



Tri-County
Humane Society

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2019 Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality adoption services and education programs.
Incorporated Dec. 11, 1974

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Vicki Davis

Message From the Executive Director

Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS) has come a long way since our humble beginnings in 1974. Our 93% placement rate in 2019 reflects hard work and dedication by staff and volunteers, as well as significant financial contributions from supporters. The animals for which euthanasia was deemed necessary were not decisions that were taken lightly. Euthanasia is a last resort, only considered when all quality of life is gone and it's the only humane option left, or when a pet poses a legitimate danger to society. With the new city impound contracts added in 2019, we encountered more dangerous dogs and therefore it affected our placement rate. However, you'll soon see that it didn't interfere with our placement numbers, which soared higher than ever before. Tri-County Humane Society is truly a place you can be proud of.

We are the reflection of your care and concern for animals.

At TCHS we serve a much needed and important role in our community helping companion animals find caring people. We love helping make happiness happen – and we're really, really good at it! Happy endings have been happening here for many years and it won't be long before they're being made in our NEW SHELTER! You heard me right and it bears repeating – our NEW SHELTER!

The time has come and it's really happening! The building is being built!

I wonder how many of my annual report messages have made mention of our need and dream of a new shelter? Without counting, I can assure you it's been many. With that said, I can honestly say we didn't jump into this willy-nilly. I think there were times we did our homework twice – just to be sure things hadn't changed too much since the last time. But it's all going to pay off. Behind where I sit today is the shell and beginning of a wondrous new chapter for TCHS.

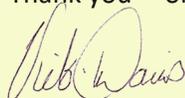
A brand new building on our current land, incorporating the newest ideas and best practices in animal sheltering, will allow our staff and volunteers to do an even better job. This will be a place of greater comfort and help for the animals. It will be a place where we can expand our humane education programs for children. And it will be a new source of pride for the entire community.

This annual report highlights all of the great work from 2019 that Tri-County Humane Society was able to accomplish.

You'll see amazing statistics and outstanding programs showing how we've embraced new models of effectiveness and efficiency in the service of both people and pets.

It has truly been another stellar year for TCHS, all made possible by the generosity of people like you who care about animals!

Thank you— on behalf of the animals,



Vicki Davis, CAWA



P.S. Stay tuned as we move out the back door and into the front door of our new humane home. With your help, we can continue to shape a true humane "society."

2019 Highlights

 **Placed 3,668 pets**
(Placement Rate: 93%)

 **Received 2,700 Cats**

 **Received 979 Dogs**

 **Received 276 Other Animals**

 **Performed 2,354 Surgeries**

 **Placed 1,161 Pets in Foster Homes**

 **Volunteers worked 17,900 Hours**

 **Finished 2019 with 22,867 Facebook Followers**

Employees

Management Team

Executive Director

Vicki Davis

HR / Operations Manager

Jon Rand

Animal Care Manager

Laura Lund

Customer Service Manager

Anna Stratton

Manager of Fund Development

Tauna Quimby

Volunteer Coordinator

Kate Kompas

Shelter Staff

Animal Care Technicians

Bonnie Alexander

Rose Hegerle, CVT

Customer Service Lead

Adam Lewis

Foster Care Coordinator

Kallie Braun

Marketing

Annessa Rosch

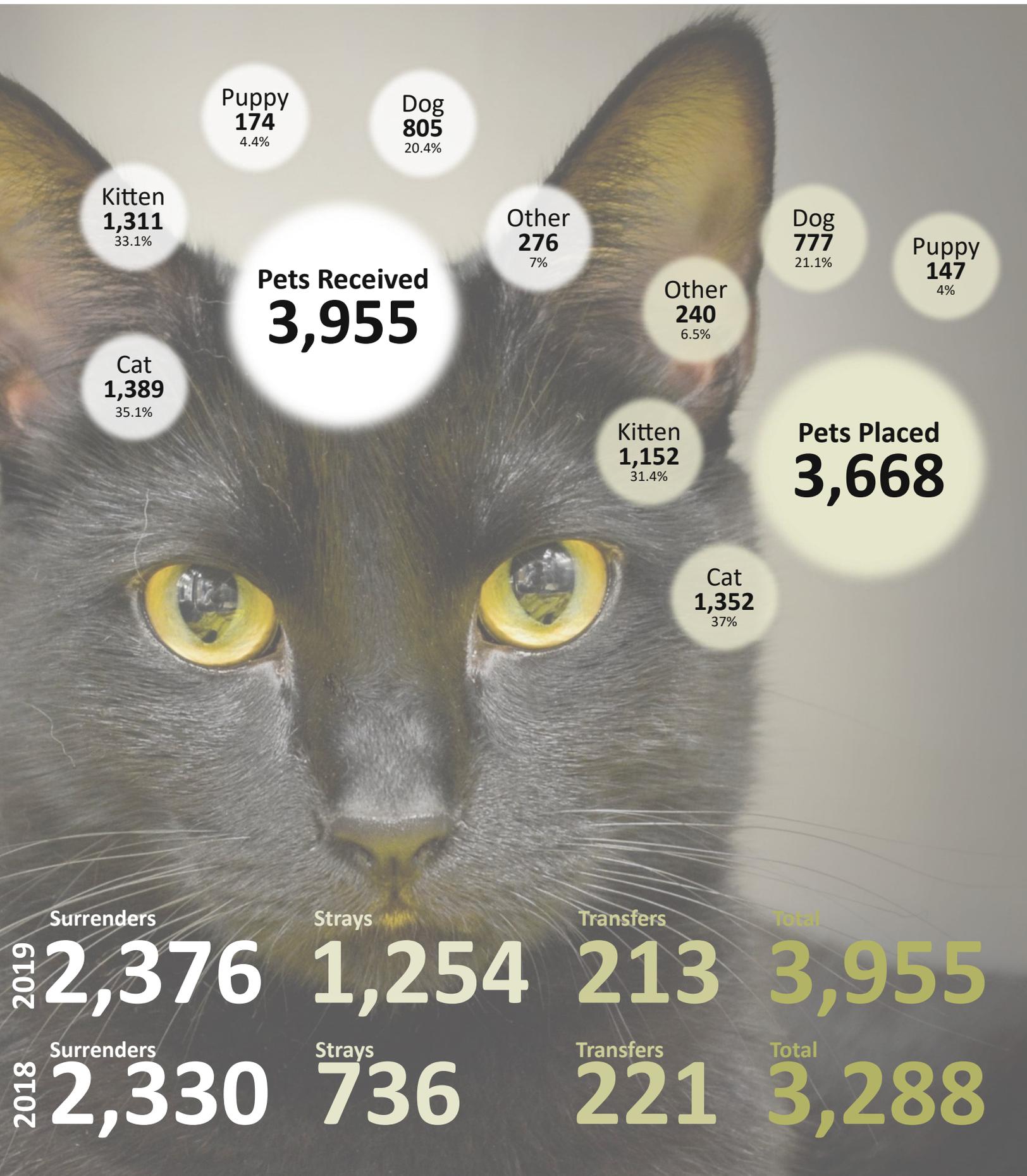
Office Manager

Lisa Pederson

Part-Time Staff

Ashley Adamsky	Sara Morales
Jana Beard	Stephanie Otto
Mark Bodine	Emma Petersen
Breauna Campbell	Alexis Schindele
Kayla Carry	Amy Schneider
Arianna Cully	Joy Schoenberg
Kalynn Gray	Emily Schwintek
Brenna Habel	Hannah Smith
Breanna Johnson	Corynn Soriano
Taylor Johnson	Dovie Tholl
Kaylee Kivel	Cha Vue
Bryn Liffbrig	Cassandra Watters
Levi Lindeman	Brandy Yantes
Kari Makowsk	Alan Zimmerman
Ashley Millard	

Animal Statistics



Pets Received
3,955

Pets Placed
3,668

Kitten
1,311
33.1%

Puppy
174
4.4%

Dog
805
20.4%

Other
276
7%

Dog
777
21.1%

Puppy
147
4%

Other
240
6.5%

Cat
1,389
35.1%

Kitten
1,152
31.4%

Cat
1,352
37%

Surrenders

Strays

Transfers

Total

2019

2,376

1,254

213

3,955

2018

2,330

736

221

3,288

Veterinary Services

The wellness of the animals is always at the forefront of our minds. We have a dedicated team of animal health care specialists and we are so grateful for the services they provided in 2019.



Special thanks to the veterinarians who have provided us with free and/or low-cost veterinary services:

Advanced Care Pet Hospital
 Boysen Animal Hospital
 Granite City Pet Hospital
 MN SNAP– Blue Sky Veterinary Services
 Pine Cone Pet Hospital
 MN Veterinary Associates Of Rice
 Mission Animal Hospital

JCHS Veterinarians

Dr. Anne Lottie
 Dr. Gina Kobluk

Volunteer Veterinarians

Dr. Ashley Barott	Dr. Erica Dolven-Kolle
Dr. Traci Diggs	Dr. Amanda Poepke
Dr. Carol Evans	Dr. Deanne Quade
Dr. Karen Gjevre	Dr. Thomas Rohman
Dr. Charlie Johnson	Dr. Allie Stevens
Dr. Cal Kobluck	

Surgeries

On-Site Surgeries: 2,270

Off-Site Surgeries: 87

Surgery	2019	2018
Cat Spay	880	880
Cat Neuter	928	746
Dog Spay	186	150
Dog Neuter	177	201
Rabbit Spay	14	16
Rabbit Neuter	16	17
Cryptorchid Neuter	13	10
Dental	60	78
Dewclaw Removal	0	2
Cherry Eye Removal	0	1
Eye Removal	12	7
Entropion Eyelid Repair	11	1
Fracture Repair	2	1
Hernia Repair	17	24
Femoral Head Ostectomy	2	3
Leg Amputation	5	5
Polyp Removal	2	4
Quill Removal	0	3
Suture Repair	3	4
Toe Amputation	1	1
Tumor Removal	6	11
Wound Repair	5	7
Tail Amputation	6	6
Bladder Stone Removal	4	1
Ulnar Ostectomy	0	1
Foreign Body Removal	1	0
Articular Implant	1	0
Exploratory	1	0
Total	2,353	2,180

Foster Care Report

1,161

Animals In Foster Care

858

Cats / Kittens

206

Dogs / Puppies

71

Rabbits

20

Guinea Pigs

3

Parrots

1

Ferret

1

Iguana

1

Mouse

Our Caring Team

Foster Care Program

When an animal is too young, sick, injured, pregnant or just needs someone to teach them basic manners, foster parents help fill the gap between the time the animal is brought to the shelter and the time they are able to be adopted. In 2019, 1,161 animals went through our foster care program.

Foster Care Reasons

355

Too Small / Young

315

Nursing

223

Foster To Adopt

103

Socialization

89

Medical

49

Pregnant

39

Upper Respiratory Infections

33

Adoption Ambassadors

5

Lack Of Space

3

Behavior

2

Rehabilitation

1

Long Term



Top 5 Foster Homes

Crystal Markfort & Family

49 Animals

2,118 Hours

Fostered 337 days

Marcia Chouinard

41 Animals

1,641 Hours

Fostered 261 days

Cynthia Ryg

32 Animals

1,442 Hours

Fostered 238 days

Emily Tronnes

24 Animals

1,322 Hours

Fostered 216 days

Nancy Sturtevant

24 Animals

998 Hours

Fostered 246 days

Volunteers

Volunteers are a crucial part of Tri-County Humane Society's team. We could not do what we do without them, and 2019 was another outstanding year in large part because of the volunteers' hard work. In fact, they logged 17,973 hours of service!

We could not keep our critters happy and healthy and our shelter neat and clean without our volunteers – if you are one, thank you!

Tracey Worzala

Adult Volunteer of the Year



Tracey has in the past been honored as an *Above and Beyond Volunteer of the Year*, but she does so much for TCHS we couldn't pass up the chance to recognize her again! Tracey volunteers twice a week, as a dog walker and general shelter care volunteer. She is great with animals, customers, cleanup, and everything in between. She also mentors other volunteers. Tracey volunteers at nearly every TCHS special event, and is known for always picking up supplies that TCHS needs (without being asked). The animals, staff, all of us, are lucky to have Tracey on our team!

Kaylan Kremer

Junior Volunteer of the Year



Kaylan is an outstanding junior volunteer. She may have a quiet demeanor, but she is always hard at work, whether it be taking care of TCHS cats, helping a customer, or making sure dishes and laundry are in good shape. Kaylan's attention to detail and work ethic always draws the attention of TCHS staff. She will always take on special requests and brings a positive attitude with her every time she is at the shelter. At 17, Kaylan has been volunteer at TCHS since 2017. She's even helped at TCHS special events. We know Kaylan has a bright future ahead of her, and we're glad to have been a part of her resume!

Joey Lucius — Above and Beyond Volunteer of the Year

Before Joey was even officially trained in as a TCHS volunteer, he was working hard for us – he came out and helped unload at our Wine, Kibbles and Bids fundraiser in 2018 without even being recruited! We knew then Joey was a special volunteer, one who would do anything and everything to support Tri-County Humane Society. He comes in to help at TCHS Kitty Korner during his breaks from work; he spends hours in the dish room to makes sure everything is tidy; his fellow volunteers rave about how helpful he is. He personally put almost every item back from the Companion Walk back in its right place in storage. You name it – kitten visits, extra shifts, helping moving shelter supplies – Joey is the first to volunteer. He even stepped up to be Santa Claus at one of our fundraisers at Petco. Thanks, Joey, for going above and beyond!



Volunteer Statistics

760
Volunteers

17,973
Total Hours

49
Offsite adoption visits
(Petco & PetSmart)

28
Birthday Parties

67
Community Events
(Up from 54 in 2018)

49
Pet Therapy Visits
(To area senior centers—
Good Shepherd, Sterling Park,
Carefree Living, and more.)

22
Tours (Including Scout Groups)

Schools visited included:
Athlos Academy, Madison Kidstop,
Richmond Kidstop, and
North Junior High School

Volunteer Project Partners

Apollo High School
Benton County Corrections
Boy Scout Troops
College of St. Benedict
Crossroads Center
Girl Scout Troops
Local Media
Opportunity Matters
Petco
PetSmart
Red Carpet Events Center
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
Sartell High School Students
Sauk Rapids-Rice schools' Bridges Program
Senior Care Centers
Sherburne County Corrections
St. Cloud Public Library
St. Cloud Rox
Stearns County Corrections
Target
The Janel Morgan REMAX Team
WACOSA
Walmart



Stray Services Added

In February we added stray services for the City of St. Cloud (and brought back Waite Park and St. Joseph) – which has meant more animals entering our already crowded shelter each month. We adjusted our intake calendar and our foster care volunteers came in with all hands on deck.

FEBRUARY

Juneau Heals from Heartworm

In December 2018 we received a transfer from Tennessee named Juneau who was diagnosed with heartworm.

After treatment she was sent to foster care. Heartworm treatment was completed in April 2019. Juneau was adopted shortly thereafter.

She was the first heartworm positive dog treated in-house.



APRIL

Our Year



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Bod Kicks Anemia

In February Bod came in as a stray. He had petechiae— a tiny purple or red spot caused by bleeding into the skin. He also had an increased respiratory and heart rate and a test confirmed anemia. We started supportive therapy. In March his appetite and attitude improved and was full of energy. He was adopted in April-anemia free!

Kitty Korner

In June donors Jim and Brenda Feneis answered the call to help animals in need by providing the space for an offsite adoption center on the corner of Division Street and Washington Memorial Drive in St. Cloud. Kitty Korner introduced more people to Tri-County Humane Society and provided a quieter space for some of the cats who get nervous with the hubbub of activity at the shelter.

JUNE



Twizzler's Jaw Heals

In August Twizzler was brought in as a stray with injuries to her face/head. She was diagnosed with facial fractures. Twizzler's jaw was wired and she was fed through a tube with a syringe. Total recovery was six weeks. She was then adopted and loving her new home and family.



AUGUST



New Building Begins

In November, we celebrated our future as we broke ground on our new building. Project partners, donors, and other friends of animals joined us on the chilly November 7 afternoon as Roger the dog used his front paws to get things started, followed by people with golden shovels.

NOVEMBER

In Review

OCTOBER

Zeus Gets a New Family

In June Zeus came in as a stray with extremely bad skin irritation/ infection and was emaciated. A skin scrape was done and he was diagnosed with Demodex. Treatment started and he was given antibiotics for a

total of 21 days along with monthly oral treatment for Demodex. He spent time with potential adopters for foster to adopt until the treatment was complete. In October, Zeus was adopted!



DECEMBER

TCHS Celebrates 45 Years

In December we celebrated 45 years since Tri-County Humane Society was incorporated. Mayors from St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, and Waite Park issued a proclamation declaring December 11 as Tri-County Humane Society Day.



Advancement & Networking

Local Level

The Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference is an annual educational and networking opportunity for the state's animal welfare community. The 18th Annual Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference brought approximately 175 animal welfare professionals, veterinarians and veterinary technicians to St. Cloud. Tri-County Humane Society volunteers to organize this conference because we believe that providing affordable opportunities for continued education and networking among animal welfare professionals is key to making Minnesota a more humane community.



State Level

Tri-County Humane Society is a founding member of the Minnesota Partnership in Animal Welfare (MnPAW). MnPAW is a collective voice dedicated to the humane treatment of animals in Minnesota through legislation, training, programs and support services. MnPAW envisions a future where our leadership, advocacy, and training builds a strong collaborative network of animal welfare organizations within Minnesota; promotes humane practices and laws for all animals; and decreases the number of unwanted, lost and neglected companion animals. To achieve this, initiatives focus on spay/neuter, adoption partnerships, education and advocacy. This collaboration continues to expand, be successful, and save the lives of many animals - the one goal all members of MnPAW share foremost.

National Level

The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement (AAWA) is a professional association dedicated to bringing out the best in animal welfare leaders. Animal welfare leaders network with peers, establish mentor relationships, share best practices, form successful collaborations, and advance the field.

Tri-County Humane Society Executive Director Vicki Davis serves on the Best Practices AAWA committee and offers representation of the smaller shelters across the nation, most of which do not have the resources to be "state of the art," but want to offer "state of the art" care and services for animals. Tri-County Humane Society strives to stay on top of the latest research in animal welfare (and in some cases, we're the ones breaking new ground)! We owe this growth and leadership to our collaboration with national organizations.

The Association for
Animal Welfare
Advancement



Operating Funds

Shelter Revenue		2019	2018	2019 %	2018 %
General Contributions	\$	1,431,751	\$ 502,130	60.5%	39.9%
Fundraising	\$	181,562	\$ 221,798	7.7%	17.6%
Grants & Bequests	\$	103,571	\$ 11,686	4.4%	0.9%
Education	\$	20,635	\$ 15,994	0.9%	1.3%
Shelter Income	\$	627,444	\$ 507,898	26.5%	40.3%
Total	\$	2,364,962	\$ 1,259,506	100%	100%

Shelter Expenses		2019	2018	2019 %	2018 %
Program Services	\$	139,935	\$ 145,868	13%	14.5%
Management & Development	\$	277,129	\$ 256,009	25.7%	25.4%
Marketing & Fundraising	\$	75,443	\$ 70,121	7%	7%
Shelter Expense	\$	585,171	\$ 535,492	54.3%	53.2%
Total	\$	1,077,678	\$ 1,007,489	100%	100%

Capital Campaign Fund		2019	2018
Capital Campaign	\$	518,815	\$ 123,020

\$1,000,000 donation from Shelter Revenue has been board-designated to the capital campaign.

Fundraisers*

 <p>Companion Walk 2019: \$50,000 2018: \$60,000</p>	 <p>2019: \$80,000 2018: \$106,835</p>	 <p>2019: \$8,500 2018: \$8,460</p>	 <p>Flower Fundraiser 2019: \$2,266 2018: \$2,456</p>
 <p>Off-Site Coin Banks 2019: \$12,684 2018: \$13,934</p>	 <p>2019: \$4,358 2018: \$2,923</p>	 <p>Gift Wrap at Crossroads Center 2019: \$6,500 2018: \$6,913</p>	 <p>2019: \$22,114 2018: \$23,815</p>

* Some donations from fundraisers were designated for TCHS capital campaign.



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