



TALBOT INTERFAITH SHELTER

SHELTER 🏠 STABILITY 🏠 SUPPORT 🏠 SUCCESS



Annual Report 2021-2022

TALBOT INTERFAITH SHELTER IS DEDICATED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS ON MARYLAND'S MID-SHORE BY PROVIDING SHELTER, STABILITY, SUPPORT, AND A PATH TO SUCCESS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.

A message from our Board Chair...

Due to the remarkable generosity of our supporters, TIS raised almost \$900,000 during our fiscal year 2021-2022. We cannot thank you enough.

Now that we are maintaining two permanent shelters and subsidizing ten apartments with rapidly rising personnel expenses, TIS will need to rely even more on our donors and volunteers. TIS continues to expand services each year, adding more educational opportunities and resources for our guests. Our operating budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 will exceed 1.2 million, almost doubling last year's budget.

The current challenging economic situation threatens to put more families and individuals on the path to homelessness, and we are compelled to respond. Our biggest challenge is the absolute lack of affordable housing available to people with a low income. This makes it nearly impossible for program participants to graduate into their own housing, limiting the number of neighbors we can assist. This year, we plan to expand our advocacy for attainable housing in Easton and Talbot County while working with other agencies to create more housing opportunities for our guests.

We are proud of the success of the S4 program (Shelter, Stability, Support, Success). Other nonprofits on the Mid-Shore have reached out for our assistance in creating similar programs in their communities, and we are eager to help in any way we can.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter's guests, management, and Board of Directors are deeply grateful for your support. We hope to rely on your continued friendship and generosity in the year ahead.

With gratitude,



Peter Woicke

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2021-2022

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Exciting News This Year...

EVELYN'S PLACE OPENED!

In January of 2021, TIS completed the purchase of Evelyn's Place, located directly next door to Easton's Promise. We are thrilled to have achieved our goal of having two shelters – one for families and one for single men and women.

After a significant amount of work to ensure the health and safety of our guests and compliance with town and fire codes, we opened our doors on June 6, 2022. On our first day, we welcomed 3 new guests, and by the end of the month, we had a full house – 5 men and 5 women – starting their journey through the S4 Program.



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

We partnered with Habitat Choptank to give qualified TIS guests an opportunity to work towards homeownership! We have leased a Habitat House, and our "beta"

family moved in this year. They are transitioning out of the S4 Program and into the Habitat Program. They are making wonderful progress, and we are hopeful that this partnership will provide many more TIS guests with a path to homeownership!



FOR ALL SEASONS PARTNERSHIP EXPANSION

For many years, we have engaged with For All Seasons to provide our guests with mental health screening and services. Education is a key component of progress through the S4 Program, and this year, we expanded our partnership to include life skills training.



Representatives from For All Seasons are leading bi-weekly parenting classes at Easton's Promise, as well as Mental Health 101 training for our guests, staff, and Board of Directors. We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with FAS to provide vital resources to our guests.

M&T BANK FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES

We are very grateful to have received two generous grants from M&T Bank. We are excited to announce that in the 2022/23 fiscal year, M&T employees will be providing financial literacy classes for our guests and helping them open their own checking and savings accounts.

What You Made Possible...

WHO WE SERVED

59	TOTAL GUESTS
11	SINGLE INDIVIDUALS
15	FAMILIES
29	CHILDREN
NEWBORN	YOUNGEST GUEST
63 YRS	OLDEST GUEST

"What TIS means to our family is **love, happiness, joy, stability, caring...** Just an all-around great program, and I am very happy to be a proud part of it."

-Jennifer, mother of our first Habitat family



THE S4 PROGRAM

S4 (Shelter, Stability, Support, Success) is a long term, comprehensive program designed to guide guests step-by-step from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This is accomplished by providing safe shelter, rigorous case management, life skills training, connection to necessary services, and transitional housing.

*Picture drawn by a young TIS guest



4,502	EASTON'S PROMISE
163	EVELYN'S PLACE (1 MONTH)
7,414	TRANSITIONAL APARTMENTS
12,079	TOTAL DAYS OF SHELTER & SERVICE

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LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

Guests are required to participate in our life skills training, including:

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN' BY WORLD
JOB READINESS
PARENTING
MENTAL HEALTH 101
STAYING QUIT
FINANCIAL LITERACY

GUEST SUCCESS

2	TRANSITIONS FROM SHELTER TO APARTMENTS
4	GUESTS SECURED EMPLOYMENT
12	GRADUATES FROM "GETTING AHEAD"
1	EARNED CDL LICENSE
1	FAMILY TRANSITIONED INTO HABITAT PROGRAM
1	GUEST PURCHASED THEIR OWN CAR
49	RECEIVED HEALTH, DENTAL, AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



CASE MANAGEMENT

Case managers work closely with guests and partner with local service providers to help them with:

OBTAINING LOST DOCUMENTATION
SECURING EMPLOYMENT
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
FOOD STAMPS
TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE
RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE
CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS
FAMILY PLANNING
....AND MUCH MORE!

We Can't Do It Without Your Support!



TEAM TIS IS TERRIFIC!

We welcomed our volunteers back for in person supervision on April 1st!

Volunteers and local restaurants provided an astounding 4,665 meals this year!

Your donations of supplies, clothes, and more saved TIS tens of thousands of dollars this year!

Talbot Interfaith Shelter is fortunate to receive generous support from our community, without which we could not carry out our mission.

While we receive some funding from government entities, the vast majority of our operating revenue comes from individual donors, local charitable organizations, our business and faith communities, and events.

TIS fundraising events are community-centered, with the goal of engaging new areas of our community with our mission. This year's Lip Sync Battle had a record number of teams participating from across the community, and raised a record \$41,000.

TOTAL INCOME

\$883,397

8%	FOUNDATION & TRUST GRANTS
3.5%	GUEST RENT (APARTMENTS)
62%	INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS
.2%	NONPROFIT DONATIONS
1.6%	BUSINESS PARTNERS
16.7%	RESTRICTED & GOV'T GRANTS
2.5%	FAITH PARTNERS
5.5%	FUNDRAISING EVENTS

5%	ADMIN/ OPERATIONS
10%	SHELTER FACILITIES
4.5%	FUNDRAISING COSTS
13.5%	APARTMENT COSTS
10%	BUSINESS COSTS
57%	STAFFING COSTS

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$650,935

Due to COVID delays and price increases, the work required to ready Evelyn's Place for guests took far longer than planned and cost almost twice as much as we originally estimated. Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to continue our operations, serve our existing families uninterrupted, and maintain emergency reserves despite the unexpected costs.

With Evelyn's Place now open, and the cost of hiring and maintaining quality staff significantly elevated, ***our operating expenses for the 2022-2023 fiscal year are set to exceed \$1 million for the first time in our history.*** We are confident that our community will continue to recognize the need for our services and support us in carrying out our mission.



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