



Samaritan House Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2012-13

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Report to Supporters

In our second year in the new facility, Samaritan House continues to break new ground. Last year, we served 144 people with a wide variety of illnesses. Nearly twenty percent of these cases were orthopedic in nature. At the same time, we continued to see increases in chronic illnesses, including heart disease, liver disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes and cancer. Of particular interest is an increase in assault cases last year. They made up nine percent of our overall injuries, including two gunshot wounds. In a number of cases, the victims have suffered severe hear trauma, including facial fractures and broken jaws.

Cancer is another nine percent. This year one of our guests had to be transferred to hospice care and passed away four days after leaving Samaritan House. In every cancer patient, we try to make them as comfortable as possible, especially if they are undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. One good piece of news is that one of our cancer patients, Steve, reports his pancreatic cancer is still in remission and he is living well in a rented home over a year since he left Samaritan House.

Pulmonary disease and related pneumonia make up eleven percent of the diseases we encounter. These tend to appear in late Fall and continue until late Spring after the pollen season ends. Unfortunately, much of this is due to smoking.

All the chronic illnesses are largely due to prolonged homelessness. We are regularly seeing people who have spent ten years or more on the streets. Studies clearly demonstrate that this prolonged exposure to the elements, along with poor diets, leads to increased cases of chronic illness and eventually early death. It also leads to increased use of hospitals and emergency rooms, which are the primary care providers for homeless men and women.

Another positive outcome has been our usage by people suffering orthopedic injuries. In many cases, we could not serve these individuals in the old facility. This year alone, we served 29 people requiring the use of a wheel chair, crutches or walkers. This has had a tremendous impact on not only our guests, but the healthcare providers who welcomed an ally in providing care for the homeless. Even with those who did not require a wheel chair, the ability to move around without climbing stairs is a huge relief.

Our outcomes continue to do well. Last year seventy eight percent of our guests were able to obtain housing when they left Samaritan House. Of note, was the fact that twenty nine percent were able to move into their own place. Once again, if a person has some form of income, either through Social Security or by obtaining a job, housing can be obtained. We recently heard from a former guest named Cleveland, who

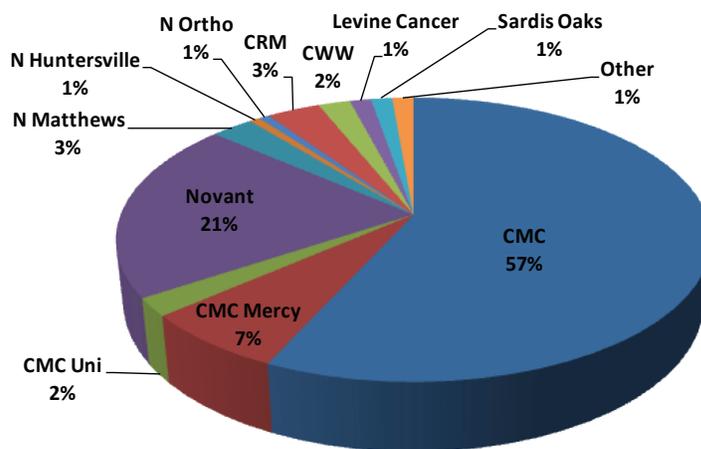
is still living on his own in the community after leaving Samaritan House.

We continue to see fewer people leaving Samaritan House and having to go back to the hospital for the same illness or injury. Last year it was reduced to only one percent. In this case, only two people. Both of them had cancer, and as previously mentioned, later passed away. This is a huge change from the nearly seventy percent estimated by the hospitals when we originally opened.

We also have been pleased to help out a number of people who actively want to improve their lives while with us. Over 93 percent of our guests were able to get some sort of additional help through our referrals to the Department of Social Services, Social Security, Crisis Assistance or Urban Ministries Center, among others.

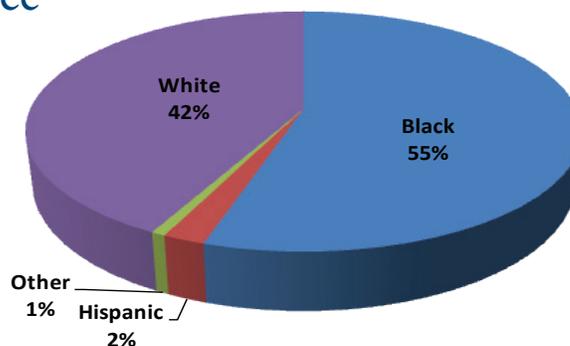
Samaritan House is proud of its achievements. We hope you can take pride in the help you have given us in making this happen. Below are some additional statistics which outline our success.

Where referrals come from...



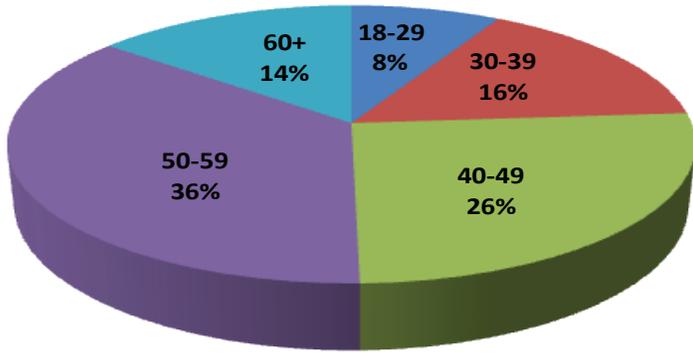
As you can see, we receive referrals from a wide variety of medical facilities. 26% are from Novant hospitals, 68% from CHS facilities.

Race



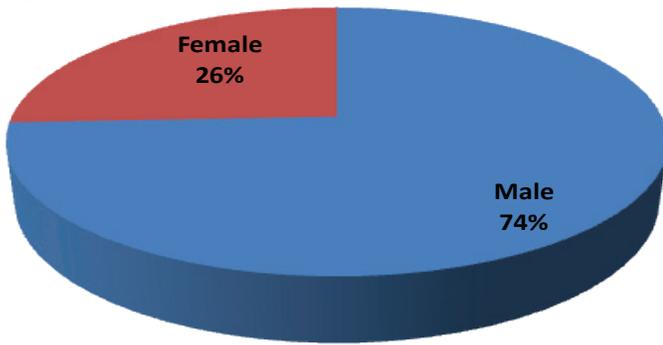
The racial mix referred to Samaritan House has remained relatively the same over the past several years.

Age

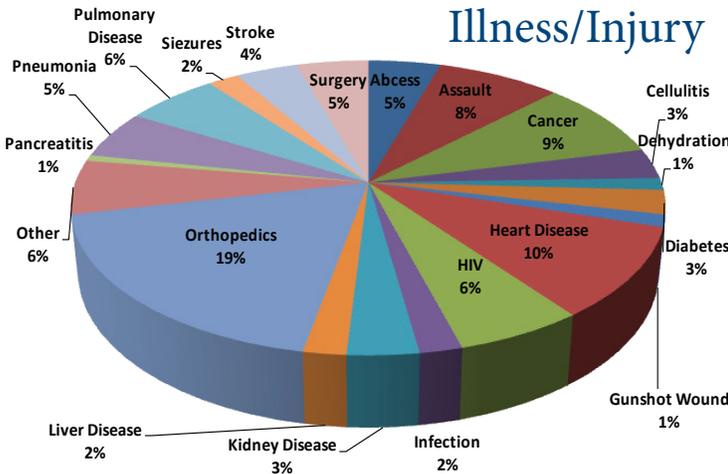


As you can see, the majority of men and women come to us between the ages of 40 and 60. The eldest this year was in her late seventies. The mix of males to females has remained the same as well (below).

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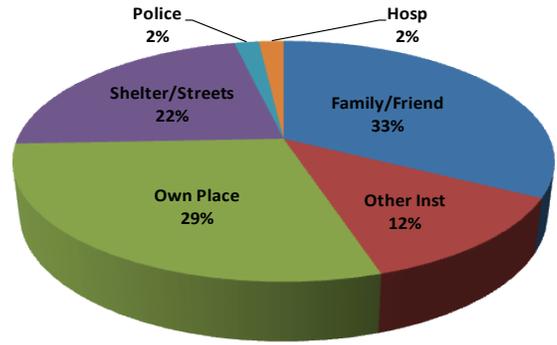


Illness/Injury



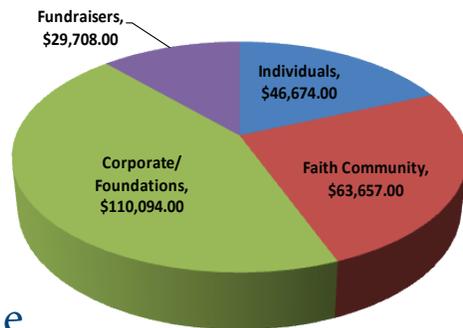
As discussed, the breakdown of illnesses and injuries gives a good idea of how serious most of our illnesses are.

Where People go when they leave...

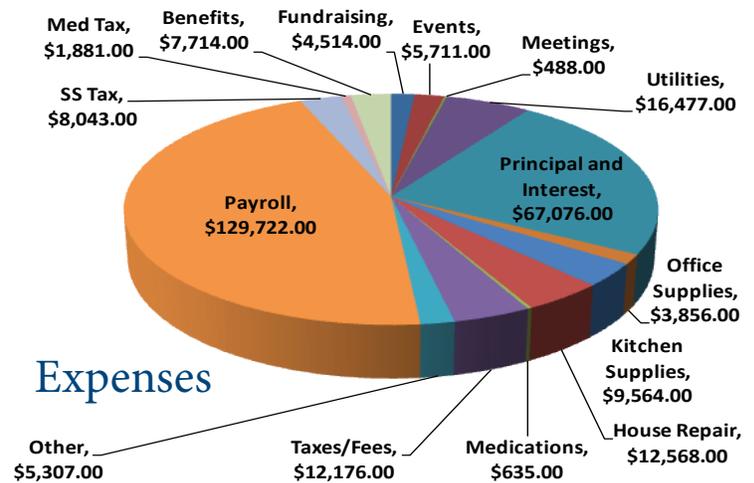


Only 22% of our guests leave us for the streets and shelters. The rest are able to find some sort of housing, either transitional or permanent.

Finances for 2012-13



Income



Expenses

Our income was less than anticipated last year, however, with cutbacks and savings, we finished the year with a positive balance. This included two unexpected expenses for heat and air conditioning units.

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Our Mission:

To provide short term recuperative care for homeless men and women following a hospital or emergency room stay.