



**SAFE HARBOR**  
EASTON

# ANNUAL

REPORT 2020

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The COVID-19 pandemic brought immeasurable challenges to shelters across the country. Safe Harbor has risen to those challenges, remaining operational and providing safe, service-intensive shelter to our community's most vulnerable.

## HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### • MARCH 2020 •

Safe Harbor's staff meets to put together an aggressive, research-based COVID-19 mitigation plan, which is implemented on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### • APRIL 2020 •

Our expansion project reaches completion, adding a new female dorm with veteran-designated beds and increasing our overall bed capacity to 50.

### • MAY 2020 •

Safe Harbor establishes a rapid testing partnership that allows us to safely resume shelter intakes as normal.

### • OCTOBER 2020 •

Safe Harbor officially becomes a Veteran's Administration Grant-Per-Diem contract shelter, allowing us to house and serve veterans through the VA's GPD program.

### • DECEMBER 2020 •

Safe Harbor partners with the City of Easton to provide a 24-hour winter shelter for local homeless that will run from December 1 to March 31, 2021.

### • END OF YEAR 2020 •

Safe Harbor is able to report **ZERO** cases of COVID-19 in 2020. Furthermore, we have had zero cases to date at the time of this mailing.

MEALS  
SERVED

57,000

SUPPLIES AND  
FOOD DISTRIBUTED

163,000 LBS

3,157

WINTER SHELTER  
NIGHTS PROVIDED

## ARISE SHELTER PROGRAM

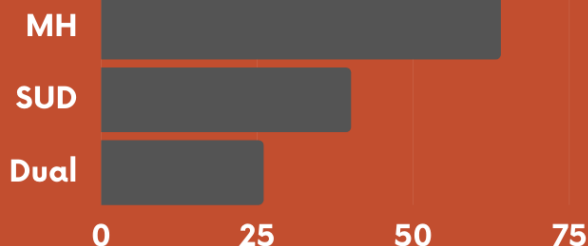
### 2020 PARTICIPANT DATA

78%

### PHASE 1 GRADUATION RATE



61% Secured  
Income



PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES (MH), SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUD), AND DUAL DIAGNOSIS

167

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH SERVICE-INTENSIVE  
SHELTER



## SAFE LANDINGS

Mikaela\* came to Safe Harbor from state prison, where she had been incarcerated for charges incurred during her active addiction. While she was in prison, she was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. She came to Safe Harbor needing surgery and chemotherapy. She began chemotherapy while staying with us and she was a total warrior. She insisted on coming to ARISE classes despite her nausea and fatigue and graduated the program on time with the rest of her cohort. A month later, COVID-19 shut down Pennsylvania, and her treatment and illness made her very high-risk. We were able to place her in medical respite where she had surgery to remove her remaining cancer, underwent radiation, and achieved remission. She was also able to reconnect with family and her daughter and moved out of state after her treatment to live with them.

William\* came to us in June of 2020. He was in a local hospital and prior to that he was living in his car, which eventually was impounded. William was 77 years old. He struggled with his physical health and his memory. With the help of LVHN Street Medicine, our case management team was able to prove eligibility and get William placed in assisted living care, where he will have stable housing for the rest of his life.

Deana\* was living in her car and attempting to hold on to her full-time job while homeless when she reached out to Safe Harbor for a bed in August 2020. We brought her in and right away saw how determined she was to create a bright future for herself. Despite overcoming huge personal loss during her stay with us, Deana remained focused and determined to meet her goals. A young adult, Deana has shown resilience and grace beyond her years. She graduated our ARISE program and found a better job opportunity and has been able to secure an apartment of her own through a local youth housing program. She will move out this week, and although we will be very sad to see her go, we won't soon forget her strength or her sense of humor.

## REFLECTIONS

One of our greatest fears in the pandemic was that we would not be able to help our homeless community in the same way. While we have certainly had to adapt and innovate, our team at Safe Harbor has done an incredible job at ensuring that those we serve got what they needed. Sometimes that has meant personally driving food and supplies to housebound day program families who couldn't make it to community distributions due to virtual schooling or health concerns.

By following CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines strictly, including masking, social distancing, and stay-at-home orders, we have managed to prevent even a single case of COVID-19 at Safe Harbor to date. We are overwhelmingly grateful to our staff, our residents, and our board for their efforts in creating and following our COVID-19 mitigation plan, and to our community for supporting us through our efforts.

As difficult as the pandemic has been, watching the community come together to support Safe Harbor and those we serve has been an incredible source of motivation for us and a reminder that, even in the darkest of times, we all have the ability to be the light for others.



# LOOKING FORWARD

## NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2021

### Green Initiative

Safe Harbor Easton is thrilled to announce our Green Initiative for 2021. Despite the challenges of navigating sustainability when serving large numbers with limited resources, we are proud to make a formal commitment to environmental responsibility. As such, we have taken the following steps to lessen our impact on the environment as an organization.



**GREEN INITIATIVE**

For our people and our planet.

**In January 2021, Safe Harbor launched the first phase of our Green Initiative by replacing all bulk supplies ordered for all programs with compostable/biodegradable alternatives. This includes cups, silverware, plates, bowls, to-go containers and coffee cups. We will continue to use donated paper goods that would otherwise go to waste, but supplies purchased for our meal program will be sustainable alternatives.**

**Our second phase will be to end the usage of plastic bags at our community distributions by June 2021. Reusable shopping totes will be provided instead.**

**We have partnerships in place to offset the small cost difference (around 13% annually) for sustainable supplies.**

### Day Program Expansion

Thanks to a major gift by a local family, Safe Harbor Easton has secured additional space in our Health and Education Center to expand our existing day program. The new space will allow us to provide some separation between our ARISE shelter program and our day program, as these two populations have very different sets of needs. We will gain the ability to provide more tailored services and programming to our day program participants. We are currently in the process of developing a curriculum of life skills and therapeutic activities for our day program specifically. For the first time ever, this population will have a specific space and designated staff tailored solely to them and their unique needs. We are excited for this next phase of growth for Safe Harbor and for this opportunity to expand one of our longest-standing programs.