



Annual Report • 2019

A Message from Our Leadership

Georgia's Friends made a lot of progress toward sustainability in 2019. After purchasing the Ridge Street house in 2018, we acquired an adjacent cottage where we created meeting space and staff offices. Now, we can truly envision our goal of becoming a recovery center for the community.

The women of Georgia's House continue to grow and thrive. Every resident is uplifted by our beautiful house and supported in her recovery journey. Georgia's House is a place of healing and hope for all who enter its doors.

The contributions and support of so many in our community make a difference in the lives of our women residents. On behalf of all of them, thank you for making our dream a reality.

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Georgia's Friends

The primary focus for 2019 was to build a strong and stable organization for long-term sustainability. This focus applied to every aspect of Georgia's Friends work, most notably in ensuring a strong program and services for our women residents and also in building a well-run organization that meets best practices for non-profits. The Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan mid-year that has served as a road map now and into the future.

Strategic Goal #1 - Georgia's House

(formally known as Georgia's Healing House)

Georgia's House is a supportive living environment where our women residents find stability, structure and consistency in their day-to-day living. The women benefit from regular attendance at 12-step meetings, intensive outpatient therapy and individual counseling to develop a recovery road map that is specific to each resident. Each person has a unique story but all share a common purpose as they work to heal from addiction to build a happy, healthy and productive life for themselves and their families.

THE EVIDENCE IS IN THEIR STORIES

"This house was life saving. I couldn't believe that after 14 years I got a second chance."



SILLIE



"At Georgia's House I found support, people who loved, motivated and cared for me. I have hope."

ANDRFA

"Georgia's House gave me a safe, compassionate environment for recovery. I now look forward to a healthy, productive, fulfilling life."



TANYA



A key element of the program is reaching out to local service organizations to ensure that our women residents have access to the many resources that can help them through their journey. These organizations help the women find jobs, offer individual therapy, provide medical and dental care, and provide food and clothing. In partnering with others, the Georgia's House program can cover a wide variety of needs.

Georgia's Friends Creates Scholarship Fund

The women of Georgia's House seek employment within a few weeks of arriving. They are eager to work and earn money to support themselves and create a sound financial future. At Georgia's House, we work with the women to consider what they really want to do, not just find a job. Many have never had an opportunity to pursue education or training that leads to a meaningful career. With several generous donations, Georgia's Friends created a scholarship fund to help along that path. In 2019 scholarships were awarded to residents and an alumna to pursue classes at Piedmont Virginia Community College, take an automotive mechanic program at Charlottesville Area Technical Education College, peer recovery training, and more. For some women, this is the first time they can work toward a dream of a career.



Strategic Goal #2 - Georgia's Cottage

A small cottage adjacent to the main house was purchased and renovated to create staff offices and a much-needed meeting room. Generous donations of cash and in-kind contributions resulted in a beautifully appointed kitchen where residents enjoy bi-monthly dinners and education and training workshops to help them along their recovery journeys. This meeting space also opens the opportunity to invite women in the wider community to participate in 12-step meetings and other classes as we grow Georgia's Recovery Community.

Celebrating Georgia's Friends ~ First Annual Event

The first annual Celebrating Georgia's Friends event was hosted by St. Paul's Ivy Episcopal Church on October 6. The afternoon reception was an opportunity to thank our generous donors and to introduce Georgia's House to invitees. Music was provided by Charlottesville Symphony Director (ret.) Kate Tamarkin and a beautiful buffet was offered by Phyllis Ripper and ML Coolidge. The highlight of the afternoon came from residents and alumnae who relayed their stories of recovery to a spell-bound audience.











Georgia's House Certified by VARR

The Virginia Association of Recovery Residences (VARR) is the accrediting agency in Virginia for the National Alliance of Recovery Residences.

VARR's mission is to set high standards for quality

certified recovery residences in our region.

recovery residences in Virginia and accredit residences that meet its rigorous criteria. VARR monitors, evaluates, and improves standards to build the highest level of quality for recovery residences. Georgia's House is the first and only accredited recovery residence in the region which includes Charlottesville and surrounding areas. Georgia's Friends founder, Dr. Dorothy Tompkins was elected to the VARR Board at its annual meeting in January 2020. Dorothy will serve as a mentor and convener of other

Building a Strong Not-for-Profit Organization

A healthy, well-organized and sound non-profit provides a foundation to ensure that the mission of Georgia's Friends is at the forefront of all we do. Throughout the year, Georgia's Friends Board and Staff worked to improve management and administrative systems, financial management, outreach and promotional materials, communications, and more. Planning retreats with the Board and Staff ensured that Georgia's Friends has a road map for the future and clear goals for years to come.

The Board also adopted a plan and goals for the future with the following strategic goals:



Georgia's House: a safe living environment offering a structured therapeutic program for women in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.



Georgia's Cottage: classes, meetings and workshops for residents, alumnae, and community members at-large on recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. We want to develop and sustain a recovery community for women.



Transition Housing: identify and develop more affordable housing for residents as they transition to independent living.



Social Enterprise: develop a social enterprise to support our programs and to provide some employment for residents.

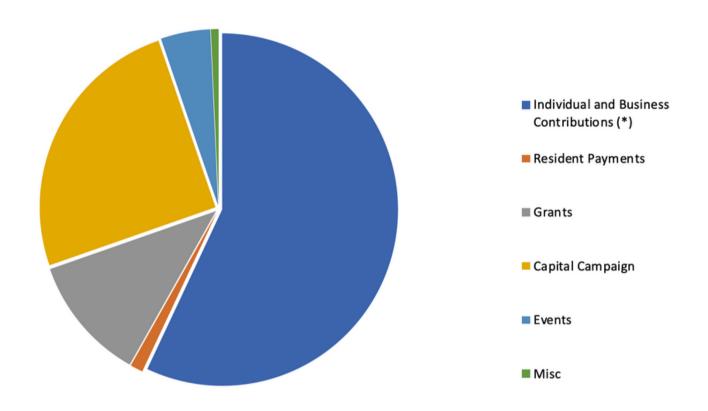
FINANCIALS

GEORGIA'S FRIENDS, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash Fixed assets, net Other assets	\$ 207,675 1,097,389 6,028	\$ 367,076 818,777 9,181
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>1,311,092</u>	\$ <u>1,195,034</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS LIABILITIES Accounts payable Other current liabilities Long-term liabilities	\$ 4,710 33,863 321,222	\$ 2,431 471,720
Total liabilities	359,795	<u>474,151</u>
NET ASSETS Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions	899,031 _52,266	720,883 0
Total net assets	951,297	720,883
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ <u>1,311,092</u>	\$ <u>1,195,034</u>



REVENUE RESOURCES



Georgia's Friends is primarily supported by individuals in the community.

Individuals Individual and Business c Restricted individual contr Resident payments		202,361 81,800 5,822
Grants Capital Campaign Local Government Private Foundations		125,000 37,380 20,000
Events		22,710
Other		3,357
	TOTAL	\$498,530

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