



Dakota
Woodlands



Annual Report 2023

A Dedicated Community of Support

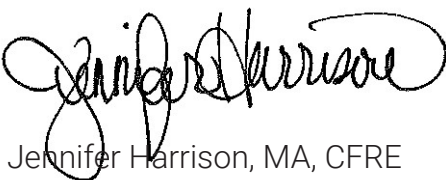
Every family experiencing homelessness that comes to Dakota Woodlands is facing trauma and crisis. Our approach is designed to meet families where they are at, enforce the notion that seeking help is a sign of strength, and emphasize that our main goal is the same as theirs: for each family to obtain and sustain permanent, sustainable housing.

Working closely with each family, Dakota Woodlands' staff engage in a dialogue to understand their unique strengths and needs, identify barriers, and develop plans that lead to their ultimate goal of a thriving and independent household. Staff have established effective working relationships with a wide and varied array of community resources, including therapists, treatment facilities, doctors/dentists, Parent Support Outreach Program services, Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services, local food shelves, transportation resources, continued education, and employers, and tap into those relationships to meet the individualized needs of each family.

In 2023 Dakota Woodlands began focusing on additional activities related to our newly-developed strategic directions, all with the goal of helping more families experiencing homelessness and providing a higher level of service for those staying at Dakota Woodlands. These four strategic directions will guide the organization over the duration of the strategic plan: Optimize Service Delivery, Strengthen Infrastructure, Maximize Human Capital and Transform Marketing & Fundraising.

Homelessness continues to be a critical issue in our community, and Dakota Woodlands is dedicated to supporting the children and families who need us most. This work is made possible by a dedicated community of support - people like you - who give so generously to ensure families have a safe place to sleep, nutritious meals, and the resources needed to gain stability.

We are grateful to everyone who made a financial contribution or a gift of time to help move this work forward. We could not provide this much-needed service to our community without you!



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Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$237,357
Accounts receivable	46,996
Grants receivable	40,699
Other prepaids	16,858
Investments	882,504
Property & Equipment (net)	1,084,962
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,309,376

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$29,052
Accrued expenses	52,267
Deferred revenue	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$81,319

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$2,228,057
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$2,228,057
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$2,309,376

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

Government	\$787,551
Grants & contrubutions	546,763
In-kind contributions	149,005
Investments	111,737
Miscellaneous	2,114
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,618,422

EXPENSES

Program services	\$1,235,262
Management & general	187,260
Development & fundraising	136,056
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,558,578

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$59,844



Programs & Services

Dakota Woodlands' mission is to empower displaced families on their journey to independence. Our main goal is to help families secure and maintain permanent housing. We do this by partnering with families to ensure they have access to resources, education, and support to gain stability and maintain independence.

In 2023, we served 223 individuals from 66 families. This is an 18 percent increase over 2022. Of those 223 individuals, 142 were children. Seventy-eight percent of all individuals identified as BIPOC; 60% reported a history of domestic violence; 74% have annual incomes of \$12,000 or less; and nearly 70% report having a mental or physical disability.

Dakota Woodlands' staff walk alongside families every step of the way during their stay at Dakota Woodlands. To start, families get settled into their own bedroom, furnished with all furniture, linens and personal care items needed. Families are offered three meals daily, each offering a variety of options including those that meet their medical and cultural needs. In addition, there is open access to snacks and beverages throughout the day.

Families that participate in the Dakota Woodlands program are welcome to stay at the shelter as long as they need to. Our Case Managers partner with families, helping them to achieve goals of gaining stability, access to healthcare, increasing family well-being, and having a safe home to move into. We do this by providing 24/7 support, removing barriers, making connections, and providing specialized training and education.

Dakota Woodlands partners closely with Dakota County in order to place homeless families in Dakota County at our shelter. Dakota County maintains the wait list for families to enter the shelter, as well as provides resources such as transportation, mental health support, chemical dependency groups, and legal support for clients.



Volunteers

Total
2023
Volunteer
Hours

2,717

We are so thankful for all of our volunteers who make this work possible! Your time and talents make a difference in the lives of homeless families!

A special thank you goes out to these individuals and groups who consistently give their time to Dakota Woodlands:

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Activities for Families
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Pantry help
Resident Store
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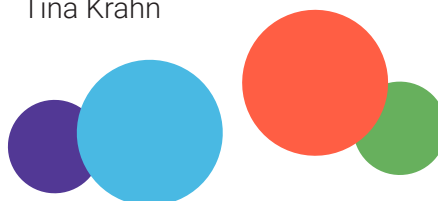
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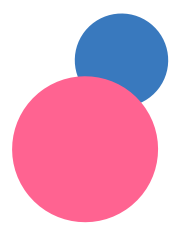
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