

Annual Report for the 2016 Fiscal Year

It is the Mission of COMPASS to assist the disadvantaged and unemployed in gaining direction and control over their lives through employment or other appropriate means. The goal of COMPASS is to help clients become secure, employed or otherwise independent individuals who no longer need our help.

As we have done for the past 34 years, COMPASS offered case management (assessment of needs, goal setting, guidance and direction), information & referrals, transportation assistance, referrals for a Texas State ID, and a mailing address to homeless, disadvantaged, and marginalized residents of Houston. Throughout 2016, we offered the additional service of “Housing Navigation” to chronically homeless individuals. By joining the Coalition for the Homeless in its ongoing effort to end homelessness in Houston, through The Way Home initiative and its Coordinated Access System, COMPASS has been navigating homeless men and women into permanent supportive housing. Through this partnership with the Coalition, our two long-time staff case managers have been working as “housing navigators” for chronically homeless men and women. Housing navigation is a specific form of case management, designed to guide a client through the complicated, arduous housing “application, search, and move-in” process. As appropriate housing becomes available, we navigate clients who have been assessed as chronically homeless, and have been on the Coordinated Access waiting list. It has been incredibly rewarding to assist these men and women, who have been on the streets or in shelters, as they finally move into their own apartments.

2016 Finances of COMPASS

Total Income \$ 268,161

Total Expenses: \$280,334*

End of Year Net Asset Balance: \$220,253

* Program Expenses: \$252,300

Management & General Expenses: \$19,623

Fundraising Expenses: \$ 8410

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