Dear Supporter:

A lot has changed in how survivors of domestic violence and homelessness are given assistance and support from the government in the past 42 years. Thanks to the generous and steady support of donors like you, a lot has not changed in how House of Ruth serves our clients.

We still help women survivors of domestic violence and homelessness — and with your help, we assist many more today than when we first opened in 1976. In 2017, we served an average of 281 women and children per night in our six family programs and five single programs.

We still offer so much more than housing — and thanks to your generosity, these services include crucial free therapeutic, developmental daycare. The Kidspace program remains a vital source of certified, specialized childcare to children who have suffered immense trauma in their short lives. Our programs currently serve 96 children each day.

We still treat all survivors with dignity — and because of you, we offer intensive, free therapy to all domestic violence survivors. The Domestic Violence Support Center provides counseling and therapy to more than 100 survivors each month.

Together, you and House of Ruth have a long and storied history of supporting women who society has turned its back on. We maintain this legacy today — when completing a program, 96 percent of families relocate to permanent, independent living.

It is our honor to enact your vision: It is a privilege to help women, children and families in greatest need and with very limited resources build safe, stable lives and achieve their highest potential.

We thank you deeply for your generosity. You are why Hope Starts Here.

Sincerely,

Sandra Jackson
Executive Director

Diane Lewis
Chair, Board of Directors

About the writers
Diane has served as chair since 2017; Sandra was hired as Executive Director in November 2016, and has been with House of Ruth since 2013.
Eighty percent of the single women in our programs are between the ages of 31-60.

The average head of household age in a family program is 34.

The average age of a child in a family program is 8.
2017 was a strong, meaningful year in House of Ruth’s history, thanks to donors and partners who maintain and support us now, and those who have sustained us along the way. Your investments in the women, children, and families at House of Ruth have changed the lives of more than 11,000 women and children in need. With you, we’re stopping the cycle of domestic violence, poverty, and homelessness.

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE
Domestic violence and homelessness can affect anyone — regardless of income, race or age. At House of Ruth, we offer welcoming, nurturing, and service-enriched housing, and a trauma-informed care model for women and children who have suffered greatly. When treated with respect and understanding, and given the skills to live independently, women who have survived domestic abuse and homelessness can change their lives.

At 13 homes and programs, House of Ruth’s skilled and compassionate staff is here for women and children escaping violence, instability, and insecurity, to help them build a new life of hope and independence.

A LEGACY OF SUPPORT
In 2017, House of Ruth served 634 women and children. Our homes for women without children served 123 women, and our homes and programs for families served 282 women and children. Kidspace provided 68 homeless infants and children with developmental and therapeutic day care — the only such facility in DC’s Ward 7, while also serving 49 parents with parenting support and engagement. At our Domestic Violence Support Center, we provided 161 survivors of domestic violence with individual and group counseling — free for anyone in need.

In each of our 42 years, House of Ruth responded to the experiences of women and children seeking our help not just by growing but by improving — training our staff, adding new support groups.
for women and children, building a tight network of agencies across the city, and crafting more services to address employment, health, housing, self-esteem, and trauma.

**THE PATH FORWARD**

We are in the midst of a new building campaign for Kidspace, to ensure the space where we provide care matches the quality of the services children receive. We have opportunities to build, and engage in issues vital to our city’s vibrancy. We are deeply thankful to the community of caring and dedicated donors who support the women, children, and families we serve every day.
THINK ABOUT YOUR IMPACT

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With you...
Women and children found safety and stability after abuse, violence, and chaos.

With you...
Moms built skills for self-sufficiency, family bonds were strengthened, and children attended the same school for more than a month or two at a time.

With you...
Infants and children achieved critical developmental targets so they can start school prepared and decrease their chances of becoming homeless in the future.

With you...
Women had tools to cope with mental illness and often unspeakable, enduring trauma, and support as they reach toward new goals for independence.
Because of you ...
Because of you, 93% of all women who participate in our service-enriched housing programs for at least one year are able to secure and sustain safe and stable permanent housing after they leave House of Ruth.

93%
OF PARTICIPANTS

2,100 hours
The Domestic Violence Support Center provided 2,100 hours of individual therapy in 2017.

2,871 hours
Kidspace provides more than 2,871 hours of childcare per year.
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**A foundation for the future**

When Chloe* first arrived at House of Ruth she had no savings and no income. With regular case management and encouragement from our staff, in just a few months she has been able to obtain employment, to develop a monthly budget, and to save $2,500. Now she has the money for a potential security deposit on an apartment, and she is proud to see how her hard work and budgeting are creating the foundation for a new life for her family.

* Name has been changed.
Back to life

Tracy* and her three children found themselves homeless after fleeing domestic violence. Before becoming homeless, Tracy was working on pursuing her dream of earning a Master of Social Work degree. Unfortunately, she had to stop her coursework when her living situation became precarious.

Thanks to you, House of Ruth was able to provide her with the services she needed to re-group and get her life back on track. Tracy began to heal from her trauma through therapy at House of Ruth’s Domestic Violence Support Center. She and her children moved into House of Ruth’s permanent supportive housing, which gave her the ability to re-enroll in her graduate program, complete her degree, and earn her social work license.

*Name has been changed.
A bridge to safety

Alyssa* and her daughter came to House of Ruth to escape domestic violence and find safety in one of our transitional housing programs. Today they are living on their own with support from House of Ruth’s Bridges Program. Alyssa is currently employed as a residential counselor helping people with disabilities.

Alyssa was recently accepted into Trinity Washington University’s occupational therapy program, a program that leads to an associate of applied science degree. House of Ruth staff is helping her identify and apply for scholarship funds, and Alyssa has already connected with a mentor at Trinity to help her navigate this new and exciting educational experience.

Alyssa’s daughter Karen* has experienced attachment issues, and thanks to you and the case management provided by House of Ruth staff, Karen is now benefitting from regular music therapy sessions.

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These are the audited financials for fiscal year 2017. With new leadership at House of Ruth, and our loyal supporters continuing to give as government funding continues to shift and change, 2017 was a key year for House of Ruth’s financial health. We are grateful to be sturdy and strong as we turn our attention to 2018 and beyond.

With strong leadership from our board and executive team in place, House of Ruth has weathered the financial storm of shifting funding, and our vital services to women and children in need never wavered. Thank you for your support.

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the years ending June 30, 2017 and 2016

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In 2017, House of Ruth embarked on our first-ever capital campaign, and we are excited about the results thus far. As of this writing, we are more than halfway to our goal of $5,000,000 — and construction is starting next month. We deeply appreciate the generous foundations and donors who have brought us this far — and hope to see all of you at our grand opening celebration in 2019.

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House of Ruth is only able to help hundreds of women and children each year because of our long-time, generous donors. Last year, at our annual reception recognizing donors, we were entertained by an amazing band, The War and Treaty. One of the lead singers of The War and Treaty is Michael Trotter, a much lauded singer, touring musician — and a client of House of Ruth when he was a young teenager.

He shared how he and his mother ended up at House of Ruth, talked about the inspiration and hope that House of Ruth staff gave him, and then he and his wife Tanya Blount blew the room away with an excellent blues/R&B set. The band came all the way from Detroit to be a part of the evening — and to thank House of Ruth for being a part of Michael’s life.
House of Ruth offers comprehensive services and housing for women and children. Our services range from supportive housing for families and single women in crisis, to a therapeutic, developmental daycare for homeless children, and free counseling services to anyone who has been a victim of domestic violence.

### Houses for Women & Children

- **Families First I**
  - 12-18 MONTHS OF RESIDENCY
  - Domestic Violence

- **A New Way**
  - 12 MONTHS OF RESIDENCY
  - Domestic Violence

- **Families First II**
  - 12-18 MONTHS OF RESIDENCY
  - Domestic Violence

- **FamilySpace**
  - PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
  - Substance Abuse

- **Hope Rising**
  - PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
  - Mental Health Issues

- **Bridges**
  - PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
  - Independent Living

### KidSpace

- **Therapeutic Daycare Program**
  - FOR CHILDREN AGES SIX WEEKS TO FIVE YEARS

### Counseling Center

- **Confidential Counseling and Support**
  - FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Houses for Single Women

- **New Foundations**
  - PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
  - Chronic Homelessness

- **New Horizons**
  - 6-12 MONTH HOUSING SUBSIDY
  - Independent Living

- **Madison Program**
  - 6-12 MONTHS OF RESIDENCY
  - Homelessness and Trauma

- **New Pathways**
  - LONG-TERM HOUSING
  - Mental Health Issues

- **Three Sisters**
  - LONG-TERM HOUSING
  - Mental Health Issues

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