



20 Years of Empowering NYC Women in Need

- 2019 Annual Report -

A Note from our Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Friends of Bottomless Closet,

We are excited to share our 2019 Annual Report with you.

In 2019, we celebrated our 20th anniversary of empowering women at Bottomless Closet. Thanks to your support, since our founding in 1999, we have served over 40,000 New York City women in need. In 2019 alone, we had more than 5,500 client interactions and a nearly 33% increase in the number of individual clients served. We held 85 workshops accounting for more than 1,700 attendees. We could not have achieved this without the support of our incredible volunteers, who logged 11,932 hours working this year alone!

We also distributed 40% more pieces of clothing, shoes and accessories in 2019, so that our clients looked and felt confident in their job interviews. Every single one of these interactions –every piece of clothing...every resume...every mock interview...every practice handshake...every hug...every career day...every single word of encouragement...has helped the women we serve write the next chapter for themselves and their families.

As we begin to write the next 20 years of Bottomless Closet's story, we will continue to be inspired by the dedication of our founders, a small group of trailblazing women – Sheila Lambert, Reva Wurtzburger, Cynthia Gaston, Jeanne Sigler, Elizabeth Tighe and current board member Carolyn Huggins – who drove around picking up clothing donations in a station wagon, and held board meetings around their breakfast tables! We will enter 2020 with a renewed sense of purpose and determination to make their vision a reality and we will keep going until every woman has the tools and skills she needs to enter the workplace and succeed.

We could not have achieved another year of incredible growth for Bottomless Closet without the continued generosity and support of our donors, corporate partners, referral partners, volunteers, board and staff who enable us to expand our reach and help even more women each year. On behalf of the women we serve, we thank you.

With gratitude,

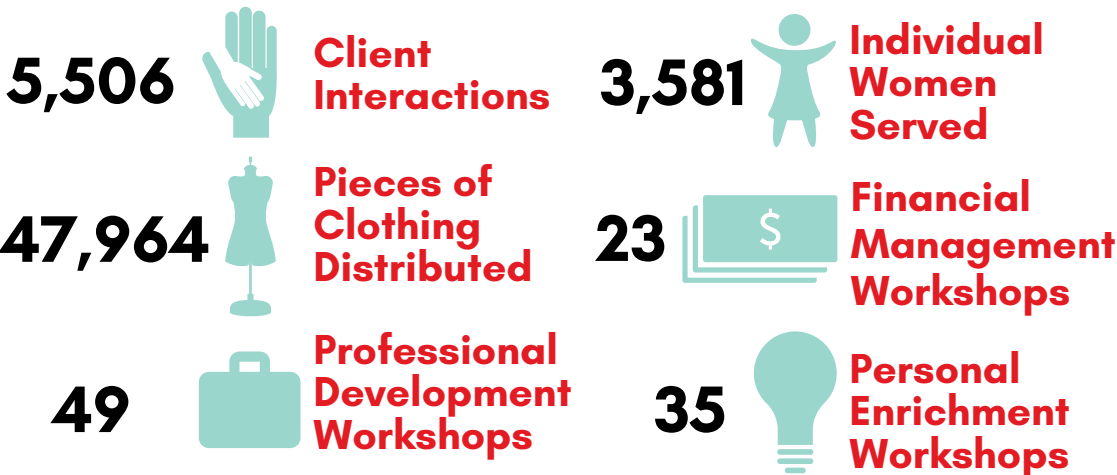


Melissa Norden, Executive Director



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2019 By the Numbers



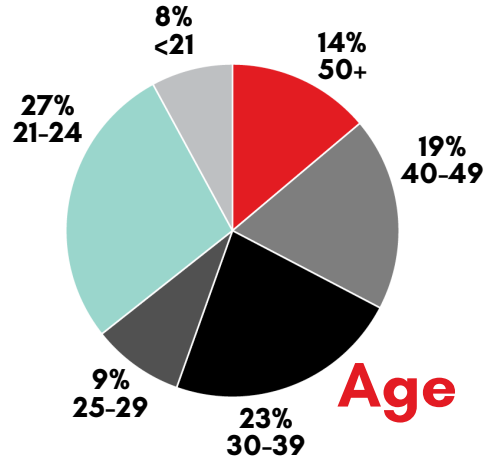
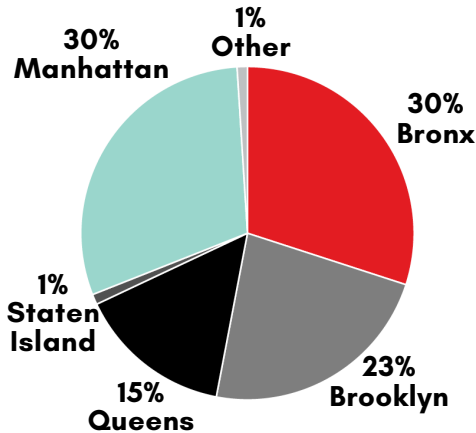
...and over 1,700 workshop attendees!

58% of Bottomless Closet clients were hired for the job for which they were interviewed immediately following their pre-interview appointment!

98% of clients feel more confident and prepared for their job search!

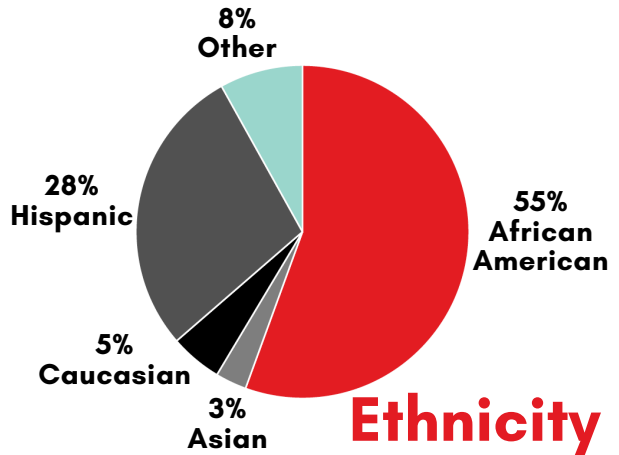
The Women We Serve

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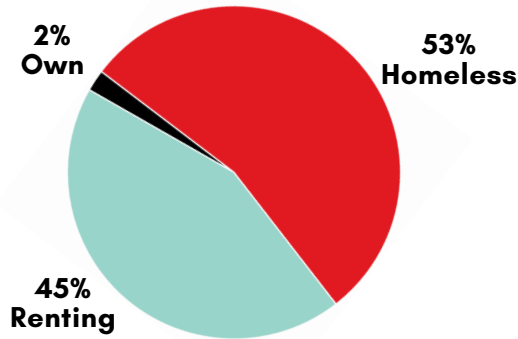
At the time of their first appointment, 58% of Bottomless Closet clients did not have a bank account.



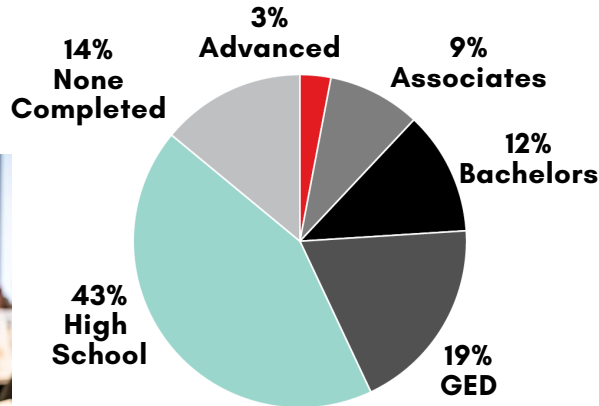
Ethnicity

The Women We Serve

Housing



At the time of their first appointment, 52% of Bottomless Closet clients were homeless.

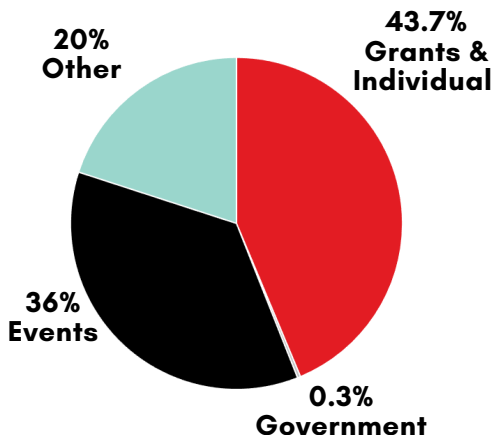
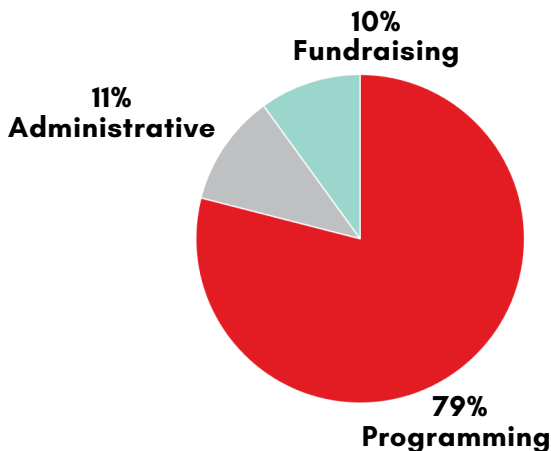


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Bottomless Closet's 2019 Financials

Annual Revenue:

\$1,559,200.00



Annual Expenses:

\$1,546,140.00

2019 Volunteers

Our caring and dedicated volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. Their support enables us to provide meaningful, individualized attention to the women we serve.

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