

Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Annual Report 2006



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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 *the least, the last and the lost* or 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 is served by a full-time staff of 70, 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.	Robert K. Mitchell
Philip A. Hardacre	James E. Oatman
Robert W. Jensen	Eric J. VanVugt
Carol Kuyers	Sherri Kasdorf

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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 70% of our graduates remain sober and employed more than a year after graduation.
- **Joy House** is our family shelter serving up to 35 homeless families each night (about 100 individuals—single mothers and their children). Through Christian instruction, dynamic programs 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 as well. We strive to show God's love to all and help them to know His purpose for their lives.
- **CrossTrainers Academy** opened its doors in August 2006, offering Christian education to at-risk youth in Milwaukee. It is an MPS Choice school, and each teacher is certified and licensed to teach in the state of Wisconsin. Approximately 70 elementary-aged students are currently enrolled in CrossTrainers Academy.

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, alcohol and sexual **addictions**
- **Illiteracy** (1/3 of men on our residential program are reading below a 5th grade level).
- **Poverty** (while Wisconsin has the 5th lowest poverty rate in the nation, Milwaukee has the 17th highest – 21.3% - and the neighborhoods surrounding MRM have poverty rates of 50% and higher)
- **Violence** (The national murder rate in 2005, the latest statistics available, was 6.9% per 100,000 people; Milwaukee's rate was 20.6%, a higher rate than Chicago.)
- **Abuse** (86% of the women in our Joy House report physical or sexual abuse in their lives – usually when they were children)
- **Teen pregnancy** (Milwaukee has the highest rate 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 program, men repaid personal debt, back taxes and child support payments of \$211,000 since 1997; \$29,775 in 2006.

- **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 graduates learned throughout their stay at MRM, they are more likely to maintain permanent employment.
- **Building our Community**— In 2006, MRM staff worked with 50 men's program grads who are employed, involved and positively impacting our community.
- **New Life**— In 2006, 136 mothers graduated from our New Life Program in Joy House. What a blessing to see the Lord work in their lives while they are here and as they go out into our community to start a new life in Christ!
- **Fresh Start**—14 families benefited from the Fresh Start Program in 2006. The ability to have a place of your own and a personal advisor while you gain a fresh outlook on life is priceless. Once they graduate, mothers are able to be providers once again 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 for 2006

Total Meals Served to the Hungry	232,501
Safe Harbor (Men)	156,022
Joy House (Women & Kids)	63,692
CrossTrainers (Youth)	12,787
Safe Lodging for the Homeless	106,651
Safe Harbor (Men)	80,482
Joy House (Women & Kids)	26,169
Clothing Items Distributed	30,068
Hours of Academic Instruction	39,472
Hours of Counseling	9,600
Hours of Biblical Instruction	20,977
Job Training Hours	64,912
Volunteer Hours	21,335
MRM Program Graduates	165
CrossTrainers Academy— Students enrolled Fall 2006	29

2005-2006 Expense Summary

CrossTrainers (11%)	\$ 849,591
Joy House (26%)	\$1,884,849
Safe Harbor (39%)	\$2,791,103
Total Program Expense	\$5,525,543
Administration (8%)	\$ 557,954
Development (16%)	\$1,165,038
Total Non-Program Expense	\$1,722,992
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,248,535

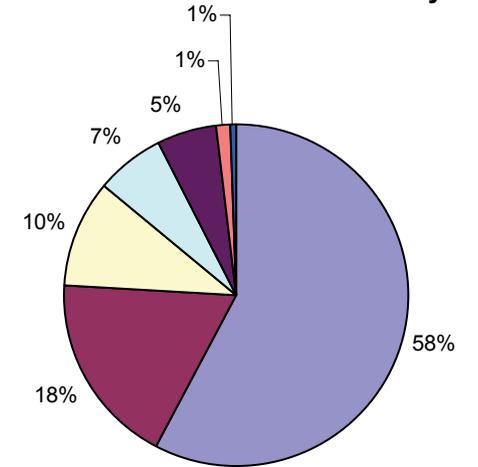
Dollars & Sense:

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.

2005-2006 Revenue Summary



General Contributions	\$4,201,419	(58%)
In-Kind Contributions	\$1,308,916	(18%)
Foundation Grants	\$ 744,564	(10%)
Planned Gifts	\$ 481,123	(7%)
Donations - Businesses	\$ 398,910	(5%)
Donations - Churches	\$ 88,656	(1%)
Other Revenue	\$ 49,542	(1%)
TOTAL	\$7,273,130	(100%)