

## 2017 Annual Report



### **Mission Statement**

*Bessie's Hope enhances the quality of life for nursing home/assisted-living elders and brings generations together in mutually rewarding relationships by honoring the human spirit and creating life-enriching volunteer opportunities for youth, families, individuals, community organizations and businesses.*

## **A message from the Executive Director**

Bessie's Hope has a number of at-risk youth groups visiting nursing home residents. The effect that the Bessie's Hope program has on these youth is best described by a teacher of one of these groups:

*“When I was approached by Bessie’s Hope, I was extremely skeptical about having my students participate. The students in our school have all been expelled, are on probation and are considered the most difficult within the school district to manage behaviorally. We tried talking to our kids about Bessie’s Hope and although they were interested, they also wanted to know what they would get (credit, money) for it. When a Bessie’s Hope staff member gave the kids an orientation, the girls were rude and the boys kept interrupting her.*

*When we started walking to the nursing home for their first visit, I had kids cussing and saying the most rude and inappropriate things, and I wondered if I was going to have to send a lot of them back to the school. When we walked into the room with the residents, I was shocked at how our kids just walked up to tables and sat down to talk with the residents. I saw two students sit with two residents and take hold of their hands. It was as if the kids were transformed, and they joined immediately into the singing, clapping and dancing with the residents.*

*When we left, the students said goodbye and were genuinely excited and enthusiastic about what they had just done. One of our guys said, “I knew I was coming here to make some old people feel good but, I never expected how good it made me feel”*

Bessie's Hope is especially proud of being recognized by Generations United as a Program of Distinction in 2017 for distinction and dedication to high-quality intergenerational practices.

We deeply appreciate our financial supporters and our volunteers for helping us transform lives of young and old.

Warm regards,  
Sharron Brandrup  
Executive Director



**Need:**  
**60% of nursing home elders receive no personal visitors.**

**The Solution:**



**How:**

**Community  
& Elders  
Program**

**Youth &  
Elders  
Program**

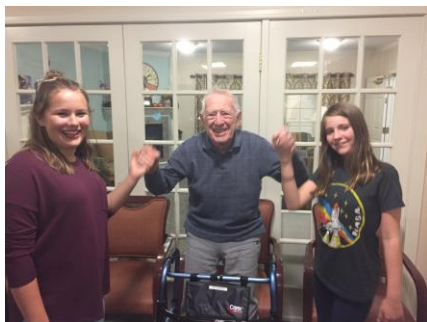
**Family &  
Elders  
Program**

**Impact for Elders & Volunteers**

<b>CONNECTION</b>	<b>COMPASSION</b>	<b>VALIDATION</b>
<b>CONFIDENCE</b>	<b>JOY</b>	<b>EMPATHY</b>
<b>VALUE</b>	<b>RESPECT</b>	<b>RELATIONSHIPS</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>SELF-WORTH</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b>

## **Bessie's Hope Programs**

### **Youth and Elders Program**

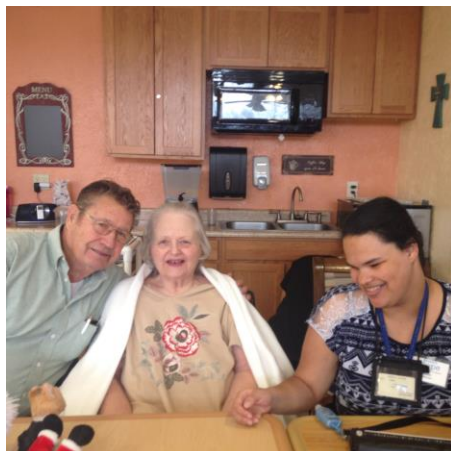


This program matches youth of all ages from area schools and other youth groups with partners in elder care communities. Visits include reading, writing, communication and leadership skills. Some of the projects include Readers Theatre, and Living Histories. There is also singing, dancing, and creating together. Youth, and elders alike, gain a sense of value and heightened self-esteem.

### **Family and Elders Program**

Kishia Mason is a remarkable young woman. She came to Bessie's Hope looking for a way to be of service. In April of 2015, she began to volunteer through Bessie's Hope at Cedars Healthcare Center. She has been going to their memory care unit once a month ever since.

Kishia is totally blind. She has a machine that allows her to read the written word. She reads to the residents, sometimes one on one and sometimes with a small group.



Cedars Healthcare Center resident Lynda and her husband of over 50 years are pictured with Kishia.

Kishia is the essence of Bessie's Hope – she is making a difference! Much thanks.

## **Community and Elders Program**



This program was created for adult groups from corporations and organizations, such as civic, religious and higher education.

On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, Mark McIntosh gathers "A Stronger Cord" volunteers to "love on the elders" at nursing homes.

Mark began A Stronger Cord to reach out to the vulnerable and isolated through forming partnerships with service organizations, such as Bessie's Hope. Many of the participants in A Stronger Cord are also participants in a program sponsored by the Denver Rescue Mission, which helps individuals get their lives back on track to reach their true potential.

Together, A Stronger Cord and Bessie's Hope are providing hope, love and the caring touch, as well as an opportunity to find empowerment, renewed faith, and the joy found only through serving others.

# **Bessie's Hope gratefully acknowledges our financial and in-kind contributors for 2017**

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and regret the  
accidental omission of  
any donor names**



## 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL BOWL-A-RAMA



Everyone had a great time and lots of laughs at the 14th annual Bowl-a-Rama. Bessie's Hope expresses gratitude to all the bowlers, all the sponsors, goodie bag and prize donors, emcees and volunteers! We deeply appreciate your support of Bessie's Hope.

Pictured are Bill and Debbie Watson, Publishers of Prime Time for Seniors, and their grandchildren.

## "BRIDGE OF LOVE" GALA

What a beautiful event! The evening was filled with special moments. Good food, wonderful company, spectacular entertainment, live and silent auctions add up to enjoyment for all.

THANK YOU to all our Wonderful Sponsors; Donors; Honorees, Terri and Al Fisher; Chairperson, Jan Hammond; Emcee, Doug Tisdale; Committee Members; Volunteers; and Event Attendees.



Pictured are Co-Founder, Linda Holloway; Honorees, Al & Terri Fisher; and Co-Founder Sharron Brandrup.

## 2017 Program Statistics

### Program Participant Summary

Participants	# of Adult Volunteers	# of Youth Served through Volunteering	# of Elders Served
School/Youth Groups	262	1,579	
Business/Community Groups	883	18	
Family/Elder Program	92	48	
Administrative/Fund Raising	58	6	
Entertainers	21	0	
Total	1,316	1,651	1,752

### Notables:

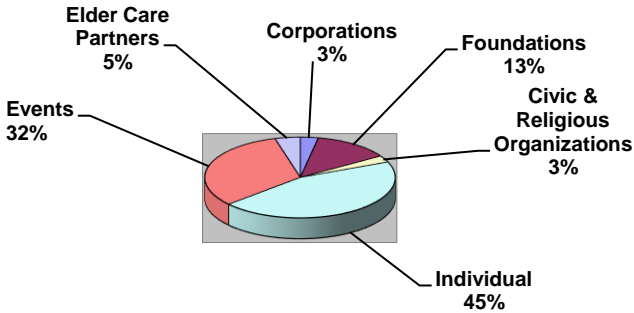
- Bessie's Hope was recognized by Generations United as an intergenerational Program of Distinction. The Program of Distinction designation is the only U.S. 'seal of approval' for intergenerational programs. The application and review process are rigorous. Achieving this recognition is a major accomplishment and says a program employs best practices and effectively engages the young and old while serving the surrounding community.
- Bessie's Hope Volunteers logged more than **12,585 hours** of service during 2017, an increase of nearly 20% from 2016. Each hour of volunteer time impacts the horrific statistic - 60% of nursing home elders receive no personal visitors.
- In 2017, Bessie's Hope partnered with elder care facilities in 6 counties in the Front Range area. This includes nursing homes and assisted living communities.
- Our youth partnerships include private, charter, and public schools, as well as many organizations and residential treatment centers for at-risk youth.

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## 2017 Fiscal Year

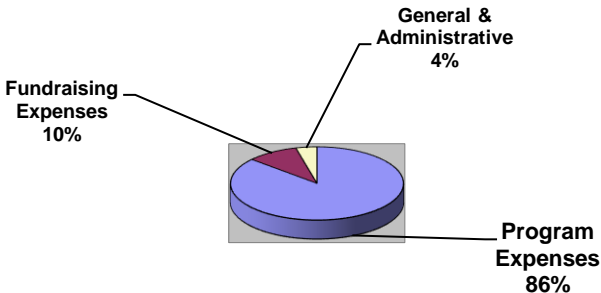
### Revenue Summary

**2017 Revenue**  
**\$327,564**



### Expense Summary

**2017 Expenses**  
**\$277,448**



#### PROCESS/EXPENSES:

Bessie's Hope staff provides the training of all volunteers; activity planning; coordination and facilitation of visits; feedback sessions with volunteers and elders; and "placement" for individuals and families who adopt elders. In addition, we provide Volunteer Manuals; Group Leader's Manuals; Sing-a-long CDs; Partnership Certificates for all participants; Activity supplies; Evaluation materials; and ongoing support to volunteers and elder care partners.

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*Bessie's Hope is dedicated as a living legacy to  
Bessie "Granny" Stephens.*