



Carving paths for brightened tomorrows.

*Serenity House Annual Report 2019*



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# Rising to the occasion.

*This year, our focus on growth created **change for the better** within our recovery facilities—and out into the community. Below are **successes in our quest** to save lives and eliminate the stigma around substance abuse in DuPage County and beyond.*

## Highlights

### ***New Location***

Serenity House now has an established office which is effectively helping our neighbors in Kane County. Held here are initial treatment assessments, and individual and group meetings.

### ***Maple the Dog***

Our furry friend Maple has been a delightful addition to the team. She helps provide soothing therapy and brings joy to our clients and staff day in and out.

### ***Recovery Coaches***

We have added 3 new certified recovery specialists to expand our level of personalized therapy for our clientele.

### ***Wellness Center Addition***

After an exciting campaign run in coordination with executive board member Jean Ragalie-Carr, who raised over \$36,000, we are thrilled to be constructing a gym which will be part of a larger Wellness Center to come. Here, clients can strengthen themselves mentally and physically.

### ***Cost-effective Treatment***

Our treatment cost for potential clients pales in comparison to those by the criminal justice and health systems, which differ in addressing opioid use disorders and other substance abuse, mental health, and social issues. Our long-term partnership with the drug court systems of DuPage, Kane, Will, and collar counties has helped us deliver comprehensive, evidence-based treatment services.

### ***Job Resources***

We're providing even more resources for skill set enhancement, resume building, and job acquisition. We've also implemented a job training partnership with Worknet DuPage.

### ***Facilities***

With strong partnerships in the community, we upgraded our main campus and multiple recovery homes to allow our patients to feel even more comfortable and confident.

### ***Van***

Our new 12-passenger van helps clients get to and from work, enjoy off-site excursions, and connect at sober, fun events.

### ***Veterans***

Serenity partners with corporations, sponsors, donors, employees, and community supporters to empower veterans to rebuild their lives by providing access to substance abuse treatment, jobs, job training, and housing to restore their pride and purpose.

### ***Program Enhancements***

We now offer a parenting program, an art program, and SMART recovery, with plans for future adolescent educational programs in the works.

# Navigating

as a team.

Dear Friends and Supporters –

I am proud to share that Serenity House has begun a process of change and renewal that I know will take our organization to its next level of growth. Serenity House has a dynamic group of leaders with deep experience in healthcare, and specifically, is seasoned in substance use disorder treatment. These generous supporters have the **energy and vision** to steer Serenity House into the future while staying **true to the core values** established by founder Henry Tews.



We remain dedicated to cost-effective, efficient, research-based treatment, and doing whatever is needed to provide the most successful outcomes to those we serve. We're working day in and day out to help more people who are suffering. Our expansion into Kane County with outpatient services in Geneva, IL, marks the first step in our **commitment to growth** and serving those in need. To assist in transportation, we have secured a **12-person passenger van** to better help our clients to attend work, job training, and recovery meetings.

Another part of our growth efforts include **hiring three Certified Recovery Coaches** to help in our seven recovery homes. We've also taken on remodeling the main campus and two recovery homes.

We assist our clients in working while maintaining their sobriety while receiving treatment. Therefore, we were thrilled to **partner with Worknet DuPage**. They helped our clients with resume building, job training, and successful career placement.

Our future is bright because we stay true to our mission as **we evolve**. I am humbled to be a part of this very special organization that continues to change lives each day. We cannot do this alone. Please consider partnering, volunteering, or getting involved with our work to address the epidemic of substance abuse that is affecting our community and loved ones.

Very sincerely,  
Mark Buschbacher  
President

# Building traditions.

*Our Circle of Friends is growing with every event we host. This warms our hearts and propels our purpose.*

This year, we hosted a multitude of community events to unite attendees, spread awareness about Serenity House's effective methods for treatment and recovery—and have some fun. These efforts have led to more members on our Board and within our organization who are helping us create even more community-involving, sobriety-supporting events. The following events are some of the year's best.

## *Run For Serenity 5k*

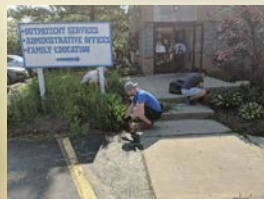
In August, over 100 supporters from all over the state of Illinois took part in our inaugural 5k Run for Serenity to combat substance use disorder and aid those in the recovery process. This year's event was held at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. The day was marked with beautiful weather that provided great running conditions. Some individuals and teams competed for fastest times and/or most funds raised, and all participants enjoyed the stunning route. Prestigious honors were presented at the end and it was a joy just to be there. We give a special thanks to The Orchard Church for partnering with us to create this successful event.

## *Friendsgiving*

This festive October evening brought together great people and delectable eats at Geneva's prized Herrington Inn and Spa. After sharing good company and discussion, we shared a short presentation on our mission, and enjoyed exciting raffle drawings.

## *Tee Up To Recovery*

In April, we hosted a golf-themed evening filled with light fare and fun in Cantigny Golf Club's Red Oak Room in Wheaton. We took the opportunity to share about Serenity House's services, life-altering donation opportunities, and impactful ways to be part of the Serenity House family. The evening was filled with treats, and the greatest of them all was when Serenity House supporters took to the microphone to share their heartfelt testimonies.





# Flourishing

with generosity.

*Gifts hold the power to change lives of people today, and in future generations. We offer a variety of ways to help Serenity House offer a safe place for wellness and expert-guided, long-term recovery.*

## Ways To Donate

Give Your Way | Give to the cause that resonates with you the most, from doing so anonymously or in memory of a loved one. You can also provide unrestricted resources that allow us to apply them when and where they are needed most.

Charity Partner | We would love to be a charity partner for your next private or public event. You can also choose to fundraise or to do a drive in lieu of gifts to help Serenity House. This option gives everyone something to celebrate.

Ongoing Contributions | Ongoing weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly donations, or life event donations are vital here at Serenity House. Please contact us to learn how we may set up an account for your generous, regular contributions at 630-620-6616.

Corporate and Foundation Grants | Let us apply for funding with your business or family grants-giving team. Our professional grant writers are always seeking new opportunities. Please contact Mark Buschbacher, President, at Mark.Buschbacher@SerenityHouse.com or call 630-620-6616.

Mail | Make a check payable to Serenity House Counseling Services and mail it to: Serenity House Counseling 891 S. Rohlwing Rd. Addison IL 60101 Attn: Development Department

**Online | Donate online: [www.SerenityHouse.com](http://www.SerenityHouse.com)**

Other ways to donate include gifts of securities and real estate, a charitable trust or annuity, bequests, a life insurance policy or transfer of an existing one naming Serenity House as the beneficiary, and employee matching.

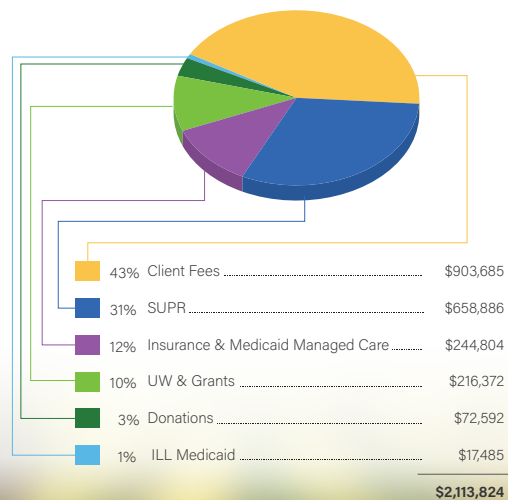
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# Flowing forward.

## Statements of Financial Position - June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS	2019	2018
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$805,821	\$555,809
Without donor restrictions	\$674	-
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$59,566 and \$60,011 respectively)	\$378,918	\$405,388
Grants receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of zero, respectively)	\$180,938	\$124,742
Due from related party	\$600	\$122,615
Prepaid expenses	\$44,852	\$20,570
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,411,803</b>	<b>\$1,229,124</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Furniture and Equipment	\$20,253	-
Vehicles	\$24,901	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-\$3,674	-
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>\$41,480</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,453,283</b>	<b>\$1,229,124</b>

### 2019 INCOME Chart



LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2019	2018
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$64,500	\$18,276
Accrued expenses	\$33,679	\$35,360
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$98,179</b>	<b>\$53,636</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	\$1,354,430	\$1,175,488
With donor restrictions	\$674	-
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,355,104</b>	<b>\$1,175,488</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,453,283</b>	<b>\$1,229,124</b>

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	2019	2018
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$179,616	\$226,958
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) in operating activities		
Depreciation	\$3,674	-
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>		
Accounts receivable	\$26,470	-\$157,798
Grants receivable	-\$56,196	\$77,974
Prepaid expenses	-\$24,282	-\$7,177
Accounts payable	\$46,224	\$688
Accrued expenses	-\$1,681	\$1,507
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$173,825</b>	<b>\$142,152</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	-\$45,154	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>-\$45,154</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from related party	\$128,091	-
Payments to related party	-\$6,076	-\$122,615
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>\$122,015</b>	<b>-\$122,615</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$250,686</b>	<b>\$19,537</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$555,809</b>	<b>\$536,272</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$806,495</b>	<b>\$555,809</b>

# Steering the voyage ahead.

*We are endlessly grateful for our **generous teammates** who help guide our forward progression **every step of the way**. Because of them, we are able to offer brighter, healthier futures.*

## **COUNSELING**

### *Executive Board Members*

**Board Chairperson**  
Anton Engelmann

**Vice Chairperson**  
Jean Ragalie-Carr

**Secretary**  
Jim Miller

**Treasurer**  
Tiffany Hopkins

**Director**  
Stephen Morcos

**Director**  
Ian Pickett

### *Advisory Board Members*

**Member**  
Adam Jackman

**Member**  
Adam Shaffer

## **FOUNDATION**

### *Executive Board Members*

**Board Chairperson**  
Robert E. Vorel

**Secretary**  
Kurt Hill

**Director**  
Louis M. Libert

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### **Tremendous thanks to our grantors at the:**

Illinois Department of Human Services • County of DuPage • Dunham Fund  
United Way • DuPage Foundation • The Women of Addison

### **An extra special thanks to our friends at:**

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