

Defeat hunger and homelessness.

# RESTORE **HOPE!**

Annual Report to the Community

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# A BOLD NEW VISION.



*Susanne Blue, CMSW*



*Gregory Ernst*

Dear Friends,

This past year has been one of challenge and inspiration. We've spent a good deal of time examining how we might be of even greater service to the homeless and near homeless of our community. A seed was planted last July with an opportunity to attend the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Washington, DC. This experience greatly influenced our thinking and approach to service delivery. The meals and outreach services that we provide are certainly an essential part of the safety net for those in poverty, but there is more that we can do to house the homeless and provide a stable environment for their safety, recovery and ongoing well being. Providing Transitional Housing has been part of Matt Talbot's outreach services for over a decade, but what if we could do more? We are excited to introduce some of our new housing initiatives in this report.

As we reflect on the last year we are thankful for our many partners in the hunger and homeless service community. Our volunteers and their daily efforts are truly amazing. You'll be inspired by the outcomes produced by volunteers for Outreach and Hunger Relief. Our staff team is exceptional. Not only are they capable and hardworking, but they are also some of the most compassionate people you will meet.

We are also grateful for the Matt Talbot Board of Directors—past and present. The guidance and support of many dedicated men and women through the years has created a Matt Talbot with the stability and courage to explore new directions. In a recent strategic planning session, our current board embraced a bold new vision for Matt Talbot: **Defeat hunger and homelessness. Restore hope!** With your continued prayers and support, we will strive toward this vision every day. Thank you and God Bless!

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Susanne Blue, CMSW  
Executive Director

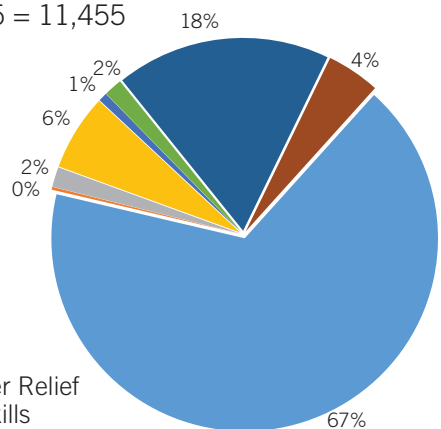
A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Gregory Ernst".

Gregory Ernst  
Board President



## VOLUNTEERS

Total Instances of Volunteer Service  
in 2015 = 11,455



- Hunger Relief
- Life Skills
- Board & Committees
- Fundraising
- Diversion Services
- Student Community Service Hours
- Outreach/Office Support
- One Time Opportunities

**Above:** Christ Lutheran Church's Middle School Ministries team serves their special "Nacho Day" meal.

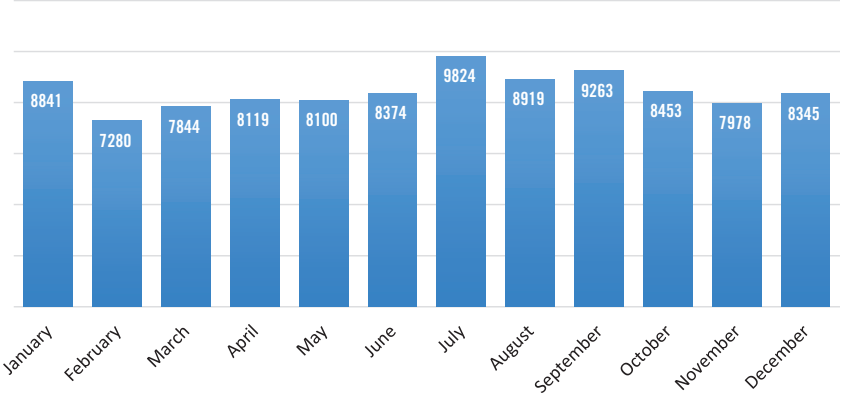




Matt Talbot’s hunger relief program has been the heart and soul of our service to the working poor and homeless since our founding, and this past spring we reached an amazing milestone by serving our two millionth meal. It is heartbreaking to imagine that much hunger in Lincoln, but even more heartbreaking to imagine our community without the tireless service of the hundreds of volunteers who make our hunger relief program and many of our outreach services possible. Meals at Matt Talbot are not only numerous, but in 2015-16, they also became more nutritious as we completed the second year of our STRIVE grant from the Community Health Endowment.

## HUNGER RELIEF

Total Number of Meals Served in 2015 = 101,340





*The Kids Back to School  
Foot Clinic is one of many services  
that help our guests live healthier, happier lives.*



*Matt Talbot staff members, seated left to right: Robert Rieck, Sara Sunderman, Susanne Blue, Lynda Flynn, Glenn Schawang;  
standing: Randy Olaveson, Ken Mausbach, Sally Buchholz, Janet Buck, Rosie Newell, Sue Alby, Jeanetta Schneider, Susie Wilson,  
Sydney Wirrick-Knox, Alanna Hulse, Clarence Grendahl and Vicky Drozd Not pictured: Sheri Verkamp*



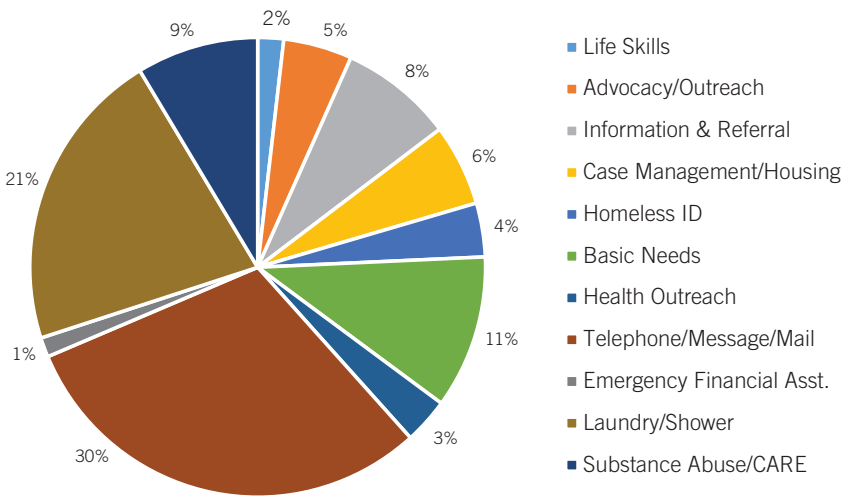


Matt Talbot provided nearly 25,000 instances of outreach services in 2015 from basic needs like laundry, shower, mail, emergency food pantries, and personal care items, to more in-depth support with medical nutrition therapy, cooking classes, life skills training, assistance with replacing lost or stolen identification, and information and referral to partner agencies throughout the community.

Matt Talbot also added two part-time provisionally licensed substance abuse counselors to our C.A.R.E. Team (Counseling, Advocacy, Referral, Education and Evaluation), allowing us to help more people at a critical point on their road to recovery.

OUTREACH

Total Outreach & Homeless Prevention Services in 2015 = 24,867





## MORE HOUSING. MORE HOPE.

Mary was over a thousand miles from home when she came to Matt Talbot's Transitions House. She found herself far from family after a road trip took an unexpected turn into the criminal justice system.


After doing jail time and completing in-patient substance abuse treatment, Mary came to Matt Talbot as a homeless single woman with 6 months of sobriety, several criminal charges still hanging over her head, and a strong motivation to stay clean and get back on her feet.

Transitions House provided Mary with a safe place to live while she healed and found her stability again. The structure of the house rules coupled with intensive case management and weekly substance abuse counseling helped Mary set goals and stay focused on her recovery. During her 22 month stay, Mary resolved her legal problems, found a job, paid off debt, established friendships, and maintained her sobriety.

Mary lives in her own apartment now and volunteers at Matt Talbot once a week scanning meal cards during the dinner hour – the same volunteer job she did as a house resident. She continues to volunteer out of gratitude for the support she received from Matt Talbot, but also because she enjoys the community and mutual support found among friends who come to the kitchen for a meal.

Mary's family still lives far away. But Lincoln is her home now. Day by day she is building a new life, and her story brings hope and inspiration to all who know her.





“Matt Talbot has  
been such a blessing in my life,  
even when I wasn’t too nice to be around.  
The house was just what I needed to get  
back on my feet again.”

*- Mary, former Transitions House resident*

**Matt Talbot is committed to finding effective, efficient and collaborative approaches to housing the homeless. New initiatives started this year are increasing the options and hope we can offer to those struggling with homelessness.**

First HOPE (Housing Opportunities & Prevention Efforts) is a Housing First program that provides chronically homeless individuals and families, often the most vulnerable subset of the homeless population, immediate access to permanent housing. With the basic need of housing secured, services are provided to tenants using a low barrier approach that emphasizes community integration, stable tenancy, recovery and individual choice. The Housing First model is nationally known as a “best practice” for housing the chronically homeless and has been successful in other communities. At least 18 additional beds are provided through First HOPE, tripling the number of individuals and families Matt Talbot is helping to house.

Matt Talbot also hired a Housing Locator this year to serve as a liaison between landlords and individuals looking to rent an affordable home. The Housing Locator will work with case managers from the many Lincoln agencies who serve the homeless.

All of these approaches – Transitional Housing, Housing First and the Housing Locator – move our community closer to our collective and compassionate goal of providing housing for everyone.

# GRATEFUL HEARTS

All of us at Matt Talbot are grateful for the many compassionate donors who make our work possible. We offer special thanks to the following companies and individuals who chose to sponsor our spring and fall fundraising events.

## Thank you to our 2015 “Huskers Helping the Homeless” Sponsors:

### Huskers:



**MBA Apartments**

**Greg & Darla Ernst**

**Solutionone**

### Blackshirt:

Latsch's Inc.  
Legacy Retirement Communities

Molex, Inc.  
Tracy's Body Shop

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### Big 10:

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## Thank you to our 2016 “Feeding the Soul of the City” Sponsors:

### Hunger Relief:

**Friends of Matt Talbot**



**Tom & Rhonda Peed**

### Substance Abuse Program:

**John & Mary Jo Bousek**



### Life Skills Training:



### Kids Café:

Al Hughes Auction Service  
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.  
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Larry & Nancy Bird  
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### Homeless Identification Program:

Tom & Debra Cabela  
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Cleaver-Brooks, Inc.  
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# GOOD STEWARDSHIP

We take great care to protect and manage the resources that are entrusted to us. We want to ensure that we are using our donors’ gifts wisely and that we are serving those in need to our greatest capacity.

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2015

### Assets

Asset	2015	2014
Cash	638,117	522,687
Certificates of Deposit	573,890	564,686
Investments	56,783	56,473
Grants Receivable	12,635	11,397
Pledges Receivable		5,000
Prepaid Expenses	9,066	16,311
Land	27,600	27,600
Building—New Facility	2,491,314	2,491,314
Furniture & Equipment	183,916	182,842
Accumulated Depreciation	(607,349)	(511,938)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,385,972</b>	<b>3,366,372</b>

### Liabilities & Net Assets

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	39,567	35,258
Wages payable	14,055	27,258
Payroll Withholdings Payable	9,669	2,938
Deferred Revenue	5,000	20,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>68,291</b>	<b>86,071</b>

#### Net Assets

Unrestricted		
Designated	200,000	200,000
Undesignated	2,977,681	2,940,301
Permanently Restricted	140,000	140,000
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,317,681</b>	<b>3,280,301</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>3,385,972</b>	<b>3,366,372</b>

Special thanks to Dana F. Cole and Co. LLP for audit preparation and their ongoing support of Matt Talbot.



### Charity Navigator

Matt Talbot is one of only four charities in Lincoln and twenty in Nebraska to receive Charity Navigator's highest rating: 4-stars (July, 2016).

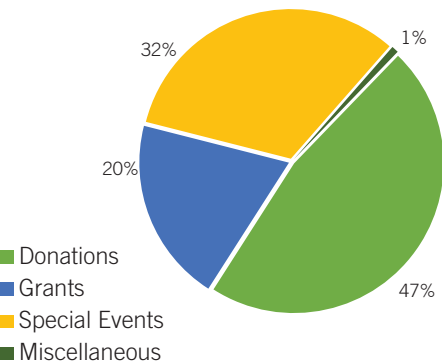
This year, Charity Navigator revised their methodology, and Matt Talbot's score increased, reflecting an even higher level of financial health.

### Memberships & Affiliations

- Association of Nonprofit Executives
- Better Business Bureau
- Charity Navigator
- Clinton Neighborhood Association
- Human Services Federation
- Lincoln Homeless Coalition
- North 27th Street Business & Civic Association
- Wastecap Nebraska

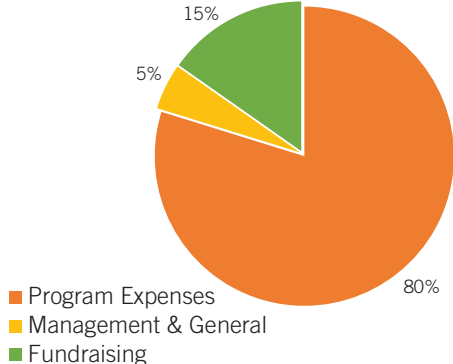
## REVENUE

Revenue Distribution in 2015



## EXPENSES

Expenses Allocated in 2015





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## VISION:

Defeat hunger and homelessness.  
Restore hope!

## MISSION:

The mission of Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach is to serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Lincoln's working poor and homeless through outreach, advocacy, education and the provision of food and shelter.

## CORE VALUES:

Compassionate  
Love, Dignity,  
Empowerment,  
Community,  
Integrity

