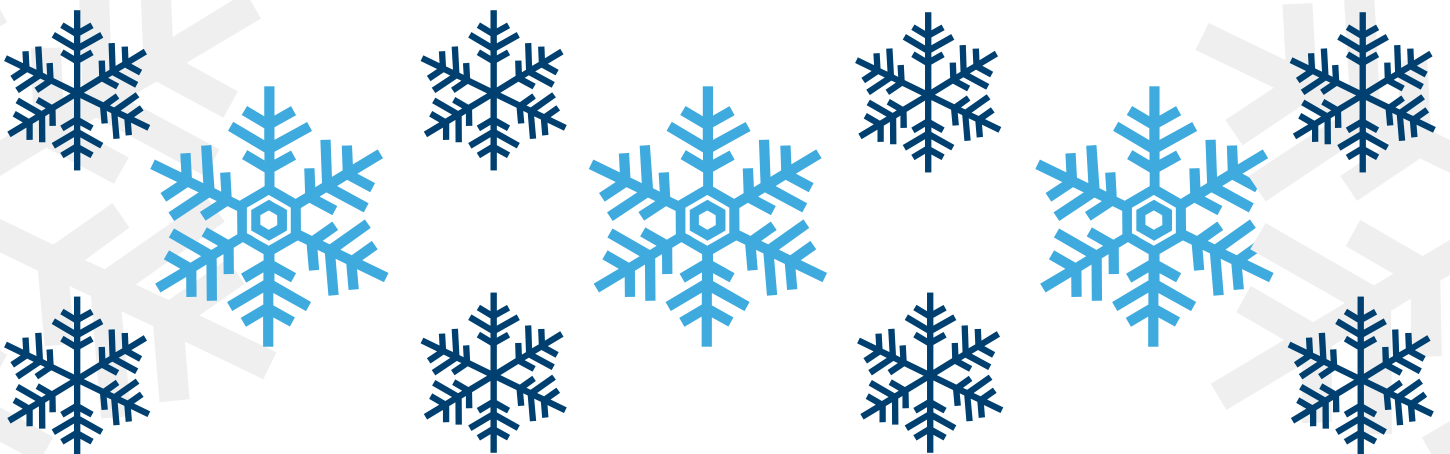




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# **LIGHTHOUSE QUARTERLY**

WINTER 2019



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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For many of us, the beginning of a new year is a time of reflection. A chance to look back at the past 12 months, considering areas of improvement. The beginning of a new calendar also offers a fresh start. An opportunity to set new goals and welcome new faces. It's also a great time to look back on our achievements.

These themes will permeate throughout this issue of Lighthouse Quarterly. We will start by looking back on 2018 by diving into a sampling of our service data. Next, we will introduce you to our new Program Coordinator, who offers a fresh start for our programs. Finally, we will end with a note of gratitude and celebrate an achievement 50 years in the making.

Before closing, I want to express how grateful our agency is for the support of the community during this past holiday season. Between the Christmas Basket program, Rotary auction, and the annual fund drive, it has been a humbling thing to see so many coming together to help those in need.

Thank you all for the support and here's to a wonderful 2019!



**DYLAN WOODS**

Executive Director



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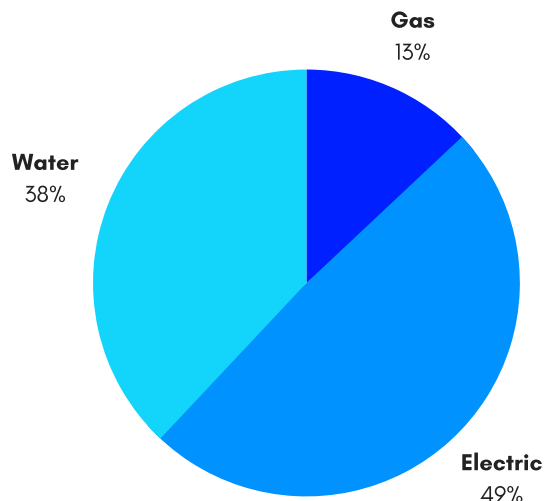
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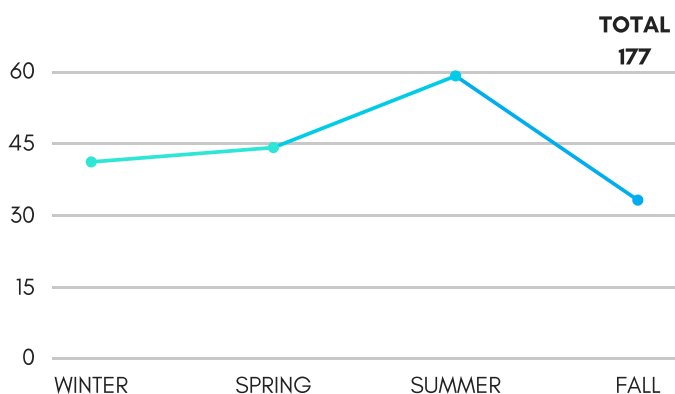
# AGENCY OVERVIEW

Reviewing our service data from 2018 helps us know more about our client base. The following charts show when our clients tend to come in for help, what they're needing, and their family demographics. We will use this knowledge to plan for 2019 and tailor our services to help meet the community's needs.

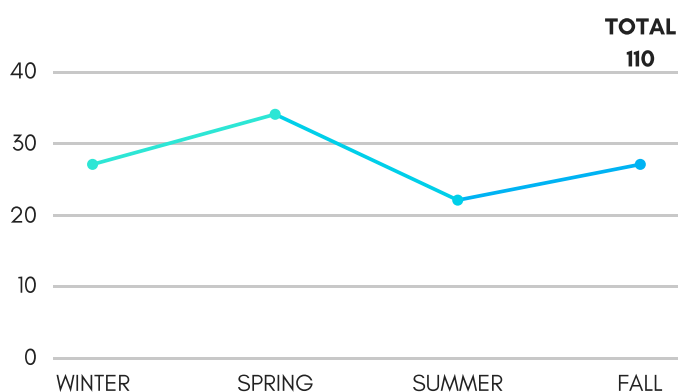
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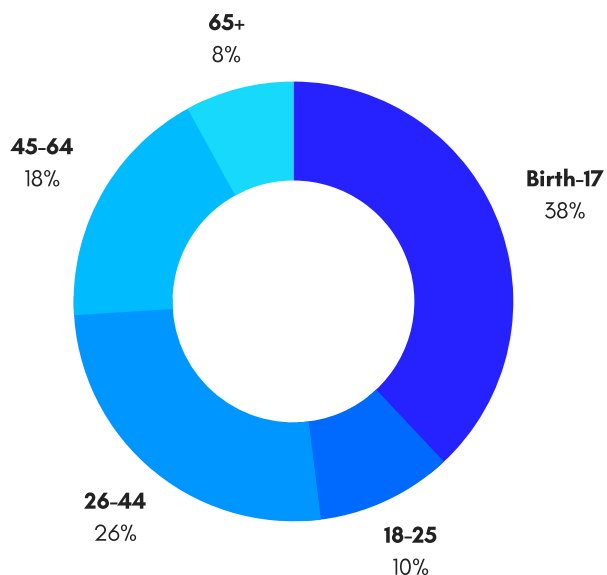
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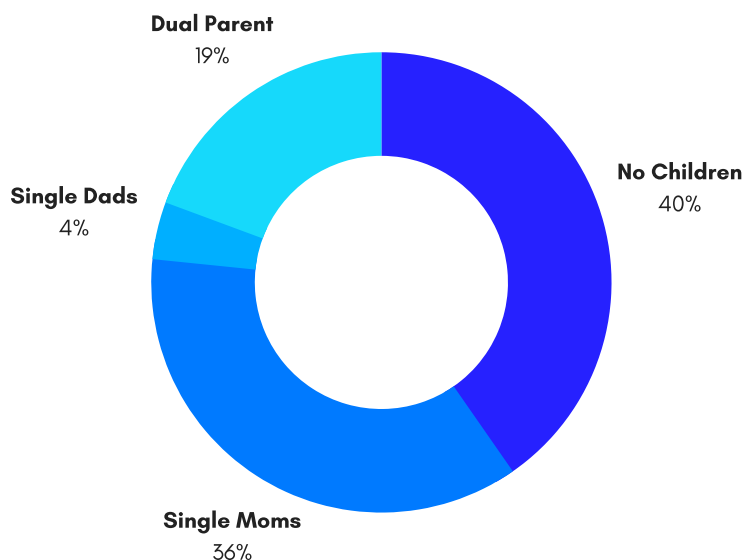
## # OF UTILITY SERVICES BY SEASON



## % OF INDIVIDUALS BY AGE



## HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



# PROGRAM UPDATE



## PROGRAM COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce the newest member of the Vaughn-Trent family, Yvonne Dirian! Yvonne will be serving as Program Coordinator for the agency. In this role, she will run both the Fresh Foods and Case Management programs. Her experience in program administration and passion for the non-profit field have already proven to be an asset in her brief time at the center.

If you're in the neighborhood, please stop in and welcome Yvonne to the community!

## LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a Federally funded program that helps eligible households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time per year benefit.

- The 2019 LIEAP application period is from Tuesday, January 22, 2019, through Friday, March 29, 2019.
- To qualify, applicants must be personally responsible for paying heating costs at their home, show a recent history of heating bill payments, and be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (gross monthly income of \$2,252 for a family of 3).
- For help with applications, please set up an appointment. Call us at 913-441-0461 or or email us at [casemanager@vaughtntrent.org](mailto:casemanager@vaughtntrent.org).



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## SERVICE SUMMARY

January-December 2018

Utilities - \$12,735

Food Pantry - 10,280 lbs

New Households - 56

## INDIVIDUALS SERVED



Utilities

110



Pantry

177



Christmas

265





# THANK YOU!!!

## JEANNINE GALLAGHER

This year's Christmas Basket program marked the 50th anniversary of Jeannine Gallagher organizing the event! The program is a true testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together. Each year, schools, churches, businesses, civic organizations, individuals, and the towns of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville team up to provide food for those in need. Since 1968, Jeannine has worked hard to orchestrate the program and ensure that everything comes together on distribution day. Please join us in thanking Jeannine for her incredible dedication and congratulate her on this remarkable achievement!