

# ANDRÉ HOUSE

A Ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross

Annual Report Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a difference a year makes! This past year was one of transition, resilience, and partnership. I arrived to a very dedicated team serving the André House community in July 2019 led by Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C. who has since departed to another Holy Cross Ministry in Berkeley, CA. We also welcomed another new Holy Cross religious to our core community in Bro. Joe Deagostino CSC, who professed his final vows in August 2019.

No one could have predicted how this last fiscal year would unfold. In the summer and fall heading into Christmas, goodbyes were offered in the direction of our previous Executive Director, Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C. Just as winter was settling into the Valley, news of a mysterious illness started circulating the globe. Meanwhile, through all of it, our core staff, religious and post-grads, continued to serve the most vulnerable in our community with dignity and compassion.

It can be difficult to reflect fully on life before the pandemic as that is all we've known for so long. Regardless, we continued to work with the Human Services Campus to petition the Phoenix City Council to increase the number of shelter beds available in our community and potentially open a new shelter next door to Andre House in a building purchased a couple of years ago that would serve our most vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals. This process is on-going and we look forward to a positive resolution for our community.

As the pandemic arrived, we made a decision that affected so many in the wider Andre House family when we asked volunteers to stay home. Our staff proved to be very resilient, but we soon realized that trying to run all of our services without volunteers was too much and we needed to find partners in the community to be able to sustain our small staff. One idea to give our staff a break from prepping the evening meal service three nights a week was to partner with local restaurants that were also hurting for business at the time. We worked with seven restaurants on takeout meals for eight weeks. We also were able to call on the Congregation of Holy Cross for reinforcements of young Holy Cross priests and seminarians to serve our guests during the time we needed them the most.

This last year has been one of adversity and trial, but we continue to serve our guests with compassion. Our needs will continue to be present in our community as many people experiencing homelessness suffer from any number of ailments. And we will be there to offer them the love and support that they deserve. Thank you for being a part of our André House Family and May God bless you.

*Rev. Dan Ponisciak, C.S.C.*

Rev. Dan Ponisciak, C.S.C. Executive Director André House

NEW BEGINNINGS



# THE PEOPLE WE SERVE

IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 27, 2020,  
THERE WERE **7419** PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

*49 % were sheltered      51% were unsheltered*

They all have hopes. They all have dreams. They all have a story.



# ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Have been focused on the application to the Phoenix City Council for approval of a special zoning change which will allow additional shelter beds at CASS (the current Shelter on the Human Services Campus), the ability for St. Vincent de Paul to use their dining room for additional overflow when the weather is extreme and for an André House building to become a Low/No Barrier shelter, housing an additional 100 shelter beds.



ON FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
16552 Petition signatures  
365 Letters of support  
were filed with the Phoenix City Council  
in support of the special zoning change



# CLEAN ZONE A Collaborative Neighborhood Clean Up Program

In July of 2019, André House and the Human Services Campus launched an innovative, pilot clean-up program. Utilizing and rewarding neighborhood members experiencing homelessness, two neighborhood cleanups per week were conducted. This provided a sense of pride to all involved as well as addressing neighborhood concerns about trash and blight

90 Clean-ups

1108 Volunteers

136,648  
Gallons of Trash





## ANDRÉ HOUSE BASEBALL

André House Staff, Volunteers  
and Guests experiencing  
homelessness,  
join together regularly  
as a community to  
PLAY BALL!



ANDRÉ HOUSE WAS STARTED BY VOLUNTEERS AND DEVELOPED INTO THE ORGANIZATION IT IS NOW BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING SUPPORT AND EFFORTS OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers donated

21,964 hours

Their last pre-Covid shift was

the

evening meal service on

Monday, March 16, 2021

After that,

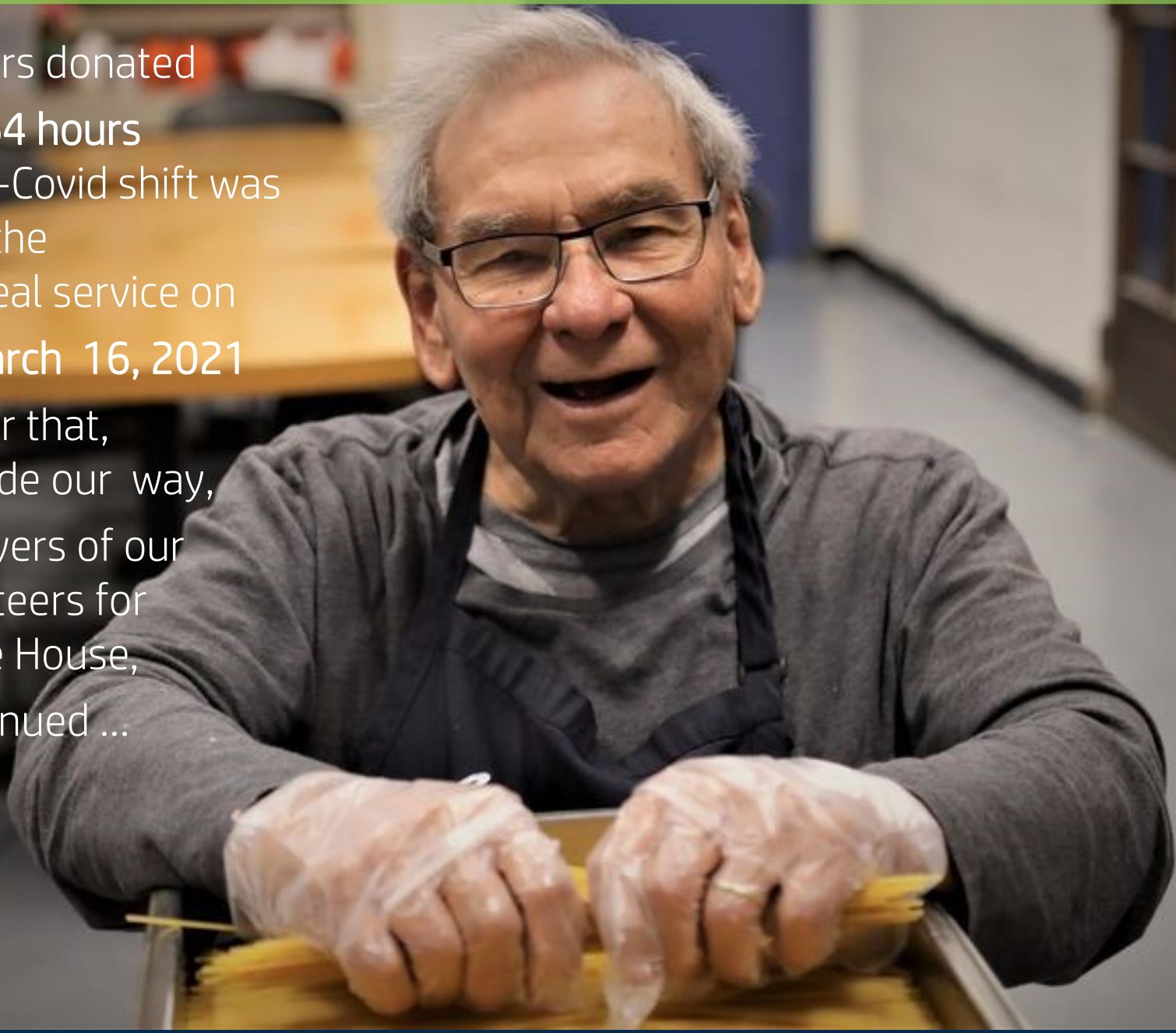
As we made our way,

The prayers of our

Volunteers for

André House,

Continued ...

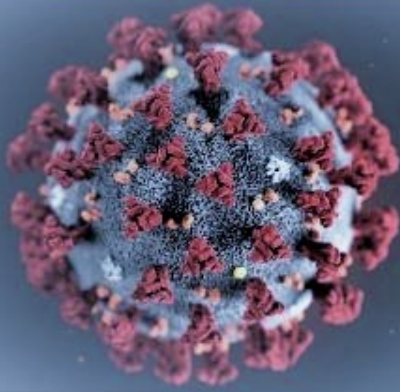


ON MARCH 16, 2020, OUR WORLD CHANGED. IT WAS CALLED A PANDEMIC.

WE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. WE CONTINUED TO SERVE OUR GUESTS NIGHTLY MEALS,  
AS WELL AS PROVIDING SOME DAILY SERVICES.

ALL THIS WITH OUT VOLUNTEERS.

IT WAS IMPORTANT TO COMMUNICATE TO ALL OF OUR ANDRÉ HOUSE FAMILY,  
ON A DAILY BASIS,  
WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT ANDRÉ HOUSE.



## André House

A mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross

# CHRONICLES OF COVID

*moments of outreach during a pandemic*

André House is a house of hospitality in Phoenix, Arizona. Our mission is making God known, loved and served by feeding, clothing and comforting the most vulnerable among us, offering dignity and hospitality to ALL who pass through our door, guest and volunteer.

On March 16, 2020 we closed our main dining room and cut back on some of our services for those experiencing homelessness. We released all of our volunteers. Our Core staff, support and administrative staff and CSC Priests and Brothers have been providing essential services as well as evening meals six days a week for up to 800 people. ANDRE HOUSE CHRONICLES OF COVID has posted daily on our face book page. Here are some of those moments.



150,853  
MEALS  
SERVED

7 local Restaurants were engaged providing meals for 23 nights during April and May.

Purchasing meals helped sustain business in our local community as well as sustaining our ability to provide other essential services.

MEALS AND RESILIENCE SERVED HERE



# OUR HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY

Bringing much  
needed support in  
our time of need



They began arriving mid April,  
2020. Reinforcements.

Priests and Seminarians from  
the **Congregation of Holy  
Cross**. They were sent to help  
our staff sustain in our  
COVID-19 bubble of service.

With them came the Holy  
Cross spirit of hospitality. The  
ability to give personal  
attention to our guests. And  
our “reinforcements”,

embraced our daily services.

Welcoming guests,  
providing supplies, kitchen  
duties, door monitoring,  
clothing closet, showers, food  
distribution, dishwashing,  
donation sorting and all the  
while, spreading blessed  
energy and a spirit of  
kindness. As a Mission of the  
Congregation of Holy Cross,  
we are always  
unconditionally supported!



A photograph of two men. The man on the left is younger, with a beard and a black cap worn backward. He is wearing a purple t-shirt with a yellow logo that says "FREE CUTZ" and is holding a black hair clipper with purple blades. The man on the right is older, with glasses and a mustache, wearing a black and yellow patterned shirt. They are both smiling. The background is a white brick wall.

9000 SHOWERS facilitated

98 LOCKERS utilized

4400 BLANKETS distributed

6700 SETS OF CLOTHING given

1350 LOADS of LAUNDRY done

OUTDOOR MISTER SYSTEM installed

INSIDE CHAPEL completed

HAIRCUT EVENTS

PETCARE EVENTS

INCREDIBLE RESPONSE to our asks  
for much needed items before and during the Pandemic

LOVE AND PRAYERS SENT OUR WAY ... PRICELESS!!!

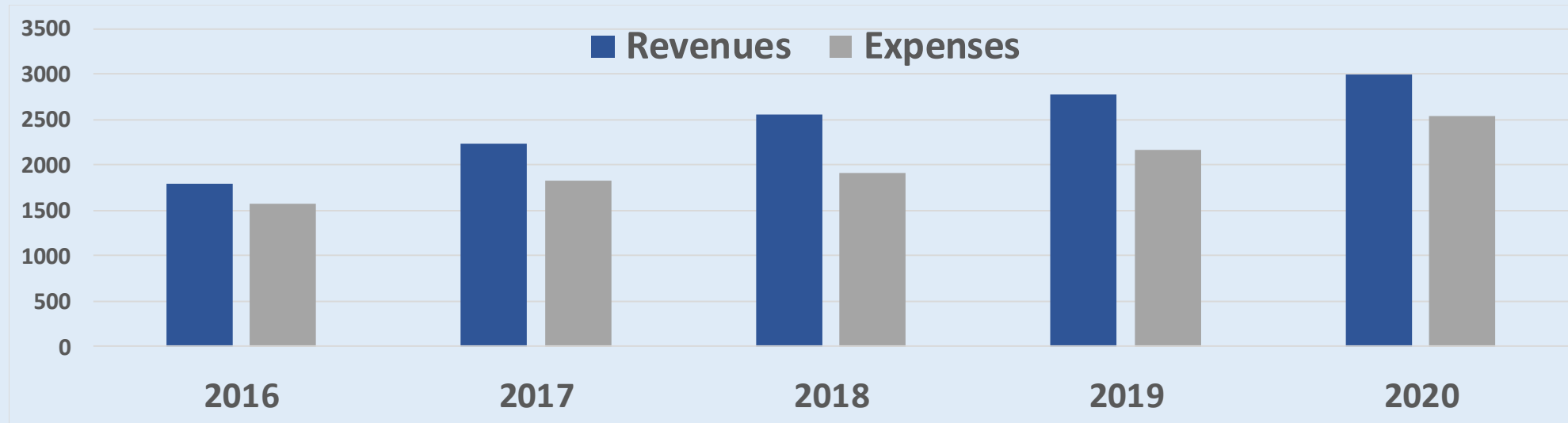
YOUR SUPPORT GIVES OUR COMMUNITY HOPE !!!

# Financial Operating Summary



Revenue & Expense information is from André House's complete audited Financial Statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, and complete reviewed Financial Statements for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, which are available upon request.

(\$000's)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Revenues</b>					
Donor Contributions	1,046	1,200	1,534	1,772	1,996
Donated Materials & Services	688	793	780	839	894
Net Investment Income	53	228	235	166	96
Other Income	7	18	5	3	7
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>2,993</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Meal Service	617	777	820	821	1,010
Shelter & Housing	170	185	180	229	280
Clothing & Related	245	323	291	285	373
Welfare Activities	262	286	364	392	448
Management & General	199	182	188	215	224
Fundraising	74	75	69	218	200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2,535</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>458</b>



## CORE STAFF 2019—2020

Julia Blois  
Aidan Byrnes  
Andrew Cece  
Grace D'Antuono  
Alexandra Lesnik  
Mike O'Sullivan  
Sam UFuah

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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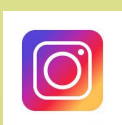
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