

2020 Annual Report



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PASSAGES

WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING

2020 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

of Success



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Cover Photo: This photo was taken at the 2020 Annual Celebration where the following women were honored: Katie, Shaylee, Hannah, Melissa and Esmeralda.

Dear Supporter of Passages

From the Director:

Serving as the director of Passages during 2020 was probably the most challenging and rewarding year of my tenure as director. We had more challenges this year than any other year since opening our doors in 2013. We also had more blessings. God has shown us that He is always with us, especially in difficult times.

Because of loyal and generous donors like you, we were able to meet our budget needs in a financially challenging year.

As I reflect on the women and the program this year, I note that the need for volunteers and community enrollment are more crucial than ever. During COVID, it was a difficult time for women who were new in their recovery process. Recovery is about relationships, and isolation and loneliness hinder the recovery process. Everyone did as much as they could in the recovery community with out-patient treatment, ZOOM meetings or on-line services. Twelve-step meetings responded quickly with the same.

The Passages board, staff and volunteers gave as much support as they could while adhering to the COVID protocols to keep themselves and the women safe and healthy. The prayers, phone calls, and support of donors, the board, volunteers and interested parties was a constant source of reassurance and inspiration.

God's presence has been with us, and Passages remains full of hope! I am looking forward to sharing that hope and encouragement with all our supporters and the women. We are blessed to have so many testimonies of God's grace at the end of a most difficult year.

**Humbly,
Marge Beam, Ed.D.**

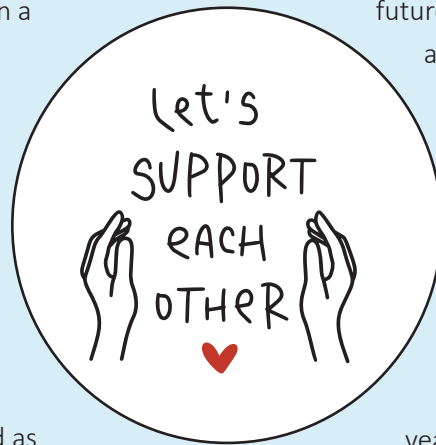
From the Board:

On behalf of the board, I would like to express our commitment to the mission and vision of Passages. This year, the board has shown determination to continue our service for the women in the Passages program. We have adapted to the challenges this unprecedented year has brought. We know that through God all things are possible, and we continue to serve and plan for the future growth of Passages with perseverance and faith.

God's hand has been on the Passages board, staff, volunteers and women throughout this year. Just as the women's lives are changed and led by the Spirit, so are those who serve on the board. The dedication of our donors and volunteers (through service and prayer) brought us through a difficult year that resulted in more blessings than challenges.

Through the hard work and faith of those who serve, we are able to move forward with our plans to build Passages Place so that we can double our services and bring the healing love of Christ into the lives of more women. We sincerely wish to thank all of you and our Lord.

**Respectfully,
Don Van Etten, M.D.**





About Passages

Based on a need in the greater Black Hills community and modeled after a successful transitional program in Idaho, a core group of Rapid City citizens came together to initiate Passages Women's Transition Living almost 10 years ago. Established as a 501(c)3, Passages housed its first participants beginning in 2013.

Passages provides transitional living for women who have struggled with chemical dependency and/or homelessness and abuse. The women come to Passages empty, lost, hopeless, broke, abandoned, lacking self-confidence and many have lost parental rights.

Our goal is to help them rebuild their lives. We have gained eight years of experience and have served 150 women.

Our residential re-entry program guides and supports the women as they transition into positive, sustainable life patterns which will enable them to be self-sufficient and contributing citizens to society. Some of them begin the process while incarcerated by working through our workbook which introduces them to corrective thinking and the beginning of the "renewing of the mind" process.

When they apply to the program, they are interviewed by our director who explains program participation and helps them make an informed decision on whether this program is truly what they want. We work very closely with parole agents and probation officers to ensure that their entire support team is working together. Some of them come to us knowing that if they quit, they will return to prison or lose their suspended sentences and have to enter prison for the first time.

In fact, a couple women have come wearing their "ankle bracelet" monitors and were considered active

inmates. Passages was the first program in the state of South Dakota to be able to accept participants in this type of situation.

Within 6-12 weeks, the women are employed and paying program fees (as a subsidy toward the costs of housing, food and program materials), parole fees, fines and restitution and are building trust with staff.

Within 6-18 months, they are becoming positive models and mentors to new incoming women and well on their way toward becoming productive members of society. They are giving back, as well as doing work for Passages and other non-profits. They are preparing to move out of the Passages house and get their own place.

The residential program includes Life Skills classes, recovery meetings and Truthought Criminal Thinking workbooks. It also includes book studies, such as **Safe People, Boundaries, Best Question Ever - How to Make Wise Decisions**. They meet weekly with a transition coach to review their Change Books and learn good habits such as time management and goal setting.

Accountability, curfews and random drug and alcohol testing are also part of the program. Passages collaborates with governmental agencies and community service providers, as appropriate, to ensure a holistic, effective and efficient approach to meeting the needs of the women.





Testimonials

Jennifer

Escaping an unhealthy, drug-filled violent relationship in another state, Jennifer got on a plane and came to Rapid City, SD. Other than an adult daughter, Jennifer knew no one in Rapid City. She stayed at a motel for a week, until she was out of money. She heard about WAVI and went there for another week.



While at WAVI, Jennifer decided she needed to do something to change her life and searched on the internet for a transitional living program and found Passages. She contacted Passages right away and went through the application process which included waiting until Passages was COVID free. Jennifer moved into Passages less than three weeks clean from drugs.

Jennifer got a job soon after completing the portion of the program that is completely in-house. She walked to work in the rain and snow. No matter what, she was committed to going to work every day. It only took her three months to save the money to get a used car.

Jennifer made a decision to change her life, deal with her addiction and reconcile with her daughter. She has let nothing deter her from that decision. While she was not raised in church, she has since developed a spiritual foundation and has come to know Jesus and all His blessings.

Danielle

Riding her rollercoaster life of addiction, Danielle chose to finally get off the ride that was no longer fun anymore.

While sitting in prison, she was trying to figure out how she could make better decisions in hopes that her two children would not follow in her footsteps. Danielle heard about Passages in prison and immediately jumped to get in contact.

On arrival to Passages over two years ago, Danielle was more than willing to hand everything over to God and really put in the hard work and determination to be a successful, sober individual and the healthy mother that her two children deserved.

Danielle chose “life” over addiction and graduated the six-month portion of the Passages program. She is proud of the fact that she has stayed sober ever since.





2020 Impacts & Accomplishments

Program

The average length of stay for women exiting the program was 119 days, down from the previous year. The length of stay was impacted greatly by COVID, as it was challenging for the women in recovery to be isolated from friends and family.

New Housing

Thanks to the donations of so many of YOU, we raised more than \$670,461 in 2020. This included a \$300,000 grant from the Sunshine Lady Foundation and \$300,000 from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation. Even more in in-kind labor and in-kind donations has been pledged. (See p. 4).

Marketing

Even with the shutdown caused by the pandemic, Passages remained active in creating awareness of the organization. As a result of MARKETING efforts, the following was accomplished:

- 4 quarterly newsletters, including online and/or mail
- 9 television stories or articles in print publications,
- 9 presentations at local venues,
- Participation at 6 community events,
- 6 contacts with local churches, and
- An active presence with social media, with 342 likes on Facebook.

Financial Support

We are so blessed that FINANCIAL SUPPORT for operations remained steady through a financially hard time for our community of supporters.

- A slight increase in general revenue, due to the generous donations of our donors even during this turbulent year!
- Conduction of 2 successful fund-raising events.

Events

To provide FINANCIAL SUPPORT and COMMUNITY AWARENESS for Passages, the following events were held:

- **The Annual Funding Campaign** raised \$12,026, which was down from previous years, due to COVID.
- **Annual Celebration** was held at Open Bible in May to celebrate the successes of the women. The larger venue provided social distancing. Over 30 attended.
- **Splash of Color 5K Walk/Run** was cancelled this year due to COVID.
- We held **Pies Plus virtually** in October. The evening included an internally produced video with messages from Executive Director Marge Beam, Vice President Jim Parry and testimonials from Cara and Katie. It was a powerful video that is still available for viewing on www.passagesliving.com. The video has had 88 views and more than \$15,000 was raised from this virtual event.



2020 Financials

Statement of Activities

As of December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Program Fees	\$5,527.50
Grants	\$6,715.25
Public Support	\$77,092
Events	\$18,100
COVID relief	\$12,500
Interest Revenue	\$36.52
Total Operations Income	\$119,971.27

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Program Expenses:

Housing	\$22,184.08
Administration	\$49,369.25
Fundraising/Marketing	\$1,679.21
Insurance	\$4,205.11
Taxes	\$2,539.29
Grant Expenditures	\$26,402
Total Operating Expenses	\$108,417.82

Change in Net Assets **\$11,553.45**

BUILDING FUND

2020 Restricted Building Fund Income	\$670,461.49
Building Fund Interest	\$707.45
Building Fund Expense	-\$2,538.29
Net Building Fund	\$668,630.65

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2020 (unaudited)

ASSETS

Cash	\$43,377.92
Savings Account	\$5,995.75
Building Fund	\$773,229.59

Total Assets **\$822,603.26**

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$2,538.29
Payroll	\$1,185.28
Unrestricted Funds	\$44,137.49
Restricted Funds	\$774,742.20

Total Liabilities and Funds **\$822,603.26**

Ways to Support Passages:

You can support Passages in two ways!

1. Make a pledge to our Annual Fund Campaign by filling out a pledge form at passagesliving.com/donate
2. Donate to the Building Fund at passagesliving.com/donate. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Donate to Building Fund button.



President & CEO Alan Solano & Program Assistant Jessica Olson of the John T. Vucurevich Foundation donated \$300,000 towards construction of Passages Place. Passages President Don Van Etten is shown right. Thank you!

PASSAGES PLACE BLESSED BY TWO MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the last few years, Passages has been working with the City of Rapid City, Scull Construction, JLG Architectural Firm and others to design a new residence for those we serve at the corner of First St and Denver Street. The new 6,222-square-foot residence is designed to accommodate 14 women, which doubles the capacity of our current building. Each bedroom will house two women and have a shared bath. The residence will include housing for the resident assistant and office space for the program director. In addition, it will include a kitchen, dining area, common area, meeting room, storage area and garage.

The total construction cost for the new residence is \$1,218,055. Overall, we have raised \$774,742.20 in cash and pledges so far. This includes a \$300,000 grant from the Sunshine Lady Foundation and \$300,000 from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation. In addition, the land, architectural plans, material and labor have been donated.

The Sunshine Lady Foundation was founded in 1996 in North Carolina by Doris Buffett (Warren Buffett's sister). The mission of the Sunshine Lady Foundation is to invest in organizations and programs dedicated to providing opportunities for the advancement of education, well being and new life choices for disadvantaged people with special empathy for the working poor and families in crisis.



**The
Sunshine Lady
Foundation, Inc.**

We also received a generous \$300,000 donation from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation of Rapid City and have received other donations since the first of the year restricted for this purpose. Thanks to the organizations, foundations and individuals who have stepped up to see Passages Place become a reality.

At this time, we ask YOU to consider a gift to our Building Fund today so we can get all money secured to complete this project and plan for interior design needs. We hope to break ground this spring!

Since we are the only transitional program for women in the region and we regularly have a waiting list, the increasing need confirms our decision to expand. More capacity affords more women with housing and services in a safe, supportive environment for rebuilding their lives. Please help today by donating online at passagesliving.com/donate!