

The Lamb Center

Annual Report 2013

*Serving the Poor
and Homeless*

*Transforming Lives
Sharing God's Love*



Dear Friends of The Lamb Center,

We are happy to provide the Annual Report of The Lamb Center for Fiscal Year 2013. We want to give you an update on our operations but, more important, to give you the flavor of this faith-based ministry that serves the poor in central Fairfax. The work of The Lamb Center in FY 2013 was supported by over 100 churches and more than 1,000 individual donors, as well as dozens of local businesses. We are grateful to each of them. We are also inspired by our guests, who meet the daily challenges of addiction, mental illness, and plain bad luck. We rejoice when they succeed and walk beside them when they fall. Throughout, we seek to bring the love of Jesus Christ into their daily lives.

Looking ahead, it is our prayerful hope that, in 2014, The Lamb Center will realize its long-held dream to relocate to a new home that will allow us to serve our guests more effectively. Please pray for this important effort. We invite you to visit us in our current location at 3220 Old Lee Highway during our regular hours of operation. We would love to show you God's work in action.

With thanks,

*Mary S. Petersen
Chair, TLC Board*

*John S. MacPherson
Executive Director, TLC*

What Is The Lamb Center?

The Lamb Center (TLC) is a daytime drop-in shelter for poor and homeless individuals in Fairfax, Virginia. Since opening its doors in 1992, thousands of guests have been welcomed and served. Currently, over 100 guests are served each day. The Lamb Center relies on the Lord's provision, and each day's operation is a miracle of service and spiritual nourishment and renewal.

Through the mighty efforts of TLC staff and volunteer churches and individuals:

- gallons of **coffee**, tables full of **breakfast foods, hot lunches and hearty snacks** are served,
- **three washers and four dryers** operate full time,
- **five showers** are used throughout the day,
- TLC **computers** are available for those seeking work, documentation, or staying in touch with family and friends,
- **spiritual support** is provided in an ongoing series of Bible studies at the large central table, chapel services, prayers, and counseling, and
- TLC skilled staff provide **recovery and employment counseling, fellowship, and case management.**



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What Happens at The Lamb Center?

In addition to the meals, laundry, showers, counseling, there is much more.

A few examples:

People are valued - The Lord calls staff and volunteers to walk through deep valleys with the guests and to shout from the mountaintops when success takes place. In December, the TLC Director asked one of the guests to leave for the day due to intoxication. The guest returned sober the next morning and blessed staff and volunteers as he left for work ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

The Gospel is shared and next steps are celebrated - After Bible Study one day, a staff member saw God working in our midst as she was able to tell a guest that he was approved to move into Mondloch House (a small new supportive housing unit). Our guest, "Peter" had been at The Lamb Center for about six months, but he had been homeless since he lost his housing three years ago. Because of untreated mental health problems, Peter didn't understand how he became homeless. He longed to be in a safe environment. As the staff member drove Peter to Mondloch House that Monday, Christ was present in this 'loving, life-giving and restoring' relationship.

Volunteers are blessed - TLC volunteers give sacrificially of their time and their hearts. They show God's love in real and practical ways. The vast majority come here with the idea of giving back to the "least of us" and to minister to the poor and poor in spirit. What they all find is they get so much more out of it than they give.



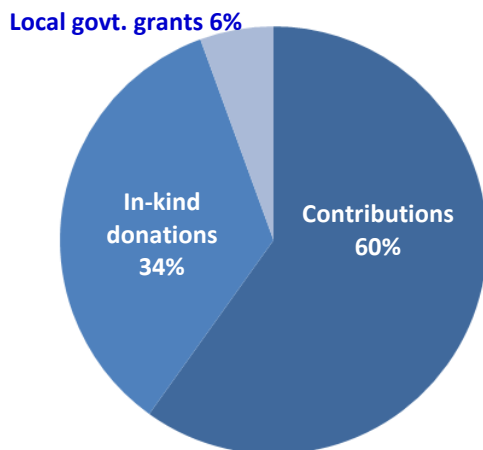
What's Ahead for The Lamb Center?

After an exhaustive search for a new home, The Lamb Center has finally reached an agreement to purchase a building near the current location. This new home will provide more space to better serve our guests. The needs for increased space include having locations for case managers, job counselors, and social workers to talk with individuals and small groups. The journey has lasted over five years and is not yet over. The project will still need to get zoning approval, and strong financial support is needed. Please pray for smooth navigation of the remaining hurdles. The Lamb Center looks forward to your support.

Income

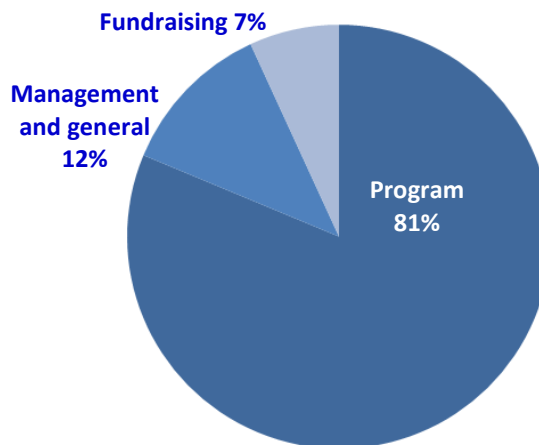
2013 Total: \$1,087,447

Includes income from interest and gain on sale of equities of < \$1,000



Expenses

2013 Total: \$967,413



FY2013 Financial Highlights

2013 at The Lamb Center

- 31,576 guest visits
- 1,652 individuals served
- 107 guests (on average) each day
- 43,398 meals served
- 11,136 showers provided
- Over 10,000 group and individual counseling sessions
- 364 AA meetings
- Over 20,000 hours of volunteer support
- Plus haircuts, Bible studies, computer skills classes, Job and housing searches, and relationship building



God Sighting

On Monday mornings The Lamb Center often feels like Grand Central Station. Guests are moving about preparing to head out to work; Lamb Center staff are meeting to pray, share, and discuss matters for the coming week; volunteers are arriving; our nurse, psychiatric nurse practitioner and social worker play musical chairs for office space with staff; and the Lord is at work, in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

A few weeks ago, a guest entered the TLC office to request that a staff member phone the authorities in order for him to turn himself in, as he had missed a court date and was now "wanted." The assistant director placed the appropriate phone calls and asked a volunteer to join her in praying for this guest. Their hearts broke as the guest rode away in the police car, and he remained in their hearts and prayers. He returned to The Lamb Center on a busy Monday a few weeks later with a gleam in his eye. "I'm back, thank you for the prayers and for welcoming me back to The Lamb Center. Those prayers carried me through my time in jail and I made it."

Thank You for Partnering with The Lamb Center to Serve Homeless Individuals in Central Fairfax

In the past year The Lamb Center has been blessed with the support of:

- 100+ churches
- 200+ volunteers
- Over 40 businesses and 30 community groups
- And countless prayers!

Thank You! Your Support is Vital!



Connect

*Connect to the work and the guests that are served.
Please come and visit.
We'd love to show you around The Lamb Center.*

Volunteer

*Your help is needed. Volunteers provide food, serve meals, lead Bible studies, do laundry, talk with guests, help in housing and job searches, teach computer skills, and much more.
Please consider volunteering.*

Give

Your financial support, large or small, is very much appreciated. Donations of supplies and meals are also welcome.

Thanks to Our 2013 Local Presenting Partners!



Bill and Dot Landon

TLC Staff

John MacPherson, Executive Director
Dave Larrabee, Director of Operations
Patti Brown, Assistant Director/Employment Counselor
Henry Marks, Assistant Director/Recovery Counselor
Jeannie Thrall, Case Manager
Bettina Tsocalis, Case Manager
Nella Farley, Administrative Assistant

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