

RESTORING CONNECTIONS

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME

formerly the Center for Spirituality at Work



A NEW NAME, THE SAME DEDICATION TO TRANSFORMING LIVES

Have you ever had a relationship in your life that has transformed the way you see yourself, others, or the world around you?

Over the past 23 years, you have accompanied hundreds of people through all kinds of experiences with supportive relationships. **Your service, your financial support, and your spiritual support have made transformation possible.**

You have expanded this organization from one that offered programs on spirituality and work for busily-employed people to one that serves women during incarceration and reentry. We've added programming to nourish the lives of seniors. Through it all, you have ensured that those who desire to serve our marginalized brothers and sisters can receive accessible, transformative training to be effective companions.

All of this has led us to a new business name, Restoring Connections, though our legal name is still Vincentian Center for Spirituality at Work. In selecting this name, we have tried to remain true to both who we have been and how we have grown.

I hope you enjoy reading Alberta's story on page 3, because you made her story possible. I hope you are encouraged (and not bored!) by the finances on page 2. We have worked to steward your resources effectively and responsibly.

Finally, **I hope you feel how grateful we are for you.** We are privileged to share all that you have made possible.

Amanda







Amanda Lopez, Executive Director

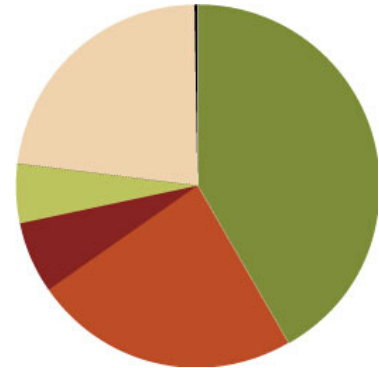
Pictured above, left to right: Making Choices participants at graduation; Volunteers providing hospitality at an Elder Wisdom program event; Spiritual Directors in training.

FINANCES









July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

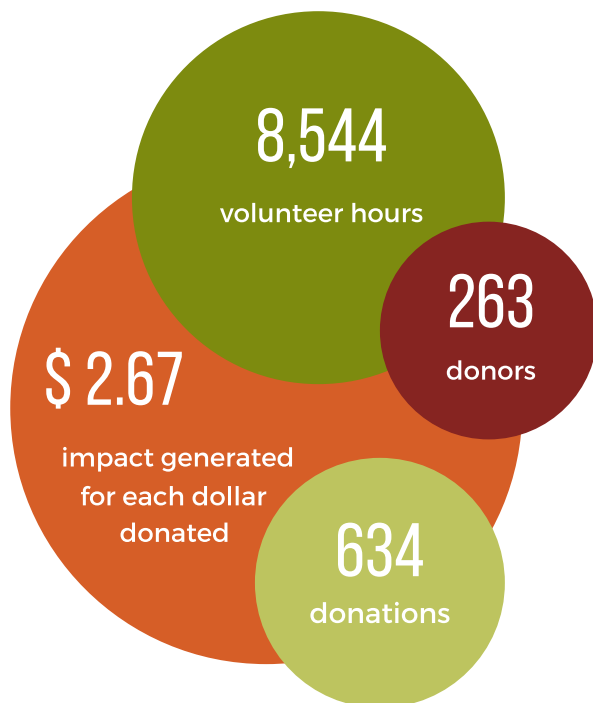
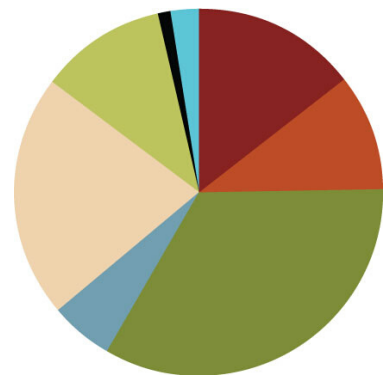
INCOME

Individuals	\$ 70,555	
Faith communities	40,100	
Program fees	10,566	
Foundations and corporations	8,762	
In-kind donations	38,594	
Interest and other income	249	
Total revenue & other support	\$ 168,826	





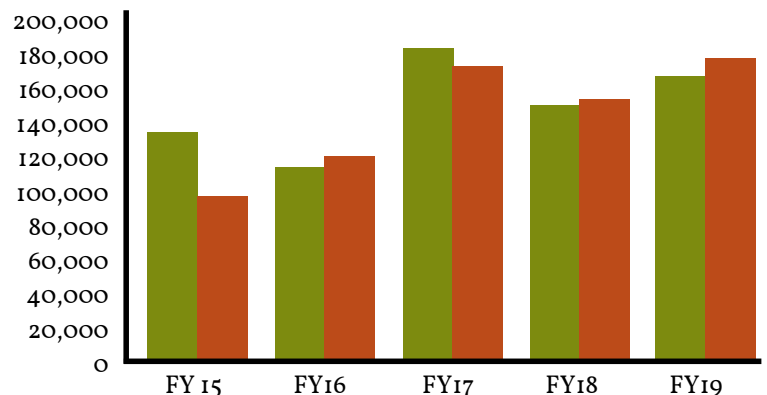
EXPENSES

Management and general	\$ 26,294	
Fundraising	18,379	
Making Choices	60,557	
Prison Soul Care	9,890	
Healing Art	1,877	
Soul Care Formation	38,901	
Elder Wisdom	20,093	
Other program expenses	4,153	
Total expenses	\$ 180,144	



5 YEAR COMPARISON

 income
 expenses



IMPACT - ALBERTA'S STORY

Alberta is just one of the women who has taken full advantage of the opportunities provided by our programming for women in prison and reentry. Alberta was incarcerated for many years. During that time she participated in Making Choices, our decision-making skills program, and received Soul Care twice a month from one of our trained spiritual mentors. Even during incarceration it was evident that Alberta was open to transformation and invested in a different future for herself. She worked on her own healing. She regularly sought out opportunities to assist other women in the facility, and to show kindness to the most isolated. She developed a reputation as a spiritual leader and others sought her out.

Now on parole, caring for others continues to be a central reality of Alberta's life. She has served on two committees: Elder Wisdom, which provides programming for senior citizens, and the Vincentian Family planning team. As a member of the Women's Voices Speaker's Bureau, she shares her story in a variety of settings. She participates in advocacy work at all stages: from the initial crafting of legislation, to specific training for advocacy work, to attending committee hearings and visiting with senators during our Day at the Capitol. Alberta has claimed her voice and is making a difference for others.

This June, Alberta began our Formation Program for Soul Care Training. In her internship, Alberta brings a spiritual presence to the elderly—for those still in their own homes and in care facilities. Alberta also provides a group spiritual direction experience for women of diverse backgrounds. She encourages them to be in touch with their gifts and to recognize how those gifts serve the community. **Alberta's story is an encouragement to other women to be in touch with their own gifts and to recognize how they, too, can make the world a place of hope.**

WELCOME, AMBER!

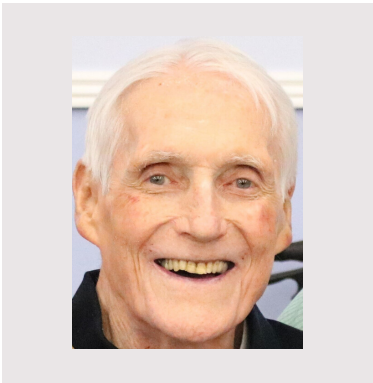


Amber Kelusky joined us this fall as our social work Intern. She is a 2nd year Masters in Social Work student at the University of Denver, with a concentration in Organizational Leadership and Public Policy. Prior to joining our team, Amber worked in Development and Fundraising for a nonprofit organization in the Denver metro area.

After personal growth and reflection, she decided to shift her career towards advocacy with a vast passion for women's rights, which led her to us. Amber will work alongside our team with the Making Choices and Healing Arts programs, as well as our Elder Wisdom committee. Additionally, Amber will help with fundraising efforts and advocacy for criminal justice reform once the legislative session begins in January.



Alberta, right, with board member Maureen at the Colorado State Capitol for our annual Day at the Capitol.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We are grateful for the many years of leadership and guidance that **Father Tom Nelson, C.M.** provided. As spiritual advisor, Fr. Tom kept us in touch with our Vincentian roots and values. It is with sadness that we mark his passing this past October. We miss you, Father Tom.

OUR NEW NAME **REBRANDING PROJECT UPDATE**

You—our stakeholders—generously contributed to the selection of our new charity name. After careful consideration and weighing all the feedback, we are rebranding as **RESTORING CONNECTIONS**. Connection and restoration are the focus of all our program areas:

- **Services to women in prison and reentry** – justice-involved women are restored to self, family, and community through a connection with a mentor. Both are transformed through the relationship.
- **Soul Care Formation** – Spiritual Directors are trained to foster connection, meaning, and healing for those they serve.
- **Elder Wisdom** – Seniors are restored to self, family, and community through spirituality programs that encourage them to share their gifts and impart their wisdom to the next generation.

Now, we need your help again. We want your input on a new logo! Will you give us your quick thoughts on **COLORS** and **IMAGES** that come to mind when you think of what we do, and our new name? We would love to have your submissions by **MARCH 1ST**. You can email your submission to: logo@cfsaw.org



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PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAM	JUL-DEC 2019	IN TOTAL
Making Choices (including reentry)	10	790
Soul Care at DWCF	81	772
Soul Care Formation	7	625
Elder Wisdom	50	150
Healing Art	24	140