

2017

# annual report

A DOOR OF HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER



## REFLECTION AND REALITY

By Carol Doherty, Executive Director

With 2017 just days behind us, this is a time for reflection, and in review, I see God's hand guiding our work in Newark, Middletown, and Wilmington.

Through each challenge and success, God's provision and grace kept our perspective focused and expectant. I hope you get a glimpse of this, as you open the pages of this annual report.

Among our most celebrated 2017 milestones was the successful relocation of our Newark Center to The Journey on Route 4. We are so thankful to Pastor Mark Johnston and this vibrant faith community for providing space to accommodate the full scope of our services.

Living Hope is the heart of our mission—providing free, holistic support to women and families with pregnancy concerns.

ADOH Middletown has built a solid community presence, since opening in 2015. With its dedicated staff, ideal location, and growing support network, our vision for a robust center in the fastest growing area of New Castle County is on target. This report includes a client profile which illustrates our impact in Middletown. I think the story is particularly encouraging.

ADOH Wilmington continues to encounter unprecedented need in the heart of the city. Here we routinely counsel and aid pregnant women and young mothers who face poverty, neglect, abuse, and addiction.

We readily acknowledge the significant needs of our clients, yet we affirm the greater reality that God is loving and merciful and gives resources to provide for these needs. This is Living Hope—the heart of our mission and our 2018 focus.

Thank you for standing with us in our work for life and the gospel. We're counting on your prayers and support in the months ahead.

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# holistic compassionate programs

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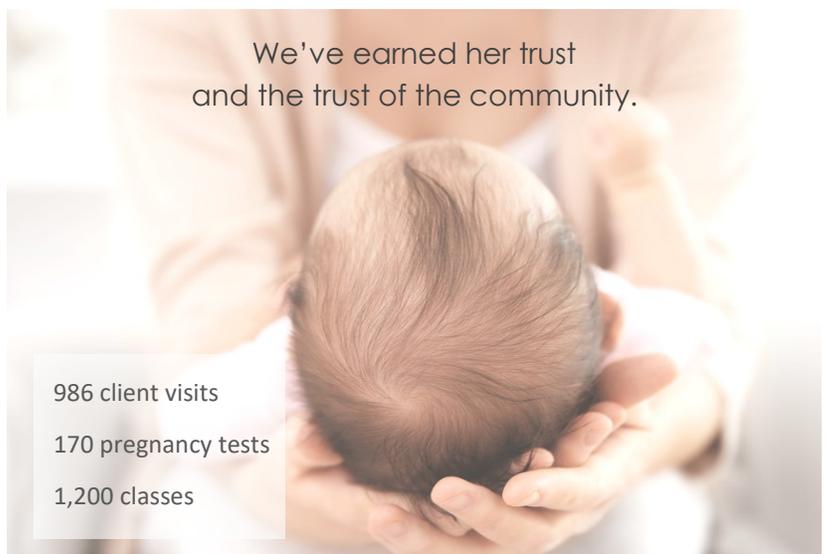
## prevention and education R.A.P. youth outreach

From suburb to city, middle school to high school, tech school to private school, we engage students in honest talk about Relationships, Abstinence, and Personal Integrity. This is our starting point. This is R.A.P.



## intervention and education pregnancy-related support

ADOH is the only organization in New Castle County which provides holistic pregnancy support services with a Christian point of view. Services include pregnancy confirmation, peer counseling, prenatal and parenting classes, and material assistance.



## restoration after abortion support

Confidential support groups and Bible studies are offered to those who carry unresolved emotions related to abortion. Women of all ages and faiths find hope and restoration as a result of these intimate group sessions.



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## community impact

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The impact of our work is perhaps best measured one life at a time. Our impact is even greater when the community values and promotes the services we provide. Featured below is a first person account from a Middletown resident, which demonstrates just that.

There I was, at the school health center, waiting to deliver my son's EpiPen.

While I waited, I glanced at the available literature. There was plenty of information about birth control, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, STD testing, and HIV testing. Business cards from a local health agency advertised counseling on any of these topics, for students ages 12 to 20. Obviously missing? Information about abstinence and pregnancy care.

I found this fairly distressing and mentioned something to the school nurse. "Since you have brochures about emergency contraception and birth control, would you be interested in pamphlets about resources for keeping a pregnancy?"

"Absolutely," she answered.

I left the school, drove directly across town to A Door of Hope, and returned to the health center with a stack of pregnancy care literature, relationship/abstinence information, and other ADOH brochures. This time I met another nurse, who readily accepted the literature.

"I have ADOH business cards on my desk," she said, "but I'm very happy to have information like this in the waiting room, so the kids can see their options."

We chatted a bit, and then she said quietly, "A student who is currently using A Door of Hope's services is eating lunch in my office. Let me see if she would like to meet you."

It was an unforgettable meeting.

I held back my tears as she told me her story— how this nurse connected her to ADOH; how she made a choice for life and found the courage to tell her parents; and how ADOH is helping her prepare for her baby's birth. "I have the support I need," she said.

Then she showed me an ultrasound picture of her baby. What a beautiful picture. And actually? The entire morning was a beautiful picture—of a community working together for life.

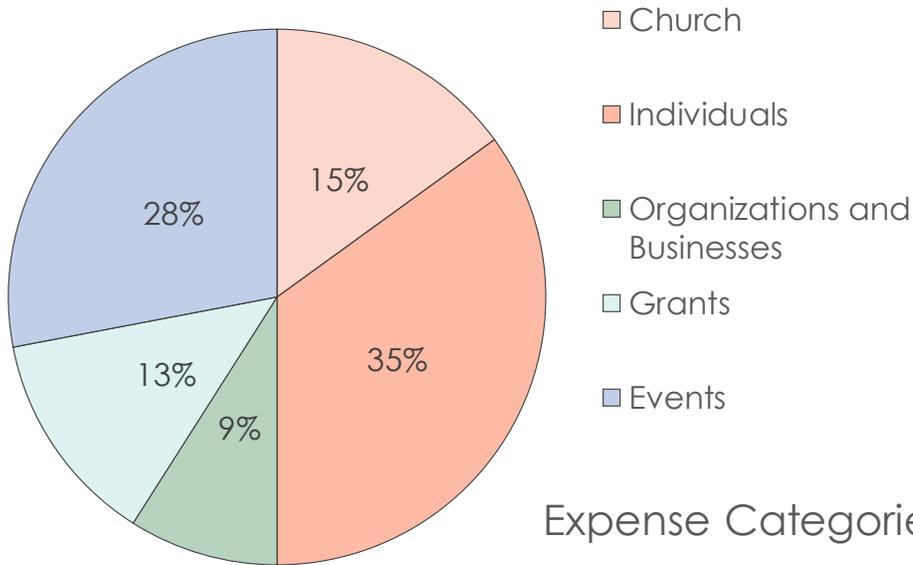
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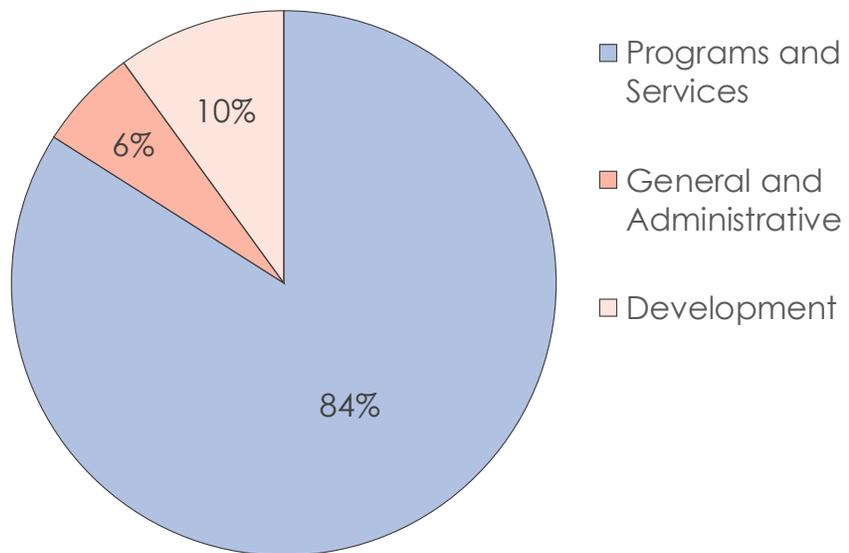
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## Funding Sources



## Expense Categories



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