

Laurel House 2018 Annual Report



Mission: Providing a home for teens in crisis, transforming lives and strengthening families.

Goal: To prevent homelessness for teens by reunifying them with their families or transitioning them into positive living situations.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

What a momentous year! As I reflect on 2018, I celebrate new life and new beginnings in the lives of runaway and homeless teens. Your support has provided safe housing, mental health care, academic support, and family reunification services to 11 homeless, runaway, and at-risk teenage girls this year, as well as provided family counseling to 35 additional family members. Lives have been transformed, families have been strengthened, and generational cycles of abuse and chemical dependency have been broken.

Since Laurel House opened in 1985, hundreds of teens in crisis have experienced true healing, hope, and restoration. We are now excited to expand our services by opening a second Laurel House Home, specifically for teen boys. After a two-year capital campaign, Laurel House purchased a six-bedroom home, just one mile away from the Laurel House Girls Home, launching a Laurel House Boys Home.

The impact of your partnership is huge and life-lasting. Thank you for being a part of an exciting new chapter at Laurel House.

Blessings, Jim Palmer

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PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



1,757 shelter bed nights



6,366 home-cooked meals



2,220 rides to school and extracurricular activities



271 individual and family counseling sessions



100% of the teen girls received mental health services



100% of teens increased their GPAs by an average of 2.7 points



99% school attendance record maintained

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

Laurel House proudly maintains a Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar. We strive to maintain our goal of helping at-risk and homeless teen girls by maximizing every dollar donated to Laurel House. Of every dollar given, 92¢ goes directly to helping Laurel House teens while 8¢ goes toward administrative and fundraising expenses.



92¢ Help for Teen Girls

8¢ Administrative and Fundraising

STUDENT STORY:

Skye was stuck in a cycle of addiction. Self-harm, drinking, and marijuana use were her coping mechanisms for the deep depression that trapped her. She was running away, failing school, and destroying relationships. Desperate, Skye's mother brought her to Laurel House. "My thinking was a problem and it needed to change," Skye realized. Slowly, Skye opened up about the root of her depression and anger: she had been sexually abused and never spoke about it. The Laurel House team supported Skye and her family through the journey of having the perpetrator arrested.

At Laurel House, Skye focused on healing, achieving in school and attaining personal goals. Skye received weekly counseling and case management that empowered her to move beyond a place of victimization and into victory. After two years at Laurel House, Skye graduated high school in June 2018 with a 4.0 GPA and reunited with her family. Today, her life-long dream of being a sign language interpreter is becoming a reality—she is now studying American Sign Language in college.



"Laurel House helped me grow in understanding about myself," Skye reflects. She now cherishes what makes her unique and different, and realizes she has something unique to offer this world.

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