

Gift of Life
TRANSPLANT HOUSE

BI-ANNUAL REPORT



2018 - 2019

2018-2019 IMPACT

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE HIGH
QUALITY, AFFORDABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS TO
TRANSPLANT PATIENTS
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN
A SUPPORTIVE, HOME-LIKE
ENVIRONMENT.

MARY WILDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Gift of Life Transplant House,

In my position as Executive Director of Gift of Life Transplant House, I have the enviable opportunity to overhear laughter shared in the dining room as guests are preparing lunch; to share in the hugs of a caregiver whose heart is breaking with difficult news; to celebrate the news that the transplant is happening today! But as I walk the halls, I also hear the whispers of voices from years ago – the same laughter, the same hugs, the same celebration! It is my greatest privilege and highest honor.

2018 was a good year at Gift of Life Transplant House! We welcomed new staff and new Board members and said goodbye to others; we replaced a chiller and dry sprinkler system at the Edward and Jayne Pompeian Home; we celebrated and we mourned; and through it all, the mission of Gift of Life Transplant House remained unchanged and strong – to

provide high quality, affordable accommodations to transplant patients and their caregivers in a supportive, home-like environment.

2019 ushered in our year long celebration of 35 years as Gift of Life Transplant House. Reading through timelines and reports of those early years has made me aware of one thing – that the vision Ed Pompeian had so many years ago has not diminished in any way but continues to grow and shine brightly. It is through your generosity that we are able to impact so many lives each year and through your continued support that we continue to be a ‘home that helps and heals’.

Sincerely,
Mary Wilder
Executive Director



The last two years were full of changes, renewals, loss, and growth at Gift of Life Transplant House. As highlighted in the pages to follow, the connections between donors, guests, volunteers, staff and the mission of Gift of Life Transplant House are what made the last two years a time to remember.

“There’s not a better place to stay post transplant! So impressed by the cleanliness of the house that is equipped with everything a person needs and is so organized and well run in every way.”

A LETTER THEN AND A LETTER NOW



July, 1995

“The Gift of Life House and the concept behind the program meets so many people’s immediate needs. Not only does it help people financially at times when costs are unknown and expenses sometimes overwhelming, but it also provides a place for sharing sometimes very stressful experiences. This is not only very helpful to the person experiencing the transplant but it also is comforting to other family members. Knowing that my caregiver had many different types of support while I was not able to be here with her made a significant impact upon my life. Thank you very much.”

January, 2018

“The Gift of Life Transplant House gives such an awesome opportunity to relax and connect with people who have been through or are going through the same issues as you. There are lots of friendships made if you’d like and solitude if you don’t. Great management and staff! The many volunteers are worth their weight in gold. We appreciate you all so much and always look forward to seeing you again!” Thank you so much!”

Two letters – written so many years apart – yet each expresses the same appreciation for Gift of Life Transplant House. 35 years ago, Ed Pompeian had a vision of a home that would provide hope and healing! His vision became a reality and continues to impact the over 4,200 individuals served by Gift of Life Transplant House each year!

GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2018 and 2019 were years filled with growth, renewals, updates and changes. Below is a financial overview for 2018 and 2019.

2018

Programs	\$964,676
Donations	\$463,591
Fundraising Events	\$203,289
Total 2018 Revenues	\$1,631,557
Programs	\$890,433
Management/General	\$206,477
Fundraising	\$193,572
Total 2018 Expenses	\$1,290,482
2018 Revenues	\$1,631,557
2018 Expenses	\$1,290,482
2018 Net Income	\$341,075

2019

Programs	\$1,171,814
Donations	\$739,278
Fundraising Events	\$243,518
Total 2019 Revenues	\$2,154,610
Programs	\$1,003,798
Management/General	\$232,765
Fundraising	\$218,217
Total 2019 Expenses	\$1,454,780
2019 Revenues	\$2,154,610
2019 Expenses	\$1,454,780
2019 Net Income	\$699,830

STATES REPRESENTED

49 U.S. states were represented by our guests in 2018-2019. In addition to 49 states, we also had guests representing 5 additional countries including India, Israel, Panama, Canada and Ghana.



49

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our volunteers allow us to serve over 4,200 guests each year. In 2018, our total volunteer hours were 3,945 and in 2019 they served 4,579 hours combining to 8,524 hours.



8,524

DINNERS HOSTED

210 volunteer groups, businesses and organizations hosted dinners at our houses for our guests to enjoy.



210

NUMBER OF GUESTS SENT TO HOTELS

We have referred a total of 415 and 472 guests to hotels in 2018 and 2019, respectively, due to limited space. Our overall occupancy rate was 86.1%.



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2018 - 2019
BY
THE
NUMBERS

PERCENTAGE OF YOUR DONATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR MISSION



95%

NUMBER OF GUESTS SERVED



8,800

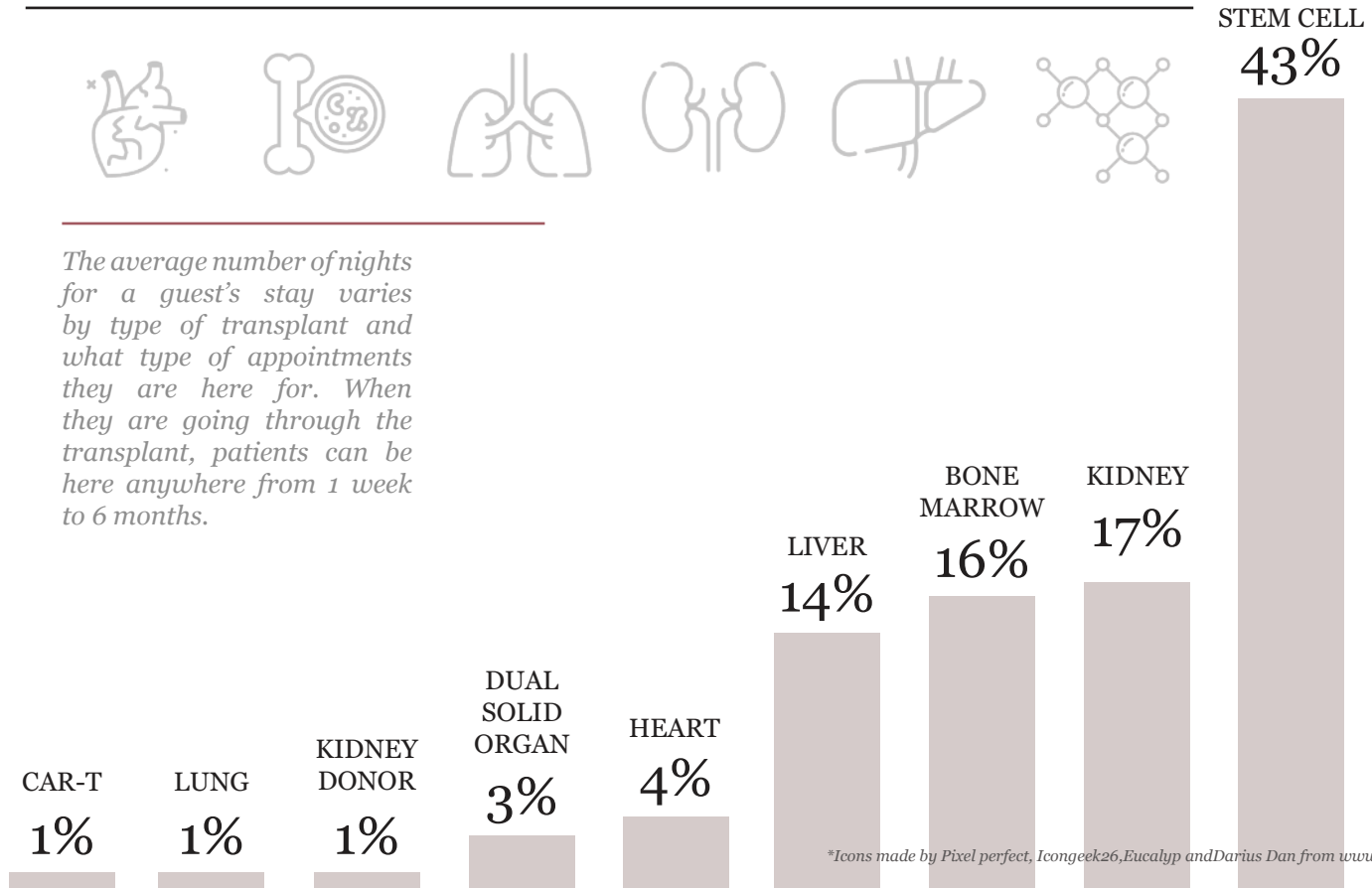
SUSAN POWERS HELPING HAND FUND SUBSIDIES



\$60,735

A YEAR IN REVIEW AT GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE

In 2018 and 2019, we served a total of 8,800 guests (4,200 in 2018 and 4,600 in 2019), totaling 93,493 guest nights. The percentage of the 8,800 guests served based on transplant type is represented below.



The average number of nights for a guest's stay varies by type of transplant and what type of appointments they are here for. When they are going through the transplant, patients can be here anywhere from 1 week to 6 months.

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2018-2019 GIFT OF LIFE TRANSPLANT HOUSE BENEFACTORS

Gift of Life Transplant House is grateful to all the benefactors that support our mission. The mission of the house would not be sustainable without the generosity of the names listed below. Due to space limitations, the benefactor list reflects those who have donated \$500 or more.

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For questions, please contact Mary Wilder, Executive Director.

REMEMBERING ED POMPEIAN



On July 8, 2019, we mourned the passing of Ed Pompeian. Husband, father, successful businessman and founder of Gift of Life Transplant House,

this remarkable man forged a legacy that has impacted thousands and will continue to do so! Despite his own health challenges, Ed's spirit and smile brought hope and encouragement, peace and gratitude and reminds us every day to carry on with courage and determination.

**NOVEMBER 26, 1952
- JULY 8, 2019**

GROWING TO MEET THE NEED

In 2019, Gift of Life Transplant House turned 472 guests away due to lack of space, nearly 15% more than were turned away in 2018. The need for affordable, high quality accommodations for transplant patients and their caregivers continues to grow and Gift of Life Transplant House is poised to meet that need. In 2019, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to begin plans for an expansion that will add 28 guest rooms to



the existing Anne and Henry Zarrow Home. Details will be made available as plans are finalized!



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Thank you to our selfless, hardworking, and passionate board members and staff who make Gift of Life Transplant House such an amazing place.

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