

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a kitchen. In the center, a man with a beard and a white apron is cooking. To his right, a woman in a camouflage shirt and white apron is also working. On the left, another person is partially visible. They are surrounded by various kitchen equipment, including pots, pans, and shelves with jars. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and white geometric pattern consisting of large triangles.

2019 Annual Report

A small icon consisting of two stylized human figures, a man and a woman, standing side-by-side. They are positioned within a red-outlined house shape that is part of the shelter's logo.

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Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To have achieved our goal where all guests at the Shelter are transitioned into suitable, stable housing in 30 days or less.

Mission: The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter is a dry shelter whose mission is to support and strengthen the community by providing **emergency** shelter and supportive services to people who are homeless or at risk and to advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions to end homelessness.



Letter from the President of the Board

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Warmest greetings to all of you who have taken an interest in the work of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. It is my honor and privilege to write to you today as the President of the Board of Directors for the shelter. It is also with humble gratitude that I come to you today as one who has experienced homelessness first-hand.

Twenty-two years ago, shortly after the birth of my son and when my daughter was still a toddler, my family and I found ourselves homeless. The housing we had been in was substandard and had become too dangerous to live in – particularly with small children. Although we still had wages coming in, it was not enough to afford what housing was available, and public housing had a very long wait list.

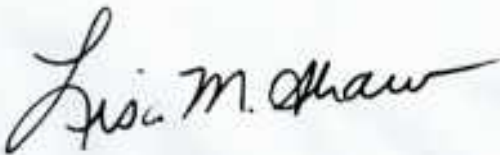
It feels like the ultimate in failure when you can no longer put a roof over your own head or provide basic shelter for your children. Had it not been for the shelter where we became guests, we would have probably been living out of our car.

I expected to be treated as the failure I felt like when I went to the shelter, but I was so desperate at the time that I looked at it as no more than I deserved. But that was not what happened. The staff of the shelter saw our humanity, our potentials, and that – like the other people who had found themselves at the shelter – we were good human beings in difficult circumstances who needed a chance to rebuild.

Today, I find myself blessed with a good job and a roof over my head. It is certainly not something I ever take for granted. In my line of work with libraries, I meet many other good, good humans in difficult circumstances. It's why I believe so strongly in the work of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter and why I am so honored to be able to work such an outstanding board and staff of caring people who understand that dignity and humanity, warmth and food, are not privileges but the most fundamental of rights. Any of us can find ourselves in the most dire of circumstances, and any of us can survive and thrive when offered the support and another chance from neighbors and community.

I know: I did.

Most gratefully,



Lisa M. Shaw
2020 President
Bangor Area Homeless Shelter Board of Directors



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Partner,

I am truly honored by the continued opportunity to serve as the Executive Director of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. I am constantly amazed and overwhelmed by the amount of generosity and support this community shows for its most vulnerable members. In this job I have had the privilege of witnessing the youngest members of our community engaging in acts of kindness and giving. Children giving Christmas gifts to our guests, and yearly visits from a young lady who waives the opportunity to receive gifts on her birthday only to deliver a donation to the shelter in their place. There have also been children selling coffee out of a lemonade stand in the cold, or hot cocoa during trunk-or-treat events with the proceeds benefiting our community members who are experiencing homelessness. These children and many others are the future of the Greater Bangor Area, and I am proud to have witnessed these incredible acts.

2019 saw many great collaborations focused directly on our mission to support and strengthen the community. The City of Bangor hired a Homeless Outreach Coordinator and strengthened their partnership with the non-profits organizations that offer support services to the homeless population. Some new non-profits and grassroots organizations have opened their doors and partnered with us. We continue to bolster our staffing package with thousands of volunteer and intern hours. We continue to apply for and receive many grants to assist us in finding locally driven solutions to assist our target population.

The Shelter opened a warming center during the winter months, for the second year in a row. BAHS was able to take life preserving measures earlier this year with the warming center by providing a safe alternative to the dangerous cold weather that we experience here in the northeast. People experiencing homelessness without a shelter bed, were able to come in out of the cold and have something to eat and stay safe from the elements. We were able to do this due to the generosity of many individuals, businesses, and organizations from near and far that care about the welfare of their neighbors.

I truly appreciate the goodwill, generosity and caring that this community has for the people we serve. Thank you all for your efforts in allowing us to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

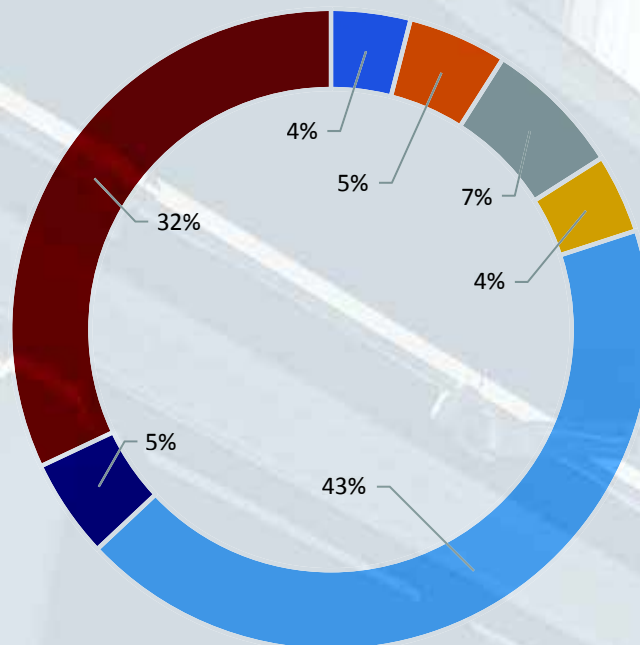


Boyd A. Kronholm, LSW
Executive Director
Bangor Area Homeless Shelter



Financials

The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter was able to bring to an end another successful year of providing a safe shelter, a warming center, soup kitchen, food pantry, and support services to citizens in need. With the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019, we reflect upon the support we received that made all of this possible. Support for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter came in a variety of ways. Private donations and government funding accounted for 75%, while grant funding, fundraising, investments, rental income, and in-kind donations made up the remaining 25%. These numbers do not reflect the thousands of hours selflessly devoted by volunteers who support the BAHS mission. As the evidence suggests, the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter is able to carry its mission from one year to the next due to the various forms of support received from the community.



■ Grants ■ Rental ■ Investment ■ Fundraising ■ Donations ■ Other ■ In-Kind ■ Governmental Funding

2019 Support & Revenue

Grants	\$30,000	4%
Rental	\$43,124	5%
Investment	\$56,193	7%
Fundraising	\$36,383	4%
Donations	\$368,014	43%
Other	\$4,063	0%
In-Kind	\$44,883	5%
Governmental Funding	\$270,086	32%
Total	\$852,746	100%

Stats for 2019



103

Individuals Received Permanent Housing

13,966

Bed Nights Provided



399

Guests Sheltered Overnight

11,627

meals served



640

Households served in the Food Pantry

Expenses



General Administrative Expenses	\$91,591
Fundraising Expenses	\$26,036
Program Expenses	\$742,116
Total	\$859,743



■ General Administrative Expenses

■ Fundraising Expenses

■ Program Expenses



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Community Events

Hike for the Homeless 2019

The 24th annual Hike for the Homeless took place in April of 2019 and was a highly successful community event. With 363 hikers coming together to support this worthy cause, we were able to raise \$28,995.50, an unprecedented amount which directly goes to support the mission of the Shelter. It was a chilly day, spirits were high and there was a buzz of energy as hikers took to the streets to raise awareness of the need to support the shelter and its guests.



There were some changes this year. Instead of separate factions coming in from different locations, Hikers were united as one group as they circuted downtown Bangor, both starting and ending at the Bangor Waterfront. The Hampden Academy Band took the stage with performances that kept the audience engaged and Don Cookson joined us as our MC, delivering announcements and awarding raffle items.

We were honored to recognize one of our younger hikers, Lucy, for her fundraising efforts as she single-handedly raised \$655.25. Her young humanitarian spirit has prompted the Hike for the Homeless Committee to create a new award for future Hikes which will appropriately be known as, "The Lucy." The 24th Hike saw support from a variety of volunteers, including students from Husson University, Kohl's, Hampden Academy, and Gamma Gamma Sigma. Many of our annual sponsors remained committed to supporting the Hike and we were able to bring on first time supporters as well.



Sean

You are sitting in
your own apartment
You are finally in
a good place

But not always
this way
Reality ushered in
at early age

Gradual blindness
raised its head
Choroid anemia became
a familiar term

You went to
Johnson and Wales
You bought and ran
a restaurant

You met someone there
and took her hand
But unaware alcohol
had become king

Your inner vision blurred
with cooking marginalized
The restaurant not survivable
ending in homelessness



But your mother had
planted a seed of faith
It sprouted the minute
you began to water it

You turned your
back on alcohol
You walked to
the Shelter

You were pleasantly
surprised
Attended to at all
angles

Counseling, social work
new friends with
Restoration of hope
and identity

I met you just before
Nick found you
a house
You were so grateful

RB



Top Donors for 2019

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Newman's Own
Harris Matthews Charitable Foundation Inc
Hannaford Supermarkets
John T. Gorman Foundation
Maine Association Of Realtors Foundation
John and Deborah Darling
Hope For Homeless
Edward and Mary Ellen Darling
Barbara Cassidy Foundation
Sandra Kearney
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Hollywood Casino
James M Cohen
Girl Scouts Of Maine
Paula Nickerson
Lois Gauthier Charitable Trust
All Souls Congregational Church
BJ's
Maine Credit Unions Campaign For Ending Hunger
Bangor Savings Bank
Brooks Family Foundation
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James Bulteel
First National Bank
Epstein Properties
Darlings
John Crane**



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