The Strength of Generosity

Like invisible glue that binds together various pieces of a mosaic, generosity is an unseen force that helps make The Well Community a stable, safe place to belong. Members, volunteers, church groups, donors, neighbors and staff all richly contribute time, energy, creativity, knowledge and funds. Together, these generous gifts of kindness form a bond of strength around The Well, securing its success as it serves its members.

At The Well, we envision a world free of stigma where recovery is possible for adults living with mental illnesses. To that end, we provide hope and healing through healthy relationships, essential services and meaningful activities. However, none of this is possible without the generosity of the larger community.

In this report you will read about a few people with large hearts who give of themselves to make The Well Community possible. Their stories represent countless others, including you, who invested in the lives of members of The Well in 2016. We want you to know ways such generosity makes The Well Community a great place to belong.
Generous Care

At the weekly Thursday Night Life worship service, members of the Well Community sing, read scripture, listen to a message and pray for one another. This opportunity to grow spiritually helps members learn to care generously for one another. Susan demonstrates this care in practical ways. As a long-time member she gives of her time to other members at The Well. Susan helps with administrative duties and preaches occasionally at our Thursday Night Life worship service.

Susan's generous care was evident when her close friend's adult daughter had no place to live. Susan, who had been homeless before, offered her own bed where she was living with several other women. "I put my faith and trust in God and moved into my car," Susan explains. She knew the young woman wouldn't be able to handle being homeless so she took the daughter's place instead.

"I knew what it was to be homeless," says Susan. "I remember the struggling I did the first time I went out there—nobody trusting you. And you had to hang on to anything and everything you had for fear of losing it. People would take it in a heartbeat." Eventually, Susan found a job that helped her get off the streets, but it still brings up painful memories. "I give it all to the glory of God," she says. "God was protecting me and kept me safe."

Hands-On Help

Jacoby’s House is a City of Dallas-licensed boarding house run by The Well Community. Eight men who deal with chronic mental illness live in the house, which offers a home to those who might otherwise be homeless.

The two-story house sits within walking distance of the local coffee shops, restaurants and boutique stores along Davis Street and the Bishop Arts District. The building, with a pale yellow façade surrounded by leafy magnolia trees, shows its age. As with any older home, a number of repairs need attention.

In October 2016, the Dallas Christian Firefighters Association pitched in to build a Federal Drug Administration-approved wheelchair ramp so residents and visitors can safely enter and exit the house. They also cut down several overgrown trees and repaired and painted the iron fence that surrounds the house.

“It’s good to do this where you live,” said Suzanne Braddick, President of the Dallas Christian Firefighters Association and DFR Senior Fire Prevention Officer. Many of the firefighters primarily encounter members of The Well at times when they are having difficult episodes stemming from mental illness.

Captain Charlie Salazar, a battalion chief who volunteered with several firefighters from his battalion, pointed out that volunteering is in the makeup of most firefighters. “Most are public servants,” he says. “They have it in their DNA makeup. They do this stuff because it’s inherent.”

While Salazar watched several firefighters lift heavy chunks of concrete out of the yard, several residents of Jacob’s House also looked on from the front porch. Matthew, a resident who suffers from a dual diagnosis of alcoholism and bipolar disorder, pointed out that the ramp will have huge benefits to anyone in a wheelchair entering or exiting the house. “They won’t have to struggle,” he says.

Which is exactly why these firefighters volunteered their time. “It’s ours,” says Braddick about Jacob’s House. These people are delicate with difficult lives, and “this is a way to make things better for them.”
2016 Review

Revenue

- **Individuals**: $304,651 (29%)
- **Churches**: $76,032 (25%)
- **Foundations & Trusts**: $60,213 (20%)
- **Corporations & Businesses**: $9,069 (2%)
- **Local Associations & Service Groups**: $6,000 (1%)
- **Special Event: Recovery Live**: $3,000 (10%)
- **Earned Income: Jacob’s House**: $3,000 (13%)

People Served: 295 Adults

- 51% White; 32% Black; 17% Hispanic
- 18 to 29: 9%
- 30 to 59: 70%
- 60 to 79: 21%

- **Female**: 38%
- **Male**: 62%

Nutritious Meals Served: 13,707

Volunteers

- Number of Volunteer Hours: 2,968
- Volunteer Investment: $73,191

Staff Time

- Direct Service Hours: 17,752
- Case Management Hours: 965

Expenses

- **Program**: $300,129 (80%)
- **Management & General**: $24,000 (8%)
- **Fundraising**: $16,000 (12%)

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- Crosspoint Church
- Kessler Community Church
- Dallas Trinity Rotary
- Tyler Street Methodist Church
- All Saints Church Dallas

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- Arbuckle Family and Friends
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- Forest Meadow Baptist Church
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- Park Cities Baptist Church
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