

# DEAR STEP2 FAMILY,

As with every year, 2022 had its fair share of challenges. How inspiring it was, however, to watch so many women **bravely** walk through our doors, despite the challenges.

Since I wrote this letter 12 months ago, **125** women have accessed treatment at STEP2.

Those are 185 local families - moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, children - that were able to experience the nope that comes with a treasured loved one taking the giant step toward breaking the cycle of addiction and violence.

This hope is made possible by each of you.

Simply put, we could not do what we do at STEP2 without the love and support that we receive from you!

With all of our gratitude,



Mari Hutchinson, CPA Chief Executive Officer



# **ABOUT US**

Since 1986, STEP2 has helped women who are experiencing substance use disorders participate in rehabilitation services. We understand that women experience certain barriers in obtaining services, which is why our mission is to provide gender-specific supportive services to women, women with young children and expectant mothers.

STEP2 was founded on the principle that pregnant and parenting women should not have to choose between being a parent and receiving substance use disorder treatment, and we believe that a continuum of care model should encompass multiple steps to reach and maintain sobriety.

While having children is not a requirement to access treatment at STEP2, approximately 75% of our clients are mothers. STEP2 serves women and children together as a unit for recovery rather than individually. Most of our women are single heads of households, struggling with both addiction and poverty, and caring for dependent children with little family or social support.

Our year-long program includes residential inpatient services at our 20-bed residential facility, outpatient services and transitional housing as well as wraparound services including case management, medical care referrals and coordination, childcare assistance, parenting education, transportation assistance, domestic violence advocacy and education, and on-site mental health assessment, therapy and medication assistance.

Every woman should have the support they seek during their journey to sobriety, and STEP2 is here to help.

When a woman is ready to leave STEP2, she is *clean and sober*, she is gainfully employed, she has reunified with her kids, and she has learned life skills that will allow her to create a better life for herself and her family.







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## STORY OF HOPE

# My name is Sara ...

I lost my husband in a car accident, my mother to alcoholism and my three children to CPS. I had become another faceless drug user, addicted and hiding in an isolated and lonely world.

# I will be the first to admit, I sought comfort in drugs.

I lost sight of what life could have offered after losing it all. My entire life was filled with disappointment and tragedy.

Growing up in a family where addiction was present led to my very destruction. I resented my mother and her addicted and abusive boyfriend for what they put me through so I bottled my emotions and learned how to numb the pain with drugs.

I finally decided life wasn't worth living if I was constantly chasing highs without my children. My children were the only family I had, and I began to realize the path I was choosing for them.

# After years of chemically dependency, I checked myself into STEP2.

STEP2 taught me that I am worthy of having a safe and happy family. After 6 months of being in the program, I moved up to the Lighthouse Campus where I lived in a 2-bedroom cottage. STEP2 helped me get my children back, obtain a job and gain the confidence I deserved. For 18 months I underwent treatment and learned so much about myself and addiction.

I now know that my past wasn't an excuse for my choices, but a reason. Now, as I see it, my reason for living is bigger and better than any addiction. Everyone has pain and everyone has a story.

Luckily, my story and my children's story live on in a positive light.

### **SERVICES & PROGRAMS**

REDFIELD RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

While each client follows a separate, individualized treatment plan, the average stay in our Redfield Residential Facility is approximately 10-12 weeks. Clients live in dormitory style rooms and engage in supervised social, therapeutic and creative activities at the residence. Clients spend 30+ hours per week engaged in therapeutic activity (groups or one-on-one counseling) at STEP2's Mathewson Family Counseling Center.

#### Groups topics include:

- Addiction Education/Relapse Prevention
- Domestic Violence Education & Prevention
- Parenting in Recovery (including newborn care and lactation consulting)
- Seeking Safety
- Healthy Relationships/Communication
- Anger Management
- Trauma Education
- Comprehensive Life Skills
- Nutrition

Community service is encouraged, and clients are given the opportunity to exercise and are encouraged to walk the campus regularly.

When clients near the end of residential treatment, they attend an employment development program where they take interest, skill and personality assessments, build resumes, learn interview skills and have access to interview clothing. All clients who complete this program create a professional resume and are provided transportation for their job search and interviews.







### SERVICES & PROGRAMS

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION & PREVENTION

Approximately 97% of the women who seek services through STEP2 report being the victim of domestic and/or sexual violence. The staggering numbers of domestic violence victims with co-occurring substance addictions demand seamless access to quality treatment, prevention and support services.

STEP2 provides outreach and education to agencies, facilities and rural areas, assisting victims in breaking barriers, such as social stigma, poverty, child custody and violence, to end the cycle of abuse and addiction. Through intensive one-on-one, group therapies and appropriate community referrals, victims will receive evidence based, holistic and dynamic treatment.

#### INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT & OUTPATIENT SERVICES

STEP2's intensive outpatient and outpatient services are designed to provide women living in the local community with the skills and support to maintain sobriety and assist them with getting back on track. Our client-centered practices are gender-specific and focus on issues that impact women during their recovery journey.

Our core groups (listed below) assist them in developing the skills necessary to live independent and healthier lives.

- Parenting
- Overcoming Trauma
- Domestic Violence Education & Prevention
- Planning for Recovery
- Relapse Prevention

#### PREGNANT AT STEP2

Clients who enter treatment pregnant receive individual case management to include:

- Transportation to doctor appointments
- Access to WIC, TANF & car seats
- Referrals to community partners for diapers and other baby supplies
- Residential clients reside in maternity dorm rooms with private bathrooms

Once a pregnant woman has delivered, she is offered lactation support, infant care support and sleep safety information.



# **SERVICES & PROGRAMS**

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



STEP2's Transitional Housing (the Lighthouse Campus) has 25 cottages ranging from one to three bedrooms.

Once a woman has successfully completed residential treatment, she is eligible for STEP2's Transitional Housing program. A woman and her children have the opportunity to move into a fully furnished home (furnished entirely by community donations), and upon successful completion of treatment, she will take all of the furnishings with her.

Women living on the Lighthouse Campus receive case management services to address monthly budgets, schedule, child care, resources and future housing. Residents form a "Community Council" and are responsible for maintaining a healthy and active community, as well as giving back in the form of peer mentorship to residential clients and community service through maintaining the campus and garden.







# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



women accessed treatment 68% have experienced homelessness

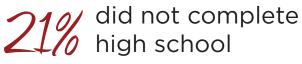


average age

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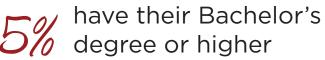


minor children
19% had CPS involvement











came to us pregnant



reported no occupation



referral source was women self-admitting

# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



reported alcohol as their primary drug

meth 29% • heroin/opiates 27% • other 4%

#### AGE OF FIRST USE:

- youngest was 7-years-old
- average age was 18-years-old

92%

reported a history of domestic violence

67% physical abuse 49% sexual abuse



were IV users

15%

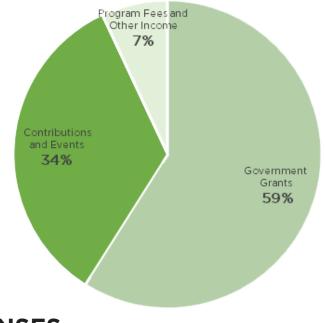
reported participating in the sex industry



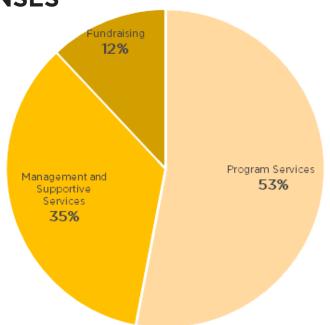
have co-occuring mental health disorders

# 2022 FINANCIALS

#### **REVENUES**



### **EXPENSES**



#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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Government Grants (City, State, and Federal) Contributions and Events Program Fees and Other Income	\$ 1,466,651 \$ 850,117 \$ 182,143
Total Revenues	\$ 2,498,911
Expenses Program Services Management and Supportive Services Fundraising	\$ 1,217,762 \$ 817,945 \$ 271,112
Total Expenses	\$2,306,819
Change in Net Assets Net Assets, Beginning of Year Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 192,092 \$9,483,257 \$9,675,349













### **COMMUNITY & REFERRAL PARTNERS**

STEP2 partners with the following public agencies and community groups to meet our mission:

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In 2022, The Builders Association Charity (BAC), the charitable arm of The Builders Association, partnered with STEP2 for the 6th Annual Cottage Makeover.

We would like to say thank you to the organizations, builders, subcontractors and suppliers that work together to completely remodel our cottages.



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