We welcome individual, corporate and groups to volunteer at House of Ruth. Most opportunities are for groups to bring, prepare and serve breakfast, lunch or dinner at our Madison shelter for single women. Plan for 25 guests; there may be 20-30. If you have more volunteers, setting up tables and serving meals is a nice touch. The women also appreciate being served cafeteria style — you will be appreciated! Men can assist, but we prefer not to have children help with the preparation or serving of dinner.

If you would like to do other types of volunteering, we are always looking for people to teach resume-building workshops, fitness classes, knitting, self-defense and more. Contact Elizabeth Kiker at ekiker@houseofruth.org or 202-597-5803 for more information.

Another great way to help House of Ruth is by liking/following us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and encouraging your friends to like/follow us! We are always working to spread our work to a larger group of people.
Thanks to the generous and steady support of donors like you, in 2018 House of Ruth improved the lives of 1,048 people. We empower women, children and families to rebuild their lives and heal from trauma, abuse and homelessness. As the oldest shelter for women in Washington, D.C., we are continuing our record of service and investing in those for whom we care. With your help, in 2018, we offered safe housing to 417 women and children per night in our programs.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to provide developmental childcare and a high-quality educational experience at Kidspace. The program remains a vital source of specialized childcare to children who have suffered immense trauma in their short lives. In 2018, we served 60 children and 58 parents.

Because of you, we offer intensive therapy to all trauma survivors, regardless of gender. The Domestic Violence Support Center provides individual counseling and therapy to more than 100 survivors each month, and group counseling to an additional 45 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 — 87 percent of women who stayed with us for at least a year relocated to permanent, independent living.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra L. 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.
IN 2018, MORE WOMEN AND CHILDREN NEEDED HOUSE OF RUTH THAN AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY. Thanks to you, we were able to rise to the challenge. In 2018, we served 1,048 — this is a 39 percent increase in just one year. How did we do it? We partnered with other excellent organizations in Washington, D.C. We stretched our talented staff — and hired excellent new colleagues to join us. And we relied on generous, sustaining donations from you and others like you.

Your investments in the women, children, and families at House of Ruth have changed the lives of more than 12,000 women and children since 1976. With you, we’re interrupting the cycle of domestic violence, poverty, and homelessness.

At House of Ruth, we offer welcoming, nurturing, trauma-informed, service-enriched housing for women and children who have suffered greatly. Treated with respect and understanding, and taught skills to live independently, women who have survived domestic abuse and homelessness are changing their lives.

At 16 homes and programs (three new in 2018!), House of Ruth’s skilled and compassionate staff help women and children escaping violence, instability, and insecurity build new lives of hope and independence.

In 2018, our homes for women without children served 138 women, and our homes and programs for families served 279 mothers and children. Kidspace provided 60 homeless infants and children with developmental day care — the only such facility in D.C.’s Ward 7, while also providing parenting support to 58 mothers and fathers. At our Domestic Violence Support Center, we provided 513 survivors of domestic violence with individual and group counseling — free.
THINK ABOUT YOUR IMPACT:
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, 87% of 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.

House of Ruth responds to the experiences of women and children seeking our help by growing and 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.

And we are so excited for what’s ahead. The brand new (donor funded!) Kidspace building will be open in 2020 — construction is underway now. We have three new programs and we are continuing to expand where needed and appropriate. We are deeply thankful to YOU — and our entire community of caring and dedicated donors who support the women, children, and families we serve every day.
Financial Report

These are the audited financials for fiscal year 2018. Individual donors, foundations and corporate support is ever more important as government funding continues to shift and change. Thanks to you, 2018 was a robust year for House of Ruth’s financial health. We are grateful to be sturdy as we turn our attention to 2019 and beyond.

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2018 and 2017**

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With strong leadership from our board and executive team in place, our vital services to women, children and families continue to grow and thrive. Thank you for your support.

## Statements of Activities
For the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017

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2018 Audited Revenue:
- 40% Contributions
- 27% Contracts
- 21% Federal Grants
- 11% Kidspace Capital Campaign
- 1% Other revenue

2018 Audited Expenses:
- 34% Housing & Services for Families
- 30% Community-based Services
- 26% Housing & Services for Women
- 4% Management & General
- 6% Fundraising
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Although we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this listing, we may have overlooked someone. If so, please contact Database Specialist Meg Tsuda at 202-597-5801 or mtsuda@houseofruth.org.

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### BECAUSE OF YOU

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

### 2,100 HOURS

The Domestic Violence Support Center provided 2,100 hours of individual therapy in 2018.

### 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.

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A Hopeful New Future

For more than a decade Christina* was addicted to cocaine, and she experienced a relapse right before entering the Hope Rising program. Despite this setback and its ensuing challenges, Christina has accomplished so much in the year she has been living at Hope Rising. She has maintained her sobriety and attended Narcotics Anonymous groups. She has gained employment, improved her credit, and completed financial literacy classes. She divorced her abuser. She regularly attends parenting groups. She has maintained her mental health. And finally, she has reconnected with her adult children and reunified with her six-year-old daughter.

Christina’s confidence has grown as she has experienced success after success. She has loved decorating her apartment and making a truly homelike environment for her daughter. Her daughter used to be afraid to sleep alone. As a result of her mom’s new stability and their supportive environment, at six years old she is proud to sleep in her own room now. She is also proud to be on the honor roll at school.

* Name has been changed.

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80% of women in our singles programs are between the ages of 31-60.

WITH YOUR HELP

Women had tools to cope with mental illness and often unspeakable, enduring trauma, and support as they reach toward new goals for independence.

8 YEARS

The average age of a child in a family program is 8 years old.

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Gary and Carol Berman
A Healing Environment

Myra* suffers from bipolar disorder and PTSD caused by past experiences of domestic violence. Right after earning a graduate degree in education, she went into a severe depression that led to homelessness. She moved in with her daughter temporarily, but her daughter was in an abusive relationship, and witnessing her daughter’s trauma triggered Myra’s PTSD. That is when she came to House of Ruth.

Myra says, “This is a really good, welcoming environment. Some shelters are really dangerous, but here it is all women and I feel safe.” Since coming to Madison, Myra has accessed the mental health services she needs. She has taken advantage of Madison’s empowerment groups, and the “Post Traumatic Growth” group really spoke to her. Myra says, “Between therapy and doing my own writing, I have been really working at healing from the traumas I suffered and trying to figure out how to turn those stumbling blocks into stepping stones.”

* Name has been changed.
WITH YOUR HELP

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Since entering the Bridges program, Lisa has obtained a two-bedroom apartment, developed a monthly budgeting calendar, continuously paid her bills, raised her credit score by 60 points, and saved $1,500. She is working full time and did so well in her annual evaluation that she received a pay raise. She is saving as much as she can with the goal of purchasing a home in five years. She attends therapy regularly and has refrained from contact with her abuser. Her son is now thriving at school and has a promising future.

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