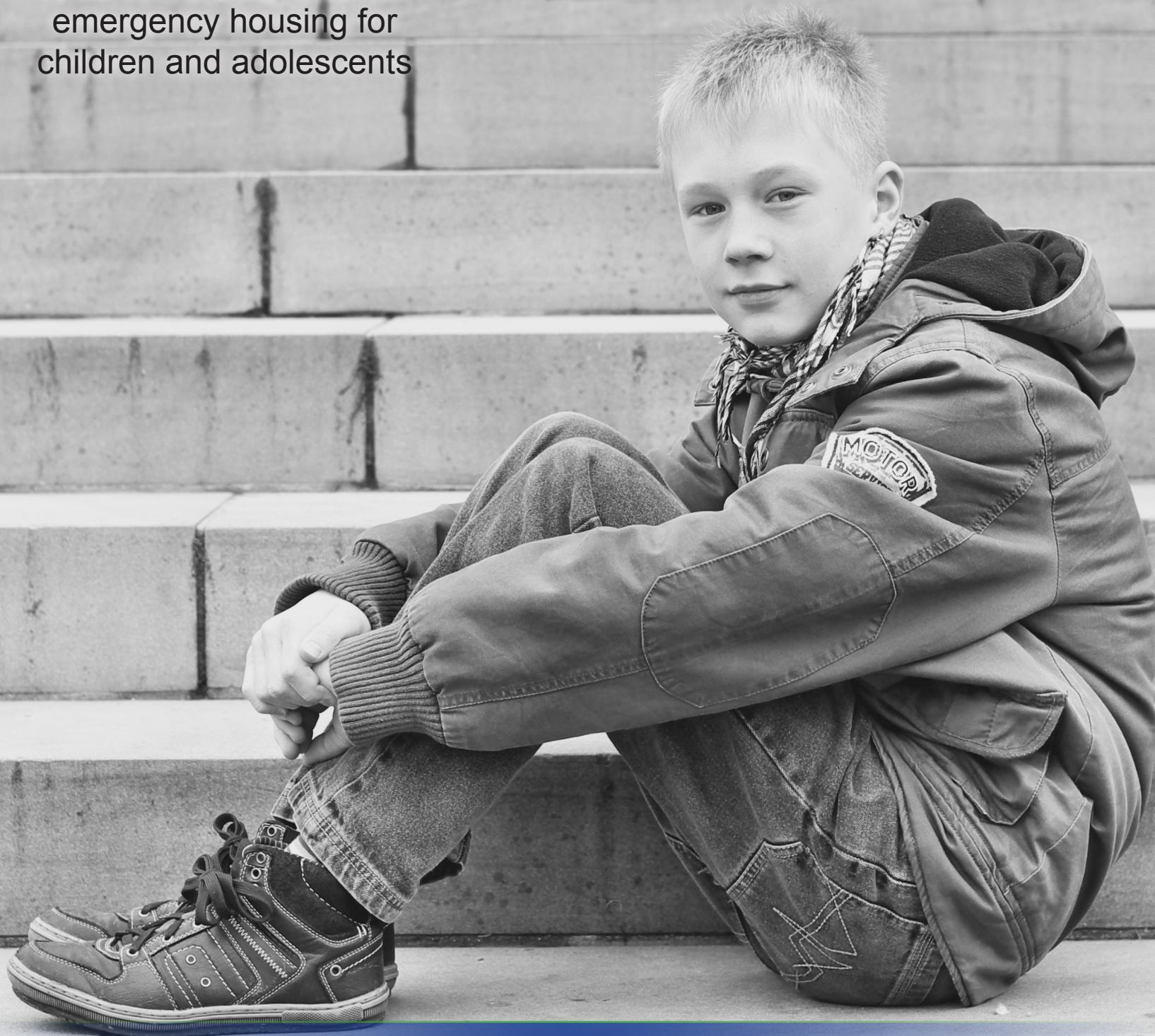




Shelter, Inc.
emergency housing for
children and adolescents



2016 Annual Report

Shelter's Mission



Helping and protecting children who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision.

We do this by:

- Providing 24-hour emergency and longer-term care
- Creating community awareness and education to prevent abuse and neglect
- Promoting healthy families to reduce child abuse and neglect

Shelter's Services

Emergency, Traditional and Home-of-Relative Foster Care

Foster care for children from birth through age 17.

Boys Group Home, Palatine

The only emergency group home for boys ages 11 through 17 in the Northwest Suburbs.

Jennings Group Home for Girls, Schaumburg

Emergency housing for girls ages 11 through 17.

Transitional Living Program (TLP), Arlington Heights

The only TLP for older adolescent males in the Northwest Suburbs focusing on independent living skills.

Healthy Families Program

Home visitation and parenting education program for vulnerable first-time parents. The only Healthy Families program in the Northwest Suburbs.

Community Education

Public awareness concerning child abuse, neglect and other social problems directly impacting children and their families.



Shelter's Board and Council

Our Healthy Families Program for vulnerable first-time parents was impacted by the Illinois state budget impasse resulting in no funding from the Department of Human Services for most of the year. Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to continue providing services to first-time parents, although we did have to scale back our staff and the home visitation services.

Our Foster Care Program and our adolescent group homes provided over 22,560 days of care to abused and neglected children and adolescents. Our Jennings Group Home for girls received a grant from the Bright Horizons Foundation to renovate a room in the home and turn it into a "Bright Space."

The older adolescent males in our Transitional Living Program are living in a home like setting. With the guidance of our staff, these residents are advancing their education and working in the community as they prepare for independent living.

Shelter has a long successful history in meeting the immediate needs of abused and neglected children, providing them with a safe place to stay. We focus on restoring their emotional and physical health with a goal of recapturing their childhoods. These are vulnerable children and we know that whatever we do for them now will have a lasting and profound effect on their future.

Shelter's services once again were awarded full reaccreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA), an international, independent agency. Meeting COA's highest standards for practices, policies, and procedures is an ongoing endeavor for staff and the Board of Directors. Accreditation means that children and their families are receiving quality services.

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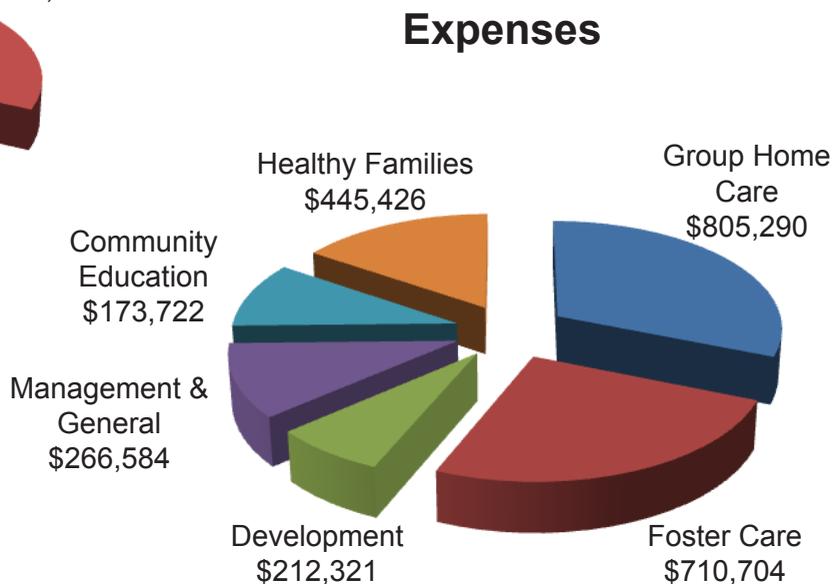
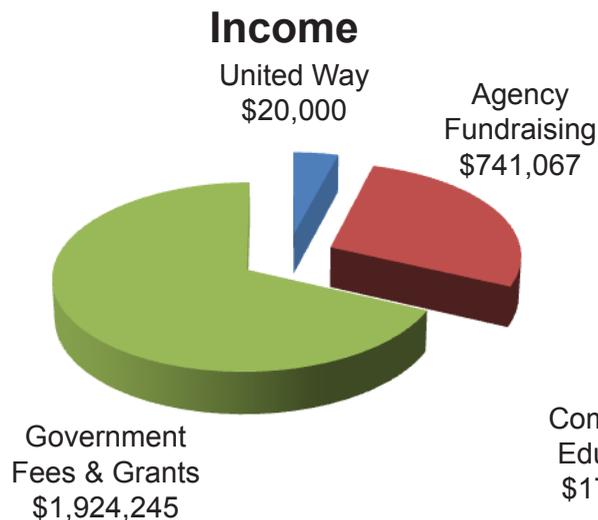
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Financial Information

Year ended June 30, 2016



Summary of Services

	People Served	Days of Care	Hours of Service
Group Home Care	87	2,546	
Foster Care	81	20,016	
Healthy Families	1,690		5,912
Community Education	54		317
Referral Services	560		840
TOTAL	2,472	22,562	7,069

Volunteers

Number of Volunteers: 1,105

Hours Donated: 8,066

Program Outcomes



- 100% of babies through age 3 in our Healthy Families Program received all of their required immunizations
- No child receiving Healthy Families services was placed in emergency foster care due to abuse or neglect
- 57% of adolescents in our emergency group homes were reunited with their families
- 14 children in our Foster Care Program achieved permanency through returning home, guardianship or adoption
- 4 residents in our Transitional Living Program for older adolescent males successfully transitioned into an independent living arrangement

2016 Events

- 28th Annual Charity Ball
- Friends of Shelter Trivia Night
- 5K Run/Walk 4 Kidz
- Children's Holiday Party
- Friends of Shelter Cooking with Class
- 12th Annual Michael Portelli Memorial Golf Outing



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