



## 2019 Annual Report

### 2019 By the numbers...

- ▶ 125+ volunteers donated their time and talent
- ▶ Hours contributed by volunteers equal to approx. \$246,190
- ▶ 570 participant visits per month at the Friendship Center
- ▶ 100 hours/month from local volunteer youth programs\*
- ▶ 400+ donors supported our mission with a financial donation
- ▶ Thousands of hand-crafted items were created in our workshop

### PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

#### Friends of the Carpenter Focus on Youth Programs

For the past few years, FOC has welcomed and works with several great groups of youth and young adults at the Friendship Center. We are blessed to have the presence of students and job coaches from the [Gateway to Adult Education \(GATE\) Program](#) from the Vancouver Public Schools, the Evergreen Public Schools [Post-Secondary Transition Program](#), and [Daybreak Youth Services](#). All three organizations are in the building at least weekly, some as often as three times a week.

The focus of the GATE and the Evergreen Transition Programs are to [provide students who experience a disability with independent skills that they need to be productive in the workplace and the community](#). The goal is enhance their education so that the graduates are ready to be self-sufficient and confident members of our community. That dovetails so wonderfully with our Mission and especially our Activity Area, where the youth have the chance to try out new skills that we have available, in both woodworking and more general administrative and clerical abilities as well. We see the students' whole outlook on life transform and enjoy assisting their job coaches to find ways for each one to make progress in their journey. It is a heartwarming and meaningful way for us to live out our Mission.

The Daybreak youth who visit us see their trip to the Center as a reward for their good behavior and positive progress in their treatment program. They are in residence at Daybreak to address either a substance issue or a mental health condition that needs attention. Once again, we have seen great strides forward made by the youth who visit us and take pride in the art skills they get to develop while working on a Project with a Purpose. One more powerful example of how God's grace can transform lives when you supply safety, structure and purpose in a welcoming setting.

\* GATE: 360 | Evergreen Post-Secondary Transition Program: 350  
 Daybreak: 190 | Learning and Serving Together Summer Camps: 275

### SERVING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS

**Kelly Gilstrap** first heard about FOC from a homeless couple she met living in the woods behind her house in early 2019. She started volunteering at the Friendship Center the very next day. Kelly is a very talented artist and has shared her painting skills to beautifully decorate some of our bird house creations, and also led the effort to lay out and complete the sign with our logo that now graces the front of the Center.



Kelly never imagined that she and her family would find themselves needing material assistance to help them through a rough patch. Due to chronic health problems, Kelly had to leave her job, fell behind financially and ended up losing her housing. ["I didn't think I would end up here a year and half later, homeless myself,"](#) Kelly said. ["My daughter, granddaughter and I got into shelter so we're not on the streets."](#)

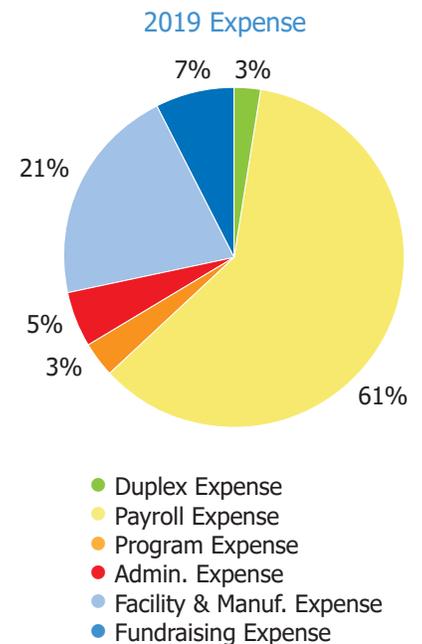
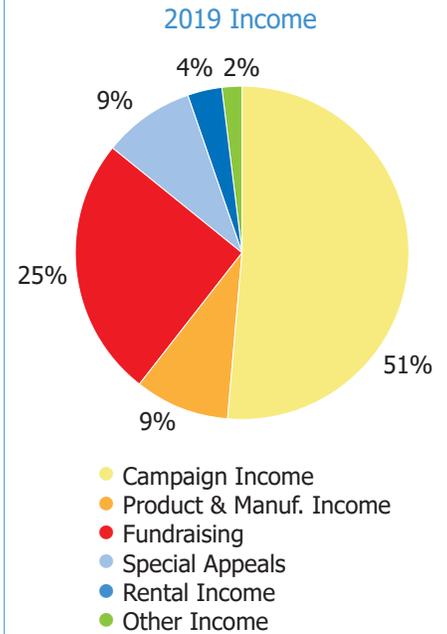
All through this challenging experience, Kelly never lost her sunny outlook or her hope for the future. We are truly blessed by her presence in our program, for the way she shares her abundant talents and her faith that God will always be there for her and her family. More ample evidence that God's Love can Change Lives. We wish Kelly all the best and will continue to walk with her on life's journey.

Learn more about activities like these at [friendsofthecarpenter.org](http://friendsofthecarpenter.org) ▶



# FRIENDS of the CARPENTER 2019 Income & Expenses

	2019	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>			
Thrift Store Income	--	\$106,806	\$115,559
Campaign Income	\$235,736	\$109,912	\$116,094
Product & Manufacturing Income	\$42,571	\$36,919	\$28,721
Fundraising	\$115,187	\$98,943	\$106,120
Special Appeals	\$39,987	\$27,107	\$24,892
Rental Income	\$16,340	\$13,375	\$11,400
Other Income	\$8,422	\$31,216	\$34,256
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$458,243</b>	<b>\$424,278</b>	<b>\$437,042</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Thrift Store Expense	--	\$54,496	\$57,758
Duplex Expense	\$10,493	\$10,581	\$10,710
Payroll Expenses	\$232,820	\$245,319	\$241,563
Program Expense	\$12,497	\$22,876	\$25,251
Administrative Expense	\$18,980	\$21,587	\$27,509
Facility & Manufacturing Expense	\$83,469	\$75,403	\$77,842
Fundraising Expense	\$27,974	\$25,273	\$28,010
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$386,233</b>	<b>\$455,535</b>	<b>\$468,643</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$72,009</b>	<b>\$-31,257</b>	<b>\$-31,600</b>



## Financial Summary

Fiscal Year 2019 was another pivotal year for Friends of the Carpenter. Our Total Income over the past 12 months was deeply affected by a few substantial changes in our operation, and one sizable estate gift that we received toward the end of the year.

The closure of our beloved 2nd Chance Thrift Store in December 2018 was one of those major changes. Declining income and increasing expenses at the Store were the major factors in the difficult decision that we made to bring that about. The other major drop in 2019 Income was due to the departure of the Share Day Center in November 2018, which we see reflected in the Other Income category in the accompanying table.

Blessedly, we do have two positive signs for our Income figures in the area of Campaign and Special Appeals Income. We have to express our deep Thanks and Appreciation to the Leonard and Bonnie Graham family for the significant bequest from their estate, which is the main factor in the 114% increase in Campaign income. Our best ever total for Give More 24! was the biggest reason for our nearly 50% increase in Special Appeals for the year.

On the Expense side, once the lack of 2nd Chance expenses is taken into account, the rest of our overall expenditures are somewhat lower, but very close, to what they were in 2017 and 2018. A bit higher in a couple of areas – Manufacturing for example – but at or below in most every other area. We have been fiscally responsible in stewarding the resources our donors and supporters provide to us.

While we show a surplus for 2019, our first in quite some time, the realization that the one-time Graham bequest is the main reason for that figure does give us reason to have concern. We know that to maintain stability and provide for a sustainable future for the Ministry, the sources and amount of our funding base needs ongoing attention. We also know God's Providence has sustained us through our first 21 years of Changing Lives with Love. We continue to depend on that Providence and our supporters prayerful contributions as we journey forward in Hope.