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*Beatitude House*



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Committed to Disadvantaged  
Women and Children

## REFLECTIONS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY



An anniversary may be either a time of celebration or a time of reflection. To me, the 20th anniversary of Beatitude House is both. I celebrate the many lives Beatitude House has enriched even as I reflect on my role in this rewarding ministry. My journey with Beatitude House began in 1991 when I served as the first president of the Beatitude House board. Five years later I became an employee of Beatitude House when I designed The Potter's Wheel program. And following the death of our founder, Sr. Margaret Scheetz in 2001, I became the Executive Director of Beatitude House and moved into one of its small apartments as resident manager. Just as Beatitude House transforms the lives of its women and children, Beatitude House has transformed my life, too. I love living on site with 12 mothers and between 20 to 25 children. I learn from these brave women every single day. Regina Dubickas, in a publication of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, expresses well how I feel.

"It takes work to serve others with compassion regardless of the external appearance or demeanor of the person, to open my heart in welcome to those who are different in customs, language, or dress, and not to allow externals or my own preconceptions to keep me from seeing the person as an equal in respect and worth."

I am reminded to live a simple life as I watch the women around me struggle for basics: a home, health care, a car. Their hardships remind me that I do not need cable TV, air-conditioning, or a large apartment. Their resolve demonstrates to me what determination can accomplish.

The opportunity to know the poor and to share their lives has enriched my life in ways I could never have imagined 20 years ago. And, I believe the women of Beatitude House have also enriched the lives of our board of directors, our donors and our many supporters. It is a blessing to serve as a bridge between those who have so much and those who have so little.

**Sr. Patricia McNicholas**, *Executive Director*

### MISSION

Beatitude House, sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, is committed to all disadvantaged women and children. By creating homes, providing educational opportunities and fostering healthy families, we provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

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# Creating Homes

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

A House of Blessing program provides families with a fully furnished apartment while mothers seek employment and further education. During their stay, mothers strive to provide a stable loving environment for their children and obtain permanent housing. Mothers also take critical steps in becoming emotionally stable and economically self-sufficient.



## PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The permanent supportive housing program, a long-term housing and support program for disabled, homeless women and their children, enables families to obtain and maintain stability in order to focus on issues surrounding their disabilities. This stability allows families to remain together in their homes, providing children with a nurturing environment.

37

37 homeless families receive services daily through our housing programs

70%

70% of permanent supportive families have maintained housing for 4+ years

85%

85% of families leaving transitional housing found permanent homes. 145 formerly homeless children had somewhere to live



### My Ode to Beatitude House

Women with dilemmas around the world  
Gather all your children-your boys and your girls  
Pack all of your troubles no matter how huge  
For there's a place with solutions where you can find refuge  
Some women have issues some come in despair  
But there's one place that mends and repair  
They will offer you structure and the skills you will need  
To gain education and employment to succeed  
There's no one to judge you by your past mistakes  
They just want to help you with whatever it takes  
But in order for success in all that they do  
You'll have to be a willing participant too  
You may attain resilience, endurance and humility  
But it depends on your belief in your own abilities  
So if you need guidance with utilizing your fortune  
Then the place you should be is the House of Beatitude.

-Robin Finger



"Beatitude House has changed my life in so many ways. They have provided safe, stable housing for me and my son. They have a good GED program that I can attend to get my GED. The staff is always there for me if I ever need anything and they have also been there to support me."

--Jami Grimm

# Providing Educational Opportunities



Beatitude House employs an Education Director to assist each woman to design an individualized education plan, including post-secondary education if possible. Through our career and education program, The Potter's Wheel, all disadvantaged women have the opportunity to achieve their career and educational goals. Services offered include computer skills classes, academic preparation classes, GED classes, English as a Second Language, as well as life skills such as communication skills, writing skills, nutrition and financial management.

Beatitude House Green Clean, a cooperative owned and operated by the women in The Potter's Wheel program, enables disadvantaged women to gain valuable skills they can use throughout their chosen career paths. The business, which has been in operation for 2 years, continues to grow at a steady pace.

**100**  
100% of the women have an education plan

**48**  
48 women attended a post-secondary education program

**12**  
12 women gained employment with Beatitude House Green Clean

**14**  
14 women obtained their GED



"I am very thankful that Beatitude House and The Potter's Wheel was there for me when I most needed it. They helped me in many aspects of my life – Penn State (post-secondary school), career goal setting, dealing with financial aid and feeling good again about myself."

--Kelly Fry

# Fostering Healthy Families



Because healthy families are happy families, Beatitude House programs serve not only the women involved, but also their children. Through our child advocacy program the individual needs of each child are met. For example, school-aged children are assessed at school to ensure they are provided the services they need to succeed. If they are lacking in an area of study, a tutor is provided.



In fostering healthy families Beatitude House also offers a parenting program to teach mothers how to interact in a positive nurturing way with their children through participation in educational, enrichment and socialization activities. From music lessons to literacy programs, to attending summer camps and field trips to museums, parks and the theater, Beatitude House strives to help children develop into well-rounded individuals.

**135**  
135 school age children had access to on-site tutoring

**100%**  
100% of the children participated in enrichment activities

**630**  
630 women and children participated in Beatitude House programs

**100%**  
100% of the mothers participated in parenting programs



"Beatitude House has opened up my eyes. I now see the possibility of a brighter and better future for myself and my children."

--Lynette DeJesus

# Financial Information

Beatitude House continues to offer a comprehensive approach to the fight against poverty and homelessness. We continually strive to improve the programs and services we offer based upon the needs of the women and children we serve. The charts below represent our income and expenses for the past fiscal year.

## Thank You!

Thank you to the many foundations, groups, churches, businesses and individuals who support Beatitude House throughout the year. Without your support we would not be able to continue our mission to transform lives. Please visit [beatitudehouse.com/events](http://beatitudehouse.com/events) to view our generous donors from the past fiscal year.

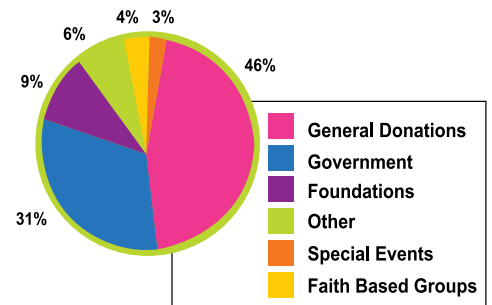


## Planned Gifts

As Beatitude House plans for the future, we invite our donors to consider the various ways you can continue to support the women and children who seek our services. Through beneficiary designations, charitable bequests, charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities you can support Beatitude House over a period of time. We ask you to contact your financial advisor to discuss ways in which you can transform even more lives with a legacy gift to Beatitude House. Beatitude House is a proud partner of the LEAVE A LEGACY™ program.

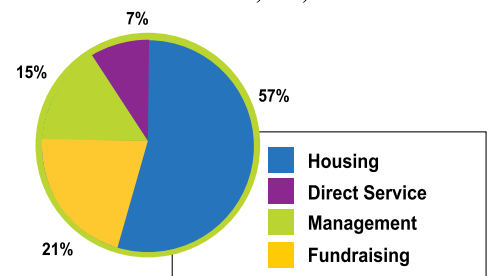
### SOURCES OF FUNDS 2010-2011

General Donations	955,332	46.0%
Government	651,592	31.0%
Foundations	191,957	9.0%
Other	123,718	6.0%
Special Events	90,611	4.0%
Faith Based Groups	60,771	3.0%
	<b>2,073,981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### USES OF FUNDS 2010-2011

Program Services: Housing	791,410	57.0%
Program Services: Direct Service	283,024	21.0%
Management	206,210	15.0%
Fundraising	97,759	7.0%
	<b>1,378,404</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



- Beatitude House provides services regardless of race, creed or nationality.
- The excess revenue over expenses is the result of fundraising for our Ashtabula expansion.
- These are unaudited statements. If any donor wishes to receive an audited report, it will be available in November 2011.

# Remembering the Past...



Sr. Margaret Scheetz  
1945-2000

The year 2011 has been notable in recognizing that it was 20 years ago that Sister Margaret Scheetz set out to transform the lives of homeless women and children in Youngstown. She began with a donated house and four families who lived at 1515 Fifth Avenue, the first site of Beatitude House. Those first families gained hope and stability and after 2 years, moved on to healthy futures. Since then Beatitude House has welcomed more than 3,000 other disadvantaged mothers and children to Beatitude House, provided them with a safe, secure place to live, and helped them transform their lives.

## Looking to the Future

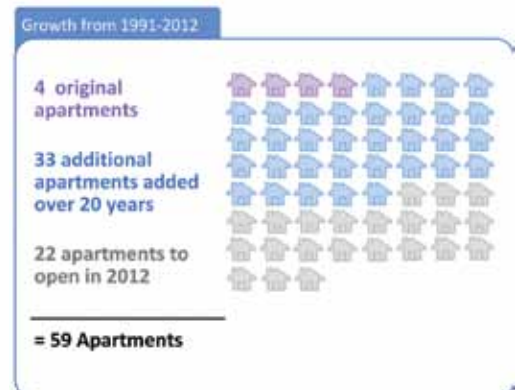
The success of Beatitude House programs as well as the ongoing need to serve additional impoverished women and children has inspired it to continue to grow to serve those in need. In 2012 Beatitude House will expand two existing programs and increase its capacity in order to assist 22 additional families.

Permanent Supportive Housing II  
Long-term housing will be provided to an additional 12 families with a disability that prevents them from maintaining housing on their own. This program is anticipated to open Fall 2011.

A House of Blessing Ashtabula- A former school building is being renovated into 10 transitional housing apartments for women and their children in Ashtabula County who wish to transform their lives and escape the cycle of poverty. This program is anticipated to open Summer 2012.



Former classroom at St. Joseph's School in Ashtabula being converted into an apartment for a homeless family.



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