**ENGLISH LEARNING CENTER**

**101 CLASSES**
- 44 English
- 22 reading circles
- 19 math
- 16 literacy
- 5 computer
- 1ingle
- 1 healthy eating
- 1 stress management
- 1 health vocabulary

**REPRESENTING**
- 29 COUNTRIES
  - 70% Somalia
  - 9% Ethiopia
  - 7% Eritrea
  - 5% Mexico
  - 1% from each of the remaining 25 countries

**IMPACT**
- 95% reported better understanding English
- 94% reported learning more about United States culture
- 62% believe they can better ask for directions in English
- 46% get a job
- At least 9 students became United States citizens

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**OUR SAVIOUR’S HOUSING**

**453 EMERGENCY SHELTER**
- Up to 90 days
- No charge

**26 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**
- Long-term programs on health, education, and employment
- Houses—men’s and women’s
- 90-day stay

**117 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**
- Sustained housing support for those with special needs
- Pre-probation services for those on parole
- Transient shelter

**596 SHELTER AND HOUSING FOR 432 PERSONS**

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- Health outcomes—30-90% reported issues related to mental health, 20-50% physical disability, and 40-60% chemical dependency
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- 52% maintained or at least one referral to address their needs
- 60% found employment
- 35% secured housing
- 38% maintained stable work schedule
- 35% attended school

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**IMPACT**
- 42% maintained stable or had a positive departure to other permanent housing
- 78% of residents with sick decreased their daily
- 84% improved health-related issues

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**SHUKRI GIVES BACK**

“The night Shukri fled her home in Somalia she truly believed she was going to die. When she arrived, Shukri’s biggest concern was not for herself but for others she saw in need. As soon as she arrived in a refugee camp in Kenya, she began volunteering. She went from tent to tent requesting extra food from everyone who could give it and redistributing what she collected to those who needed it most.

After twenty years in the camp, Shukri came to the United States. The transition was easier because she was reuniting with family in Minnesota. Still, she found the United States was a more individualistic culture and wasn’t sure how much help others would offer. She remembers the day she saw someone who was homeless. “I felt so sad. It made me realize we all need each other and can’t survive without one another.”

Today, Shukri is an anchor of our school community. She continues her service to others as a volunteer in the morning lower level math class, before attending classes and staying in the evening. She says, “When I see the students benefit, it makes me feel very good!” Shukri’s smile and friendly nature help new students and teachers feel welcomed.

However, Shukri feels that she is only giving back what she has received. Without the English Learning Center, Shukri believes her life would be very difficult. “All of my children speak English, and I couldn’t understand what they would say. Now I understand, and they can’t hide anything from me!”

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**A KEY FOR JUDE**

Originally from Cameroon, Jude became homeless when he encountered troubles changing his immigration status from international student to permanent resident. During the three years he fought his case, he was arrested for legal employment. Unable to stay with friends or pay rent, Jude eventually found his way to Our Saviour’s Shelter.

Fortunately, Jude saw his permanent resident status today. During his shelter stay and started working as a technical support analyst, he resolved all computer issues over the phone. But he wasn’t quite ready to go out on his own. Our Saviour’s Transitional Housing Program offered him the time and stability he needed to save money and go back to school. He enrolled in a part-time bachelor’s program in IT management to add to his associate’s degree in computer science.

After five months in transitional housing, Jude moved into his own apartment, where he continues to stay today. He’s working two IT jobs that he really enjoys, and attends a 4环学校 he expects to graduate in spring of 2021.

Looking back on his experience at Our Saviour’s, Jude reflects, “I saw wonderful because before I came to OSH, I spent all the money I had in motels after staying with friends. I eventually started sleeping in the street for several months. When I moved into the transitional housing program, it was the first time I had a key that could actually open my own door. That was an amazing experience.” Jude thanks Our Saviour’s for giving him the opportunity to move on and make his life better.”
We’re Certified!

This year, we were proud to be officially recognized as a Service Enterprise, a title less than 15% of organizations nationwide can claim! Certified by Points of Light, the largest organization in the world dedicated to volunteer service, a Service Enterprise is an organization that fundamentally leverages volunteers and their skills across all levels of the organization to successfully deliver on its mission.

You Volunteered.

12,835 Hours of Service
= 10 Full-time Positions
499,621
An Estimated Value of $249,700

You gave.

1,688 Volunteers

You made it all possible.

2015-2016 Annual Report

Total Revenue
$3,961,057

- 75% Government Grants $2,018,365
- 11% Private Gifts and Corporations $292,853
- 10% In-kind Contributions $271,673
- 3% Other Income $79,564
- 1% Rent Income $25,445
- <1% MHFA Debt Forgiveness $4,115

Total Expenses
$3,769,181

- 76% Our Saviour’s Housing $2,120,489
- 18% English Learning Center $499,621
- 3% General and Administrative $74,676
- 3% Fundraising $74,395

For a complete list of donors, audited financial statement, and 990 visit www.oscs-mn.org/print.

What’s Next?

- Transition shelter to coordinated entry
- Launch distance learning curriculum
- Expand individual donor base

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