

Mission: Home of the Sparrow partners with women facing homelessness to secure housing and achieve long-term stability.

Vision: Believing all individuals deserve safe, affordable housing, our vision is a future where all women have access to the tools, resources, and services they need to lead hopeful, independent and productive lives.

From the Desk of Michelle E. Venema, CEO

Have you ever faced a challenge that felt overwhelming—until a trusted friend stood beside you?

The problem didn't vanish, but having someone there gave you strength, hope, and the courage to keep going. That is exactly what you made possible this year for the women and children of Home of the Sparrow. Because of your generosity, we supported 406 women and 550 children, helping them avert eviction and build a path toward housing and financial stability.

And you made more than rent relief possible. Your gift allowed us to respond immediately when urgent needs arose. We provided swift access to private pay mental health providers so families didn't need to wait months for treatment. We also distributed grocery store gift cards and bags filled with household products to further supplement a woman's tight budget. This summer, when 21 working mothers faced the dilemma of how to care for their children who were too old for daycare but too young to stay home alone, we paid for enriching camp experiences. We remain grateful to the donors who enabled these 35 children to select a summer camp of their choice.

Sincere thanks to all of our donors and volunteers for their generosity which empowered hundreds of women to stabilize their lives and build a foundation for lasting independence.

A Letter from a Program Participant



I want to take a moment to personally thank you for the incredible support that has helped me and my two daughters finally afford a place to call home. I had been trying for two years to rent an affordable 2-bedroom apartment, but every time I thought I had saved enough money for the upfront costs, I was short.

When we lost our long-time housing in 2022—one that I had hoped to purchase—I never imagined how difficult it would be to save enough money to rent another home, especially in the community where I grew up.

During this time, I learned just how expensive the housing market has become and how out-of-reach it is for so many families. I could not imagine how I'd ever save enough money for a security deposit plus first and last month's rent even though I was working both a full-time and part-time job. Thanks to Home of the Sparrow's financial assistance, I was able to sign a new lease. My daughters were so excited!

It's not lost on me that these resources are limited and that many women will need assistance in the future. That's why I am beyond grateful—not just for myself, but for the hope this gives to others facing the same struggle.

Thank you again for seeing me, for believing in my family's future,
and for making a life-changing impact.

The Challenge of Making Ends Meet

Your contribution bridges the gap
between what a woman earns and her fixed expenses.



Rent
\$2,100



Childcare
\$1,884



Utilities, supplies
\$1,375



Transportation
\$1,034



Medical
\$684



Food
\$614

The math just doesn't work...

**Total
Living Expenses***

\$7,691/month

vs.

**Total
Average Income****

\$2,947/month

* According to the 2025 MIT Living Wage Calculator:
One parent with one child living in Chester County.

** An HOS Program Participant earns,
on average \$17.00/hour or \$2,947/month.

Financial Performance: FYE 6/30/2025

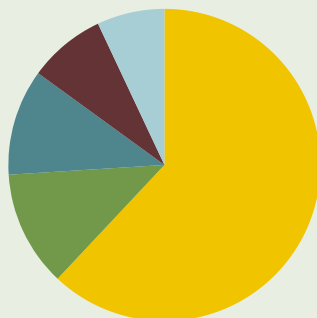
Total Assets: **\$2,519,990**

Total Liabilities: **\$347,250**

Total Unrestricted Net Assets: **\$1,671,388**

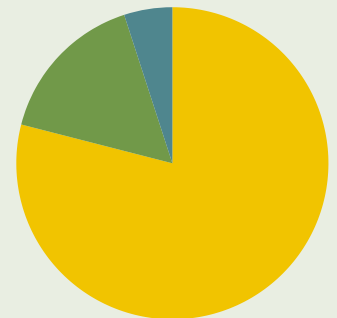
Income by Type

- Contributions 62%
- Miscellaneous 12%
- Events 11%
- Government 8%
- Gifts-in-kind 7%



Expense by Type

- Programming 79%
- Fundraising 16%
- Administration 5%





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Our EIN is
23-2775004

Moved to do More? Thank you!



Online
Giving



Volunteering/
gifts-in-kind

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e-Newsletter

Donor and Volunteer Recognition



In prior years, this report included pages of donor and volunteer names. This year, we are taking a new approach that allows us to both honor your generosity and steward our resources wisely. You can find a complete list of donors and volunteers on our website, easily accessible through the QR code. This change allows us to devote more of our funds directly to supporting women and children in need. Please know that your generosity is deeply valued and continues to make a life-changing difference.

Save the Dates!



3rd Annual Golf Outing

Waynesborough Country Club
Monday June 1, 2026



4th Annual Walk for Women

Great Valley Corporate Park
Saturday, June 27, 2026