



# Samaritan House Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2018-19

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## Report to Supporters

Things are hopping at Samaritan House. Over the past year we served over a hundred guests and provided nearly 3,000 days of care. As in past years, we continue to help our guests overcome their illness or injury and go on to better lives. This year 91 percent of our guests were able to move off the streets and into housing. Only two percent had to return to the hospital and of those, both went to the hospital for a different illness than what they were referred for. Ninety percent of those seeking additional services were able to get them before they left. In all, Samaritan House saved nearly \$22 million last year in homeless healthcare costs. Those are fantastic accomplishments which could only be done through your help.

In addition to these general outcomes, our cancer patients continue to do well in their specific program. We had twenty patients referred last year. Eighty seven percent were able to attend all their treatments and of those who finished, eighty four percent had positive outcomes. Once again, we have demonstrated that with our recuperative care, homeless cancer patients can achieve success in their treatment.

Many of you knew two of our cancer guests who passed this year. David Shaw had been a cancer survivor for five years before his cancer returned. He actually became a staff member at Samaritan House and he was able to live happily for the years after his initial care. He remained with us until just five days before going to Hospice. He took great pride that he had spent his remaining life on our staff helping people just like himself. We will miss him.

Richard Funderburke came to Samaritan House two years ago with esophageal cancer. At the time, he couldn't speak and had a trachea tube. Within a few months of treatment, his tube was gone and he was speaking normally. Richard had a dry sense of humor and often had the dining room table rolling in laughter. Many visitors and guests remember him sitting out with the others enjoying a sunny day and sharing his time. The treatments did well. Where he was afraid they would have to remove his voice box, it never happened. His life was extended greatly by his treatments. While at Hospice, he told the attendants to, "tell Samaritan House how much I appreciate all they did, and tell Gregg to lose weight." He kept his good humor to the end.

We take pride in the help we are able to provide to the sick and injured homeless in Mecklenburg County. Your support helped people like Dave and Richard to extend life and to be happy. We do that for everyone here with us and your volunteering and support help make that happiness become a reality.

Late this year our board began developing a strategic plan to prepare for the future of Samaritan House. In that plan we are

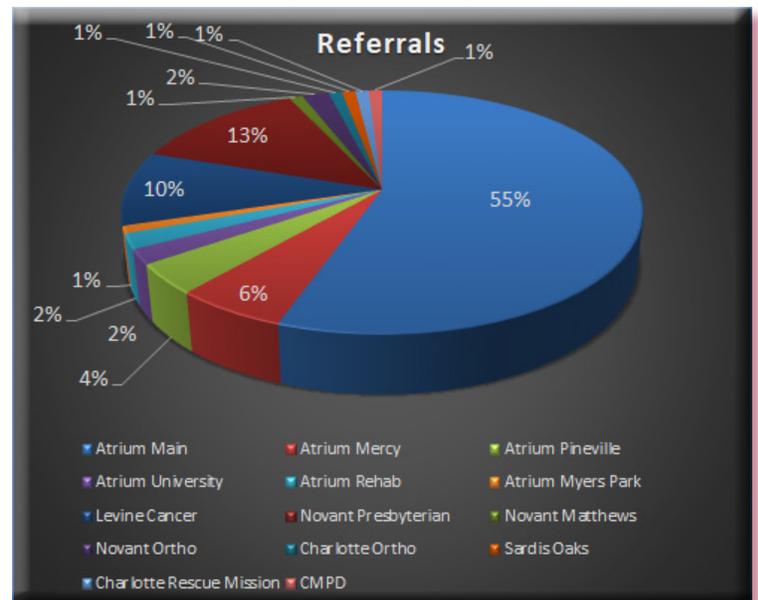
strengthening our board, deepening our staff bench strength, creating comprehensive fundraising and marketing plans and improving our processes. As a part of our efforts, we updated our Mission and Vision statements. Our updated Mission is to "be a healing haven for homeless patients needing recuperative care." Our Vision for the future is "to be the model for providing recuperative care for people who are homeless."

Toward that vision we are already being used as a model for other groups around the country. Just this year an operation opened in Madison, Wisconsin, following our Samaritan House model. We are considered a "Best Practice" as a pioneer for recuperative care in the United States.

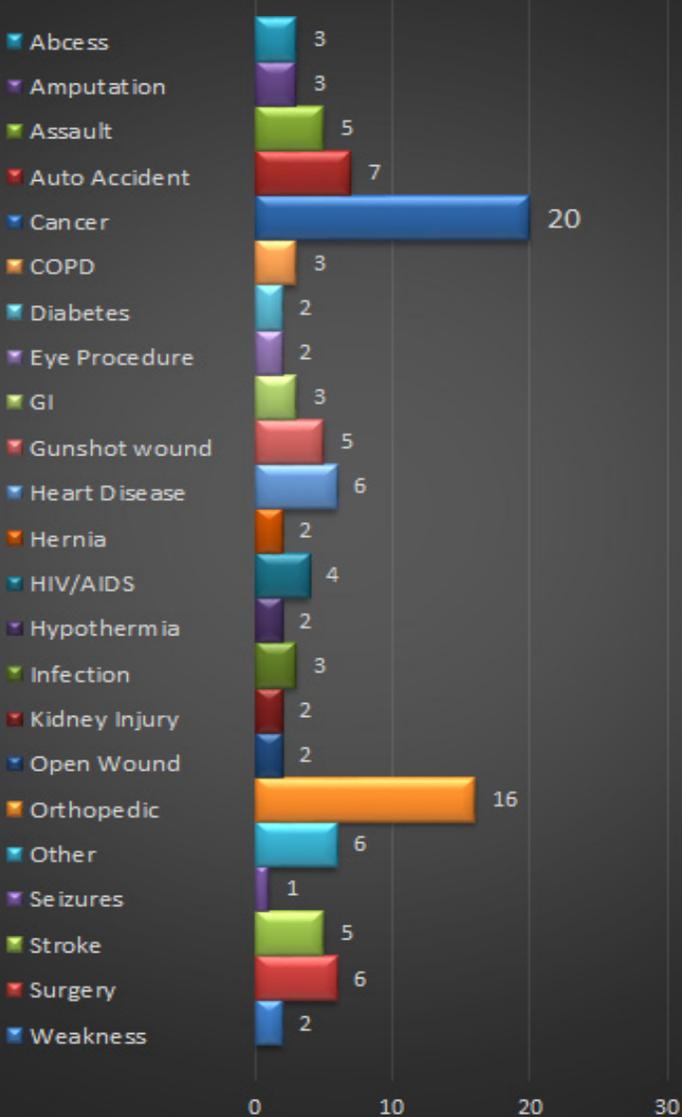
As a part of our planning we are raising the funds to expand our staff and get ready for other opportunities in the expanded community. One option may be opening another facility in another county while another may be looking at areas in our community which are still not served. Currently the largest numbers of requests from the hospitals is for recuperative care for sick children with families. There is nothing in Mecklenburg County for that population. One option is to bring in the child and parents and help provide care until the child is well. This would help not only the child, and keep the family intact.

These are but two of the options the board is looking at, but neither is attainable until we raise those funds to help us grow. We already have committees working on fundraising and marketing to get this started. If anyone would like to be a part of this, let us know.

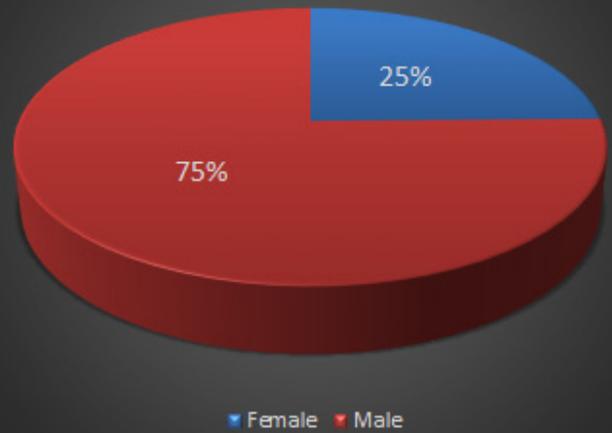
Take a look at the statistics on the following page and you will see the success you have helped make happen. Samaritan House continues to be a major player in the homeless healthcare community. Your support, and the support of our 1,800 volunteers makes it all come true!



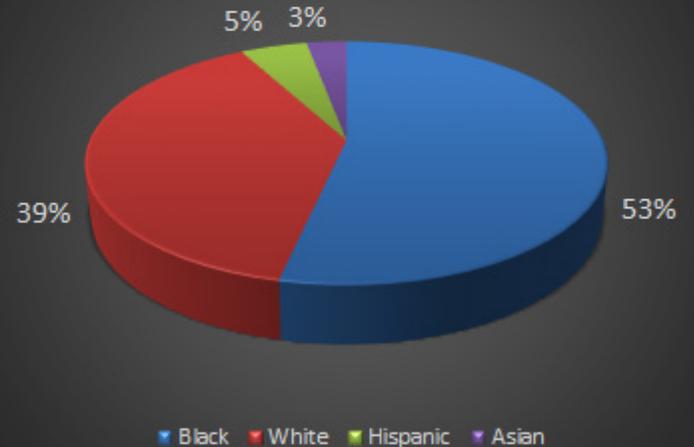
## Referred Illness/Injury



## Gender



## Ethnicity



As you can see, we were able to help people with a wide variety of illnesses and injuries. Only 9% of guests returned to the streets or shelters and only 2% returned to the hospitals. Your support made this happen!

### The Samaritan House Board

**President - Greg Johnson**  
**Treasurer - Gene Schlaman**  
**Secretary - Dr. Mary Fluke**  
**Laura Frohboese     Mary-Lynn Mitchell**  
**Trevor Salzmann     Stefan Vallecillo**  
**John Wilkie     Sarah Geis Williams**

### Staff

**Brad Goforth, Executive Director**  
**Gregg Chapman**  
**Creola Sanders**  
**Elena Pacheco**

**Plus over 1,800 volunteers!**

### Our Mission:

**Samaritan House is a healing haven for homeless patients needing recuperative care.**

## Where Are They Now?

