

# The Community Betterment Foundation Winter Newsletter & 2019 Annual Report

**2019** was a great year of progress for the CBF. Throughout the year, our volunteers worked diligently to chip away the old plaster walls and tore down interior walls in the Thrive Center. We also spent months working on program planning, creating a business plan, and working with an architect to create a plan for remodel. The vision for Thrive has truly come to life!

## “Noticing the Needs” --- By Lauren Hughes

I have been really inspired by volunteers and the leaders of Hope Landing throughout the year to notice the needs of the people around me more. I teach a class of young girls at our church, and their needs are becoming more and more apparent to me, and I'm sure many school teachers can attest to that as well. I can also say that from personal experience, Jr. High can be a huge turning point in a young person's life. Many children decide at that point, who they are and who they aren't, and who they want to become... all heavily influenced by what they see, hear, and experience in their homelife. Coming from a broken home effects the way children think and believe SO much. In fact, out of all the women we've taken in at Hope Landing, only ONE of them did not come from a broken home. This seems to be a common denominator with most people in addiction. If we could have reached our HL girls when they were teens, many of their life issues could have been prevented. Children are desperate to have their needs met. Unmet needs cause children to believe, perceive, and act out in many ways that we consider inappropriate but is now becoming the new normal in our society. The Thrive Center will focus on meeting the needs that even some parents don't know how to meet because they grew up in the same cycle they're raising their kids in. We want to encourage every child that walks through our doors that their life has value and purpose and that their future is bright, no matter what background they're coming from.



We served 21 women in Hope Landing Recovery Program in 2019 from all over Wright County (and beyond) and gave them the tools they needed to recover. We are so thankful that with the help of our community partners and dedicated monthly supporters we can provide this much needed program. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



# Take Notice, Take Action

## Welcome board member Danielle Brunelli

Danielle joined our board in November, and we are excited about her heart for the communities we serve and her determination. Danielle is a follower of Jesus Christ and her passion is to see people fulfill their divine blueprint here on earth. She is originally from South Africa, studied in the United Kingdom, and has been residing in the US for the past 16 years. Danielle is locally known for associate pastoring at Living Waters Fellowship church in Mountain Grove, leading a community prayer group in the Mountain Grove area, and her former work at Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company as the HR Manager.

**“We can always kind of be average and just do what’s normal. I’m not in this to do what’s normal.”**

**---Kobe Bryant**



## Finances, Grants, & Project Info

Gaining the finances to complete a HUGE project like Thrive has been and will continue to be challenging. BUT, we’re up for that challenge and willing to put in the hours of work and research required to gain the funding we need. We’re currently looking for people interested in coming alongside and helping us with the research and funding side of things in our organization. Please contact Lauren at 417-300-4068 if this is something that interests you. If you would like to hear more about the Thrive Center Project, we would love to send you our video or our Project Guide! Our Project Guide includes floor plans, program details, project phases, photos, and our plan for sustainability. The first phase of the Thrive project involves raising \$60,000 to replace the roof and fix the exterior brick that is falling down so that is currently what we’re seeking funding for.

We applied for a large grant back in May, and unfortunately our application didn’t score high enough to warrant recommending funding, so we were denied. Although it was disappointing, we will continue to move forward with the project, continuing grant research and fundraising.

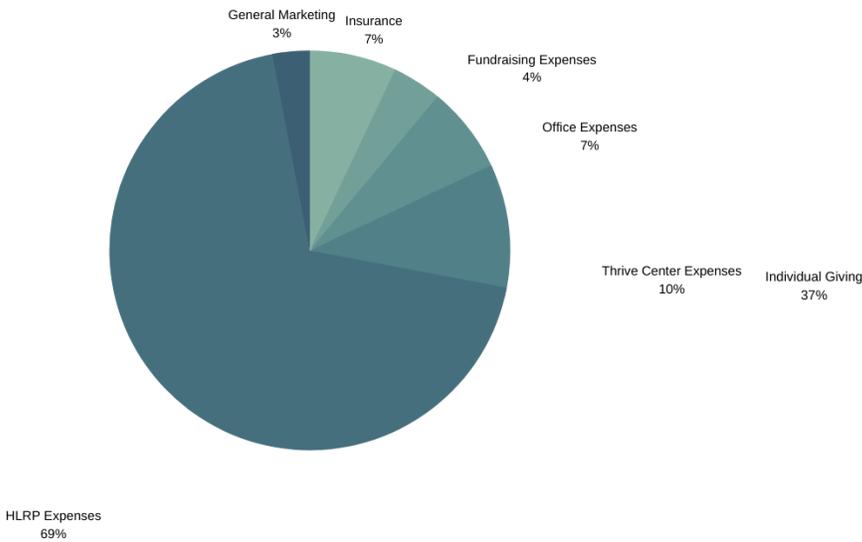
We’re currently collaborating with our community partners and members of the community to apply for the HGTV Home Town Takeover series! If you haven’t heard of it, look it up! This is a great opportunity for our entire community.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

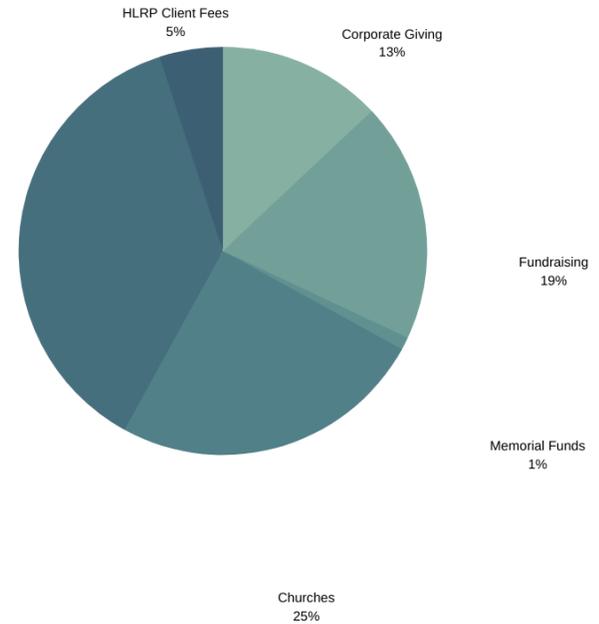
## 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

### Expenses



Total Expenses:  
\$39,325.45

### Income



Total Income:  
\$52,551.22

Believing that God expects and rewards careful stewardship of the funds entrusted to CBF, we are committed to financial accountability. Our end of the year Gala fundraiser is the reason for our income being a little over \$13,000 higher than our expenses this year.

**MONTHLY AVERAGE  
EXPENSES FOR HOPE  
LANDING = \$2,276**

Please contact our office for a detailed P & L.



### *GED Classes*

The CBF has formed a community partnership with MSU West Plains and is currently hosting GED classes in our office on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30pm except no class on the second Monday of the Month.

### *2020 Vision*

We are so excited to be currently setting goals and casting visions for 2020! We believe there are many good things in store for our area and we look forward to serving alongside many other community members. If you have a heart and a vision for your community, we'd love to hear about it!

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