

*"I didn't think there was another way to live, but there is.
I didn't think I was strong enough to change my life, but I was."*

Jaymee, POWER graduate

Dear Friends,

It seems that not a day goes by without a news story about the opioid crisis. Last year, 650 lives were lost to drug overdose deaths in Allegheny County. Among the families shattered by the opioid epidemic were longtime friends of POWER and former clients.

These tragedies underscored our mission and renewed our resolve to make treatment accessible to those who need it the most. In this effort, we expanded the scope of our services and outreach efforts through existing partnerships and new collaborations.

Our peer recovery program, POWER Connection, grew as a result of two new contracts with Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) and Community Care Behavioral Health Organization to reach a previously underserved population – women and men on Medicaid with substance use disorders.

Due in large part to the increase in clients from both CYF and Community Care, we outgrew our space at the Factory and began to explore the feasibility of a POWER campus. Housing our programs at one site would lead to a smoother transition in levels of care, resulting in our clients staying in treatment longer to better ensure their success in recovery.

POWER partnered with Allegheny Health Network to launch their Perinatal Hope Program for expectant mothers addicted to drugs. We also participated in a dual diagnosis capability study conducted by Case Western Reserve University which assessed POWER's ability to treat clients with mental illness and recommended ways to strengthen our capacity.

Our strong partnerships were also evident in our fundraising efforts as we saw an increase in corporate and individual contributions. Our major fundraising event, POWER Promises, raised a record-setting \$200,000 in proceeds!

We are inspired by this show of support and by the courage of women who come to POWER to fight for their lives and the promise of a better future.

Sincerely,

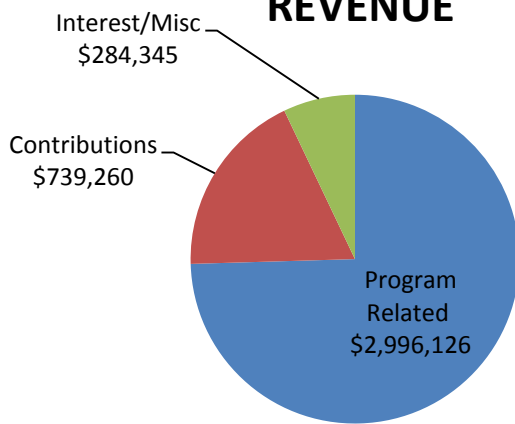


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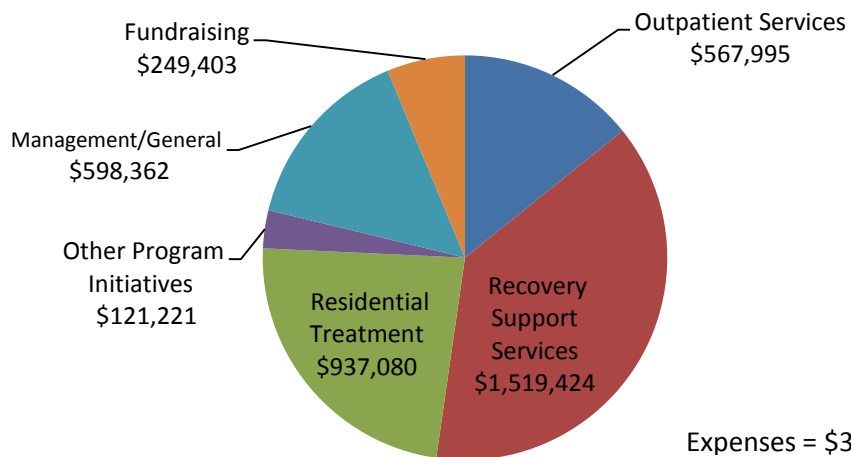
POWER FY 17 REVENUE



Revenue=\$4,019,731

Unaudited

POWER FY17 EXPENSES



Expenses = \$3,993,484

Unaudited

Program Highlights

2017 was a year of collaboration and action at POWER including the following highlights:

- Launched the Certified Recovery Services Program (CRS) to expand POWER's peer recovery support services, also known as mentoring, to serve women and men on Medicaid with substance use problems.
- Renewed our contract with Allegheny County's Children, Youth and Families (CYF), adding training and consultation services for CYF staff and mentoring services for men in partnership with Pittsburgh Mercy.
- Partnered with Allegheny Health Network (AHN) to launch AHN's Perinatal Hope Program to serve pregnant women addicted to drugs. A POWER therapist provides assessment and outpatient treatment at West Penn, Jefferson and Forbes Regional Hospitals.
- Participated in a Dual Diagnosis Capability Study conducted by Case Western Reserve University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices to assess POWER's capacity to treat mental illness within our drug and alcohol programs.
- Expansion of POWER's outreach services through a partnership with Family Support Centers (FSC) to identify and respond to drug addiction among parents in FSC's Northview Heights and Providence Connections sites.

By the Numbers:

1,417 – number of women served at POWER last year

492 – number of admissions to POWER's inpatient and outpatient services

34 – average age of POWER clients

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