

2018 Annual Report



Serving the
Milwaukee
community
since 1893



From the President

Dear Friend,

2018 was the 125th anniversary year for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. I often think about the group of concerned and visionary leaders who met in a Milwaukee church in 1893 to establish the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and wish they could see the impact that MRM continues to have on the community they loved. I know they'd be enormously gratified to see how the work has continued true to its calling and has proliferated in scope to serve thousands of individuals year in and year out.

Aside from being an important anniversary year, 2018 was a tremendously momentous year for MRM.

In February **we opened Door of Hope** as part of our Joy House women and children's ministry. *Door of Hope* provides safe shelter for single, unaccompanied homeless women – a very vulnerable and underserved population in our city. Since opening, we've doubled the capacity of this new shelter program to serve 20 women each night.

As we approached the end of the year, **we were wrapping up our North Campus building project**. This \$13 million project created a campus for our school – Cross Trainers Academy – and provided facilities to serve the challenged neighborhoods of zip code 53206 (one of the most economically and socially challenged zip codes in the entire country). The campus will serve over 500 students in our K4-12th grade school, as well as hundreds of families participating in parenting events, food and resource distributions, after-school activities and other developing programs to provide key resources to help families thrive. The quality of this project gained the attention of the Commercial Association of Real Estate Wisconsin which awarded our project the **2018 Development Deal of the Year**.

I know our founders would be proud! But more often than I think of our founders, I think of our living partners. **Because of concerned and visionary partners like you, we are able to continue serving thousands.** As you glance through these pages, see the numbers and read the stories of individuals we are helping, I hope that you, too, will be gratified knowing God is using our partnership to bring about remarkable transformation – one story at a time.

Sincerely,



Patrick H. Vanderburgh, D. Min.
President



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Completed construction on our North Campus expansion in zip code 53206 to better serve residents of all ages



Awarded the Commercial Association of Real Estate Wisconsin's *Development Deal of the Year Award*

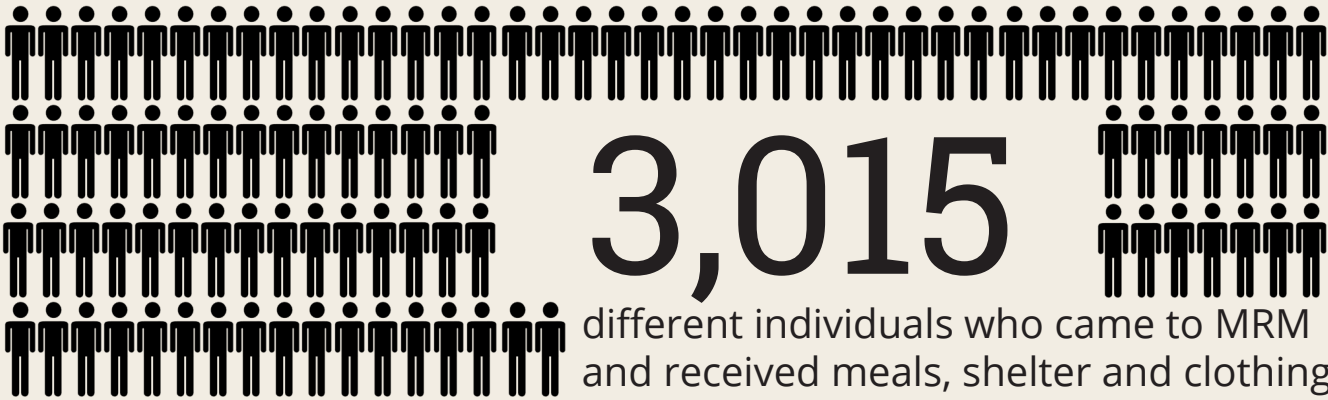


Opened the Door of Hope Program in Joy House for unaccompanied single women who are homeless

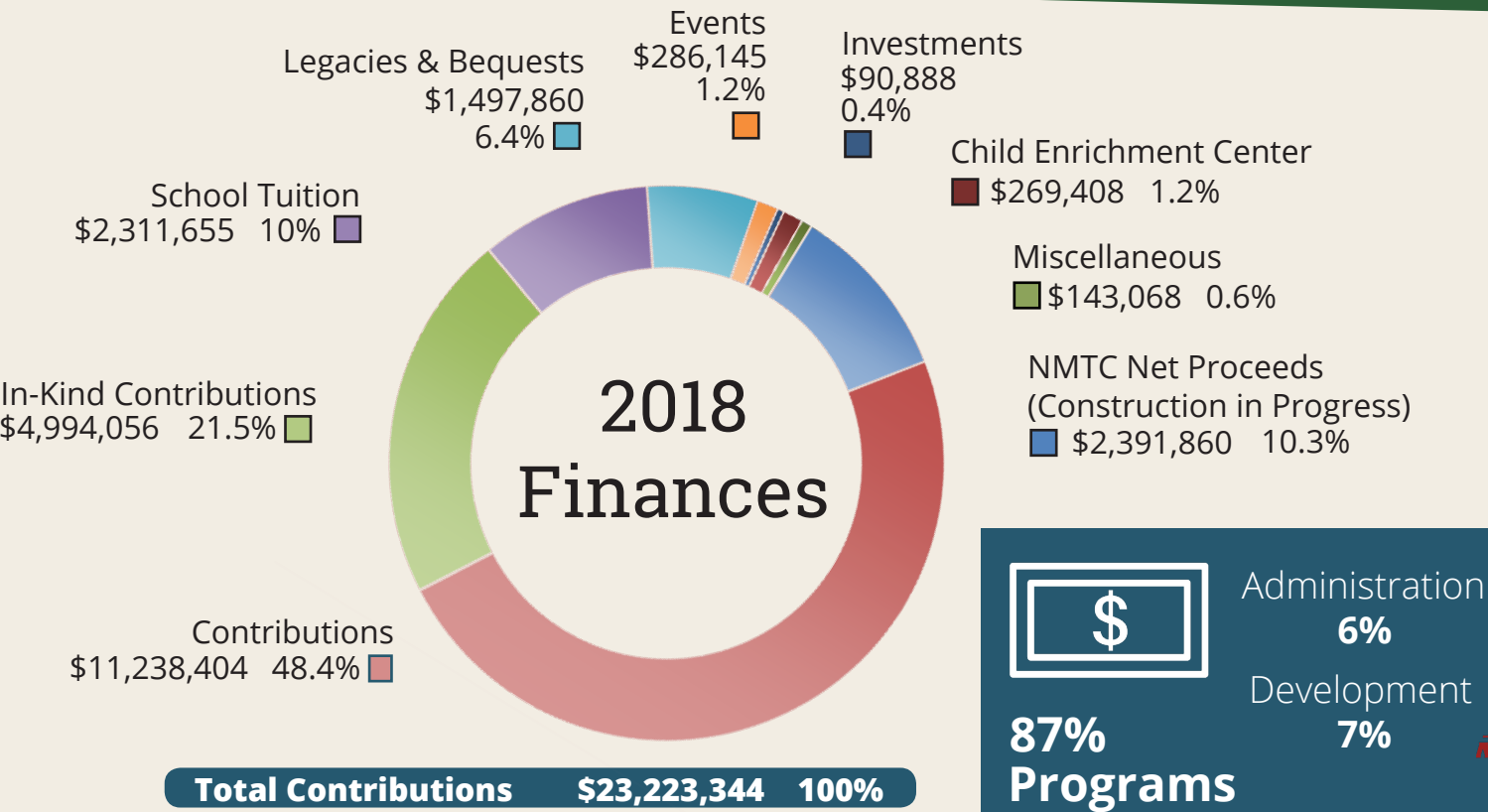


2018 IN REVIEW

YOUR GENEROSITY IMPACTED



THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS,
YOU IMPACTED AN ADDITIONAL



BASIC NEEDS | the first step towards life transformation

After a rough childhood, Roscoe turned to alcohol and crack as his escape. For years his life accumulated anger, addiction and destruction. Eventually, he lost a marriage, job, home and all hope—until his brother brought him to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Roscoe found safe shelter, nutritious meals, clean clothes and a chance for a fresh start. Following his journey to recovery, Roscoe became a cook at MRM. He now has the joy of serving those in need, just like he once was. He not only gets to offer them a good meal, but hope and the reminder of God's love.



289,033

meals
served



85,635

nights of shelter
provided



54,161

articles of clothing
distributed



13,519

school supply
items distributed to
students



35,347

hygiene items and
household goods
distributed

128



Number of
women served
by Door of Hope,
Joy House's new
program for
single,
unaccompanied
women who are
homeless

lasting impact for
neighbors in need

RECOVERY



By the time Timothy came to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, his addiction to drugs and alcohol was out of control. After overdosing and almost dying three times in the same year, he knew he needed to do more than stop using drugs. He needed to change his entire life, but didn't know how.

With your support, Timothy was able to get real help. Through Safe Harbor's New Journey program, Timothy found addiction recovery assistance, counseling, spiritual guidance and job training. Today he is celebrating over a year of sobriety and a transformed life.

LaToria worked hard her whole life, putting her family's needs before her own. But over the years, it became harder for LaToria to make ends meet. When she lost her home, her life spiraled until she didn't know what to do. She was lost—until she came to Joy House.

Thanks to your help, LaToria found the tools she needed to turn her life around. At Joy House, she took classes in budgeting and parenting, and eventually transitioned to new housing. And for the first time, she developed a real relationship with Jesus Christ.



1,430
counseling
hours

100%

of **New Journey**
graduates had
a job placement
upon graduation.

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

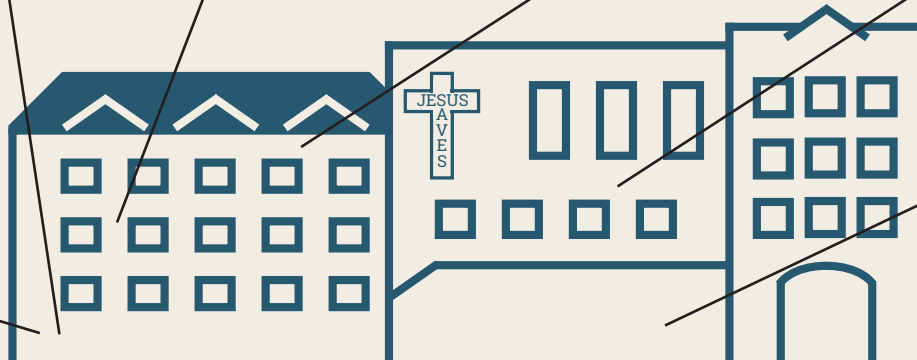
43 men enrolled in **New Journey**, our year-long residency program focused on work-readiness, addiction recovery and building or restoring interpersonal relationships.

11 **New Journey** graduates participated in our six-month transitional living program called **New Journey Transitional Services**.

257 women participated in our **New Life** program, which includes job training and financial education.

119 men participated in **Vocational Initiative Services**, which supports men who are employed by connecting them with other resources.

151 children ages 0-4 received loving care in the Joy House **nursery**.



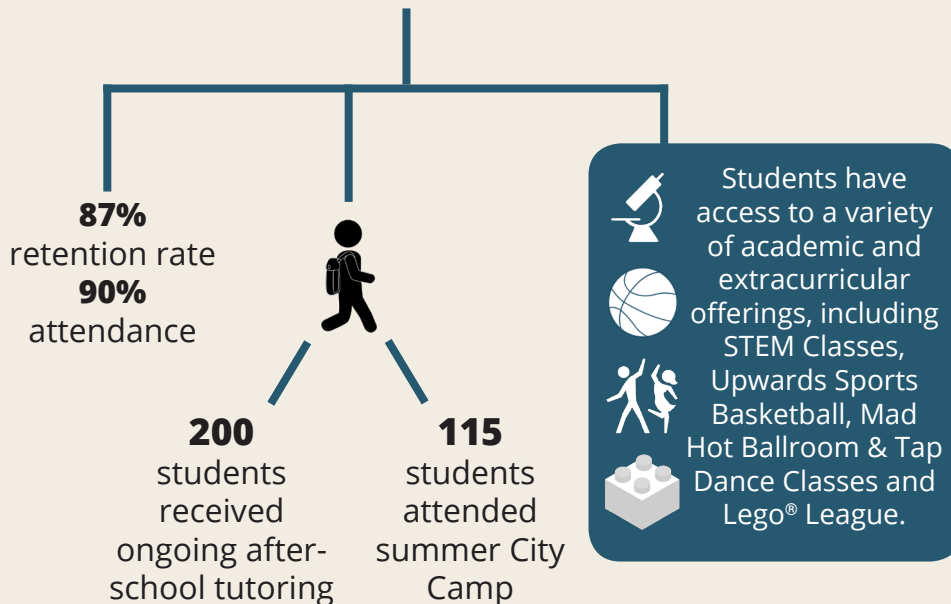
EDUCATION

one of the best ways
out of poverty



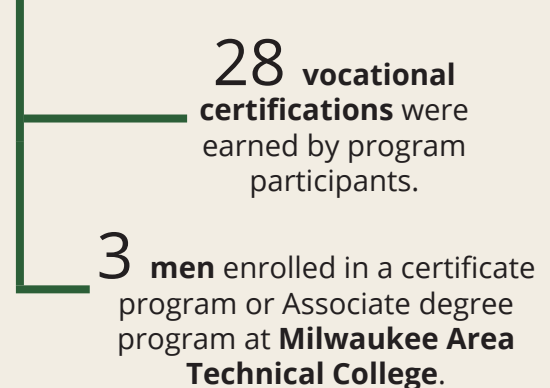
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students, K4 through 12th grade, were educated at Cross Trainers Academy during the 2017-2018 school year.



32,894

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



Six students in grade 12 were dually enrolled at MATC in Fall 2018, taking general education classes toward a technical certificate or Associate degree.

64

children served through our day care, the Child Enrichment Center



★★★★☆
The only public day care in 53206 with a YoungStar 4-star rating

transforming our
neighborhoods

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Community events helped build connections with the neighborhood around our North Campus



Parenting Events
for Mothers and
Fathers



190
Thanksgiving
Baskets



1,800
Christmas Gifts



Neighborhood
Movie Nights and
Block Party



Collaborative
Partner Luncheons



Neighborhood
Association



Job Fairs and
Job Readiness
Workshops



dFree Financial
Freedom Classes



Neighbors in need
also received free
food, hygiene
items, access to
fun activities and
information about
other resources
available.



Youth Center

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The impact you made in 2018 was incredible! As we work together to strengthen our community, please pray for our 2019 goals:

- Expand outreach to homeless individuals on the streets and in tent cities
- Partner with Pick 'n Save and the Hunger Task Force to host the Mobile Market at MRM North Campus
- Expand community meals at our North Campus to meet the needs of our neighbors
- Add three extra sections at Cross Trainers Academy to increase enrollment and impact more students
- Continue to develop our Navigate program for comprehensive and life-transformative services



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(men)



Joy House
(women and children)



**Cross Trainers
Academy**
(students)



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(community)

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