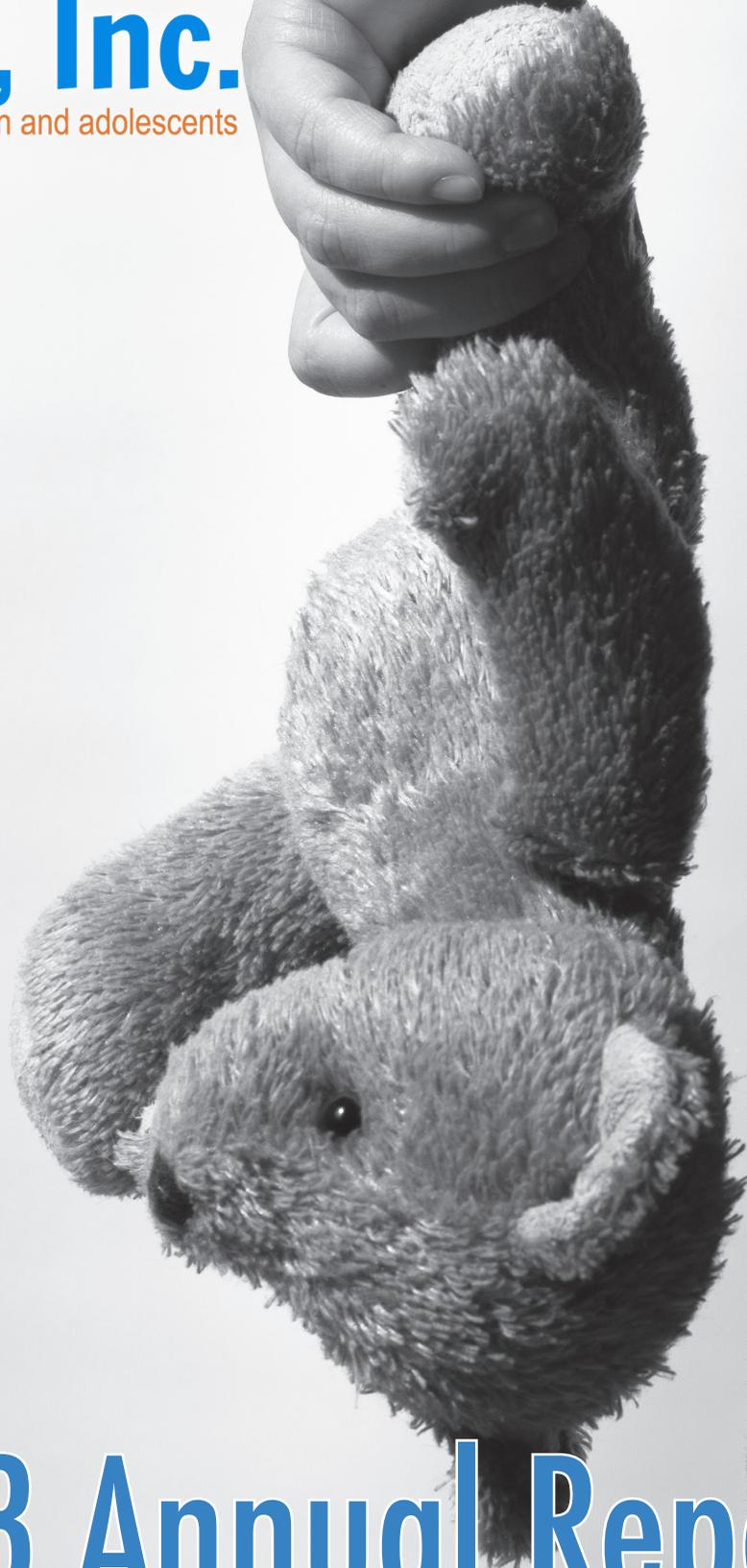




Shelter, Inc.

Emergency housing for children and adolescents



2018 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.



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Dear Friends of Shelter,

The 2017-2018 fiscal year was a bittersweet year for the Shelter family, as we said goodbye to our executive director, Patricia Beck, who faithfully led us in service for over four decades. Patricia's legacy of commitment to the youth and families in our community lives on in everything we do, and we wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement.

As Shelter's new executive director, I'm humbled to join this incredible team of caregivers and public servants. During the 2017-2018 year alone, Shelter served over 700 kids and parents, screened more than 1,500 families for risk factors for child abuse, and put in more than 4,000 service hours for our community.

The road ahead of us is not without its challenges. We're still feeling the aftershocks of the state budget impasse that held our funding in limbo, and our 2017-2018 fundraising fell short of our goal, putting us well over our budget as we closed out the fiscal year.

But, we have an exceptional team in place, and we're working together to turn the tide. We're reallocating funds for maximum community impact, and we're refining and refocusing some of our programs to better anticipate the needs of our community. We have a clear vision for the future and a solid strategic plan for getting there.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and for warmly welcoming me into the Shelter family. I look forward to serving with you as we enter this exciting new chapter of Shelter's story.

In service,

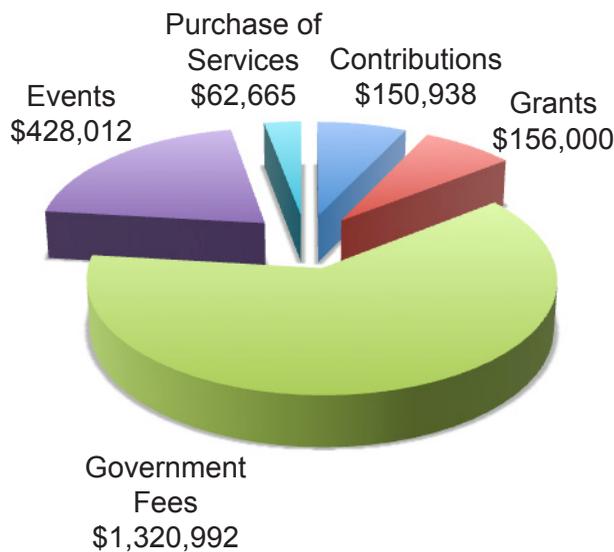


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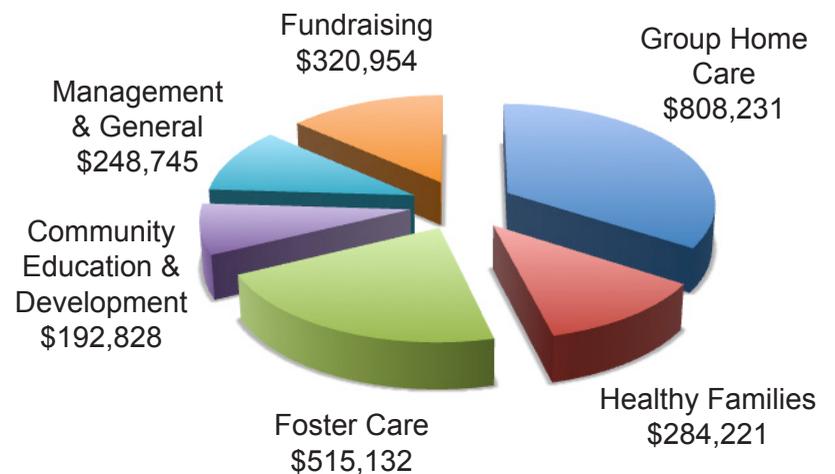
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Year ended June 30, 2018

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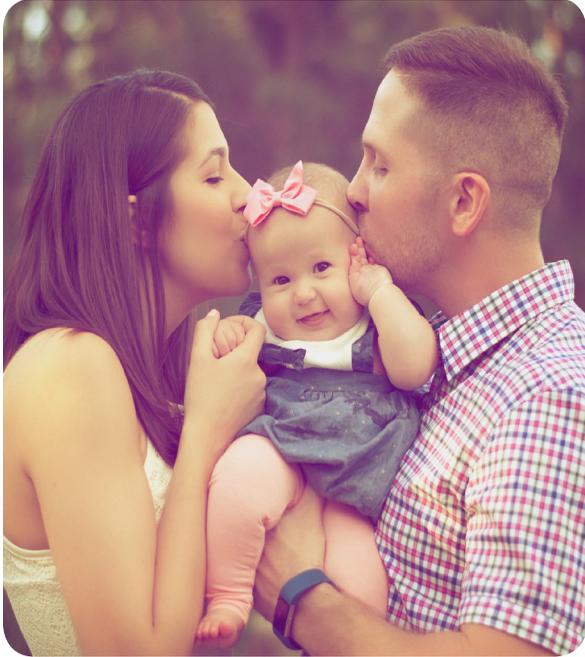
Expenses



Services Provided

Families Screened for Healthy Families	1,639
Total Number of Clients Served <i>(Direct clients and referrals)</i>	903
Number of Volunteers	330
Volunteer Hours Donated	1922

Program Outcomes



- 2 youth in our Foster Care program were adopted or obtained guardianship and we were the number one child welfare agency in the state to license foster homes
- 100% compliance for immunizations and well-baby care appointments. No child in our Healthy Families program entered the child welfare system.
- 68% of the youth in our Emergency Group Homes returned home to their families with vital resources
- 80% of the youth in our Transitional Living Program were employed or attending school

2018 Events

- **30th Annual Charity Ball**
- **Friends of Shelter Trivia Night**
- **5K Run/Walk 4 Kidz**
- **Children's Holiday Party**
- **Friends of Shelter Cooking with Class**
- **14th Annual Michael Portelli Memorial Golf Outing**



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