



**ST. HERMIONE
HOME
ANNUAL
REPORT
2023**

*Connecting homeless
women and children
to the healing ministry
of Jesus Christ and His
Church*



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ST. HERMIONE HOME BRIEF HISTORY AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2023

St. Hermione Home (SHH) began in its earliest iteration in early 2017 with a visit to Shelter Health Services, a completely free medical clinic within the Center of Hope/Salvation Army, in the inner city of Charlotte, NC. During this visit, Fr. Paul Tsahakis, an Orthopedic Surgeon, was invited to initiate an Orthopedic Clinic there. During the early years of providing medical services, it became clear that the served population was also hungry for further spiritual nourishment. Thus in 2019, a weekly Bible Study/Prayer Group was inaugurated there with the assistance of Ms. Christina Hanegraaff.

During the ravages of the COVID pandemic in late 2020, many of the socially economically disadvantaged population in our area lost their homes and were left to live on the streets and in tents. Fr. Paul and Christina, and aided by many others, having been inspired by previously contemplating the life of the early (100 AD) Holy Unmercenary Saint, St. Hermione, brought needed resources to these suffering people including food, clothing and spiritual support. These efforts continue to the present day.

Additionally, in response to a direct question posed to Fr. Paul several years ago regarding alternatives to pregnancy termination in economically disadvantaged women who otherwise would have chosen to carry their children to full term, the concept of a maternity home offering a full spectrum of services was born.

Eventually, all these efforts were combined under the heading of the "St. Hermione Home" (SHH), a 501c3 taxexempt entity. St. Hermione Home is led by a diverse Board of Directors who are committed to both the material and spiritual expressions of the Holy Gospel of St. Matthew as presented in the 25th Chapter.

St. Hermione Home is based on the healing of the "whole person," as exemplified in the life of St. Hermione. These methods extend to all the SHH expressions including the Health and Wellness Program, the Bible Study/Prayer Groups, street ministry, and the eventual maternity home.

The actual "St. Hermione Home" will provide a safe and supportive home for homeless women to give birth and spiritually develop and nurture the mother and child bond. Access to food, clothing, medical services, and training to learn parenting, personal, and professional skills, thereby enabling self-sufficiency, leaving homelessness, and living a quality life as a family will be offered. Additionally, a two-year community college education will be offered to each resident.

2023 has been an active and exciting year for SHH. On April 19, 2023, His Eminence,

Metropolitan Alexios, aided by 15 Priests, several nuns from the nearby Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa and over 200 attendees, offered a Blessing of the Water service as well the Laying of the Foundation Stone at the site of the St Hermione Home. In anticipation of this landmark event, the site was cleared of many trees and the pad for the eventual Home was placed. The weather was absolutely beautiful and everyone in attendance felt quite blessed by this holy event.

Additionally, the Board of Directors have worked diligently to put the finishing touches on the construction plans for the St. Hermione Home, and were led in their efforts by the noted architect and Board member, Mr. Costas Vrettos. At present, we are waiting on final approval of these plans by the City of Charlotte (any day now), as well as final construction cost bids. It is hoped that actual construction will begin in either late December, 2023 or early January, 2024.

Furthermore, during 2023, the Board of Directors of SHH continued to contemplate more fully the concept of “whole person healing,” particularly as it related to homelessness. In response to the pervasive characteristic of lack of appropriate education in women affected by homelessness, St. Hermione Home and Shelter Health Services have united to offer the “Walk with Me” program, to be initiated in early 2024. Those who enroll in this program will be offered transportation (bus tickets), sponsored tuition, and weekly tutoring. These efforts will continue until the stated educational goal of each attendee is reached. Ultimately armed with a useful vocation, it is hoped that many of these women will be able to permanently leave homelessness.

According to present plans, the construction of the Chapel and Home is projected to be completed by Fall, 2024. The Chapel will be used for services immediately thereafter. Additionally, individual tutoring for participants in the “Walk with Me” will also be offered at this site. The Home is projected to accept its first residents during Spring, 2025, when the State of North Carolina will issue SHH a maternity license.

To close out the news for SHH, Ms. Christina Hanegraaff notified the Board of Directors that her personal plans had changed significantly, and that she would no longer be pursuing requisite training to ultimately become the SHH Executive Director. The entire Board of Directors expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Hanegraaff for all of her sacrificial efforts over these last several years. She will truly be missed.

+Fr. Paul Tsbakis
President SHH
12/05/2023

The Partnership between the St. Hermione Home (SHH) and Shelter Health Services (SHS)



St. Hermione Home (SHH), and Shelter Health Services Clinic, Inc. (SHS), has maintained a partnership for over 8 years, working in tandem to provide care for the residents of The Salvation Army Center of Hope Homeless Shelter (women and children) and its satellite shelters. Because of the contiguity of access to services, the Clinic and SHS are opportunely situated to help residents address the needs of the “whole person.” Weekly visits by the staff of the St. Hermione Home, coupled with support of staff, volunteers, and the facilities of SHS provide the Center of Hope residents with holistic care that allows focus to be directed towards addressing the needs of the mind, body, and soul. Through the collective efforts of the Home and the Clinic, Center of Hope residents are afforded access to healthcare services that would not otherwise be accessible, including but not limited to x-rays, MRIs, orthopedic consultations, medications, and contact with a wide range of health care specialists. Due to our collaborative effort, residents are afforded direct ingress to spiritual care - shown to be vital to their healing and growth during times of great stress and challenges. Our friends often find themselves disproportionately affected by negative social determinants of health, rendering them unsheltered and at risk for health issues that are exacerbated by their circumstances. The partnership between The St. Hermione Home and SHS continues to provide spiritual counseling, biblical study, spiritual attention to prayer and petition, and moral and spiritual guidance in all matters of life through the offering of the precepts of Christianity coupled with compassionate and merciful medical care. The collaboration between Shelter Health Services and St. Hermione Home continues to provide medically competent, empathetic healthcare and virtuous scripturally directed guidance to this necessitous population.



Iris Smalls Hubbard
BOD Member (SHH)
Executive Director (SHS)



SHH Construction Update 2023

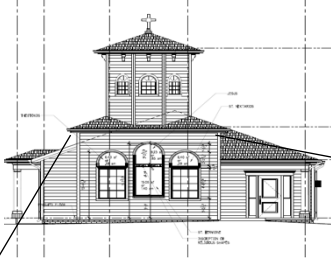


- SHH received state approval from NCDHHS to build.
- Site improvements are 90% completed.
- SHH received bids on September 26, 2023.
- SHH is about 200K over budget.
- SHH is negotiating with two contractors to reduce cost. SHH should finalize the cost by the end of the year.
- SHH is close to obtaining a building permit from Mecklenburg County.
- SHH should have a building permit by the middle of January 2024 (due to the holidays.)
- SHH anticipates construction to start by the end of February 2024 and to complete the home by Late Fall 2024.

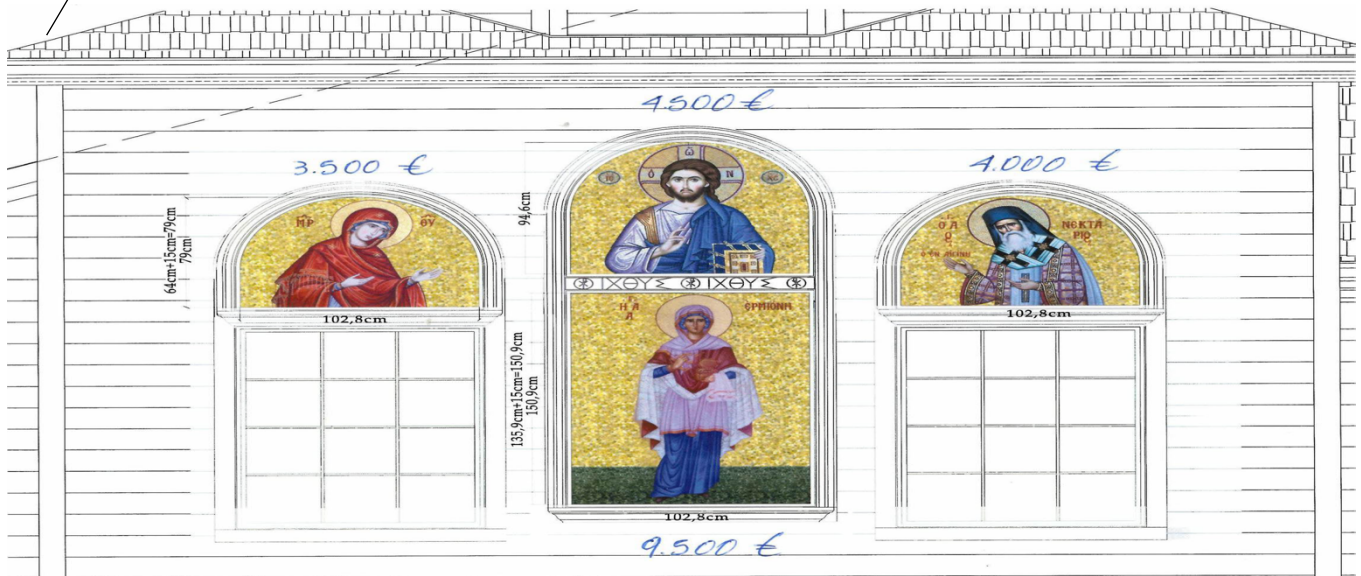
*Costas Vrettos
Architect & BOD Member*

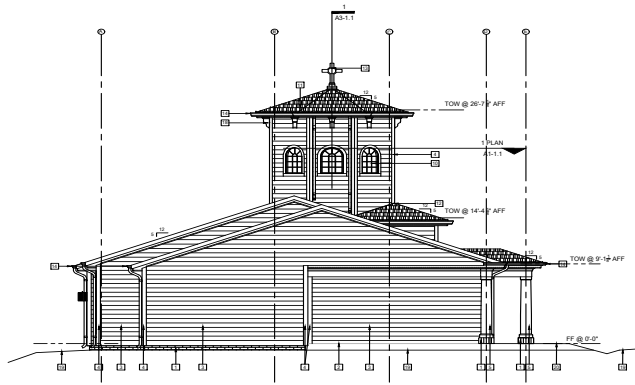
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SHH, outside, facing the road: West Elevation



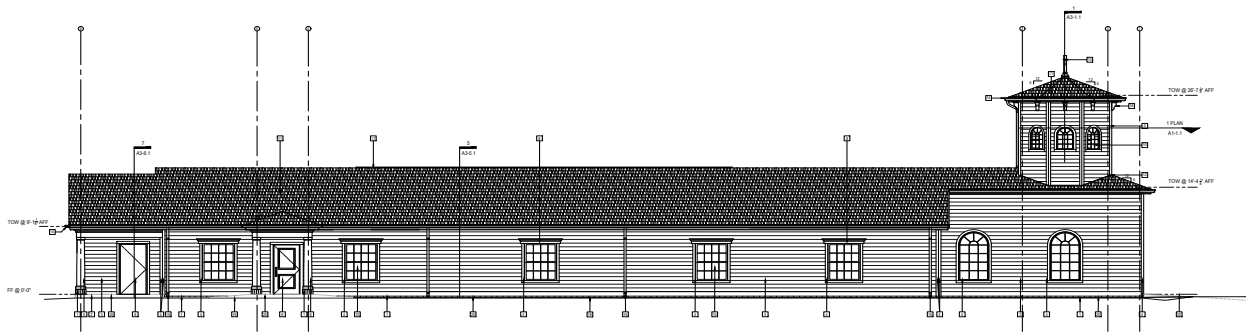
*The planned mosaic of the spiritual roots of SHH
Jesus Christ Our Lord, The Panagia, St. Nektarios,
St. Hermione*





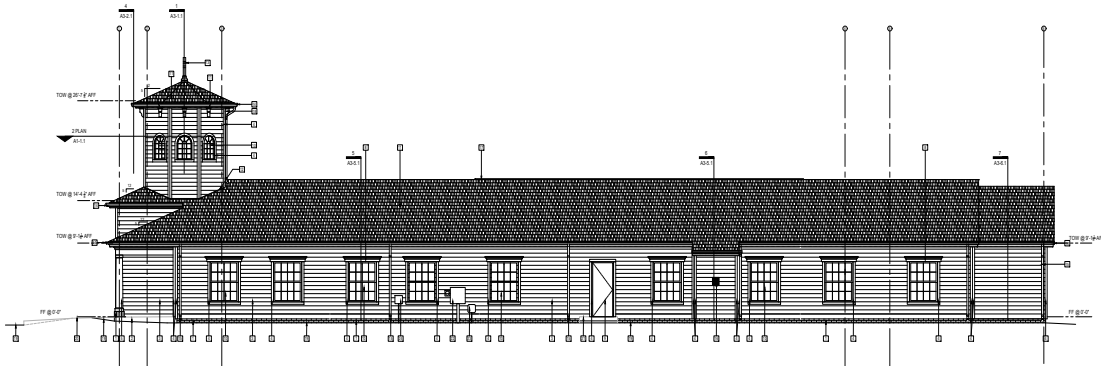
2 EAST ELEVATION 1/4"=1'-0"

East Elevation



4 NORTH ELEVATION 3/16"=1'-0"

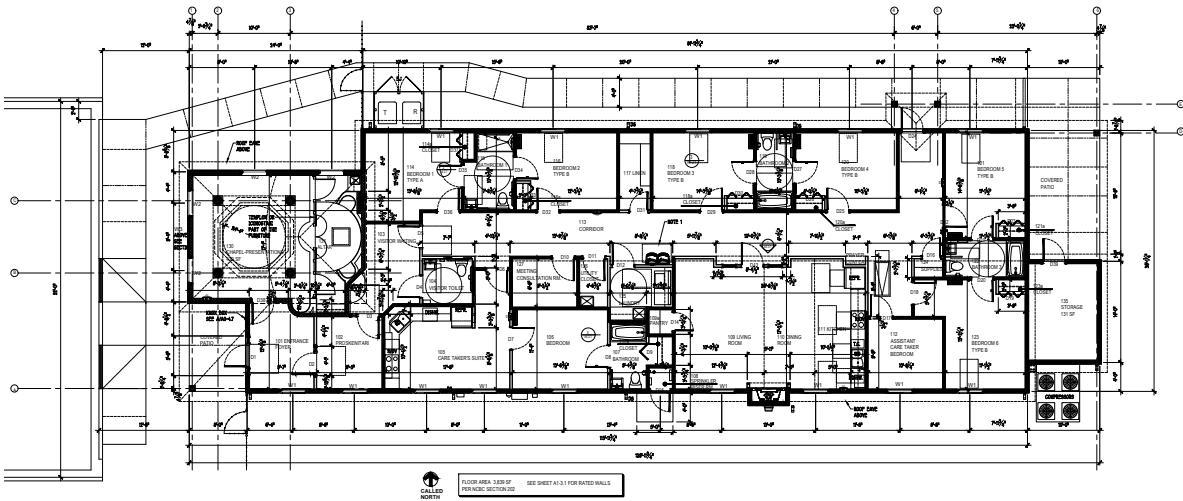
North Elevation



3 SOUTH ELEVATION 3/16"=1'-0"

South Elevation





1 FLOOR PLAN 3/16"=1'-0"

Floor Plan



Proposed Construction – Full Color



St. Hermione Home. Inc.

Proposed 2024

Period	January 1, 2024	to	December 31, 2024
Income			\$ 125,000.00
Reserves			\$ 950,000.00
Expenses			
Accounting Fees	\$	5,000.00	
Legal Fees	\$	3,000.00	
Professional Fees	\$	5,000.00	
Outside Contract Services (website)	\$	2,000.00	
Office	\$	580.00	
Payroll	\$	3,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	1,200.00	
Taxes	\$	300.00	
Education	\$	7,500.00	
Outreach	\$	5,000.00	
Construction Costs	\$	1,100,000.00	
Total Expenses			\$ (1,132,580.00)
Net Income			\$ (57,580.00)

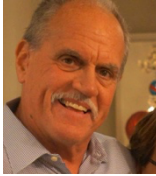
St. Hermione Home Inc
Profit & Loss
January through December 2023

Jan - Dec 23

Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Direct Public Support		
Individ, Business Contributions	1,046,089.09	
Total Direct Public Support	1,046,089.09	
Total Income	1,046,089.09	
Expense		
Business Expenses	17.13	
Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	19.33	
Outside Contract Services	6,616.51	
Total Contract Services	6,635.84	
Facilities and Equipment		
Equip Rental and Maintenance	5,393.35	
Facilities and Equipment - Other	3,597.75	
Total Facilities and Equipment	8,991.10	
Construction Costs	224,753.50	
Licenses & Permits	6,434.87	
Operations		
Postage, Mailing Service	388.00	
Printing and Copying	1,430.72	
Total Operations	1,818.72	
Other Types of Expenses		
Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,432.00	
Other Types of Expenses - Other	2,431.44	
Total Other Types of Expenses	4,863.44	
PayPal Fee	727.93	
Professional Fees	4,945.73	
Total Expense	259,188.26	
Net Ordinary Income	786,900.83	
Net Income	786,900.83	

Statements from SHH Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisory Board of Directors

“Conveying the idea that great things can come from small beginnings, St. Hermione Home proves the proverb: “Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.” As a metaphor for the potential for growth and success that lies within small and humble origins, when the small and humble origins are founded on the spirit of helping people that need help, like St Hermione Home, the world is a better place. I am proud and honored to be on the Board of Directors and part of this miracle in the making.”



Michael Sonyak
Board Member

“With great joy, the foundation stone was laid this year! I look forward to the building of the home in the new year. I thank God for and am praying for the women who will come for healing to the St. Hermione Home in the near future.”



Anastasia Petrou
Board Member

“When SHH rescues one pregnant lady from a life on the streets and a dependency on the welfare system, then the lives of ten more people are positively impacted. To be a part of the SHH ministry is very satisfying for me, and I look forward to seeing the first home repeat itself again and again.”



Faye Couchell
Board Member

“2023 was an exceptional year for the St. Hermione Home (SHH) and the weekly wellness clinic and Bible study that SHH provides to the homeless population served by the Salvation Army’s Center of Hope. By addressing the needs of our target population in a holistic manner (i.e., physical, psychological, and spiritual) SHH provides a kind of care that is unique. SHH understands that caring for a person must be more than in the medical sense, “patch them up and push them out” and in the spiritual sense, “here is a Bible that will solve all your issues.”



Does the weekly clinic ensure that wounds are properly dressed and that anyone who wants a Bible can have one? Absolutely, but these things are the proverbial tip of the iceberg. During 2023, SHH provided shoes for those who needed them. It prayed over deep wounds of the soul, the kind that bandages and surgical tape are all too incapable of healing. SHH provided spiritual nourishment at the weekly Bible study, but many of the people there did not have access to high-quality nutrition, so food was provided. Father Paul can leverage his contacts in the medical community and refer patients to specialists in an expedited manner and/or at substantially reduced cost (often free). SHH gives out blankets, winter clothing, sleeping bags, and toys for children. Some days 15 patients or more may be seen in the clinic. Other times, it may be only one. Bible studies may have more than 30 people attending. Other times, it may be just a few. In each instance, no one is ever turned away. All are welcomed and loved. This is a blessing.

As a member of the Board of Advisors, I am excited about what the St. Hermione Home (SHH) accomplished in 2023 and what there is to look forward to in 2024. It is an honor and privilege to do this. With breaking ground at the physical site, the continued work of the wellness clinic and the Bible study, and the outreach to our city's most vulnerable populations, there is so much to be thankful for all SHH has done. Yet, as thankful, and as exciting as 2023 was, 2024 promises to be even more awe-inspiring and exciting. Construction of the building, the Walk with Me Program, and continued outreach to Charlotte's marginalized will make 2024 such a special year for SHH. All will be welcomed. All will be loved. This is truly a blessing beyond measure."



Geoff Maibohm
Advisory BOD Member

"I have been honored to be involved in the Saint Hermione Home as an advisory board member. This last year it has been a blessing to begin to see all the plans and visions of St. Hermione Home begin to become realities. I think one of the greatest blessings of the past year is to see how the ministry of Saint Hermione Home is inspiring the faithful to participate in the ministry of the church, to get involved both actively and with their prayers. I look forward to Saint Hermione Home moving forward in its mission and that it becomes an inspiration and catalyst for other ministries in other Orthodox communities."



Father Constantine Millard Shepherd
Advisory BOD Member



“I continue to be involved with SHH in an advisory role and remain updated on progress by attending the meetings. I am comforted by the continued service to the attendees of the weekly Bible studies and connections during Fr. Paul’s clinical care at SHS. I look forward to working with the Walk with Me program to help guide ladies through much-needed literacy and GED classes to improve their job prospects and help them avoid homelessness and break the cycle of poverty in their families.”



Nena Harris
Advisory BOD



SHH Staff Member Reflection & News



On April 19, 2023, the Wednesday of Bright Week, something quite unusual occurred. Fifteen Orthodox Christian Priests, several nuns from the Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa of Troy, NC (both a rare occurrence), Christians from area churches and parishes, homeless women staying at the Salvation Army Center of Hope and staff members of the Salvation Army Center of Hope, Shelter Health Services and the St. Hermione Home gathered to break ground and participate in an Agiasmo led by the shepherd of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta, Metropolitan Alexios.

As we approach the end of another year and anticipate the blessed feast of St. Basil on January 1st, 2024, I cannot help but reflect on this modern-day emulation of his vision in the 21st century- where priest, lay and monastic joined in prayer and blessing to support a Godly effort impacting the “least of these” in our community. As Father Paul shared with me once, our spiritual roots - St. Nektarios, St. Hermione, and St. Ephraim- are all working together, through the grace of our Lord, and the guidance of the Panagia, to richly bless and multiply the fruits of this Godly effort as SHH continues to grow and establish its roots as a Maternity home in the city of Charlotte.

To borrow a phrase from Father Paul, these spiritual roots budded early leaves in our penultimate Bible Study/Prayer Group of the year. The St. Hermione Home provided a warm meal, gifts, and blankets with the help of St. Nektarios Ministries, Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa and Shelter Health Services. Lay, monastic and priest work together to “serve the least of these” (Matthew 25). With the blessed nuns, and others, singing Christmas carols, SHH served and clothed disenfranchised women and children. Indeed, SHH saw a real-life imitation of the Gospel Reading from December 17th, where Christ invites those from the bushes, highways, and byways to the dinner banquet (Luke 14:16-24). In fact, many of those who were there to be served chose to serve their fellow shelter residents and help SHH. They had received, so they wanted to give. Many gave up their gifts (perhaps one of few they will get this year) to others, saying that another person needed it more. This blessed event was the culmination of multiple years of rapport and relationship building Father Paul and I (with the help of many, many others). The trust that we have built with these women, and the growth we have seen in them...and they have seen in us (namely, me), quite literally brings me to tears. What causes further awe is the fact that two expressions of this modern-day emulation of the Basilian brought lay, priest and monastic to serve the “least of these” both in celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and in Anticipation of His Nativity. What a blessing from our Lord!!

I started this journey with SHH in 2019 and it is amazing to see the fruit that 4 years has brought...in the organization, as seen above, and myself. SHH has truly fostered and developed me as a Christ-centered and compassionate leader. Though I surely fall short, I have grown strong underpinnings, rooted in prayer and service, to help me get back up again and continue the Christian walk- serving those who God puts in my path. Through SHH, I developed real world experience that has augmented my ability to care for others as a hospice Chaplain. I have learned how to be present with those who are suffering – a silent, non-anxious, pastoral presence (to use Clinical Pastoral Education terms) who walks alongside a patient in their own Hill of Golgotha...their own Valley of the Shadow of Death...their own trial and tribulation...for just a little while. Additionally, I have developed writing skills to the extent that I have published a thesis, which was accepted as a presentation for a symposium for the Orthodox Academic Society of Antiochian House of Studies as well as published two articles – one in the Word Magazine of the Antiochian Archdiocese and one in the Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling. I say this not to bolster my ego but to show the effectiveness of



SHH is not only caring for its patients but fostering the growth and development of its staff. Indeed, this is the heart of its new program (starting in January 2024) entitled “Walk with Me” where women can obtain tutoring and tuition to pursue an education and take one step further to becoming better educated and enabling their own self-sufficiency and growth.

Though I am sad to be stepping away from St. Hermione Home, due to another beloved calling the Lord has put on my heart in my personal life, I will bring the lessons it taught me wherever I go. Further, I will always promote, advocate for, and support the home in all its endeavors. It has been, and will continue to be, an inspiration for my life. A place where women will not only experience the beauty of physical motherhood but will also experience the wonder of spiritual motherhood. A haven...a home...a piece of heaven on earth.

To God be the glory in all things!



Chaplain Christina Marie Hanegraaff
Staff Member



Performance Quality Improvement (PQI)



What is PQI and why is it important? Performance Quality Improvement is assessing an organization to ascertain the quality of its programs and services. Through looking at outputs (amount) and outcomes (quality), SHH staff can ascertain where programs have succeeded and where there is room to excel. This makes the process both reactive and proactive and sets SHH apart as a quality organization. Any patient that comes through the doors of the St. Hermione Home is expected to be treated with the utmost respect and care, no less treatment than what Christ commands His followers to give “the least of these” (Matthew 25).

The PQI process at SHH looks internally - at its Care Recipients, Caregivers and Board of Directors - as well as externally - community organizations- in order to understand the impact of SHH programs and services. Please note that, though SHH has been providing services to care recipients since 2017 through the Orthopedic Clinic (now known as the Health and Wellness Program), this report will focus on differences between 2021 and 2022 as that is when the bulk of the PQI process began and SHH started collecting data on the effectiveness of its services.

Internally, there are three important groups to look at: Care Recipients (the people being served) and Caregivers (the people giving care).

Care Recipients



An introductory note: SHH serves the same population: Homeless women and children staying at the Salvation Center of Hope. SHH partners with both the Salvation Army Center of Hope and Shelter Health Services to gain access to this population and offer care in two programs: SHH Bible Study and Prayer Group and SHH Health and Wellness Program.

Outputs

Outputs - SHH Bible Study/Prayer Group

In the SHH Bible Study/Prayer Group, SHH been looking at both the average number of attendees per Bible study session, the number of women who come (initial) and the number of women who come repeatedly (follow up).

Similar to the SHH Health and Wellness Program, the Bible Study/Prayer Group was affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. As such, one of the continual goals of SHH is to increase the average attendance back to pre-COVID numbers as much as possible (especially given the 50% diminution in attendance). Pre-Covid, an average of 25-30 women and children attended the program. Like the year of 2022, by the last quarter of 2023, SHH is happy to report that we have been averaging closer to 24 people a Bible Study/Prayer Group.



Outputs
SHH Health and Wellness Program

One goal SHH had accomplished in the 2021 Annual Report was to reach pre-covid numbers in attendance to both of its programs. This was a huge success, especially given the fact that the Salvation Army had a 50% diminution of residents secondary to the Coronavirus Pandemic (210 vs. upwards of 400). SHH has only increased its numbers since.

<u>2021 Calendar Year</u>	<u>2022 Calendar Year</u>	<u>2023 Calendar Year</u>
137 Total Visits	288 Total Visits	168 Total Visits
71 Initial	128 Initial	88 Initial
66 Follow Up	166 Follow Up	80 Follow Up

Furthermore, as will be evidenced in the Outcomes Section, the women are receiving quality care and intervention. Quantity is important but quality is equally indispensable.

Outcomes
SHH Health and Wellness (Orthopedic) Program

When looking at outcomes, it is important to remember that SHH serves a transitory population. Encounters with women can be as little as one to two visits or over the span of several months. SHH stands in the gap for these women. Through SHH programs, women are given a safe haven to process and learn how to cope with life **in** the shelter so that they can exit the shelter and excel in life **outside** the shelter.

In each of these programs, SHH looks at two primary indicators: **Quality of Life (QL)** and **Change in Functioning (F)**. Women are given the opportunity to enhance their quality of life through being able to verbalize their situations, feelings and difficulties to Father Paul Tsahakis, who is both a priest and a doctor. They also receive interventions - mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally which promote a change in functioning and behavior.

Pastoral Care Encounters :

- Out of 168 total pastoral visits, the following was assessed:
 - 109 women verbalized difficult/life altering situation/condition, 52 verbalized spiritual/emotional pain, 34 verbalized family issues (support/dynamics), 34 verbalized difficulty in living situation and fear of moving out, 54 verbalized spiritual concerns, and 61 verbalized a need for religious resource support.
 - In other visits, women verbalized their need for some type of physical, mental, spiritual or emotional pain relief.
- Interventions (F): 99/168 received prayer, 47/168 received spiritual advice, 86/168 received a coping mechanism (crosses), 37/168 learned the Jesus Prayer, 40/168 discussed inner strength and resources (resilience), 131 were provided active listening, 133 were provided emotional support, 128 were given counseling and support, and 43 received ritual support.



Health and Wellness Encounters:

- 74/168 were given referrals to Shelter Health Services' programs throughout the year. These referrals came as a response to women needing to address weight loss concerns, negative habits, negative coping mechanisms, pain management, smoking cessation and hypertension and to Bible Study/Prayer Group.
- 147/168 received advice/given steps toward addressing difficult/life-altering pain and illness.
- Father Paul Tsahakis also treated any Orthopedic pain women experience every visit.

Overall outcomes in each visit were as follows:

83 were given the chance to verbalize their life and health situation

105 mainly had physical concerns addressed

57 had spiritual concerns addressed

55 had what stresses them and/or relieves them identified

41 explored faith, hope and meaning

98 were helped in accepting reality

84 received ritual support

86 received a cross

As can be seen by the outputs, SHH truly does stand in the gap and provide the women they serve the opportunity to verbalize their life and health situations as well as receive interventions to help them cope with life at the shelter. This is corroborated by SHH surveys that are overwhelmingly positive.



Outcomes
SHH Bible Study/Prayer Group

The SHH Bible Study/Prayer Group has become a source of great comfort to the women who attend. Several women have evidenced a shift in demeanor in their interactions with others in the study. Where women would have fought or gotten frustrated beforehand, they are giving grace and peace.

One way in which SHH began capturing women's satisfaction (in addition to surveys) with the Bible Study/Prayer group is through seeing how many people come repeatedly. The average stay of a woman staying at the shelter is 6-9 months. Older women (55+) and children tend to stay longer because of the remnants of the Coronavirus and the housing crisis which has affected housing. This makes providing a community for them, again "standing in the gap", even more critical.

This year, this weekly Bible Study/Prayer Group, has had **238 initial visits and 498 follow up visits. Some women did not sign in but were counted when tallying. With this number factored, there was a total of 805 service encounters with women (once or multiple times in Bible Study and Prayer Group).**

SHH is also looking at the impact of the Bible Study/Prayer group through indicators evidencing **Quality of Life (QL)** and **Change in Function (F)**. SHH did so by looking at looking at the following:

Outcome (QL) - Individuals were able to verbalize their life situation, identify stress/relief, explore faith/hope/meaning, accept reality, receive rituals, receive religious coping tool, and receive prayer.

Engagement/Questions (QL) - Individuals felt comfortable to ask questions and participate in the group.

Donated Items (QL): General Food/Drink, Clothing, Holiday Meals

Intervention/Coping (F) - SHH staff intervened through giving emotional support, listening, counseling/support, prayer, ritual and teaching. Individuals were given referrals to St. Hermione Home Health and Wellness Program and/or Shelter Health Services' Programs. Religious Resources were given (crosses, handouts and bibles).

1st Quarter Averages are as followS:

<u>QL</u>	<u>F</u>
- 11 outcomes per session achieved	- 4 helping encounters
- Frequent or often engagement in asking questions and/or making comments	- 14 intervention/coping mechanisms given
	- Referral made to Health and Wellness Program given most visits.

Second Quarter averages are as follows:

<u>QL</u>	<u>F</u>
- 12 outcomes per session achieved	- 4 helping encounters
- Frequent or often engagement in asking questions and/or making comments	- 15 intervention/coping mechanisms given
	- Referral made to Health and Wellness Program given most visits.



Third Quarter averages are as follows:

- | <u>—</u> | <u>F</u> |
|---|---|
| - 4-5 outcomes per session achieved | - 1-2 helping encounters |
| - Frequent or often engagement in asking questions and/or making comments | - 5-6 intervention/coping mechanisms given |
| | - Referral made to Health and Wellness Program given most visits. |

Fourth Quarter averages are as follows:

- | <u>QL</u> | <u>F</u> |
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| - 12 outcomes per session achieved | - 4 helping encounters |
| - Frequent or often engagement in asking questions and/or making comments | - 13 intervention/coping mechanisms given |
| | - Referral made to Health and Wellness Program given most visits. |

Additionally, since SHH have been keeping track in the Bible Study/Prayer Group (last week of September 2022)...

- Over 333 crosses have been given out (many were given out before and after Bible Study which may not have been accounted for)
- Food has been distributed at every session
- Clothing has been given out in many Bible Study and Prayer Groups
- 300 Blankets were given out to those staying at the Shelter and those outside of it. These were donated by St. Nektarios Philoptochos in the beginning of the year. 300 + blankets, a ton of sleeping bags, and donations such as scarves, coats, necessary items for babies and children, toys, socks, stuffed animals, ect. were also given out at the Christmas meal this year.
- The Christmas meal itself was coordinated by St. Nektarios Ministries. We planned to feed 60 and, per a social worker at the event from the Salvation Army, nearly 200 people (some coming in and out, others staying) got fed. There was also some leftover for the next day for the kitchen to serve. Over 100 crosses were given out at this one event. Additionally, 60 individualized presents were given to the women who attend SHH Bible Study/Prayer Group. Many people donated extra and women who were new or do not normally come to Bible Study/Prayer Group received a gift and/or donation.
- Meals are provided bi-weekly by a partner of St. Hermione Home, Jamaal. Additionally, a volunteer and advisory board member of SHH (Geoff Maibohm) provides meals almost every week when Jamaal does not. He also frequently cleans the room after Bible study. Fruit is always provided by Father Paul. And we SHH has several others: Deacon Harry Lanis, Peter Keretsis, and Emily Hahn who frequently attend Bible Study/Prayer Group. Peter Keretsis (with Deacon Harry helping) helps print material, namely Bible study passages, and teaches in addition to helping set up. Emily Hahn now provides meals periodically as well as brings donations. All provide Christ's presence and the Holy Spirit to all they meet.
- Donations are increasingly given at both special and regular Bible Study events by St. Nektarios Ministries, the Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa and anonymous donors.



External:

SHH gave out a survey to members of community organizations who partner with its leadership and staff. The following are some of the community organizations SHH works with and/or are supported by:

- Local Greek Orthodox Parishes
- Salvation Army Center of Hope
- Shelter Health Services
- Holy Unmercenary Medical Society
- Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa
- American Hellenic Education Philanthropic Association
- The Holy Metropolis of Atlanta

Responses to these community organization surveys have been very positive. SHH is continuing to brand itself as an organization. This will only continue to grow with the addition of the home for homeless single pregnant mothers. Of note, the Trisagion Film that was released on St. Hermione has garnered much attention and support for the St. Hermione Home. You can view this on the website at www.sthhome.com



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