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# 2016 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



**YOUR WAY HOME**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Your Way Home Montgomery County is a public-private partnership that improves the housing stability, economic security, and health of people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Our vision is to make the experience of homelessness in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania rare, brief, and non-recurring.

## OUR IMPACT

Your Way Home has significantly reversed the problem of homelessness in Montgomery County. Homelessness was trending upward in the County since 2011, peaking at 464 individuals who were homeless on a single night in January 2013. Since then, Your Way Home has reduced homelessness by 33%, to 310 individuals on a single night in January 2017.

### HOW IS YOUR WAY HOME MAKING HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF, AND NON-RECURRING?

#### RARE

86% of households (503 of 586) at risk of homelessness are diverted from entering an emergency shelter.

#### BRIEF

The median length of stay in shelter was 56 days in 2016.

#### NON-RECURRING

86% of people who exited Rapid Re-Housing to permanent housing have not returned to homelessness within 2 years (276 of 320 people who exited to permanent housing over 2 years ago have not returned to homelessness).

## OUR 2016 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**2,974** unduplicated people were served by the Your Way Home system (includes street outreach, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing).

**2,344** people were newly homeless or imminently at risk of homelessness, and assessed by the Your Way Home Call Center.

**816** people were served in emergency shelter. 32% were children under the age of 18.

**1,051** people were served in Rapid Re-Housing. Of the 656 people who were exited during 2016, 73% were in permanent housing at the time of exit.

**8** clients participated in Manna on Main Street's Catalyst Kitchens job training program during the first cohort. 100% graduated from the program, 50% have gained employment within 3 months of graduation. 75% of remaining graduates are in interviews.

**63** clients received personal financial counseling through a pilot project with Clarifi.

**18** homeless and disabled clients were approved for SSDI/ SSI through SOAR, with an average time to decision of 59 days. Average annual benefit of \$9,420 per client.

## 2016 PRIVATE GRANTS

**Consumer Assistance: \$150,000**  
*Includes funds to purchase basic household goods, furniture, transportation costs, childcare, and other assistance needs of consumers*

**Landlord Risk Mitigation: \$25,000**  
*Incentives to attract and retain landlords*

**Capacity Building: \$20,000**  
*Conference scholarships and training opportunities for Your Way Home provider staff*

**Scaling Impact: \$183,610**  
*System evaluation, research studies, Annual Summit, pilot projects*

**Total Private Investment: \$378,610**

## YOUR WAY HOME'S PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Your Way Home braids federal, state and local public funding with philanthropic grants and donations to support a broad array of services to consumers. The Your Way Home Initiative Fund leverages philanthropic grants and donations to support services that public funding cannot provide. The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc. is the Fund's fiscal sponsor.

In April 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in partnership with the Council on Foundations, named Your Way Home Montgomery County one of 10 winners of the Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships. This award recognizes public-private partnerships for excellence in transforming their communities and having a measurable impact on the populations they serve.

## 2016 PUBLIC GRANTS

**Outreach and Engagement: \$277,000**  
*Call Center, Street Outreach*

**Emergency Shelter: \$1,970,997**

**Transitional Housing: \$575,732**

**Housing Resource Centers: \$2,204,993**  
*Housing Counseling and Rapid Re-Housing, plus specialized programs for Seniors, Youth, and Victims of Domestic Violence*

**Permanent Supportive Housing: \$1,338,484**

**Other Supportive Services: \$263,856**  
*Legal services, SOAR program*

**Total Public Investment: \$6,631,062**

