



Sierra
House

Helping young women open
the door to self-sufficiency

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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ABOUT US

With the dream of helping to support homeless young women, a very vulnerable part of the population, Sierra House Executive Director Keely Freeman and Gregory Brown founded Sierra House in 2002. Throughout the past 17 years, Sierra House has expanded the reach of its services and program offerings while helping hundreds of individuals and families. The mission of Sierra House is to improve the prospects of individual achievement for homeless and low- to moderate-income individuals and families through housing, education and community services, thereby contributing to our community's long-term stability.

Sierra House currently consists of three programs: the Sierra House Transitional Program, the Sierra House Family Support Services (FSS) and the Sierra

House Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP).

Together, these three initiatives work to help individuals and families to fulfill their potential by mitigating homelessness and socioeconomic challenges and risks.



Who We Are

List of Staff Members

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- Program Manager
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- ISS Technicians
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Sierra House Board of Directors

Pearlene S. Fields, President
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Patricia Freeman, Secretary

Tanzania Steele, Trustee
Jose Sabater, Trustee

It has been a marvelous year at the Sierra House. Sierra House staff continue to do a remarkable job of transitioning young homeless women and children into a life of self-sufficiency and our efforts have yielded great stories of success. But we are striving to do more. We have introduced new programs, created new initiatives, and forged new development plans while still maintaining the core principles and values that make up the foundation of the Sierra House.

To date, more than 400 women and entered into the doors of the Sierra program. The Sierra House has been improving the community and helping youth. We are very proud of the work accomplish in the future!

Last year, Sierra House was successful in expanding our reach in the community by partnering with the City of East Orange to renovate vacant and abandoned properties. Sierra House is giving back to the city that has done so much for us. We want to make our neighborhoods in East Orange a better place to live and work by rehabilitating dilapidated homes, creating more affordable housing, and stimulating business and commercial development. This is a tall order with which we are faced, but we stand united with the City of East Orange in this challenge.

As another example of how the agency expands its reach, the Sierra House saw a need in the community and decided to intervene. The agency took note that many of our residents have special needs or have children with special needs. As such, Sierra House created FSS to service children and young adults under 21 years of age with challenging behaviors and developmental disabilities. The Sierra House truly wants to help the people we can reach to become self-sufficient in every way possible.

2018 has been a year of growth, change and renewal. This year, we are excited and proud to take on new initiatives and encapsulate the full scope of our founding goals. We are determined to be successful in all of our new efforts. However, we cannot do this alone. Sierra House continually makes great accomplishments due to the efforts of the people who surround us. The dedicated time and resources of others are what make us great. Our staff at the Sierra House are one of a kind. They are always willing to go the extra mile and sacrifice whatever is needed for our residents. The ways in which board members strategize to bring awareness, change and new ideas are endless.

I am confident we will continue to grow and excel with your help. My challenge to you is to become part of our success. Come out and see what we're all about, meet our young ladies and children, volunteer and share your valuable expertise skills, host a workshop, open and share your network and resource pools, and donate to our cause. Whatever or however you choose to be part of helping the Sierra House is a commitment we welcome.

Sincerely,

Pearlene S. Fields

Pearlene S. Fields
President, Board of Directors



children have
House and its two-year
such a success when it comes to
to eradicate the problem of homeless
we have done and are confident in what we will

Our Programs



Sierra House Transitional Program

The Sierra House Transitional Program is a two-year program that provides housing, case management and critical social services to homeless youth as well as young mothers 18 to 25 years of age and their children. The transitional program distinguishes itself through its extensive focus on developing the personal and professional worth of the client as a pathway to becoming a stable member of the community.

For the past 17 years, the Sierra House Transitional Program has done an outstanding job of improving the lives of homeless women and children by providing them with places to live, transitioning them to their own apartments, preparing them for school and/or careers, addressing their social service needs, and providing them with a wide variety of life skills. The transitional program is an award-winning program that has an exemplary record of meeting its target goals and of moving women toward lifelong independent living. Since its inception, the Sierra House has helped more than 400 individuals and families to become self-sufficient and to transition to permanent housing. A total of 83% of program participants graduate from the program with their own apartments. In addition, while living at the Sierra House, more than half of program participants obtain jobs, and more than 45% enroll in college or in other programs of higher education.

Meet Marcia Dash-Smith, Case Manager

Hello, my name is Marcia Dash-Smith, and I am the case manager for the Sierra House Transitional Program. In 2017, I completed a one-year internship at the Sierra House. Over the past few years, this program has allowed me to take young ladies from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This was accomplished by providing services that would enable the girls to obtain employment, return to school or be enrolled in job training programs. Helping with these great milestones has been such a life-changing experience for me and has greatly increased my concern for the welfare of others.



2018 Transitional Program Highlights



Keely Freeman and Gregory Brown co-founded the Sierra House in 2002 in response to a series of tragedies that exploded in the press concerning the starvation and deaths of children who were victims of severe abuse and neglect. The two friends felt compelled to take action to save a segment of our society, at-risk youth ages 18–25 years old. What was born out of several living room discussions in 2001 is now a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing the lives of homeless young women, mothers and their children. The organization serves children with developmental disabilities, provides housing and homeownership opportunities to working families, and revitalizes distressed communities. Below is a glimpse of our successes.

Sierra House has served 398 women and children. Of the total population served:

- 262 were adults and 136 were children
- 24 years old was the average age of the adults served
- 56 months was the average age of the babies served

Of the total population served the demographics are as follows:

- 27 out of 398 or 6% were Hispanic (19 adults and 8 children)
- 367 out of 398 or 92% were Non-Hispanic Black (241 adults and 128 children)
- 6 out of 398 or 2% were Non-Hispanic White (4 adults and 2 children)

How they learned of Sierra House (as per the waiting list):

- 224 out of 367 or 61% were referred through word of mouth
- 67 out of 367 or 18% were referred through a community organization
- 29 out of 367 or 8% were referred by a teacher or social worker
- 11 out of 367 or 3% were referred by the New Jersey Department of Children and Family Services
- 36 out of 367 or 10% learned about the Sierra House through the internet.

At intake (before being enrolled):

- 183 out of 262 or 70% had earned a high school (HS) diploma or General Education Developments (GED)
- 79 out of 262 or 30% had not earned their HS diploma or GED
- 181 out of 262 or 69% were unemployed
- 81 out of 262 or 31% were employed
- 19 out of 262 or 7% received unemployment benefits
- 105 out of 262 or 40% were mothers

At intake, program participants reported their last place of residence as follows:

- 218 out of 262 or 83% previously resided in Essex County
- 27 out of 262 or 11% previously resided in Union County
- 4 out of 262 or 1.5% previously resided in other New Jersey counties
- 4 out of 262 or 1.5% previously resided in other states
- 9 out of 262 or 3% last place of residents is unknown

While living at Sierra House (262):

- 108 out of 262 or 41% enrolled in high school, college, or other postsecondary programs
- 144 out of 262 or 55% became employed
- 119 out of 262 or 45% were aided in receiving Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) or some form of housing assistance

- 6 out of 262 or 2% became pregnant

Of the total adult population that have left the program (225):

- 186 out of 225 or 83% transitioned to self-sufficiency
- 11 out of 225 or 5% were transferred to other shelters
- 28 out of 225 or 12% were terminated for noncompliance

Of those (178) who transitioned to self-sufficiency:

- 56 out of 178 or 31% were reunified with their families
- 30 out of 178 or 17% moved into a shared apartment
- 71 out of 178 or 40% transitioned to self-sufficiency ie: their own home
- 21 out of 178 or 12% moved in with their boyfriend, husband or significant other

Of the total number of babies served (136):

- 81 out of 136 or 60% were males
- 75 out of 136 or 55% were females
- 57 months was the average age of the babies served

In 2018:

Sierra House served 42 women and children. Of the total population served:

- 17 were adults and 25 were babies
- 24 years old was the average of adults served
- 57 months was the average age of the children

In 2018, of the total population served the demographics are as follows:

- 7 out of 42 or 17% were Hispanic (3 adults and 4 children)
- 35 out of 42 or 83% were Non-Hispanic Black (14 adults and 21 children)
- 0 out of 42 or 0% were Non-Hispanic White (0 adult and 0 children)

At intake (before being enrolled in the program) employment and income was recorded as follows:

- 9 out of 17 or 53% were employed
- 8 out of 17 or 47% were unemployed
- 1 out of 17 or 6% received wages from unemployment

At intake (before being enrolled in the program) education was recorded as follows:

- 9 out of 17 or 53% had their HS Diploma
- 3 out of 17 or 18% had a GED
- 5 out of 17 or 29% did not have a HS Diploma nor GED

At intake, program participants family status were as follows:

- 0 out of 17 or 0% were pregnant
- 13 out of 17 or 76% had children before entering Sierra House
- 4 out of 17 or 24% were single (did not have children and were not pregnant)

At intake, program participants reported their last place of residence as follows:

- 14 out of 17 or 82% previously resided in Essex County
- 1 out of 17 or 6% previously resided in Union County
- 0 out of 17 or 0% previously resided in Middlesex County
- 0 out of 17 or 0% previously resided in New York
- 2 out of 17 or 12% previously resided in other NJ counties

While living at Sierra House:

- 12 out of 17 or 71% received some form of public assistance
- 3 out of 17 or 18% received housing assistance i.e. (Temporary Rental Assistance- TRA, Emergency Solution Grant- ESG, etc.)
- 4 out of 17 or 24% received governmental cash assistance.
- 9 out of 17 or 53% received food stamps.

While living at Sierra House of those who were unemployed (8):

- 0 out of 8 or 0% received unemployment benefits
- 3 out of 8 or 37% remained unemployed
- 5 out of 8 or 63% became employed

While living at Sierra House of those who were employed at intake (9):

- 4 out of 9 or 44% secured better employment

While living at Sierra House of those who did not have HS/GED (5):

- 1 out of 5 or 20% earned their High School diploma or GED
- 3 out of 5 or 60% enrolled in a High School diploma or GED program
- 1 out of 5 or 20% did not enroll or earn a High School diploma or GED

While living at Sierra House

- 2 out of 17 or 12% became pregnant
- 10 out of 17 or 59% are still enrolled in the program
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were terminated for noncompliance
- 1 out of 17 or 6% moved into other shelters
- 6 out of 17 or 35% transitioned to independent living

Sierra House residents employment information is as follows:

9 out of 17 or 53% were employed at intake

Of this number 4 out of 9 or 44% secured better employment

5 out of 8 or 63% were employed who did not have employment at the time of intake

In total, while living at Sierra House, 14 out of 17 or 82% were employed in total

Sierra House residents education is as follows (please note that residents can be enrolled in a job training program as well as attend school):

At intake 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in school, post-secondary education i.e. college, job training, certification school i.e. National Career Institute

- 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in college at intake
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in high school or a GED program at intake
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in onsite or offsite job training classes and/or programs

While living at Sierra House residents education is as follows (please note that residents can be enrolled in a job training

program as well as attend school):

- 9 out of 17 or 53% enrolled in school, post-secondary education i.e. college, job training, certification school i.e. National Career Institute
- 4 out of 17 or 24% were enrolled in high school or a GED program
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in college at intake
- 5 out of 17 or 29% were enrolled in onsite or offsite job training classes and/or programs

In 2018, a total of:

- 9 out of 17 residents or 53% were enrolled in post-secondary education i.e. college, job training, certification school i.e. National Career Institute
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were enrolled in high school or a GED program at intake
- 2 out of 17 or 12% were enrolled in college
- 7 out of 17 or 41% were enrolled in onsite or offsite job training classes and/or programs

Of the 17 young women who were in the program in 2018:

- 9 out of 17 or 53% entered the program in 2017
- 8 out of 17 or 47% entered the program in 2018
- 0 out of 17 or 0% were terminated in 2018
- 1 out of 17 or 6% were transferred to other shelters
- 6 out of 17 or 35% successfully transitioned to self-sufficiency

Of those who left the program in 2018 (7)

- 5 out of 7 or 71% were employed
- 2 out of 7 or 29% were unemployed

Of those who graduated from the program in 2017 (6):

- 0 out of 6 or 0% received unemployment benefits
- 4 out of 6 or 67% received public assistance i.e. cash or food stamps
- 2 out of 6 or 33% were enrolled in post-secondary education i.e. college, job training, certification school i.e. American Institute
- 3 out of 6 or 50% received Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) or some form of housing assistance
- 3 out of 6 or 50% were able to move to permanent housing without any assistance

Of those who left the program in 2018 (7):

- 6 out of 7 or 86% transitioned into their own apartments;
- 1 out of 7 or 14% were terminated or transferred to other shelters:
- 0 out of 7 or 0% were terminated
- 1 out of 7 or 14% were transferred to other shelters

Of the total amount of babies served (25), the demographics were as follows:

- 11 out of 25 or 44% were males
- 14 out of 25 or 56% were females
- 57 months was the average age of the children

Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, Sierra House had 41 names on the waiting list. Of this number:

The average wait list time was 8 months to 1 year

- 22 out of 41 or 54% already had a child when placed on waiting list
- 1 out of 41 or 2% of the waiting list applicants were pregnant (with no other children)
- 14 out of 41 or 34% of the waiting list applicants were single
- The average age of waiting list applicants was 20 years old
- The average age of waiting list applicants' babies were 17 months



Youth Volunteers



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New Life Church Fellowship



Donations



Christmas comes to Sierra House



Spring Gardening



Sierra House Family Support Services (FSS)

Sierra House offers FSS to strengthen families and to help youth in crisis. FSS services are provided to youth with challenging behaviors, youth in crisis, and youth with developmental disabilities up to 21 years old.

The goal of FSS is to help the youth and his or her family to achieve or maintain increased independence, productivity, enhanced family functioning, and inclusion in the community. These services are currently provided through two services: Sierra Individual Support Services (ISS) and Sierra House Intensive In-Home Community Services (IIC).

Sierra Individual Support Services (ISS)

ISS provides individualized support services to eligible children, youth, and young adults under age 21 who have challenging behaviors and developmental disabilities. Each youth and his or her family receives personalized one-on-one services and an individual support plan designed just for him or her. In 2017, the program served 17 youth and their families and has been successful in providing consumers with the skills necessary to achieve and/or maintain the outcomes of increased independence and inclusion in the community.

Sierra House Intensive In-Home Community Services (IIC)

IIC is a short-term, solution-focused intervention with specific and attainable goals. Services are geared toward resulting in behaviors that provide the youth and his or her family/caregiver with insight to improve the youth's function at home and in the community. IIC services include goal-oriented and needs-based clinical interventions that address the emotional and behavioral challenges of youth with moderate to high needs.

IIC services are provided in the youth's home or in a community location by a licensed behavioral health clinician. The overarching goal of IIC is to stabilize and support the youth and his or her family/caregiver/guardian in an effort to prevent the need for more intensive interventions. These services are intended to be part of a comprehensive plan of care driven by the youth and his or her family to address the assessed needs. The goal of the Sierra House's staff is symptom reduction and individual skill development to restore or maintain the youth's functioning. The identified treatment needs are clearly documented in the treatment plan, which includes specific therapeutic intervention(s) with benchmarks.

Sierra House Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP)

The mission of the NIP is to support neighborhood stabilization by creating programs that provide working families with homeownership opportunities and affordable housing, as well as business owners with resources for building viable commercial districts.

The NIP works closely with residents, nonprofits, the City of East Orange, local banks, funders and businesses with the hopes of reclaiming East Orange neighborhoods hit hard by foreclosure and abandonment. The program provides working families with homeownership opportunities and affordable housing. A second goal of this program is to develop a neighborhood plan that will be resident driven and instrumental in developing a guide for making future community development decisions as they relate to health, housing, education, public safety, jobs and more.

In 2018, the Sierra House was proud to announce that it has already begun to renovate its first affordable housing project. The project is located at 75-77 Eaton Place. The property consists of two lots: a vacant lot and an abandoned house was acquired from the City of East Orange.

The Sierra House is in the process of completing a full rehabilitation, and the house will be sold to a working family earning 80% of the average median income (AMI).



2018 Events



Seton Hall University (SHU) Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE)

In the fall of 2018, the Sierra House welcomed students from the SHU DOVE program to work closely with our residents on fall cleanup projects. These fall cleanup projects consisted of raking, weeding and preparing the property for the winter.

A Hat Affair

A special thanks to Brenda Bolling for hosting our first-ever Hattitude fundraiser. This hat affair, simply titled “Hattitude,” was an exciting event where people came together wearing their hats to show their style, personality and sense of humor. It was all about wearing your hat and wearing it well.



Bari Noble Volunteers at the Sierra House

Bari Noble offered a series of job readiness classes to the Sierra House residents providing Sierra House Transitional Program residents with resume writing, mock interviews and interviewing tips.



AT&T Employees Lend a Hand at the Sierra House

The Sierra House was proud to partner with Women of AT&T North New Jersey. Throughout 2014-2018, AT&T donated money, conducted drives and topped off the year with a room makeover.





Spring Gardening Event

In May, the Sierra House held its 10th Annual Spring Gardening Event, in which volunteers and our residents worked closely together to plant flowers, spring-clean the grounds, pick weeds and mulch. The purpose of this event was to teach our residents how to landscape and take pride in their neighborhood, as well as show that the Sierra House truly cares about the community and is willing to do its part to maintain the community's beauty.



Sierra House Volunteers at Rutgers

The Sierra House was proud to partner with Rutgers University and Women of AT&T this past fall. By volunteering at Rutgers football games, the Sierra House was able to raise money for the Sierra House and give back to Rutgers University.



Essex County College (ECC) Tour

Sierra House residents toured ECC and participated in onsite admissions. As a result, four residents were accepted into ECC.



Sierra House Reorganization

Dear Sierra House Supporters:

On behalf of the Sierra House staff and board of directors, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and commitment to the Sierra House throughout our reorganization. The Sierra House is committed to our existing work to end homelessness, build affordable housing, and assist children and families with developmental disabilities. We thank you for your patience while we reorganized and moved our transitional program to a new location to ensure the Sierra House's future success.

Regards,

Keely Freeman

Keely Freeman
Executive Director

MOVING AHEAD...

Seventeen years later, with much growth and progress, the Sierra House is on the rise with constant improvements and providing services. The Sierra House has many projects and opportunities lined up.

In 2019, the Sierra House looks to sustain all of its programs and to strengthen program outcomes.

The Sierra House is proud to report that we look forward to completing our first affordable housing project: a three-family home.

Our overarching goal is to eliminate blight, renovate the property and sell the renovated home to a first-time homeowner. The Sierra House also hopes to open a bakery in the next three years.

The bakery will house Sierra House cookies and provide jobs for our residents. Additionally, it will introduce residents to the culinary arts.

We ask that you continue to support our efforts and subscribe to our newsletter, friend us on Facebook, like us on Instagram and follow us on Twitter to stay abreast of what's going on at the Sierra House.



2019 – Sierra House Celebrates its 17th Year Anniversary



In October 2019, the Sierra House will be celebrating our 17th year anniversary! Woo! We invite you to come join this celebration! Included in our event will be dinner, music and live entertainment. Be on the lookout for more information and flyers!

We look forward to more exciting updates in 2019!

Introducing Sierra House Cookies...

Sierra House Cookie Dough makes it easy to enjoy the amazing taste of homemade cookies without the time and mess of baking from scratch. Our cookie dough is made from all-natural ingredients with no added preservatives. These scrumptious cookies are a treat that everyone will eat up! Sierra House Cookie Dough is special because each of our unique and exclusive flavors is inspired by the wonderful women of Sierra House. We offer four original recipes: Sierra Chip, Sierra Delight, Hidden Treasure, and Acadamia Nut. Try all four varieties today!

Hidden Treasure Oatmeal Cookie

The “Hidden Treasure” is a moist oatmeal raisin cookie enhanced with brown sugar and molasses. This cookie is rich in flavor and tantalizing to the taste buds. After one bite of this amazing cookie, you will want to eat more and more.

Inspiration: This cookie was inspired by the hidden skills and talents that Sierra House brings to the surface of the young women that we serve. Everyday new skills and talents are discovered.



Sierra Chip Chocolate Chip Cookie

The “Sierra Chip” chocolate chip cookie is very decadent and savory with bold chunks of chocolate. Although each cookie may look the same, no two cookies have the same exact number of chocolate chunks. This cookie will demand the attention of your taste buds and melt in your mouth.

Inspiration: This cookie was inspired by the individuality of each young woman who lives at Sierra House. Just as no two cookies have the same exact number of chocolate chunks, each of our young women, ultimately has their own special make up.



Sierra Delight Chocolate & Peanut Butter Chip Cookie

The “Sierra Delight” is a scrumptious chocolate cookie with peanut butter chips. Each cookie merges two distinct flavors giving you a double taste of sweetness. In every bite, you will enjoy a unique blend of its chocolate and peanut butter flavor.

Inspiration: This cookie was inspired by the exceptional ability that the women of Sierra House possess to surpass expectations. Just like the “Sierra Delight” Chocolate Chip & Peanut Butter Cookie, our residents will not settle for just being average.



Acadamia Nut Macadamia Nut Cookie

The “Acadamia Nut” is a delicious blend of macadamia nuts and white chocolate chips that will make your mouth say, “Ahhhh”. Each cookie has a mouth-watering nutty taste that will appeal to your taste buds.

Inspiration: This cookie was inspired by the emphasis that Sierra House places on academic advancements. Each resident is encouraged to reach their highest academic potential and to succeed, while realizing that along the way they can still have fun.

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Sierra House Introduces A Way to Close the Funding Gap

East Orange, NJ (June 2013) – For a long time, fundraising has been perceived as a gap-filler for non-profits seeking a short-term fix to “keep the doors open” during an economic downturn. In today’s world, non-profit organizations such as Sierra House realize that developing successful fundraising strategies is a smart business choice that ensures long-term sustainability for non-profit organizations and the people who depend on their services.

Over the past ten years, cookie dough has been the most successful fundraising production in America and has helped many organizations stay afloat in desperate times. In 2009, Keely Freeman, founder of Sierra House, created Sierra House Cookies as a way to generate revenue to help support programs and general operating expenses for Sierra House. Because she was not a baker and wanted the cookies to be unique and something consumers would remember, Ms. Freeman partnered with a local baker who created a kosher dairy, all-natural cookie dough line for Sierra House Cookies.

The most unique thing about Sierra House Cookies, LLC is that it fulfills two charitable purposes: it benefits Sierra House, which helps homeless young women and their children, and it raises funds for the participating organizations, which will keep up to \$5 for each box of cookie dough sold. This is especially important at a time when economic conditions are leading to funding shortages, scarce resources, and shortfalls in charitable giving.

This month, Sierra House is introducing this valuable fundraising tool to other non-profits, including schools, sports teams, and community groups, as a way to sustain themselves by selling cookie dough. “Cookie dough sales are a fun and highly effective way to raise money that brings families together, and raises community awareness about your organization,” says Sierra House founder, Keely Freeman.

Our Supporters

Barbara Abdur-Razzaq	Bari Noble	Clearview Baptist Church Women's Ministry, WING (Women in God's Service)	Pechter Foundation
Hully Adams	Dana Non	Costco Wholesale	PNC Foundation
Shikha Agrawal	Mark Olmeda	Costello's Ace	Ralph M. Cestone Foundation, Inc.
Ashley Arrick	Bede Osuala	Creary	Schooleys Mountain Bible Camp, Christadelphian
Dale Baker	Antoinette Park	Distinguished Women of the Obsidian Civic Club	Schooleys Mountain Christadelphian
Jamy Birch	Carolyn Payner	Donate to Empower	Christadelphian
Ami Brabson	Janet Perrineau	Down To Basics	Scott
Maritza Brown	Darlene Peterson	Downtown Company	Seton Hall Zeta Sigma Tau
Lisa Bruno	Patricia Petway	East Orange BOE	Shine For Jesus Ministries
Carla Burgess	Kristy Powell	Eileen Fisher Company Store	Soroptimist International of Suburban Essex
Toni Caldwell	Sandy Prince	#9	Speak Life Church, Pastor
Karen Cody	Charlotte Reynolds	Essex County Democratic Committee	Hobbs
Elizabeth Comissiong	Johanny Rodriguez	ET Browne Drug	Spinella's Garden Center
Dianna Davis	Laura Rogers	First Choice Pioneers	St. Matthew AME Church
The Dawes Family	Rashon Rogers	First United Tabernacle Int'l Ministries	Start Out Fresh Intervention
Crystal Dennis	Rashon Rogers	Girl Up Millburn	Advocates
Joe Destro	Genesis Rombola	God Made Me Apparel LLC	Stop & Shop
Lia Devevs	Anaya Russell	Hanni Bank	Ugly Duckling Salon
Jean Pierre Dillard	James Schenck	Healy Middle School	United Way CFC 2016
Joann Dixon	Jean Sherman	Hyacinth Foundation	United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
Demany Doarey	Maura Marini Shumake	I Am Kenny J. Productions	Urciuoli Family Charitable Foundation
Stephanie Eckenrode	Lauren Soto	Imani Baptist Church, Women's Ministry	Wacoal Sports Science
Jessica Emerson	Steve Sprady	Investors Charitable Foundation	Wells Fargo Foundation
Pearl Fields	Robert Squire	Jack and Jill of America	Williams Family
Sheila Fox	Tanzania Steele	Jain	Women of AT&T - WWAV
Brian Frederiksen	Patty Stern	Jerzee Trend Setterz East	Women of the Move
Keely Freeman	Joy Topping Mann	Orange	Yachad FoundationPechter
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Ozelia Gray	Shara-Lee Vassell	Knitting 4 Newborns	Schooleys Mountain Bible Camp, Christadelphian
Annie Graziani	Michelle Vega	Krishnan	Schooleys Mountain
Kenya Gree	Al-Nisa Ward	Lacey United Methodist Church	Christadelphian
Yehuda Greenfield	Cynthia Washington	Laurentine Family Charity Trust	Scott
Donna Greenwood	Regan Wesson	Lighthouse Temple Church A.B. Youth PU	Seton Hall Zeta Sigma Tau
April Gregory	Dana Wheeler	Live Love Laugh	Shine For Jesus Ministries
Madaline Haigentz	Samantha White	Love You Girl Foundation	Soroptimist International of Suburban Essex
Helen Hamilton	Roland Whitley Jr	M&T Bank	Speak Life Church, Pastor
Nicola Hampson	Khalia Williams	Maplewood Nurseries	Hobbs
Dongyoun Han	Melvina Williams	Messiah Baptist Church Missionary - Greeter Hospitality Ministry	Spinella's Garden Center
W.G. Harris	Rita Williams-Boger	Messner Foundation	St. Matthew AME Church
Princessa Harvill	LaFraya Wills	Missionaries on the Move	Start Out Fresh Intervention
Lisa Henderson	Ron Wilson	MOAV - Sameerah	Advocates
Taniesha Hill	28 Days Project	National Housing Trust	Stop & Shop
Lenore Hinrichson	AmazonSmile Foundation	NBIMC Sedation Nurses and MDS Valerie Fund	Ugly Duckling Salon
C. Jackson	Amboy Foundation	Network for Good - Anonymous	United Way CFC 2016
Bert Jefferson	Anonymous	Donors	United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
Carla Denny Johnson	Bear-a-Hand	New Vision Pioneers/Essex Hudson Council	Urciuoli Family Charitable Foundation
Tammy Jones	Bed Bath & Beyond	North Jersey Chapter of Jack and Jill of America	Wacoal Sports Science
Lola Jordan	Benefit Mobile	Novartis	Wells Fargo Foundation
Marc Julius	BioReference	One Heart Foundation	Williams Family
Alyssa Kaplan	BJ's (Edison)	P&N Lipsett Foundation	Women of AT&T - WWAV
Mary P. Khan	Bob's Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation, Inc.		Women of the Move
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Dedication to Sierra House Supporters

In 2018, Sierra House said good-bye to two special Sierra House donors, Vivian Darlene Baker and Mary Jane Devine Kenny.



Vivian Darlene Baker (1961 - 2018)

Vivian Darlene Baker transitioned from Earth to Glory on September 25, 2018. She will be missed by so many, however her love continues to shine through in the many ways that she helped the Sierra House, homeless youth and their families.



Mary Jane Devine Kenny, 90, died on June 5th, 2018 on the feast of St. Boniface, at her home in Bernardsville, New Jersey, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren. Sierra House acknowledges her kindness and support for the community. Her selflessness will always be remembered.



Mary Jane Devine Kenny (1927 - 2018)



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