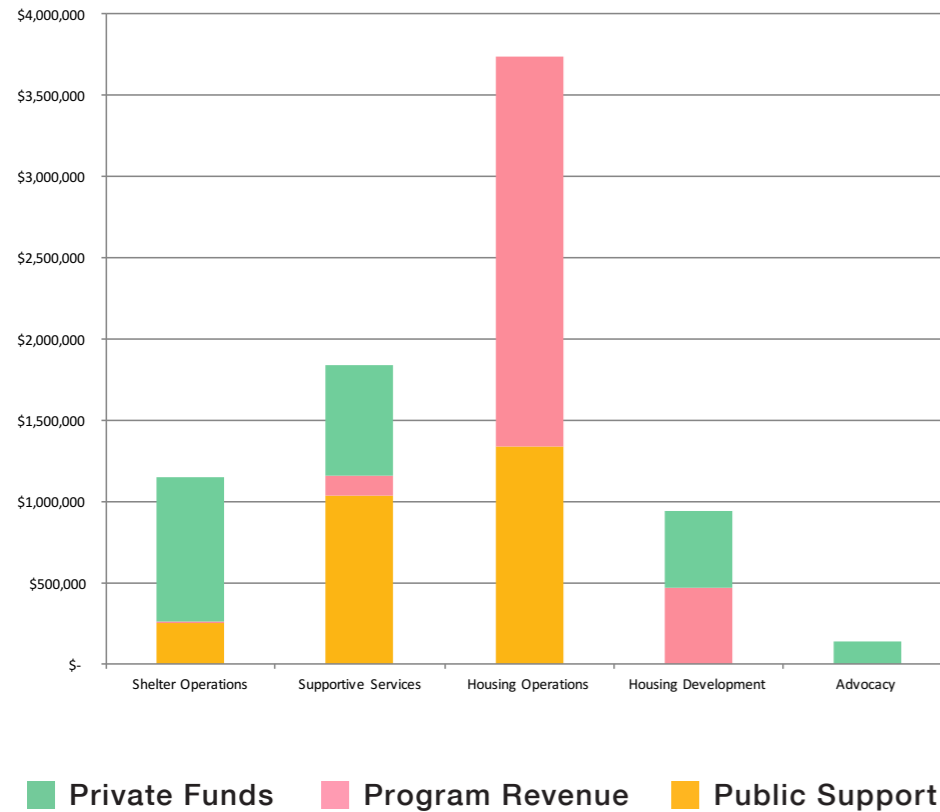


# Your contributions show you believe in home

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**Beacon Funding by Program - Fiscal Year 2017 Actual Results**



- You contributed one-third of our revenue.
- Our total expenses in fiscal year 2017 were \$8 million.
- 15% of our expenses are for management and fundraising, well within the industry standards. These allocations are included in the program costs shown above.

When available, audited financial statements are at [www.beaconinterfaith.org/media-room](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/media-room).



We are grateful to all who make gifts to Beacon today—and to Cornerstone Society members who have included Beacon in their estate plans. Please call Sarah Mollet Staiger, 651-789-6260 x 208 if you'd like to discuss your giving. [www.beaconinterfaith.org/cornerstone-society](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/cornerstone-society)



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## Our Mission

As a collaborative of congregations united in action we create homes and advance equitable housing.

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This is Beacon's hope for the future  
and our dream for all people.  
It is the vision that inspires us.

# Your gifts transform lives and communities

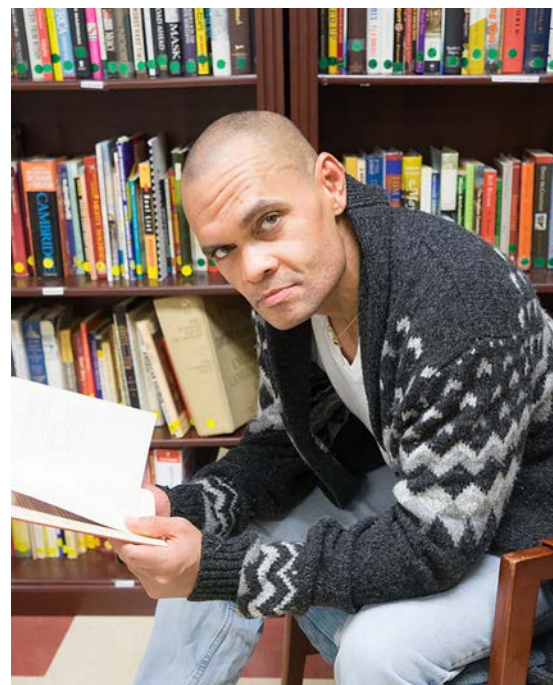
## You offer stability so that others can flourish

The supportive housing your gifts enable us to create and provide makes a difference in the lives of people like Omir. Today, Omir's life mirrors the meaning of his name: Omir is Arabic for "flourishing." With your help Omir is doing just that.

Omir's life changed suddenly when his wife and children were killed in an accident. After this stunning loss, Omir wanted to die. A long period of insecurity and homelessness followed that was compounded when Omir was diagnosed with HIV.

While staying in a shelter, Omir heard about Lydia Apartments which has six apartments set aside for persons with HIV/AIDS. Omir found a place he could call home.

Now at Lydia, Omir is stable and has the opportunity to take care of himself and find ways to give back. "I believe in good," Omir said. "Even though there is darkness, still there is light." He is active in volunteering at a number of HIV-related nonprofits in the area.



*"I believe in good. Even though there is darkness, still there is light."*

—Omir

## You generate more resources for more homes

Your gifts fund Beacon's policy work which is creating more homes throughout Minnesota.

When Kadijah moved into Prior Crossing in January 2017 she felt a sense of control in her life, something that wasn't possible in her former home, where there was domestic violence. She left that home and was homeless until she moved into Prior Crossing. Kadijah now has a handle on her life. "Living at Prior Crossing helps me fulfill my dreams of becoming a doctor and an artist," she shared. Kadijah currently performs spoken word/hip hop at local schools and hopes to start her studies to become a doctor soon.

Prior Crossing and 66 West, Beacon's newest apartment buildings for young adults, would not have happened without Beacon advocates. In the last four years, your donations helped Beacon advocates to successfully increase funding for the Homeless Youth Act from \$238,000 to over \$11 million. You also made it possible to secure an historic \$150 million in state bonding for affordable housing that has or will create 5,000 homes throughout the state—including the homes at Prior Crossing and 66 West.



*"Living at Prior Crossing helps me fulfill my dreams of becoming a doctor and an artist"*

—Kadijah

## You shelter families in need

*"Families Moving Forward has given us an opportunity to have a life we can be proud of"*

—Lisa



Your donations allow Beacon's Families Moving Forward program to offer shelter in times of emergency and to help families move into a home to call their own.

Family homelessness often starts with the loss of a job.

When Keith lost his job of 18 years in Texas, things became difficult for him, his wife, Lisa, and their three young children. Keith and the children moved in with his mother while Lisa stayed with her brother. "With our children's future in mind, we knew that we needed to do something," Keith said. Keith and Lisa longed to finally live under one roof.

Keith and the kids came to Minnesota planning to stay with his brother, but those plans fell through.

For three weeks, Keith and the kids couch hopped and lived in hotels. "Being homeless was the ultimate worst feeling in my life," Keith said. Homelessness made him feel frightened.

Keith found shelter at Families Moving Forward. The staff helped him find an apartment where they could all be together.

"Families Moving Forward has given us an opportunity to have a life we can be proud of," Lisa said.