



Ears open, masks on, and ready to learn! Each week, roughly 70 children from around the community come to our Learning Center to continue their education. This virtual learning comes complete with a midmorning snack, lunch, and outdoor recess. We think they're doing an AMAZING job!

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*We empower
individuals to
improve their lives.*



**Opportunity
House**

2019/2020 Highlights



September 2019: On the United Way of Berks County's Day of Caring, East Penn Manufacturing Co. spruced up our grounds.

October 2019: Matt, one of our SSVF clients, was the recipient of a refurbished car, thanks to Faulkner Collision Center of Lancaster in partnership with National Auto Body Council™ Recycled Rides® and car donor State Farm.



June 2019: TransformChurch of Reading volunteered for two days in our community garden and with our children in the Learning Center.

July 2019: Our annual Back to School Blast at OppShop – foods and crafts for kids, great deals for parents.

August 2019: Telecom Pioneers #132 donated backpacks and school supplies for our children in the shelter. Thanks Helen DeAcosta and all those who helped our kids get back to school.



November 2019: : Family-owned engineering firm Spotts, Stevens and McCoy reached out with a generous donation.



Nicaury's daughters came at our 4-star Learning Center virtual learning overwhelmed the one-on-one attention so doing extremely well now, good things when I pick the

2,435

donors contributed to Opportunity House in 2020 including 1,782 monetary donors and 653 in-kind donors



December 2019: At Christmas, as he underwent treatment for cystic fibrosis in Philadelphia, Javien thought of our mission. Then just 8, Javien put out a call for donations and raised \$1,825 for our House.

January 2020: Our last live event before COVID-19 hit, our Souper Bowl fundraiser brought the community together to give our families, vets, and single men and women support and hope.

February 2020: Fleet Feet of West Reading's second annual Teddy Bear Trot brought volunteers to walk and run to the Learning Center to put a smile on our childrens' faces.

March 2020: Berks County continued to bring meals, give financially, and keep our men, women, and children in their prayers. And our clients rose to meet the COVID challenge with dignity and willingness to help us and each other.



April 2020: United Way of Berks County and Ethosource kept our House in protective masks – and our community healthy and safe.



May 2020: Opportunity House was awarded a substantial grant to create a food pantry for our clients and staff. The pantry opened this January.

June 2020: Our first virtual fundraiser, Wine Women and Shoes®, went off without a hitch and was strongly supported by the community.



*illa, 4, and Genesis, 8, thrive
nter while she's at work. When
med Genesis, our staff gave her
he needed to succeed. "She's
" says mom. "Every day, I hear
nem up."*

451

men, women and children
spent 30,262 nights at
the emergency shelter
in 2020

365

veterans and their
families received
assistance through
Supportive Services for
Veteran Families

247

children from low-income
families were enrolled in
the Second Street
Learning Center



Seven years ago, after a breakup, Marv arrived at the shelter with two bags of clothes. But his work ethic got the Navy vet hired at our warehouse, the hub of our reuse and recycle program. With a steady job, Marv got an apartment, bought a vehicle, and eventually became warehouse supervisor. "It feels good," he says. "When you're in a shelter, your self-esteem goes down the tubes. But as you get back on your feet, that feeling starts to change."

56

garden plots for clients and neighbors to grow fresh food

58%

of all meals were provided by volunteer groups

2020 Financial Statement

Income

Government Grants	
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	\$ 928,125
Shelter	397,198
Pre K Counts	350,000
Housing	158,281
Children's Alliance Center	153,059
Reuse/Recycle	135,063
Total Government Grants	2,121,726
Learning Center	1,251,905
Reuse/Recycle	365,684
Contributions	1,062,158
United Way	292,239
Special Events (Net)	174,527
Rental Income	249,398
Investments/Miscellaneous	61,185
Total Unrestricted Revenue and Other Support	\$5,578,816

Expenses

Learning Center	\$1,324,857
Reuse/Recycle	700,244
Supportive Services for Veteran Families	916,440
Shelter Services	673,222
Management & General	410,886
Housing	181,003
Pre K Counts	350,000
Fundraising	289,847
Children's Alliance Center	216,557
Total Expenses	\$5,063,326

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