



Kitsap  
Rescue  
Mission

Heart and Hope

# 2018 Annual Report

*“He’s chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor . . .”*

- Jesus reads from Isaiah, Luke 4:18





## KRM Board

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## Next Project: Shelter Renovation!



# KRM Co-founder Walter LeCouteur Retires



*Walt with wife Mary at the  
2018 Banquet*

Walt founded the Kitsap Rescue Mission with Larry Cooney in 2009 and grew the Mission from its humble beginnings as a mobile meal ministry, to what we are today.

Thank you Walt for your labor of love, your heart for the homeless, and your legacy.

Mary was by his side through all of this, volunteering countless hours in support of her husband and in service to the Mission.

Thank you both for blessing our community in such a lasting way.

## Support Service Director, **Nancy Olsten** was appointed to the Interim **Executive Director**

position in November, then to Executive Director in September. With the Mission as a volunteer since 2015, she joined the staff in 2017. Nancy brings with her 9 years of nonprofit management experience, an MBA and her doctorate, along with a lifelong passion to serve the vulnerable.

**Nate Sylling** was promoted to **Operations Director** where he oversees the day to day ministry of the Mission. Nate also began his career at KRM as a volunteer. He is committed to creating a culture of honor and respect here that reflects the heart of Jesus.

## New Leadership





Helping  
people. . .

### Case Management

assisted **382** people,  
providing **1964**  
services

The **Shelter** provided  
a safe place to sleep for  
**318** of our neighbors  
experiencing  
homelessness for a total  
of **9078** bednights.

The **Meal Site** served  
over **15,000**  
delicious, home cooked  
**meals**.

The **Dayroom**  
welcomed an average of  
**150** people PER DAY  
through its doors last  
winter.

## Oscar's Story

Oscar's story really starts with Franklin.

When I arrived at the Mission, Franklin was already a regular in the **Dayroom** and in the process of his life changing into something new. We were having Sunday services at the time, and that Easter, Franklin was baptized. He then took up a new habit – walking the streets to talk to those who looked like they needed a friend. That's how he met Oscar. Franklin could see he was in distress. He introduced himself, discovered Oscar had nowhere to go, so he walked him over to where he knew Oscar could find help: the **Mission**. – *Nate Sylling, Operations Director*

**I met Oscar during his first night in the shelter.** He had just been released from jail and found himself unexpectedly homeless. He was broken, scared, and without hope. He didn't have a bed reserved since he had no idea about services or where to go, but we welcomed him in and made room. Accepting my invitation to talk in the case manager's office for privacy, he began sharing his story.

As he made arrangements for his release, his girlfriend, who he thought he would live with again, broke up with him. Without a place to go, he had no idea what to do. He was heartbroken about the breakup and had never been homeless before. I assured him it was okay for men to cry, which he did. After learning about the resources in the community and where to find them, he left the office, tears still in his eyes, but appreciative that he'd found a safe place for the night, and some hope. – *Nancy Olsten, Executive Director*

## Oscar's Story continued

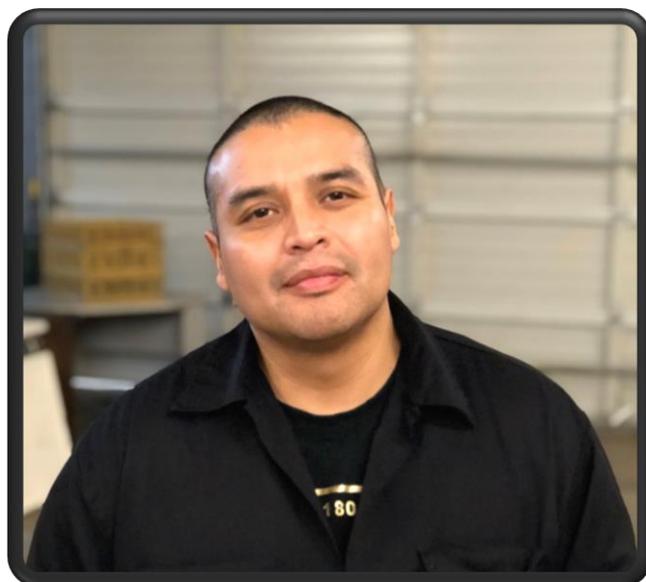
Once Oscar had settled in, **he became a regular in the Dayroom** and I spoke with him every day over the course of almost a year. I listened to him and prayed for him, encouraging him to trust Jesus. He eventually came to trust me too.

– *Nate Sylling, Operations Director*

Oscar ate his **meals** with us, received help and resources from **case management**, and eventually reconnected with family.

Before he left, he came in to thank us. **“You guys literally saved my life. I’ll never forget it.”**

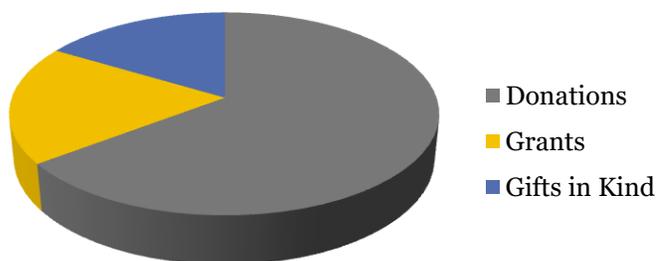
– *Oscar, KRM Guest and Friend*



**Whose story will start with Oscar?**

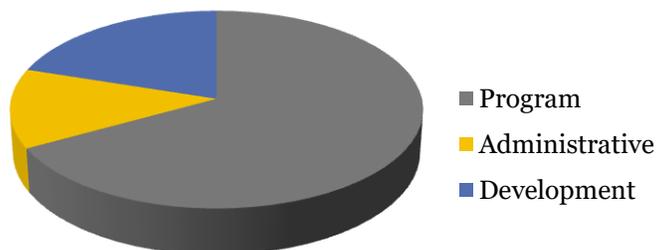
## Financial Snapshot

### Income



Donations	562,381	64.6%
Grants	165,032	19.0%
Gifts in Kind	142,667	16.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$870,080</b>	

### Expenditures



Program	538,338	67.0%
Administrative	104,363	13.0%
Development	161,002	20.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$803,703</b>	

**Volunteers served over \$12,000 hours**

Audited financials are available on our website at [www.KitsapRescue.org](http://www.KitsapRescue.org)