Anniversaries are significant milestones. For an organization whose sole focus is on homeless people, a 30th anniversary comes with mixed emotions. In an ideal world, Care for the Homeless would not be needed, but unfortunately, you know how much this organization IS still needed. With your support, we continue to fight homelessness by delivering high-quality and client-centered healthcare, social services and shelter, and by advocating for policies to end homelessness.

Our former Board Chair, Professor Harry M. Rosen, Ph.D., passed away in 2015, but his dedication to making health care available to all continues to inspire our efforts. Thanks to leaders like Harry, we have accomplished much over three decades, and Care for the Homeless will continue to be at the forefront of responding to the homeless crisis in NYC – operating 30 medical clinics, a shelter, and a mobile health clinic for our homeless neighbors.

This annual impact report focuses on selected accomplishments in 2015, our 30th anniversary year, including:

- The Mobile Health Clinic rolled out onto the streets of the city, expanding services in the South Bronx. Over 3,400 individuals received vital health services including: HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C rapid testing; health education information; health insurance enrollment; and referrals to nearby CFH clinics for primary care services.

- Collaborating with Baruch College, CFH organized a successful one-day NYC Homelessness Policy Symposium. City Council speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, a dedicated advocate for the rights of homeless people, delivered the keynote address.
• Our annual gala - the 30th Anniversary edition - contributed vital unrestricted funds to ensure that the needs not covered by other sources of funds are met. Thank you to our generous gala sponsors and guests!

All of the above and so much more was possible thanks to you, our donors and partners. Your continued support of our work to provide quality services to homeless individuals and families and to end homelessness, provides daily inspiration to our board, volunteers, staff and clients.

With our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude,

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SUSAN’S PLACE WOMEN’S SHELTER

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OUR MISSION

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OUR PARTNERS

We meet homeless people where they are. Clinics are co-located in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, SROs and drop-in centers, collaborating with nonprofit partner city-wide.

CORE SERVICES

WOMEN’S SHELTER

Susan’s Place

Our 200-bed shelter for homeless women, Susan’s Place, is a one-stop shop for clients to get all of the help they need for a stable future.

PRIMARY CARE

All clinics offer primary care and case management by a medical team, including physicals, vaccinations, management of chronic disease, referrals to specialty care such as pediatrics and dental, counseling and non-emergency issues.

DENTAL CARE

Dental care is one of the biggest unmet needs for homeless New Yorkers. Our Dental Program treats the serious impact of poor oral hygiene and trauma.

PEDIATRICS

Homeless children are sick four times more often than those who are housed. We help keep kids healthy and in school.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Thousands of patients receive support through education and counseling on heart health, cancer screening, diabetes, HIV Awareness, smoking cessation, health insurance enrollment, and more.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

CFH’s team of mental health professionals and substance abuse counselors provide tailored care and wellness programming with the goal of empowering the client through evaluations, therapy, treatment and group sessions.

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Q. Why do you continue to support the organization?
A. The work continues to be necessary and I hope that my support can continue to be valuable.

Q. What would you say to someone to encourage them to support CFH?
A. Improving the situation of New York’s homeless population is every New Yorker’s responsibility, and CFH provides highly impactful care to the people who need it most. As long as we continue to live in a society that leaves some people in dire straits, I hope that we can continue to come together and address the problem as best we can.

Thank YOU, Jacob, for sharing your thoughts. You are a wonderful example of generosity and you ARE making a difference in the lives of NYC’s homeless population, like so many others who make our work possible.

CARE FOR THE HOMELESS: DONOR PROFILE

Jacob Baskin made his first gift to Care for the Homeless in 2011 and has been an annual donor ever since. A 29-year old software engineer who lives in Brooklyn, he is a great example of today’s donors who do their “homework” before choosing the recipient of their support. Jacob graciously agreed to answer a few questions about being a CFH loyal donor.

Q. How did you first learn about Care for the Homeless?
A. I was discussing how hard it was to find effective organizations in New York focusing on homelessness, and a friend of mine who works in public health suggested strongly that I check out Care for the Homeless. There are real gaps in the services that are provided to New York’s homeless population, and I hope that by giving to CFH I can help fill them.

Q. What motivated you to make your first gift?
A. I make a budget for all of my giving every year, and after looking into the options for homeless services in New York, I decided to allocate some of it to CFH.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE DISTRIBUTION

- 65+ yrs: 89%
- 35-64 yrs: 26%
- 18-34 yrs: 7%
- 7-17 yrs: 2%
- 0-6 yrs: 1%

GENDER BREAKDOWN

- Women: 50%
- Men: 50%

Homeless men, women and children served: 7,826
Below 100% federal poverty level: 89%
Uninsured: 26%
Clinic visits at 30 sites in Manhattan, Brooklyn, The Bronx and Queens: 35,682
Employees (including physicians, nurse practitioners, health educators, nurses, medical assistants, housing specialists, case managers, social workers, administrators and advocates): 100+
Contracted partners: 50+
Generous donors that make our work possible: 400+

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At Care for the Homeless, we believe that like all health care, dental care is a right and it is definitely necessary for good health. "Everyone deserves good teeth," said Dr. Gray. "It's my passion to help those that need it most."
FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS. SAVING LIVES. THANK YOU! DONORS LIKE YOU MAKE CARE FOR THE HOMELESS POSSIBLE.

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