



**Shepherd's Table**

TOGETHER MEETING NEEDS. CHANGING LIVES.

## **Celebrating 35 Years of Service**

### **2018 Annual Report**





***“Shepherd’s Table is offering exceptional service to people that need it the most.”***

-Meal guest

## Why do we serve?

Despite being an affluent County, many of our neighbors in Montgomery County are experiencing homelessness, living in poverty, are food insecure, or are in need of assistance. In 1983, Shepherd’s Table was formed to respond to the need for meals for the hungry, and 35 years later, we are continuing to adapt our services for the growing and changing needs of our clientele. We believe that each person deserves respect, kindness and compassion while they are facing challenges in their life, and we are grateful for the opportunity to provide services to help folks on their journey from homelessness and hunger to housing and fulfillment.

When someone walks in our door, seeking a nutritious meal, assistance in the Resource Center, Eye Clinic, or Clothes Closet, our staff and 2,500+ dedicated volunteers respond with compassion and a smile, providing assistance to the best of our abilities. For clients seeking services we don’t provide, we make referrals to partner agencies that can better assist them.

## How do we do it?

With the support of volunteers, individual donors, businesses, religious organizations, local government, and foundations, we are meeting the needs of our neighbors.

- The **Food Services Program**, our core program, provides a nutritious breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday, and brunch and dinner on weekends and holidays.
- Our **Resource Center** provides a mailing address, information and referrals, prescription assistance, telephone access, transportation assistance, toiletries, and pro bono services provided by lawyers and barbers.
- Our **Eye Clinic** is Montgomery County's only free Clinic, providing eye exams and prescription glasses.
- Our weekly **Clothes Closet** provides clean, seasonally appropriate clothing, shoes, and accessories.
- Our staff and volunteers provide a safe space where individuals feel respected, cared for, and encouraged.



**Together Meeting Needs, Changing Lives**



## 2018: Our Impact

*Together, we raised*  
**\$1,263,257**

*which funded*

- 117,903** meals
- 2,607** clothes closet visits
- 346** prescriptions filled
- 3,694** bus tokens dispensed
- 30,051** pieces of mail logged in
- 85** lawyer visits
- 855** haircuts
- 385** blankets distributed

**Resource Center**    **Eye Clinic**

- 1,884** unduplicated clients
- 855** new clients
- 232** eye exams
- 228** prescription eye glasses

*to provide assistance to*  
**2,700+** people in our community



## 2018: Year in Review



In April 2018, Shepherd's Table said goodbye to **John Eckenrode**, Director of Resource Center, who retired after 27 years. We honored his service at the spring event, *This is Us: 35 Years*, and held a nice event for clients where we heard some wonderful anecdotes about John's impact on the lives of those we serve. John exemplified compassion, dedication and commitment, and we are grateful for his service.



In April 2018, we held our annual spring fundraiser, celebrating 35 years, *This is Us: 35 Years* at AFI Silver Theater. We honored John Eckenrode, and Discovery Communications (now known as Discovery Inc.) was our presenting sponsor. We raised just over \$126,000 from the generosity of businesses and individuals supporting our mission!



In October 2018, we held our (second annual) fall fundraiser, *Infused with Love: An Evening at The Pearl*. We had an incredible evening with our emcee, Leon Harris and a cooking competition with Jonathan Bardzik and our Chef, Christina Moore. We honored former Council member, George Leventhal, and GEICO. The evening raised just over \$163,000 from the generosity of businesses and individuals supporting our mission!

## Volunteers are OUR LIFELINE

*We have a deep appreciation for the individuals and volunteer teams that are considered “regulars”: committed to a weekly or monthly time slot. They are our lifeline, enabling the organization to provide effective and compassionate service. During the year, we invite new volunteers to engage in our mission in a few special ways:*

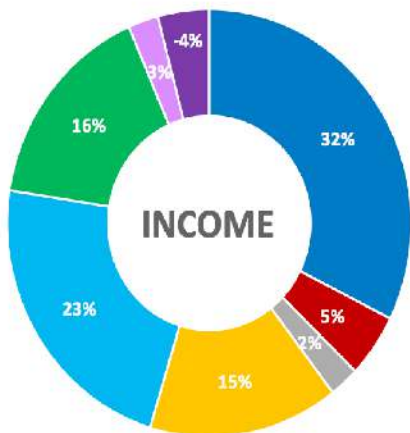


Our **Bright Meal Program**, where a group or business sponsors the meal, and provides volunteers to serve it. Whether the group decorates the dining room, picks a popular menu item, or provides live music for entertainment, our meal guests are always excited for Bright Meals. 2018 saw a significant increase in the number of Bright Meals, and we welcome new groups to come host a special breakfast, lunch or dinner!

We also host groups coming in for a day of community service, or a team building activity, and we can often assign projects beyond our existing programs, such as Discovery Inc. (as pictured) helping set up a garden in our back yard during their Impact Day. Does your company plan an annual Day of Service? If so, give us a call!



# 2018: Financial Picture



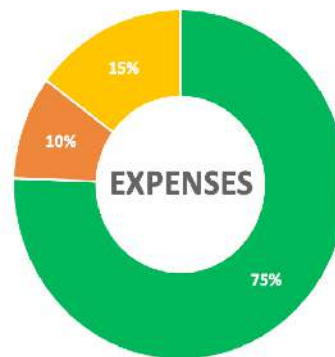
- Individuals
- Religious Organizations
- Workplace Giving
- Corporations
- Foundations
- Montgomery County
- Other Contributions, Interest, Dividends
- Investment Income



In 2018, Shepherd's Table received contributed goods and services valued at \$1,426,084.



To view a copy of Shepherd's Table's complete 2018 audited financial statements and 990, visit the website at [www.shepherdstable.org](http://www.shepherdstable.org).



- Program Services
- Management and General
- Fundraising

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