

Sojourner Truth House (STH) is a ministry founded in 1997 and sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. For over 20 years, The Poor Handmaids have provided a significant grant each year to support the needs of the ministry and the clients served by STH. In 2019, they graciously gave \$649,000 to help underserved members of our community. Their generous yearly support will not see much growth so we rely on our faithful donors more than ever. Invite your friends and family to learn more about STH programs and mission.







Our Missign

Sojourner Truth House is a ministry of hope and help for homeless and at-risk women and their children sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Through hospitality, advocacy, integrative services and collaboration, participants improve their quality of life and that of the community in a safe, trusting environment.

Our Visign

Sojourner Truth House is a village of hope that empowers women and their children. Our unique model of service and collaborative actions inspires the human spirit so that participants can improve their quality of life and become contributing members of their communities.



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Gratitude & Report

You Gave Jolice and Jeremiah Strength to Move Forward

"I felt like there was no hope," Jolice said. "I felt like a skeleton moving around." That is how Jolice explained the feeling of homelessness.

After suffering physical and emotional abuse, Jolice didn't trust anyone. She built walls to protect herself and her son, Jeremiah. She hid her pain. She lost her sense of self-worth.

While in a local shelter, Jolice was introduced to Sojourner Truth House. Through counseling and interacting with staff and other clients, Jolice discovered who she is. She embraced her strengths. She found people she could trust, individuals who would help, not hurt her.

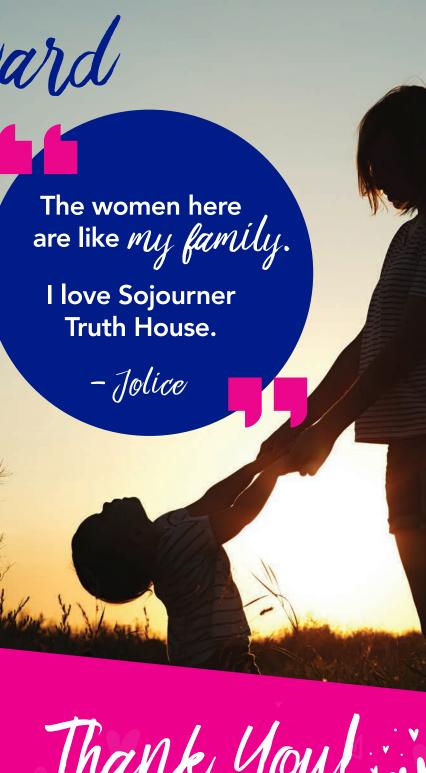
"My experience has been fantastic," she said. "It's like having another

family. My family is in Tennessee. I don't have any support here. The women here are like family. I love Sojourner Truth House." Jolice now works full-time and is pursuing a social work degree. She's found fulfillment in caring for others, particularly the homeless and poor.

"I've been able to build selfesteem," she said. "I can use my circumstances to help others. I can develop relationships with friends, coworkers and other people."

The future for Jolice and Jeremiah looks bright. She is thankful for God who faithfully led her to Sojourner Truth House and has blessed her continually along the path.

"God has a plan for me," she said. "I don't know what it is, but he is opening doors for me."



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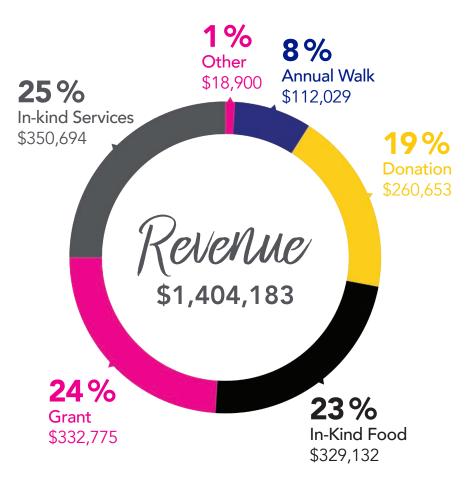
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Sojourner Truth House, and clients like Jolice, are tremendously grateful for your loyalty in 2019. Our work is only possible with the support of our community through grants, businesses, and our individual donors. To view a complete listing of our 2019 donors, please visit our website - www.SojournerTruthHouse.org

2019 Financials



Expenses \$2,037,418

24% Facilities, Food Service & Transportation \$492,401

23% **Community Support** Services \$465,315

16% **Administration** \$326,417

8% **Development Services** \$165,206

26% Program/Case Management \$535,345

3% **Volunteer Services** \$52,734