



# Annual Report, 2014

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## Mission

Providing grants that empower the homeless while building community.

## Background

A Hat for Harold incorporated in Maryland in May, 2012, received its IRS 501(c)(3) designation as a public charity on September 21, 2012, and distributed its first grants on November 12, 2012.

Distribution of micro grants is accomplished through a peer council where homeless individuals bring their requests and serve on the council. The council votes on authorizing requests based on whether 1) the request is part of the five H's-- heart (motivation/relationships), health, housing, hired, and a little help, 2) the request can only be reasonably obtained at A Hat for Harold, and 3) whether the requestor is a positive participant in the A Hat for Harold community.

Participation in the peer councils provides not only an opportunity to have a need filled that has been difficult previously, but even more importantly, allows the participants to have a voice in the distribution of funds and in determining their own best course of action as they move toward stable housing and employment. A Hat for Harold is hopeful that providing this forum for active participation will rekindle a sense of responsibility and accountability and be a factor in building self-esteem and dignity.

## Operation

A Hat for Harold is volunteer-based and holds its council meetings directly in the homeless community, leaving overhead expenses to a minimum.

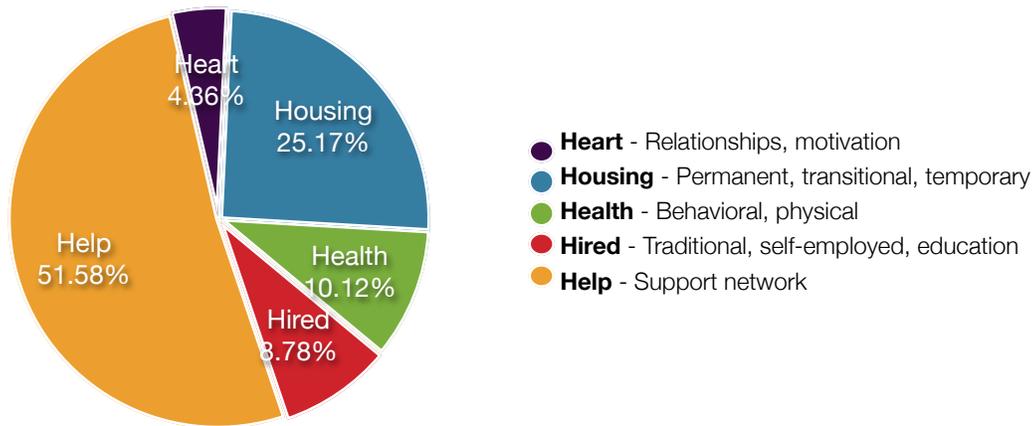
## Milestone

On June 9, 2014, A Hat for Harold extended its reach beyond its charter location in the Route 1 Day Resource Center in Jessup, Maryland with the start of a second peer council operating out of the Father Bradley Shelter for Women and Children in Henderson, Kentucky. A supporter of A Hat for Harold who volunteers regularly at the Father Bradley Shelter started the council and, along with two other volunteers, runs this meeting providing the micro grants to the residents of the shelter. With this greater reach, A Hat for Harold is now contributing to the empowerment of individuals in two communities.

**2014 Finances**

Item	Amount	Comments
Balance at beginning of year	\$11,038.58	
Donations	\$16,843.29	
Other income	\$12.40	Interest
Microgrants distributed	(\$9,321.65)	95 micro grants averaging \$98.12 ea
Expenses	(\$1,272.53)	Largest expense: \$595 in Directors and Officers insurance for one year of coverage
Balance at end of year	\$17,300.09	

**2014 Distribution of Grants**



**Reflections**

2014 saw nineteen individuals that received grants from A Hat for Harold move into housing. While these clients were assisted by multiple organizations in this process, A Hat for Harold is proud to have played a role in their lives during this important transition.

2014 was important in that A Hat for Harold expanded to sponsoring two peer councils. Adding an additional council does not increase overhead expenses, but does of course, increase program expenses with the additional grants distributed. However, incoming donor support continues to be enough to support the addition of the second council.

A Hat for Harold is committed to continuing its work to empower individuals dealing with the effects of homelessness while building community through the peer council process.