

## Passionate Ministry - By Brett Rockvam

Greetings from the Center of Hope. I am so excited to share with you about the wonderful ministry that God has created here. I am blessed to be part of this ministry, and by everyone who has come alongside to make this ministry a reality. We have found that as Sioux Falls keeps growing, our community needs grow, which means the needs of Center of Hope also grow.



Brett Rockvam  
Executive Director

The last fiscal year proved to be another great one. We expanded our Faith Community Nursing Program by adding Gloria Weber to the staff. This was made possible with special funds raised through donors and corporate gifts, and helped us to expand the Center of Hope's services.

One wonderful result we have seen is the ability of our guests to ask questions and be educated on their health. This sort of resource would have been so helpful when I was diagnosed with legionnaire's disease a couple of years ago. The news was like a shock to my system. My brain was so busy

trying to process the news that I did not hear the rest of the doctor's information. The only thing I remember is that I needed to go to the hospital now. Imagine what goes through the minds of our guests who get news like this and do not have the resources or the ability to move through the process of what to do next. Our Faith Community Nurses step in to help guests cope.

Another result of expanding our Faith Community Nursing staff is the ability to train student nurses during clinical education classes held at the Center of Hope. I have witnessed great interactions between the student nurses and our guests. Student nurses learn that not everyone has the access to adequate medical care, resources for med-



Our "New" Bike Ministry Truck

ication, and support from family during recovery. Helping future nurses to deal with these issues head on is really important to

the future of medical care for our guests.

In the spring of 2019 we shared with supporters a need to replace our work



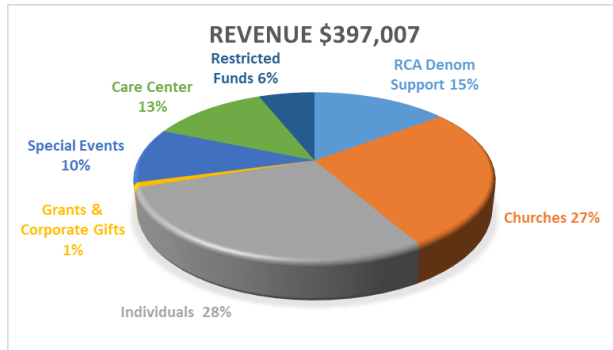
Gloria Weber  
Faith Community  
Nurse

truck, which is mainly used for the bike ministry program. We use this truck not only to pick up bikes but also to take scrap metal and rubber to be recycled. The truck has

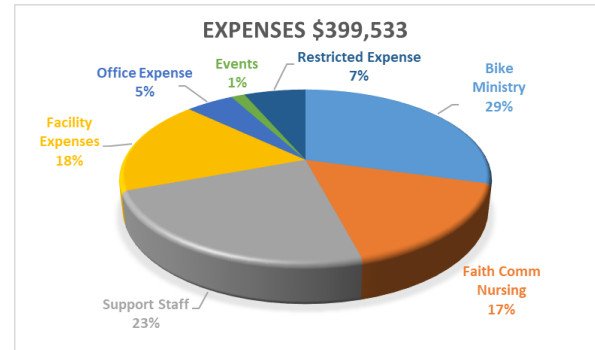
been purchased, but we are in need of \$4,000 to finish the project. Grants have been written, but with no guarantee we will receive one. We have been able to save \$4300.00 on this project because of volunteer time.

I am truly passionate about this ministry. It is hard to describe the impact it makes to be a friend and listener to our guests. Unfortunately, our staff cannot meet all the needs of our guests. We are diligently seeking financial support and volunteers who will join us in meeting these needs. Would you please consider blessing the Center with your gifts of time, talent, or money? To God be the glory!

## Financial Picture



## Annual Report for 2018



## Program Impact

### Care Center

Clothing Items Distributed—3864  
Food Pantry Rides—156

### Bike Ministry

Bikes-For-Work Distributed—509

### Faith Community Nursing

Blood Pressure Screenings—1673  
Eye Screenings—65  
Children's Dental Kits Given—448  
Mother/Baby Baskets Provided—107

### Volunteers

New Volunteers—27

### Our Guests

43% White      44% Native American      11% African American      2% Other Nationalities

Pastoral Interactions—631  
Journey Campers—42

Guests In The Bike Shop—938

Nursing Visits—305  
Adult Hygiene Kits Given—1515  
Student Nurses Served—256 for 459 hours

Individual Volunteers—79

## You Give Hope

We are thankful to be an extension of your ability to affect lives in very positive ways. This past year you have provided support to people in need of encouragement, hope, transportation and health. In order to meet the expanding need in our community, we need your help. To address last year's shortfall and move forward, we are looking for 10 individuals, churches or businesses would give an additional \$30 a month. **Would you consider giving a gift of \$30 a month to share hope with someone who is struggling?**

Thank you

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

*Center of Hope appreciates the gifts in memory of – Donald Drenth, John Van Liere, Jane Baker-Bosch, Janice Walker, Christi Hinker, Micah Peterson and Dean Reineke*

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