

Dear Friends,

At First Light, we strive to offer our guests hope, dignity, and the opportunity to achieve their full potential. To that end, we continue to expand our efforts to assist our guests in improving their circumstances, including two recent programs to place eligible ladies in permanent housing, which gives them an important sense of normalcy and stability in their lives. Sustaining such programs and offering care and comfort to all of our guests requires your support, which we greatly appreciate. We hope you will continue to provide that support as we move forward with our mission.

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Changing Lives - Starting Over

First Light has been and always will be committed to providing emergency shelter to homeless women and children in Birmingham and the surrounding areas. In our holistic approach to homelessness in general, we have learned that supportive services are the key to deeper and longer-lasting effects. The women we encounter on a daily basis have an inner strength which, if nurtured, empowers them to make significant growth and change. In 2007, First Light has sought new paths which allow us to effect this kind of deeper and lasting change in the lives of our guests.

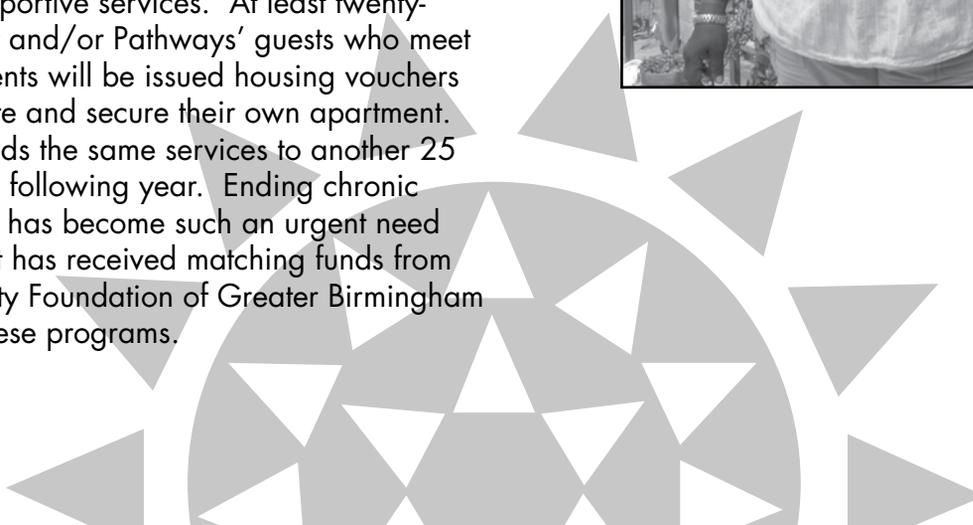
As of Summer 2007, First Light has launched two new permanent supportive housing programs. We are referring to the first program as Bessemer HUD because it is being funded by a grant received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provides housing in the Bessemer area.

First Light will be securing 8 apartments in the Bessemer area for guests who have been identified as chronically homeless and meet other qualifications for the program. (A chronically homeless person is defined by HUD as an "unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.")

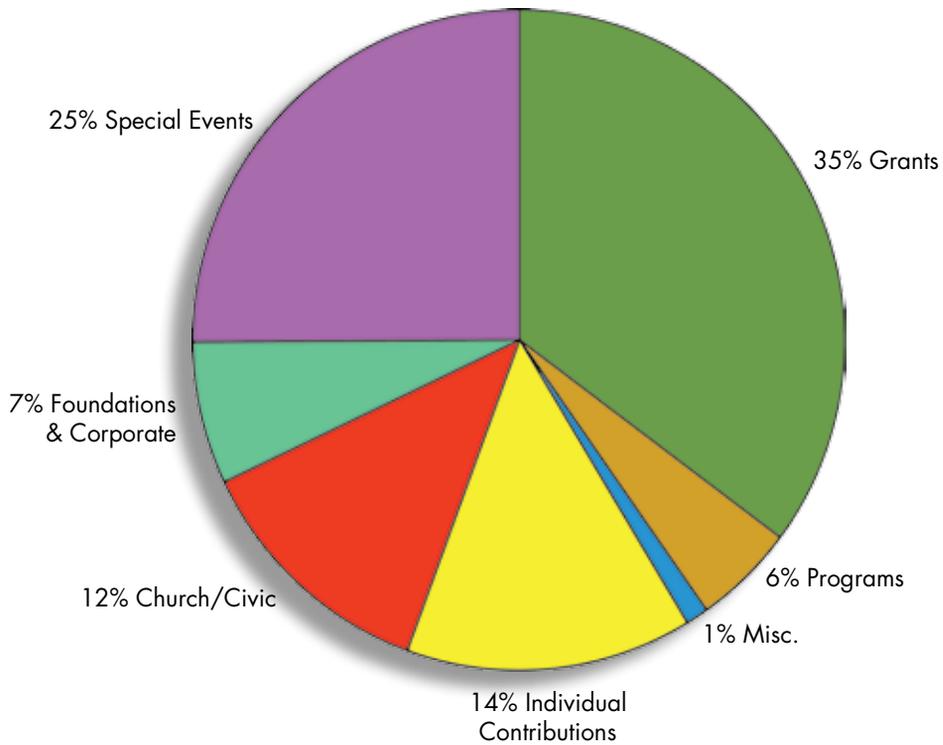
The second new program is referred to as Shelter Plus Care. This is a collaborative program combining the efforts of First Light, Pathways and the Jefferson Affordable Housing Initiative, with First Light acting as the lead agency and providing the direct supportive services. At least twenty-five First Light and/or Pathways' guests who meet the requirements will be issued housing vouchers and will locate and secure their own apartment. This grant funds the same services to another 25 women in the following year. Ending chronic homelessness has become such an urgent need that First Light has received matching funds from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham for both of these programs.

First Light will be providing intensive supportive services and case management to Bessemer HUD and Shelter Plus Care participants- from the time they pre-qualify for the program, through the moving process, and as they reestablish their independent lives.

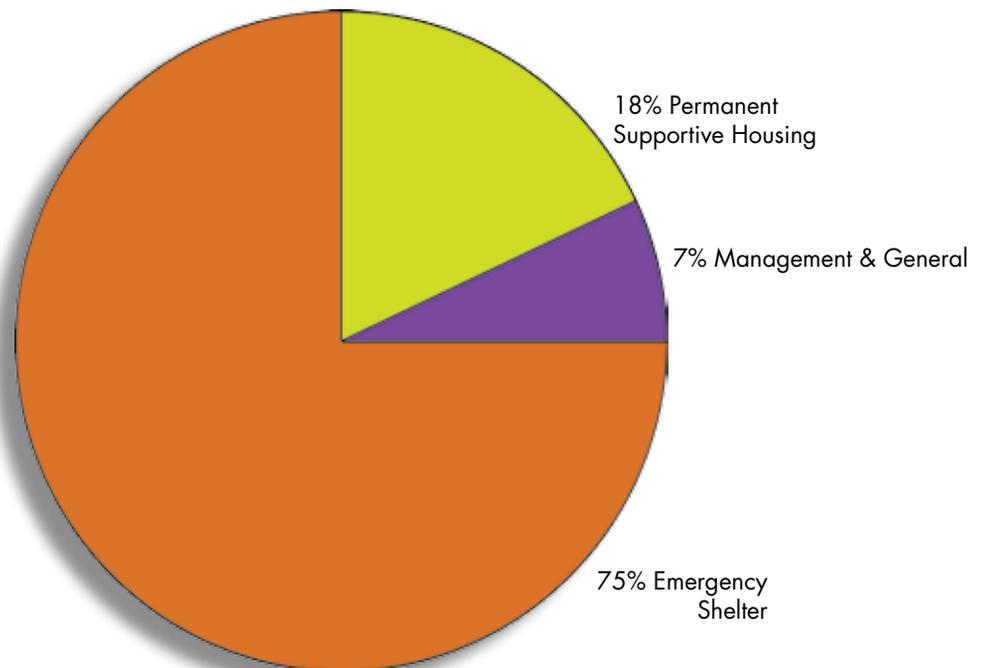
First Light's mission is to work with homeless women and their children to create hospitality in a safe and nurturing community, encouraging them to maintain dignity, find hope, seek opportunity and grow spiritually, thereby achieving their full potential. By way of these two programs, we will extend the reach of our mission outside the confines of the structure known as "First Light" to the community at large. New avenues have been found for encouraging women to regain a sense of hope, to seize opportunities and to harness their inner strength, resulting in lives ever changed for the better.



FY 2007 Revenue



FY 2007 Expenses



With your generous contributions, First Light provided shelter to 896 homeless women and children over the past year.

Of those served:

- There were 81 families.
- 102 were children and 794 were adults.
- **Only 32 of the 443 guests served in the emergency shelter returned during the year.**

Who We Serve

Of the 794 adults provided with shelter at First Light;
218 had experienced abuse of some kind during their lives
212 had a severe mental illness
195 had a drug abuse problem
136 were the victims of domestic violence
131 had an alcohol addiction
20 had a physical disability
13 were elderly
11 had a developmental disability
8 were veterans
5 had HIV or AIDS

Of the individuals who left First Light and reported where they were going:

127 went to other emergency shelters due to lack of available beds at First Light
121 went into permanent housing
61 went into transitional housing
15 went to a hospital or inpatient treatment program
7 went to domestic violence shelters
3 went to boarding homes
1 went to live with a friend

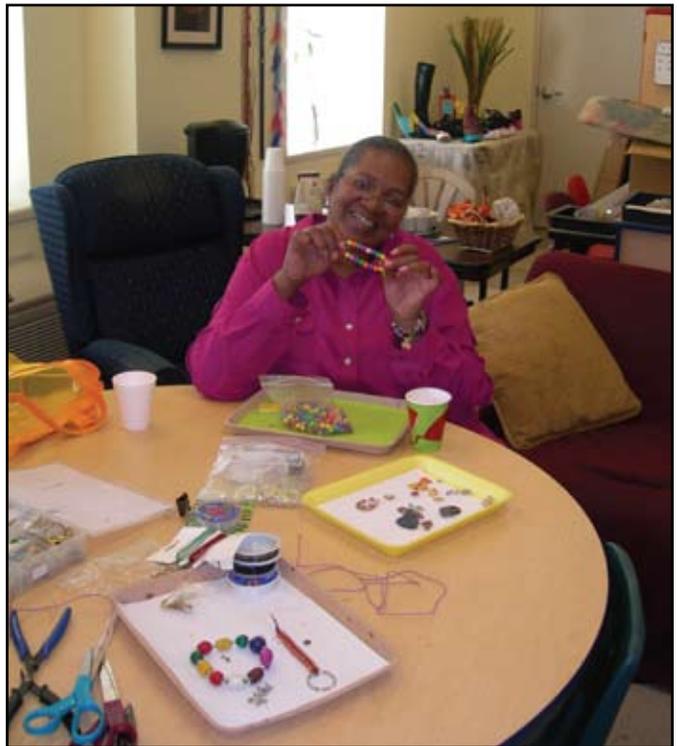
In addition to providing emergency shelter, 288 guests were provided with transportation assistance to go to work, search for a job, go to the doctor or hospital, or go to other community resource offices (i.e. Social Security office, food stamp office, outpatient treatment programs).

The women at First Light have endured unfathomable turmoil and hardship. In an effort to help them relieve stress, learn to cope with loss and life and just enjoy themselves, we offer a variety of day programs. Volunteers come in on a regular basis to offer the guests bible study, communion, manicures, hair cuts and occasionally even a concert! The Director of Social Services conducts Life Skills classes, Movie Therapy and Group Therapy on a weekly basis. These groups are essential to providing the women with the knowledge and confidence necessary for independent living.

Art Therapy continues to be an important and much-loved activity to First Light's guests. Last year, 432 women participated in the art therapy program, including some former guests who return for the class each week.

Program Participation July 2006-June 2007

Art Therapy- 432 participants
Bible Study- 932 participants
Harp Circle- 173 participants
Life Skills- 550 participants
Movie Therapy- 278 participants
Music Therapy- 228 participants



The Heart of First Light



It has been said at least a thousand times that volunteers are the heart of First Light. Dinner and overnight volunteers

completely ran the shelter in the basement of First Presbyterian Church for 17 years and continue to play a crucial role in our ability to provide shelter and services to the homeless women and children in our community.

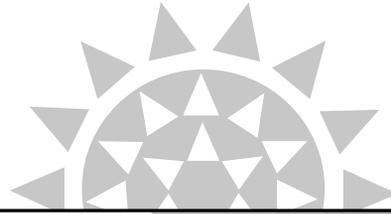
Volunteers bring and serve meals, stay overnight and collect items to be donated to First Light (such as toiletries, hygiene products and over-the-counter medicine). Volunteers give the ladies manicures, sing for them, collect Christmas gifts for the women and children, decorate the bulletin board in the

dining room, beautify the courtyard, organize and clean the basement, design and maintain our website, serve on the board of directors... and the list goes on and on! While all of these things done by volunteers are extremely important to the daily functioning of the shelter, the mere presence of volunteers at First Light every day is even more important. Their continuous presence is evidence to them that they are not forgotten, that they are not thrown away, that they are not worthless and that someone cares about them. A listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and a sounding board for dreams and new ideas... are things that we could not buy for our guests.



The staff, but especially the women and children at First Light truly appreciate every one of our volunteers. Volunteers always have been and always will be the heart of First Light!

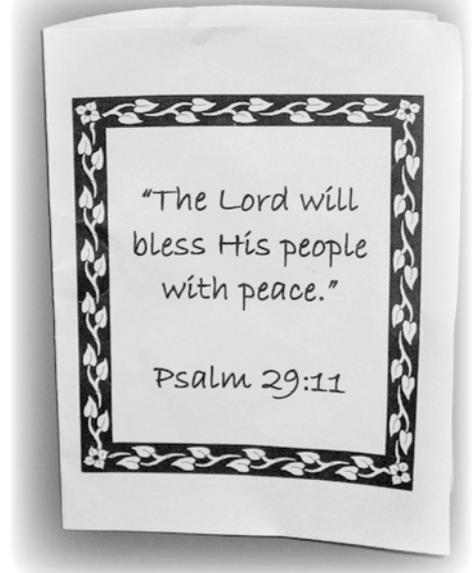
Volunteers have provided well over 8,000 hours of service at First Light in the past year.



When I Came to First Light...

"When I came to First Light, I was surprised by the number of women that were here, homeless; so many young women. I'm here because I made a decision to leave an abusive relationship even though I had nowhere to go and no resources. What I've learned during my stay here is that I'm not alone. Not every homeless person is a substance abuser. Other circumstances can make you find yourself with nowhere to go. If First Light did not exist, I would be sleeping under a bridge."

"Without First Light, people like me might be without a proper and safe, clean place to live. Here, people care about who and what you are. They take their time to listen and try their best to get you where you need to be."



"When I came to First Light, I had just lost my husband and didn't have anywhere else to go. I was lost in my own self. I wanted to hide from the world and not be seen."

"When I came to First Light, there were some people who were so warm and welcoming. They made me feel right at home and comfortable. To them I will always be grateful."

"When I came to First Light, I was at the end of my rope, homeless, helpless, and discouraged with life in general; blaming others for my circumstances, for my bad choices and addictions; wanting and needing a safe place to be."

"When I came to First Light, I was scared, beaten and so disappointed in myself. I was shaking and felt lost and thrown away."

"When I came to First Light, I didn't know what to expect, but since being here I've come to the realization that I'm not the only woman in the world who is homeless. But I'm blessed to be here and the staff here is wonderful."



"When I came to First Light, I was really surprised at how much the people who worked there truly cared about what was going on in my life. I'm here because I have nowhere else to go, no family to go to. What I've learned during my stay here is that this place is like being at home. I've learned that I can start all over again. If everyone who ever meets me could know one thing about me, I would like them to know that I am someone very important. If First Light did not exist, I don't know what I would do."

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