

# Lydia's House, Inc.



## **Annual Report** **October 2012 to September 2013**

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## **Mission Statement**

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children.

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# **Lydia's House offers the following services to survivors of domestic violence**

## **Transitional Housing**

Lydia's House provides up to two years of safe and confidential transitional housing to survivors of domestic violence women and their children. Fully furnished apartments are provided to families and single women so they can start rebuilding their lives free of violence. Up to two years of transitional housing gives survivors enough time to be financially self-sufficient to rent or purchase permanent housing of their own.

## **Advocacy**

Lydia's House Advocates work one-on-one with residents to help them achieve their goals such as furthering their education, finding employment and gaining financial independence. Regular appointments with Advocates help residents gain access to resources and evaluate their progress in achieving their goals.

## **Children's Programs**

The Children's Programs at Lydia's House offers a number of activities all year round. The after-school program is for children 5 years and older, 4 days a week, in which the children can receive tutoring and one-on-one help with homework. During summer Lydia's House Advocates organize a mix of fun and informative activities that keeps the children's impressionable minds active and stimulated. Activities include arts and craft projects, visits to museums, libraries, parks and fun afternoons at the pool. Our children's advocates also work with the mothers on parenting skills and school issues.

## **Groups for Women and Teens**

Lydia's House offers weekly support groups to women and teens. The purpose of these groups is to offer safe space to women and teens where they can discuss the issues and emotions that they are dealing with due to domestic violence. It enables the survivors to process their emotions and establish a social support network with other survivors within Lydia's House.

## **Spiritual circle**

The chaplain at Lydia's House is available to offer spiritual support to the women and children. This may take place through individual conversations with the residents or through the spiritual support circles offered for women and teens. Spiritual support focuses on healing and nurture of the human spirit, making sense of life experience, and how we connect with our own selves and other humans. Spiritual support may or may not directly connect with organized religion depending on the individual views of each woman and child.

## **Lydia's House Accomplishments**

In 2013, with the help of donors and volunteers Lydia's House provided services to 151 survivors of domestic violence (60 women and 91 children), including:

- 27,153 bed nights of safety.
- 2,875 individual advocacy sessions (2,705 case management sessions and 170 legal advocacy sessions).
- 41 support groups for women.
- 68 support groups for teens and children.
- 43 spiritual circles.
- 48 community activities (over 1500 in cumulative attendance).

## **Lydia's House Impact**

- 81% of the families completed the program and moved into safe and affordable housing.
- 100% of the women exiting the program were either employed or in school (full or part time).
- 97% of women reported an increase in their sense of safety and an increase in their knowledge of community resources.
- Immigrant women learned about their rights and how to get help if needed.
- Two years of housing provided stability and security to the residents, especially children who have gone through extreme turmoil in their lives.
- Children exiting Lydia's House program understand that the abuse was not their fault and will be able to identify a safe place or person in their lives.

**Lydia's House Financials for Fiscal Year 2013**  
**October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013**

**Expenses:**

Transitional Housing Expenses	379,994
Program Expenses	418,600
Fundraising Expenses	111,117
Administrative Expenses	194,227

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,103,938</b>
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**Income:**

Individuals	213,650
Corporate/Business	10,000
Faith Community	40,000
Other Organization	75,000
Foundations	271,201
Contracts for Services-Government	173,230
Grants - Government	99,450
Special Events (Internal)	145,250
Item Revenue	11,500
Investment Revenue	200
Unrealized Gain (Loss) – Investments	200
Interest Revenue	750
Program Fees	3,200
In-Kind Contributions	76,200
Forfeitures	1,000
Miscellaneous Income	200

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<b>Total Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$1,121,031</b>
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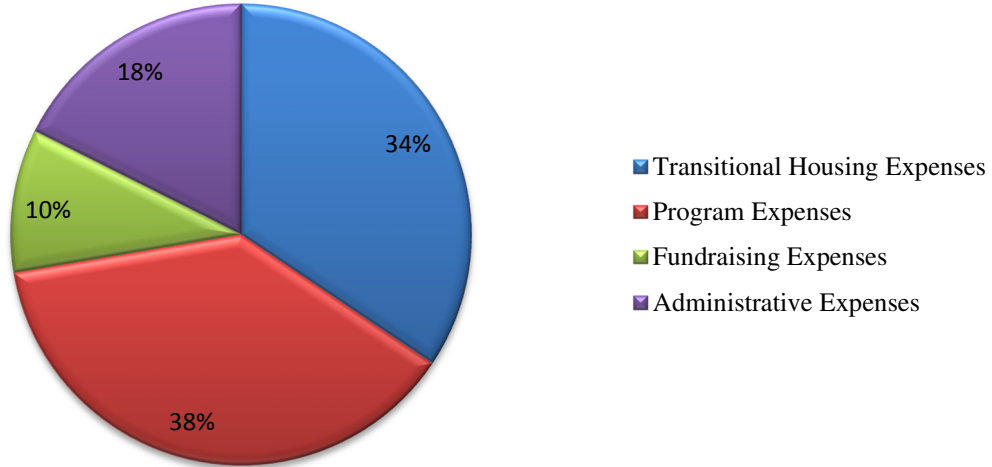
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$17,093</b>
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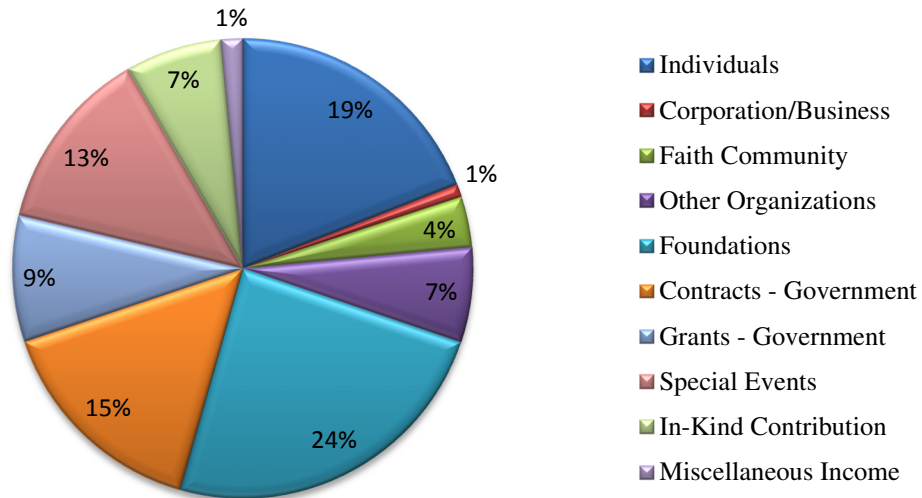
<b>New Assets</b>	<b>\$2,314,784</b>
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## Expenses



## Ordinary Income



## Lydia's House Highlights in FY 2013



*Lydia's House Night at the Ball Park*



*Lydia's House Holiday Gift Drive*



*Volunteer Project with the Blues Wives*