

## Basic Needs

Dakota Woodlands (DW) offers a safe and friendly environment for clients to transition from being homeless to finding sustainable and independent housing. Clients staying at DW receive nutritious meals, private bedrooms, personal care products, seasonal clothing, and an opportunity to learn life building skills through an educational curriculum.

## Supportive Services at the Shelter

Encouragement and person centered care is at the forefront of Dakota Woodlands supportive services. DW is part of a specialized care team that partners with Dakota county, connecting clients to needed services, resources, and finding permanent housing.

During a client's stay, DW provides supportive service that includes transportation, arranging for meetings and appointments, arranging for medical and social services, reminding clients to take medications that are self-administered, and providing social opportunities. DW takes it a step further by improving the client's odds of not reentering homelessness by offering an educational program that teaches life skills to include financial literacy, personalized employment development, sustaining housing, parenting, and computer literacy.

Through this program of education and coaching, DW empowers clients to sustain independence and overall wellbeing. As a client journeys through the program, credits are earned and may be exchanged for household items for their new home. After a client meets all requirements of the curriculum, they will graduate receiving beneficial rewards and a program diploma for their accomplishment. Clients may also take the opportunity to enroll in elective classes outside of the core offerings and take part in fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. DW is dedicated to embracing family values and provides childcare to make it easier for clients to participate and to fulfill the social and educational part of the program.

After graduating, DW offers internal work opportunities for clients to learn "real job" skills earning a possible work reference for future employment and earn credit for the in-house DW store. The store consists of items which include household goods, small kitchen appliances, personal and baby care items, bedding, towels, toys, and much more. The DW store is very popular with clients and is proven to be a great resource. Work assignments include general maintenance and dining room duties, childcare and projects that work along side staff.

## Continued Support after Leaving the Shelter

When a family leaves the shelter, DW makes every attempt to keep in touch. DW introduces them to community connections that will continue to assist them in their recovery and including them in family activities such as picnics, community arts, and school functions. DW provides transportation for these activities and admission fees. Former clients are also assisted with emergency needs such as diapers, formula, small loans, and other time sensitive items that without the assistance could lead them back into homelessness.

## Dakota Woodlands Financial Statement as of December 31,2018

### Statement of Financial Position

#### Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$990,380
Accounts receivable	73,152
Property and equipment (net)	948,270
Other assets	<u>8,151</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$2,019,953</b>

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	10,950
Accrued liability	36,915
Long term debt	<u>53,166</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$101,031</b>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$1,918,922
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$1,918,922</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$2,019,953</b>

### Statement of Activities

#### Revenue

Fundraising	308,244
Government Contracts	785,351
In-kind Revenue	93,863
Investment Income (Loss)	(25,424)
Other revenue	<u>27,916</u>
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$1,189,950</b>

#### Uses of Resources

Program	1,026,710
Management & general	111,653
Development & fundraising	<u>87,308</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$1,225,671</b>

**Change in Net Assets** **(\$35,721)**

Dakota Woodlands is dedicated to providing effective services to the most vulnerable in our society. We thank those who have joined us in making it possible to move over 221 people out of homelessness and into more stable lives during 2017. We trust our community will step up to the challenge to make it possible for us to continue our work. Our promise is that we will be good stewards of the community's investment and together we will help create stable futures for our homeless neighbors.

*Beth Bramen*



## 2018 Annual Report



*Dakota Woodlands is a pathway to sustainable and independent housing for homeless women and families through a continuum of supportive services.*

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