

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Annual Report 2007 Fiscal Year



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The Story of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission: Who We Are & What We Do

Our Past

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission was established in 1893. For more than a century we have been reaching out in love and compassion to poor and homeless in our community. MRM is a distinctly Christian ministry seeking to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the people we serve. Over the years, the organization has developed and expanded our outreach and become the largest homeless shelter in Wisconsin.

Our People

Since we are serving hundreds of poor and homeless people every day, our most precious asset is our people. The Mission has a full-time staff of 77, as well as a part-time staff and hundreds of volunteers. These dedicated men and women serve the needs of our clients 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. We are governed by an equally dedicated and passionate volunteer board of directors:

John S. Cain	Ervin W. Martens
Robert W. Courtney, Sr.	Carol Kuyers
Philip A. Hardacre	David F. Oury
Robert W. Jensen	Eric J. VanVugt
Sherri Kasdorf	William A. Eisner
Warren D. Pierson	

Our Programs

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission is divided into three major departments:

- **Safe Harbor** serves homeless men, providing meals and shelter to as many as 250 individuals each night. In addition to meeting these basic needs, *Safe Harbor* also offers long-term, comprehensive residential programs for over 50 men. Individuals enrolled in these programs are involved in job-training, basic education, counseling and Christian instruction. Graduates are assisted in finding full-time employment and housing. Over 80% of our graduates remain sober and employed more than two years after graduation.
- **Joy House** is our family shelter serving up to 35 homeless moms and their children each night (about 100-120 individuals). Through Christian instruction, dynamic programs, financial classes and training, mothers are helped in gaining skills and resources so they can leave *Joy House* and provide for their families. Children are nurtured and taught in both academics and Christian study. We strive to show God's love to all and help them to know His purpose for their lives.
- **CrossTrainers Academy** opened in August 2006, offering Christian education to at-risk youth in Milwaukee. It is an MPS Choice school, with each teacher being certified and licensed to teach in the state of Wisconsin. Over 90 elementary-aged students are currently being served in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth, with the intent to add a grade each year.

The Mission of The Mission:

Problems and Solutions

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission exists to compassionately meet the spiritual, physical and social needs of the homeless and poor in response to the command of Jesus and for the glory of God.

Thousands of people come through our doors each year, bringing with them some heart-breaking **problems**.

- Drug and alcohol **addictions**
- **Illiteracy** (1/3 of men on our residential program are reading below a 5th grade level)
- **Poverty** (Wisconsin has the 7th highest poverty rate (24.4%) among larger U.S. cities)
- **Violence** (In Milwaukee (specifically, 53206 zip code) the staggering rates for ex-offenders include 2,500 ex-offenders residing there with a 336% annual increase)
- **Abuse** (Over 80% of the women in Joy House report physical or sexual abuse in their lives – usually when they were children)
- **Teen pregnancy** (Milwaukee has one of the highest rates in the nation)

But there is hope. Through some highly effective, dynamic programs, we are able to help scores of men and women get on their feet and find their way.

- **Financial responsibility**—As part of our LifeSkills and FOCUS programs, men repaid personal debt, back taxes and child support payments of \$244,623 since 1997.

- **Jobs** are being found. Graduates have consistently found jobs and safe housing by the time they leave the Mission. With the work skills and ethics learned throughout their stay at MRM, they are more likely to maintain permanent employment.
- **Building our Community**— In 2007, MRM staff worked with 23 LifeSkills and FOCUS graduates who are employed, involved in and positively impacting our community.
- **New Life**— In 2007, 130 mothers graduated from our New Life Program in Joy House. What a blessing to see the Lord work in their lives—and the lives of their children— while they are here and as they go out into our community to start a new life in Christ!
- **Fresh Start**—4 families benefited from the Fresh Start Program. The ability to have a place of your own and a personal advisor while you gain a fresh outlook on life is priceless. Mothers graduate Fresh Start as self-sufficient providers for themselves and their children. The independence and confidence they gain throughout their classes and the program itself truly transforms them.

Milwaukee Rescue Mission Statistics

Total Meals Served to the Hungry	209,053
Safe Harbor (Men)	138,768
Joy House (Women & Kids)	70,285
Total Safe Lodging for Homeless	114,865
Safe Harbor (Men)	82,307
Joy House (Women & Kids)	70,285
Clothing Items Distributed	43,105
Hours of Academic Instruction	30,393
Hours of Counseling	7,309
Hours of Biblical Instruction	17,077
Job Training Hours	63,566
Volunteer Hours	20,970
MRM Program Graduates	153
CrossTrainers Academy— Students enrolled Fall 2007	75

2006-2007 Expense Summary

CrossTrainers	(9.5%)	\$807,065
Joy House	(33%)	\$2,793,688
Safe Harbor	(31%)	\$2,607,442
Total Program Expense		\$6,208,196
Administration	(9.5%)	\$795,244
Development	(17%)	\$1,447,040
Total Non-Program Expense		\$2,242,284
GRAND TOTAL		\$8,450,480

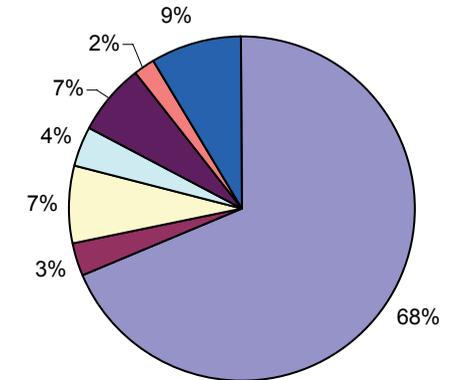
Dollars & Sense:

Financial Report



The Milwaukee Rescue Mission's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The Mission's finances are independently audited each year and complete audited statements are available upon request.

2006-2007 Revenue Summary



General Contributions	\$4,235,215	(68%)
CTA Choice Payments	\$178,772	(3%)
Foundation Grants	\$438,673	(7%)
Planned Gifts	\$240,554	(4%)
Donations - Businesses	\$418,842	(7%)
Donations - Churches	\$110,350	(2%)
Other Revenue	\$538,345	(9%)
TOTAL	\$6,160,751	(100%)