

## MISSION

To provide individuals with safe shelter, support services and sustainable strategies to end homelessness in the Greater Saratoga region.



## ANNUAL REPORT

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The heart of Shelters of Saratoga's (SOS) efforts is to assist those who are homeless, or at risk, in the Greater Saratoga region and to transition from an uncertain situation to one of safety and self-sufficiency. Our success is only possible with the support of kindhearted community partners. We greatly value our volunteers, donors and grantors whose generous investment in our mission helps improve the lives of the men, women and youth that we serve.

In collaboration with other local agencies, your support made it possible for SOS to dedicate resources to address an unmet need for emergency sheltering this past winter. The City of Saratoga Springs, Mayor Joanne Yepsen and St. Peter's Church played an instrumental role in spearheading "Code Blue Saratoga" services, which provided emergency shelter to "street homeless" in unseasonably hazardous winter weather.

In closing, we would like to thank our recently retired Executive Director, Peter Whitten for his service in the community. As a member of the SOS staff for nearly 10 years, his passion and advocacy for those in need was apparent and we look forward to continuing his efforts. We wish him well in his retirement.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to break the cycle of homelessness. There is still much work to be done.

Michael A. Finocchi

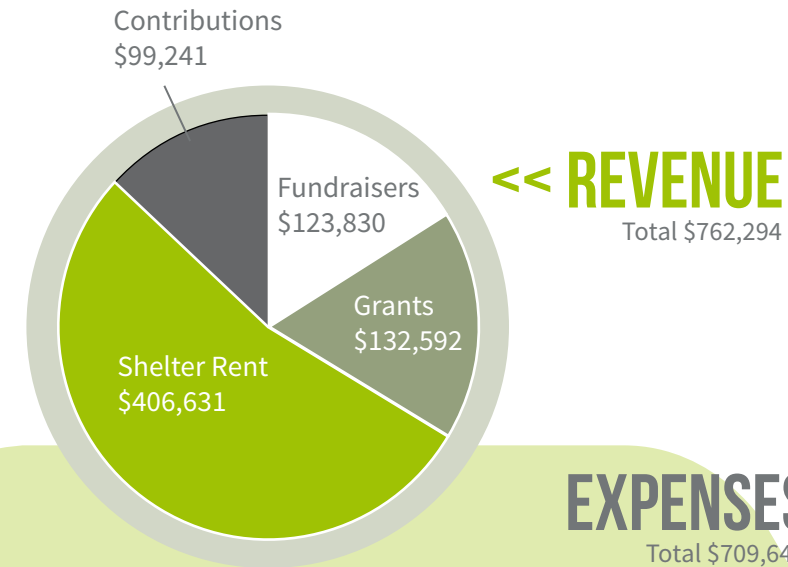
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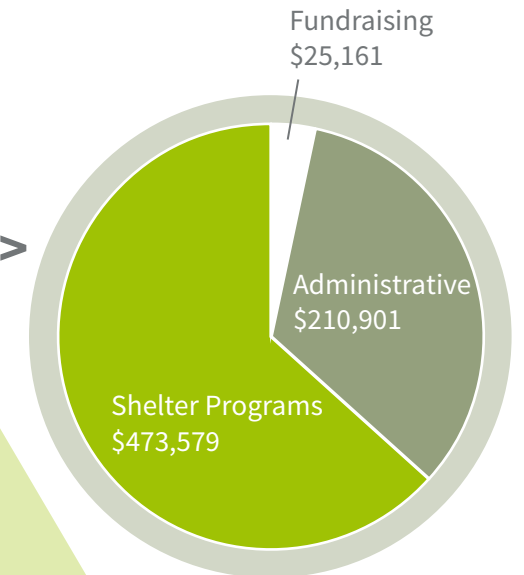
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# YEAR IN REVIEW

Thank you for supporting SOS. We value your investment in our mission, and we ensure that every penny of support helps improve the lives of the men and women we serve. Here's where our revenues come from and how they are spent:



**EXPENSES** >>  
Total \$709,641



SOS is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. A copy of our full audit is available upon request.

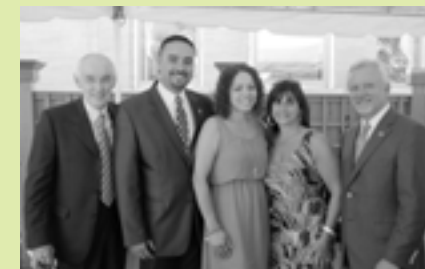


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## ONE FINE DAY

Guests enjoyed an afternoon of light fare and live music by Rich Ortiz set to the background of the beautiful gardens of Union Gables Bed and Breakfast. Chaplain Humberto Chavez was honored for his assistance to backstretch families at Saratoga Race Course.

Save the Date: August 26, 2015

## ANNUAL GALA

Our 4th annual gala 'Helping Hope Take Flight' was held at Longfellows Restaurant in March. Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception followed by a live quartet and delicious fare while they bid on a variety of silent auction items.

Save the Date: March 19, 2015

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

SOS invites community partners to dine with staff, board members and a former beneficiary to develop and expand the core of influential persons in the community who are knowledgeable about SOS and supportive of its goals.

Call Cindy Harrington to attend

# OUR SERVICES

In operation since 1991, SOS was formed to address a strong unmet community need in the Greater Saratoga region. SOS has evolved from the St. Clement's Church basement, to a mobile home for 8 homeless men, to its current location at 14 Walworth Street, Saratoga Springs. Because of your support, we have the capacity to temporarily house 33 adults and assist hundreds of at-risk families and youth.

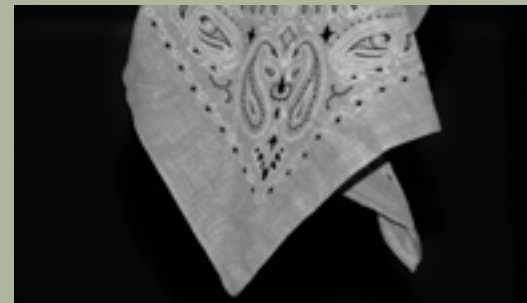
**23 YEARS** of making a *difference* in our community



## SHELTER THE HOMELESS

29,995 nutritious meals served

SOS provides each guest with a clean and safe place to stay, hot meals, and a structured environment. Case management services and community-based networks assist guests working toward a better future.



## PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

Over 1,000 face to face youth contacts

SOS reaches out to runaway, street, homeless and at-risk youths ages 13-21 through a partnership with CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services. The Youth Outreach program assists youth via street outreach, and youth specific drop-in centers.



"I HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. HOPE IS WHAT SOS IS ALL ABOUT AND I AM THANKFUL EVERY DAY THAT I WALKED ACROSS THEIR THRESHOLD AND INTO MY NEW LIFE."

- SOS BENEFICIARY



## PREVENTION AS THE SOLUTION

120 care packages delivered a month

Our mobile outreach program assists hundreds of individuals who are homeless or at risk each year. Case managers and volunteers make regular contact with those who are temporarily lodged in motels to provide them with essential supplies and supportive services.



## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

9 residents placed

SOS owns and manages seven (7) single and double occupancy affordable housing units in downtown Saratoga Springs. Former house guests who are no longer at-risk often become tenants as these units provide long-term housing solutions.

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Our guests thrive because of the kindness and generosity of your donations. Visit us online for a complete list of shelter needs.

## ORGANIZE

Start a food or coat drive, motivate your team and help us build community awareness.

## VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. Do you have a love of planning events, answering phones, preparing meals, gardening or painting? Perhaps you have a special talent that would lend itself to our governing body? Lend us your talent and volunteer today.



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