

# Jeremiah's Place

*Serving The Homeless in North Georgia  
One Family At A Time*



## 2019 Annual Report

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"  
Jeremiah 29:11**



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## A Message From Our Board Chair

Reflecting over this past year, I continue to be inspired, encouraged, and challenged to live in faith and obedience as a small group of men chose to do seven years ago. Recognizing a need in our county and prompted by the Holy Spirit, they formed an unprecedented ministry to serve the transitionally homeless in North Georgia.

I began serving in this ministry before Jeremiah's Place even opened its doors over four years ago. It's been a privilege to watch God's hand provide over and over again in countless ways. I am humbled by the way our community has come alongside us and supported Jeremiah's Place in countless ways. While most do not encounter the families whose lives are changed by the faithful support of our donors, volunteers, corporations, and community, we covet the confidence you place in our board and staff to facilitate this successful program.

While we celebrate the accomplishments of this ministry, there is more work to do. Jeremiah's Place meets an on-going critical need in our community. We aim to be able to serve more families in our future. Yet we can only do this with the continued sacrificial support and contributions of our community. We are grateful for your partnership and believe that together we can strengthen our community through providing stability and new beginnings to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

Tricia Scheinoha  
Board Chair



Apartments are decorated, cleaned and made ready for tenants by local churches.



Fiona McDaniel  
Executive Director

## How Can I Help?

### Become an NGIM Advocate

- Contribute financially
- Donate needed items
- Volunteer
- Serve on committees or serve on the Board of Directors
- Participate in fundraisers and other events

## Blessings From Our Executive Director,

It's amazing how fast a year goes by. As I reflect on the past year, I want to thank all of you for your heartfelt support of Jeremiah's Place. Your time, efforts and financial support have once again resulted in a list of accomplishments we can be very proud of. Sometimes it is mistakenly thought that our Ministry simply provides shelter to those who do not have a home. However, we accomplish so much more. While it is true that we have thirty-six beds that offer refuge from the cold winter nights, our mission is, in fact, to end homelessness in our community. That is not a temporary fix found in a one-night stay and an occasional meal. It requires a far deeper level of care and commitment. It demands that our families and staff work together in a process that can take several months to transition a single family into stable, long-term housing. Stable housing is vital to our mission. It provides the opportunity to go from being someone who receives a handout to someone who has received a hand up. Only once a person has access to secure food, clothing, and shelter can they move toward realizing their full potential and give back to the community. We are proud to say that, for many in Jeremiah's Place, that journey begins with a warm bed, a meal, and a helping hand from one of our staff or volunteers. Jeremiah's Place faced a steady rise in the level and range of demand for housing. One of the ongoing challenges facing us is the lack of affordable housing and our staff has met that challenge head on. Because we are limited in the amount of families that we serve, looking into alternative housing options is at the forefront of our minds. Also, Safety for both our families and staff has been and will continue to be a primary focus.

Our efforts to be an active partner in the community continue through our involvement in community fairs, meetings and collaborations. Working together with other community agencies to better serve the homeless. It is a pleasure to serve as Executive Director. I am fortunate to be surrounded by others who willingly volunteer of their time and a skilled staff dedicated to serving the needs of our families. Your continued financial support of Jeremiah's Place generates a solid spirit of good will that extends to the families we serve as well as our staff, volunteers, and Board members. Together, then, we are making progress toward ending homelessness in our community.

God Bless

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Executive Director

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**Presentation at  
Lumpkin County Middle  
School**



**Volunteer Work Day**



**Monster Dash 5k Fun Run**

# What Have We Been Up To?

6,045 Bed nights  
Provided

1,455 Hours Spent  
Working With Our  
Families

Provided 4 Adult  
Budgeting/Money  
Management Classes

Provided 4 Teen  
Budgeting Classes

Participated in 26  
Collaborative Events In Our  
Community

2,168 Phone calls  
Received

1,645 Hours of  
Service Donated By  
Volunteers

Provided 24  
Presentations To  
Our Community

Provided Housing To  
29 Adults and  
34 Children

Provided 4  
Life Skills  
Workshops

# What Your Donations Enable Us To Do!!!

## HOUSING

- Fully furnished apartments provided up to 3 months
  - Utilities provided
  - Household supplies
  - Personal Items

## PHASE TWO

- Families can stay up to one year in Phase Two.

## EMPOWERMENT

- Intake assessment
- Individual family case plan
  - Goal setting
  - Budgeting
  - Savings
  - Career coach

## FUNDRAISERS

- Spaghetti Supper — April
- 5K Monster Dash Fun Run — October
- First Night Dahlonga — December 31

First Night Dahlonga 2020

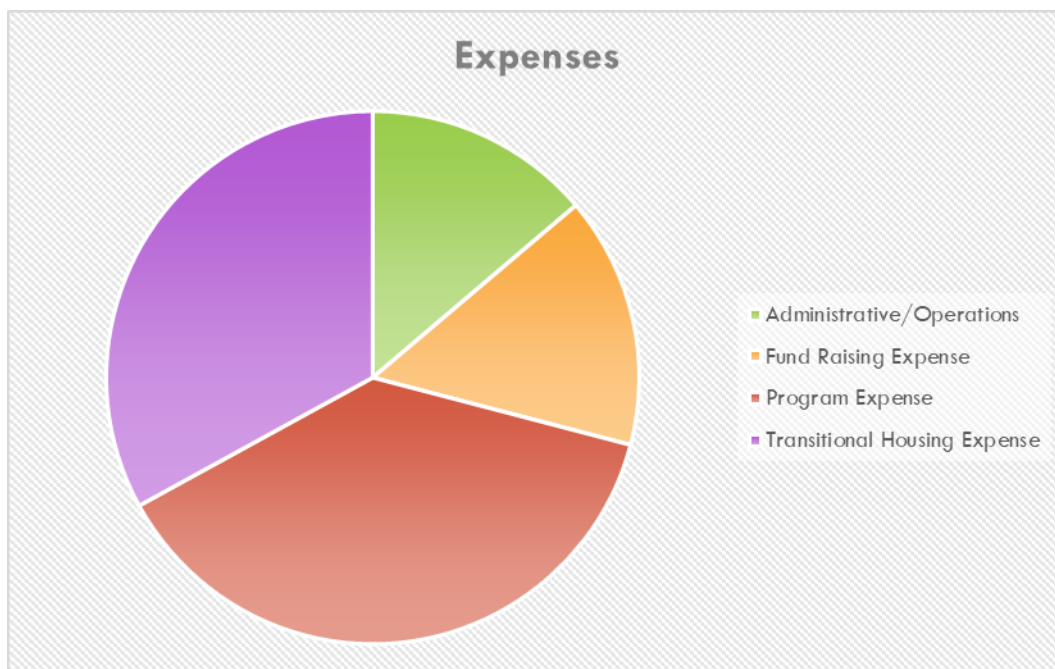
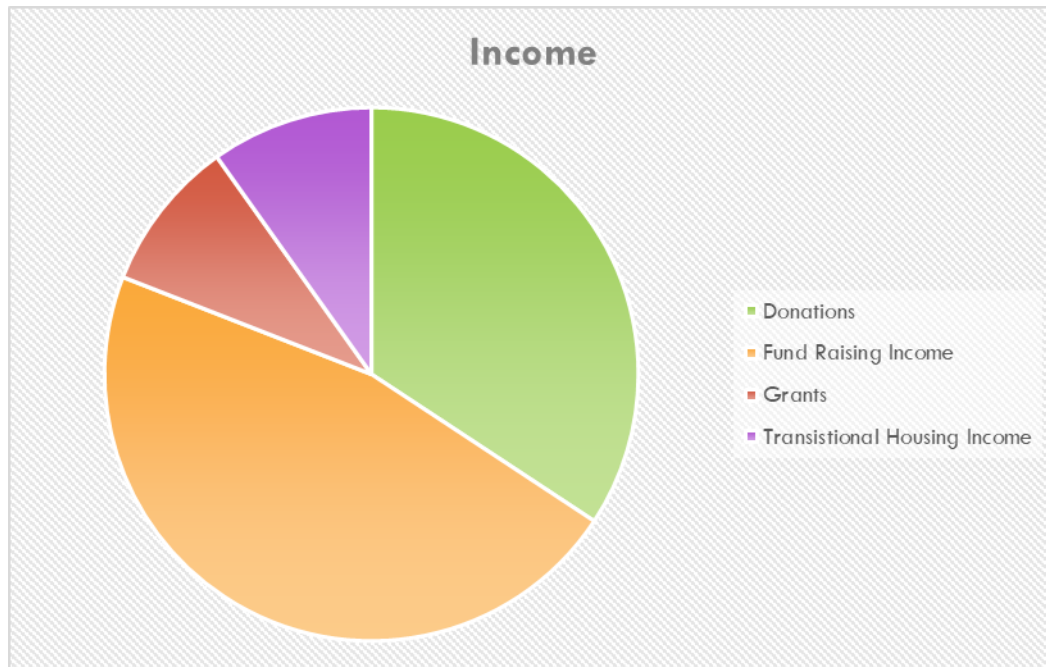
## WORKSHOPS

- Planning & goal setting
  - Financial Literacy
  - Boundary setting
  - Parenting classes
  - Health & Wellness
  - Career planning
- Volunteer mentors available

## WOMEN OF JEREMIAH'S PLACE

This group of compassionate women serve as a support group for the children in our program. Their dues provide birthday parties, clothing, fund school trips and many other services that make the children's lives a little brighter.

## Jeremiah's Place Financials



# Financial Contributors to Jeremiah's Place

Many in our county have contributed to Jeremiah's Place financially with donated material and equipment, and with their labor. The ministry works only because of people giving — there is no funding from Local, State, or Federal governments for our programs. The following lists of donors include memorial donations as well.

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## Our Partnering Churches

Our Partnering Churches assist the ministry by “adopting” apartments at Jeremiah’s Place, and take care of cleaning, decorating, and minor maintenance when their apartment is unoccupied. Their efforts ensure that incoming tenants are greeted with a clean, cheery, and well-stocked apartment.

Bethlehem Baptist Church\*  
 Dahlonge United Methodist Church\*  
 Yahoola Baptist Church  
 Concord Baptist Church  
 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church  
 Dahlonge Baptist Church  
 St. Luke’s Catholic Church

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Thank you Mr. Mayor for being the "MC" at our Monster Dash 5k Fun Run



Movies In The Park



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Jeremiah's Place is about changing the lives of the families who come through our doors. We help to end the cycle of homelessness, poverty and abuse by providing each family with the knowledge that they too can succeed no matter what hand they are dealt in life. Our programs provide a safe, temporary home and support services for families during their transition out of homelessness. Our goal is to help families make this journey in the best and fastest way possible.

All of this happens because of you! You help keep the hopes and dreams of our families alive.

And for that we "THANKYOU".



Dedication of Jeremiah's Place, December, 2015



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