselves trapped in devastating life circumstances. Because of your help, Ruth's House continues to grow and strengthen in the ways we can serve our clients.

2014 produced our new Learning Center, a new children's program and wonderful new staff! We continue to grow and blossom thanks to the nourishment of our volunteers and financial contributors.

It is you, our volunteers and donors, who make change in our community and in the world. As the saying goes, "It takes a village," and you are that village! Together we provide safe housing for those in need. Last year one resident graduated from college and purchased her own home. Her family is now residing in their own safe, permanent home. Another resident is working toward her college degree and many others have found safe housing thanks to the programs of Ruth's House and your generosity.

Thanks for another successful year. We hope you will continue to partner with us to make sure every person in our community has the most basic need—a home.

With gratitude and faith,

Ruth Hickey
Executive Director

Mission Statement

To provide quality supportive housing for homeless women and families, in a caring and healing environment as they work on stability, growth and self-sufficiency.



Highlights

- Ruth's House celebrated its 10th year of service to the Rice County community.
- Two additional off-campus apartment units were added to the Supportive Housing Program (SHP), bringing total units to 10.
- Our weekly mother-child class began in December, a collaboration with McKinley Early Childhood Education. Our clients in the Shelter and SHP love this class, which is held at the Shelter.
- Volunteers continue to open their hearts and fuel Ruth's House with their goodness and compassion! Over 4,000 hours were donated by our fabulous volunteers, who helped with childcare and transportation for Ruth's House residents, maintenance and repair, Front Desk Reception, administrative support, fundraising, IT, and many other services. We are truly blessed.
- In-kind donations totaled well over \$30,000! Thank you to the community, and thank you again for your unsparing generosity. The food you donate, as well as the diapers, clothing, toys and books, Christmas gifts, furniture, household items and office supplies, etc., are life-saving for our residents.

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Did you know that
1 in 3 women
will experience domestic violence?
The most unmet need of these
women is **safe housing**.
**50% of Ruth's House residents
are victims of domestic violence.**

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Transitional Shelter

Total Served: 93 Individuals
(48 adults and 45 children)

Age 0–18 45
Age 18–24 14
Age 24+ 34
Caucasian – 44
African American – 31
American Indian
or Alaska Native – 2
Multi-Racial – 14
Unknown – 2

Off-Campus Supportive Long-Term Housing Program (SHP)

Total Served: 38 Individuals

- 13 women
- 23 children
- 2 men

2014 Outcomes

- A total of **131** individuals were provided shelter by Ruth's House programs in 2014
- **77%** of residents obtained permanent housing
- **96%** of adults in the Shelter maintained or increased their income level
- **74%** of adults who left Ruth's House Transitional Shelter had at least 1 cash income source
- **40%** of clients in the Transitional Shelter Program had a diagnosed disability
- **48%** of clients in the Transitional Shelter Program experienced domestic violence

Thank you, Donors!

Dear Friends of Ruth's House,

It is extraordinary to look at all the names listed below, the members of our Ruth's House family. Each of you is making tremendous positive change in our Rice County community by directly affecting individual lives for the better. You are providing help, hope, and a home for those who need it most!

Please know that we are truly grateful for each and every one of you, and your contributions to Ruth's House.

This is our first year of being able to share our Annual Report with all of you, thanks to the generosity of a donor with designing and printing! Next year we hope to keep growing our Annual Report by including all of our valued in-kind donors and volunteers. If we have made any errors below, please do notify us. Thank you for your patience as we embark upon this new method of staying in touch with you and recognizing your contributions.

Gratefully,
Ruth's House Board of Directors

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Peace to all who enter here

With two children and nowhere to stay, A.S. came to Ruth's House in August of 2014. During her stay at the Shelter she stayed upbeat despite difficult life circumstances. The dedication A.S. showed in making steady progress toward her goals was inspiring to all around her, residents and staff alike. She and her children were loyal attendees of the mother-child program at the Shelter, having attended every single class from its beginnings in December 2014 until the time A.S. moved out of the Shelter in May 2015. A.S. and her children are now stably housed in their own apartment and all at Ruth's House are delighted for her achievements!

"When I moved into Ruth's House of Hope I was scared out of my mind. The staff and clients were so warm and friendly and I felt very comfortable. Any issue I had they addressed right away. They helped me with rides to appointments and sometimes with childcare. I loved and still love attending the McKinley Childhood class each Tuesday and the 12 Steps for Life class, and last but not least the Women's Empowerment Group. I love being able to learn new skills that strengthen me as a person. My experience at Ruth's House of Hope was amazing and I am so proud to say I was part of the program. Thank God there was a program to help me and my children."~AS



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