

# SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

## WINGS OF GOD TRANSITION HOME, INC. CALENDAR YEAR 2016

### Mission

To provide a safe, faith-based, Christian living environment for women who are being released from previous incarceration. These women will be afforded the opportunity to obtain the help, training, treatment and support for permanent positive re-entry into the community.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Position	Term expires:
Susan Metzger	Chairman	December 31, 2017
William C. Buhl	Vice Chairman	December 31, 2017
Kathy Brittan, M. D.	Secretary	December 31, 2016
Gretchen Smith	Treasurer	December 31, 2016
Susan Zuiderveen	Member	December 31, 2016
Nate Penning	Member	December 31, 2016
Steve Aschelman	Member	December 31, 2016
William Lux	Member	December 31, 2016
Joann Munting	Member	December 31, 2017
Karina Lamorandier	Executive Director	December 31, 2016
Zoe Gene Schuitmaker	Member	December 31, 2017
Linda Tyria	Member	December 31, 2017

The year 2016 saw several changes in the Board's membership. Charity Cummins was unable to continue as a Board member, and Nate Penning was elected to fill her vacancy. Edie Mills, one of the House founders, could not continue and William Lux was elected to that vacancy. Mike McKay found it necessary to resign upon being elected District Judge, and Susan Zuiderveen replaced him. Ondalee Aschelman, another founder, resigned as well, and Steve Aschelman took her place on the Board.

## Executive Director's Report

Wings of God closed 2016 with anticipation of celebrating our Fifth Year of Operation in 2017! Not without celebrating all the miracles that happened in this beautiful home declared as hallowed ground!

Many changes took place. I and two other supporters attended a conference in which God used to bring about a program change. We realize that our most successful residents are those that are most connected to their Church and of course, God. This conference planted the seed of an idea to start a new program called "Golden Nuggets".

While Golden Nuggets was an adjustment, it truly helped fill in a spiritual gap. This program allowed our residents to tailor two hours per day, customized to them, to participate in various activities from the new resource library. Now our Pearls can engage more fully into the presence of God in a life changing way as well as teach them tools of spiritual growth.

God intervened in so many ways on behalf of our residents. Fees were waived, jail sentences suspended, healing took place both physically and emotionally, and Pearls experienced revelations like never before! Every day we continue to see God's hand on this ministry. Pearls are literally unloading baggage and looking to God to sort through the mess and make them whole! Some unbelievers when they come in, and then God lovingly works on their hearts and draws them near to Him.

Many ask the success rate of Wings of God. I always say, 100%. This is our promise:

- 1) Pearls are guaranteed a safe and secure living environment.
- 2) Pearls are guaranteed they WILL hear the word of God and be changed.
- 3) Pearls will be loved like they never have been loved!

Statistically speaking I would like to provide the following information to show the activity as of 1/20/2017:

### Case Log Analysis As of 1/20/2017

Total Inquiries	197	
Total Interviewed	109	
Percent Interviewed	55.33%	
Applications Received	73	
Percent Applications Accepted	37.06%	
Denied	52	
Denied	22	
% Applications Accepted	71.23%	
% Applications Denied	30.14%	
Average Stay in Days	191	
Total Days Stayed	8807	
Avg # Months Stayed	6.382135511	Average stay in days divided by 30
Avg# new residents/year	7	
Number of Children	104	Does not include 5 deceased children

Words cannot express our gratitude to all who help make this home a reality. Wings of God truly changes lives. We could not help these Pearls without the help of Churches, Business and private individuals.

Monthly we host a Witness the Hope Tour where twelve guests are invited to come enjoy free lunch on the second Thursday of each month. Countless individuals joined us and learned all about Wings of God and enjoyed a free lunch from Amore Italian Eatery, Paw Paw, MI. Each tour our staff is encouraged and excited as we watch our guest's faces as residents unpack their amazing story.

In closing, I praise God for His faithfulness, His Love, His care, His Mercy, His Kindness, His Provisions, His presence, His voice, His Will, His convictions, His Wisdom, and most of all, Salvation through Christ our Lord who strengthens us.

God bless you richly. Thanks again for your part in making Wings of God a ministry of life change and generational impact!

In His Joy,

Karina Lamorandier, Executive Director

# Financial report

## 2016 INCOME

Church Mission Funding	\$ 26,316.81
Fundraising Income	\$ 59,803.40
General Contributions	\$ 49,096.51
Resident fees	\$ 4,743.74
Donated Services & Personal Property	\$ 9,093.26
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1 49,053.72</b>

## 2016 EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses	\$ 105,622.55
Facility Expenses	\$ 15,239.62
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 12,220.31
Resident Care Expenses	\$ 11,218.16
Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 715.05
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 145,015.69</b>

### **Administrative Expenses includes the following:**

Administrative Staffing & Resident Staffing, Payroll Taxes & Workers Compensation  
Advertising  
Directors/Officers/Home Insurance  
Licenses  
Office Supplies/Computer Software/Postage  
Professional Fees  
Training

### **Facility Expenses includes the following:**

Equipment Rental/Appliances  
Home Maintenance and Repairs  
Household Supplies  
Donated Services  
Utilities (Electric, Water, Sewer, Gas, Heat, Phone, Internet, Waste & Snow Removal

### **Fundraising Expenses (Incurred for conducting our fundraising events):**

Benefit Dinner – Food, Facility, Printing plus misc  
Golf Outing – Golfing fee, Food, Prizes, Sponsor Signs, Bill Boards plus misc  
Talent Show & Paw Paw Wine & Harvest Festival Hole in One expenses

### **Resident Care**

Clothing  
Education/Spiritual Development  
Food  
Medical Care/Testing  
Personal Resident Care Supplies  
Resident Outings & Other  
Resident Transportation

## **THE TAMMY CHRISTIE STORY**

Attached to this report is the Story of Tammy Christie. There couldn't be a stronger statement of what the Wings of God ministry is about, or that it is never too late to turn your life over to God, or that ever penny spent in this ministry is worth it.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Buhl, Co-Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Wings of God Transition Home, Inc.

## The Story of Tammy Christie

I was born in Phoenix, Arizona, around 52 years ago. I was born to young parents – Mother, 14, and, Father, 17 – who stayed in Phoenix five years until their divorce. I was an only child until they divorced while Mother was pregnant with my brother. My father came to Michigan to be with family and my mother followed shortly after so that her children, including myself, could be with our father.

Mother remarried while pregnant with my brother. Father immediately married as well and had a child. Throughout the years my father married five times. I was passed back and forth every few months until I was 12 years old. At that time, I stayed with my father, who had become an alcoholic and drug addict. Mother was addicted to pills throughout my childhood. From ages 12–14, I lived with my father in a very dysfunctional home and found myself mothering all eight children. I ran away frequently until I became a ward of the court. I ran away several times as a ward of the court until I was emancipated at the age of 17. Throughout my teenage years, I became pregnant five times and lost all of them to miscarriage and one still born.

I started experimenting with marijuana and alcohol at age 14. Adult men were offering me cocaine and speed. I accepted and now am shocked that men would offer a 14 year girl drugs. My drug use escalated. At age thirty, alcohol, meth, opiates and marijuana were so much in my system that I was totally dependent and strung out and could not function. My living situation was here, there and everywhere all the time, including my car, in which I lived for two years.

I received one of the biggest blessings of my life when my son, Caleb, was born. I had him until he was 12 and my drug addiction forced me to sign over guardianship to my sister. I recognized my sister's family was healthy and a good place for him to be a child — better than I could provide at the time because of my addiction. I was feeling shameful and desperate to get well, but could not.

Over time, the cost of my addiction became too great. I decided to learn how to make meth, which was very profitable and would feed all my addictions. Eventually this life choice landed me living in the woods, where I lost my car, family, friends, and self-respect, leading to moral decay. I became an outcast to society and had no regard for the law. I needed to feed and support my addiction. This season lasted about eight years. Only after I had a moment from God did I realize the truth. I was digging a hole in the woods to use as a bathroom and became all too aware of the senselessness of how I was living. So I prayed for God to change my life. I wanted to die, was contemplating suicide, but God rescued me a week later when the police showed up looking for a meth lab. I handed them all the drugs in my pocket and said “Thank God you are here. I am an addict and sick, and I do not know how to fix this!” The officers were very helpful and eleven months later I was placed in a program through the courts, Drug Court. I struggled with quitting the opiates. I actually went to jail several times during the program which eventually led me to Wings of God.

Wings of God gave me a home on April, 14, 2014 where I stayed for fourteen months. My time there was too short, in hindsight. But while there I experienced a wide range of emotions such as fear, shame, hopelessness and many other emotions. But while at Wings of God I learned most about my relationship with God. I knew I believed in Him, but didn't know how to have a personal relationship with God. Without this relationship with God, there is no way I would be clean almost three years.

I now regularly attend my church home and I reach out to a network of people which God has placed in my life. I have lost both parents during my recovery and God's strength helped me to deal with it, not substance abuse.

My latest victory is the completion of my GED. I'm also participating in community service for my church, and participate in Celebrate Recovery, where I occasionally lead. I talk to my son several times per week and our relationship has been totally restored.

Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for supporting me and helping to build me up in confidence and strength. Thank you for giving me a place where I'll always have sisters through Christ and a safe place to visit and receive much love. It's fun to see all the new members to the Wings of God Sisterhood, watch their progress, and encourage them.