



Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Serving our community in God's
name since 1893

Annual Report

2021



Serving MKE together in 2021

Basic Needs

supporting our neighbors through nutritious meals, safe shelter, clean clothing and vital hygiene items



Recovery

transforming lives through education, job training, counseling, mentorship, addiction recovery support and other long-term programming



Education

emphasizing strong academics, character development and career readiness through rigorous instruction



Community Resources

equipping families in need through community outreach and family programming at our North Campus



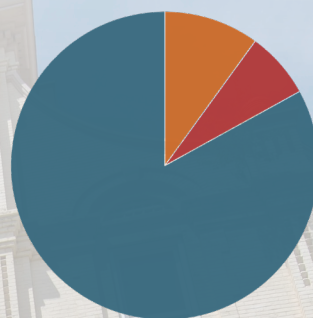
YOUR GENEROSITY IMPACTED OVER

5,000 INDIVIDUALS IN 2021. THANK YOU!

2021 FINANCES

Contributions	\$14,802,155	56%
In-Kind Contributions	\$6,838,604	25.9%
School Tuition	\$3,563,646	13.5%
Wills & Estates	\$641,446	2.4%
Investments	\$214,679	.8%
Events	\$187,778	.7%
Miscellaneous	\$194,651	.7%

Total Contributions \$26,442,959 100%



10%
Development

7%
Administration

83%
Programs



Letter From the President



Dear Friend,

As I reflect on 2021, and I consider the thousands of men, women and children who found life-changing resources here at MRM — resources like nutritious meals, safe shelter, clean clothing and recovery services like education, counseling, spiritual guidance and more — I am overwhelmed by the faithfulness of those who provide support to these precious souls!

I think of folks like Ron, who spent 30 years struggling with a heroin addiction that landed him on Chicago's cold, dangerous streets. By God's grace, Ron's family finally got through to him and helped him get to MRM — and here, it was your faithfulness that helped provide a path of healing towards transformation.

I think of the individuals in Joy House, our shelter for women and children, who came to us for refuge from hardships like domestic violence, job loss and eviction. Through your faithful support, our women's recovery program was restructured to include not only family and life skills resources, but also comprehensive addiction recovery support — and a greater depth of options to help women transition from surviving their circumstances to thriving in spite of them.

And I think of our students at Cross Trainers Academy, our K4-12th grade school, whose education was disrupted due to the pandemic — and at a most critical point in their development. Yet, through your faithful generosity, we were able to make a concentrated Summer School effort to bring our students back up to speed. Following their summer attendance, more than 90% of failing students earned credits to pass to their next grade level. Praise God!

Yes, it is your faithful partnership that helps offer our struggling neighbors an opportunity to experience life transformation — and it is God's faithfulness that guides them. The hope they seek is found in knowing that they were created for a purpose by a loving God, finding the forgiveness that He offers and experiencing the restoration that He delivers to the broken-hearted who put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior.

As you read this report, I pray that you know deeply and fully how very much those served at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission appreciate your faithfulness — and how much I do, too. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D.Min.
President



BASIC NEEDS

the first step toward life transformation

Our Mission Statement:

Sharing God's love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, to see lives transformed through Christ to hope, joy and lasting productivity.



284,325

meals served



57,003

nights of shelter provided



44,890

articles of clothing distributed



9,317

hours of volunteer service in helping our struggling neighbors

117 Safe Harbor men found permanent housing in 2021.



lasting impact for
neighbors in need

RECOVERY

The folks who come through our doors end up here for so many different reasons: addictions, childhood abuse and neglect, poor educational backgrounds, a lack of job skills — unfortunately, the list can go on and on.

Homelessness is complicated. Whatever the reason that folks walk through our doors here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, there's usually no single, "one-size-fits-all" solution to helping them change their circumstances.

Yet, through your support, MRM offers people many different avenues to recovery, meeting basic needs like food, shelter and clothing — and inspiring lasting transformation through our long-term programming, which includes counseling, addiction recovery support, education, job training, Bible studies and spiritual nurture.

And, thanks to friends like you, those who take refuge at MRM also learn about the love of Jesus — who offers peace, forgiveness and the hope of new life to all.

"I'm very grateful! I mean it from the bottom of my heart. And without the donors, where would I be? I'd be out on the streets again. So I'm thankful for them — they played a big part. God wanted to transform me, and I'm so thankful." -Ron



25 men enrolled in **New Journey**, our year-long residency program focused on addiction recovery, work readiness and healthy lifestyles.

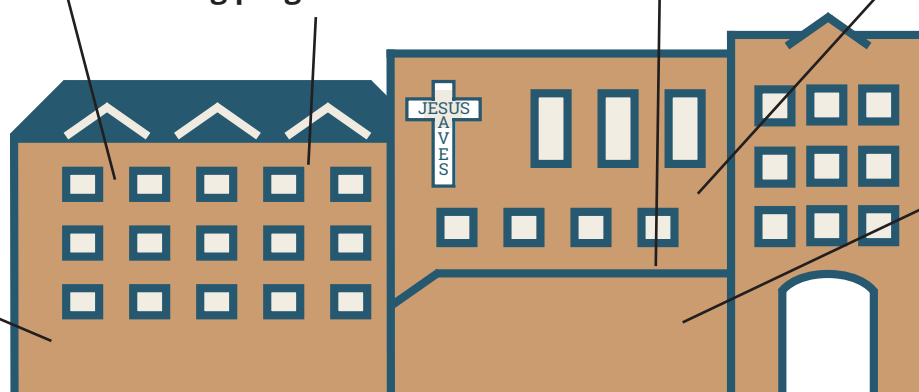
17 men participated in our **transitional living programs**.

40 men participated in **Community Outreach Services**, which helps men with an income find stable housing and other services.

40 women were impacted by transformative programs in **Joy House**, which include job training and financial education.

19 women graduated from Joy House's **Renew program**.

294 children found safe shelter and nutritious meals in our **Joy House** women's and children's shelter.



EDUCATION

one of the best ways
out of poverty



Here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, we believe education is essential in a person's journey toward transformation. At our K4-12th grade school, Cross Trainers Academy, young scholars are receiving a comprehensive education to help them succeed in life and break out of the cycle of poverty.

Education is also a top priority in our short- and long-term recovery programs. As men and women recover from trauma, addiction or other life-controlling hardships, it is faith-fueled education that helps pave the way to a promising new future.

403

students, grades K4-12,
were educated at Cross Trainers Academy
during the 2020-2021 school year.

23,163

hours of adult education and job
training were provided to men and
women who are homeless.



28
students
received
special needs
services

99
students
attended
summer City
Camp

To prevent our students from falling behind after disruption caused by the pandemic, we implemented a concentrated intervention of Summer School — **resulting in more than 90% of failing students passing to their next grade level.**

14 vocational certifications were earned by program participants

432 hours of parenting instruction were provided to mothers in Joy House

8,401 hours of Bible teaching were provided to guests in Safe Harbor and Joy House



transforming our neighborhoods

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In John 8:12 (NIV), Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Throughout 2021, there were many in our community who recognized the need for that light. The pandemic, economic upheaval, inflation, supply chain issues... they all combined to multiply challenges, especially for those who were already struggling.

But, by God's grace and through the support of many generous partners and donors, we were able to continue serving our neighbors in need through clothing and resource distributions, community meals, holiday events and family bonding activities.



Family movie nights



Food box and to-go meal distributions



Senior citizen events and field trips



Family day camping



Neighborhood Association



Parenting events for mothers and fathers



Youth Center enrichment activities



64,558 hygiene items and household goods distributed



20,873 toys and school supplies distributed to students



217 Easter baskets to local families



728 Thanksgiving baskets to 283 families



6,310 Christmas gifts to local families

NORTH CAMPUS

Building community and growing hope in Lindsay Heights through neighborhood outreach.

57,024

meals distributed at our North Campus as part of our Equip community program

THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT!



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**Cross Trainers
Academy**
(students)



Equip
(community)

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