



## DEAR FRIENDS OF SETON CENTER,



With the much-appreciated support of our donors and volunteers, Seton Center successfully concluded another fiscal year of helping our neighbors in this economically challenged neighborhood.

On behalf of our staff, we say “thank you” and look forward to continuing the sacred tradition of our ministry in helping our neighbors in their times of need.

In gratitude,  
Paul Hoffman  
CEO

### MISSION:

Seton Center is a human services agency that helps break the cycles of poverty. Seton Center provides dental, social, and educational programs to address current community needs and tools to help support people in transforming their lives.



## SETON CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

It was one of the coldest days of winter, but you would have never known it by the attendance and lively conversations at Seton Center's 50th Anniversary Dinner Celebration. On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, nearly 200 of Seton Center's friends braved subzero temperatures to gather at the Longview Mansion in Lee's Summit to celebrate 50-years of service to our community. It was also a time to celebrate and honor our co-founders - the Daughters of Charity and Ladies of Charity.

Seton Center's CEO, Paul Hoffman, paid tribute to the exceptional leadership of Seton Center's retired CEO, Sister Loretto Marie Colwell, SCL, and Food Pantry Director, Sister Marie Madeleine Shonka, SCL. He also recognized the leadership of those who came before us, as well as the contribution of donors, volunteers, and staff. Seton Center improved the lives of over 1,000,000 individuals over the past 50 years. That is enough people to fill Arrowhead Stadium over 13 times.





# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## DENTAL SERVICES



Maintaining optimal oral health means more than preventing cavities and periodontal disease; it also means avoiding severe health issues. Bacteria from one's mouth can

lead to diabetic complications, respiratory infections, cardiovascular disease, and even dementia. Along with dental treatments, we teach our clients how to brush and floss their teeth for good oral and physical health.

This past fiscal year, Seton Center provided free and discounted Dental Services through **7,410 client visits to 1,854 adults and 762 children**. Currently, we are working on expanding our Adopt-a-School program by collaborating with four area charter schools and an additional five schools in partnership with Score 1 for Health. Through Adopt-a-School, a dental team travels to the schools and provides oral health education and dental screenings. Students who need follow-up treatments are transported to Seton Center for services.

## FOOD PANTRY

Seton Center teamed up with Harvesters to enhance our Food Pantry delivery system. In the lobby, we offer fresh fruit and vegetables as we “nudge” clients to make healthier food choices. The fresh produce comes from Harvesters and our community garden.



Additionally, we began using the Client Choice model for food distributions instead of disbursing prebagged groceries to our clients. The Client Choice model gives our clients an opportunity to select the foods their families prefer. This past year, we **provided 1,403,975 meals** for our neighbors.

Clients also select their hygiene products based on their family's needs. Good hygiene has both health and social benefits. Keeping clean prevents illnesses, and handwashing has proven to prevent the spread of germs. Cleanliness also reduces offensive body odor, and brushing one's teeth prevents bad breath. This past fiscal year, we **provided nearly 7,000 hygiene kits** to our Social Services clients.

## “BLESSED DAY” THRIFT STORE

Having appropriate clothing for work, school, and play is an important aspect of one's life. It is difficult for individuals to be successful and feel good about themselves if they do not feel good about the clothes they wear. Whether it is a child attending school or an adult going to work, if they do not have suitable clothes to wear, it can have a distressing effect on their lives. Dressing in clothes that are worn or out of style can be embarrassing, and hinder success in school, on the job, and even socially.



We are fortunate to have the continued support of the Ladies of Charity in keeping the Blessed Day Thrift Store running efficiently for our neighbors. Neighbors who do not qualify for free clothes can purchase items for a nominal price. For many, this is their only access to affordable, quality clothes for all occasions. In the winter months, we stock jackets and coats to protect our clients from harsh weather. This past year, Blessed Day Thrift Store **distributed 9,491 free items of clothing** to eligible neighbors in need.



## RENT/UTILITY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Unable to earn enough money to cover their expenses, our clients turn to Seton Center for Dental Services, food, and clothing. Yet, sometimes our neighbors have other unexpected expenses, such as a medical or car repair bill that precludes them

from paying their rent or utility bills. To stabilize the families in our service area and keep them in their homes, we provide emergency assistance services. Families are eligible to apply for assistance once in 12-months and three times in a lifetime. Payments are made directly to the lessors or utility companies. This past fiscal year, Seton Center provided **emergency rent and utility assistance to 198 families** who would have either been evicted from their homes or forced to go without lights, water, or heat.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to our main services, Seton Center organized two neighborhood events. Our **Health Fair attracted 86 neighbors** who had the opportunity to receive dental and health screenings, immunizations, health education, and lunch. Our **Back-to-School program provided 547 children** with backpacks, school supplies, underclothes, and school uniforms.

## CHRISTMAS SHARING

To alleviate the added financial stress that Christmastime often brings to our neighbors, we provide all the makings of a bright and blessed Christmas. Over three days, families come to Seton Center to receive food, toys, gifts, clothes, coats, blankets, underclothes, and hygiene

products. We also take Christmas baskets to the elderly who are unable to leave their homes. Last Christmas, we provided **Christmas for 1,292 of our neighbors**.



Back-to-School

## SENIOR BUDDIES

Our Senior Buddies look forward to coming to Seton Center for fellowship, fun, and exercise. Since most of our Buddies do not drive, we provide transportation. Currently, **31 Senior Buddies** participate in our program; however, plans are underway to expand the program so that more of our neighbors can join in on the fun.



**“Be attentive to the voice of grace.”**

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton





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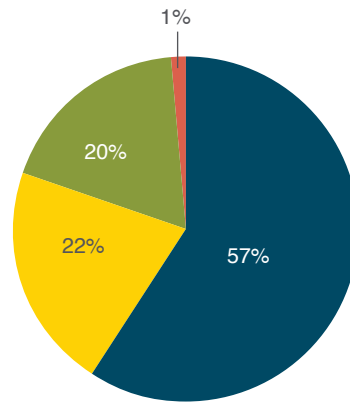
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# FY 2018/2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

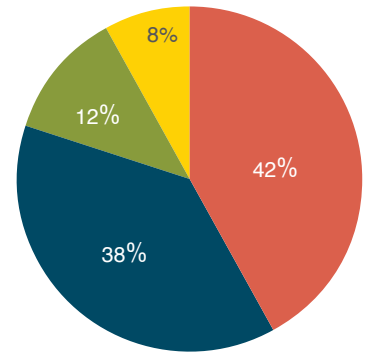
## Summary of Operations

Contributed Support.....	\$1,862,438
Net Dental Revenue .....	\$516,815
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$2,379,253</b>
Dental Services Expenses .....	\$1,036,385
Social Services Expenses .....	\$943,238
<b>Total Program Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$1,979,623</b>
Management & General Expenses.....	\$288,133
Fundraising Expenses .....	\$193,377
<b>Total Support Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$481,510</b>
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$2,461,133</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>(\$81,880)</b>
Interest and Misc. Income .....	\$86,944
<b>Net Surplus .....</b>	<b>\$5,064</b>



### Income

Foundations .....	57%
Dental Fees .....	22%
Corporations/ Individuals.....	20%
Other .....	1%
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Expenses

Dental Services .....	42%
Social Services.....	38%
Management & General .....	12%
Fundraising .....	8%
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100%</b>

**“Cheerfulness  
prepares a glorious  
mind for all the  
noblest acts.”**

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

