

Annual Report



Serving the
Milwaukee
community
since 1893

Serving MKE together in 2019

**YOUR
GENEROSITY
IMPACTED
OVER
5,000
INDIVIDUALS
IN 2019.
THANK YOU!**

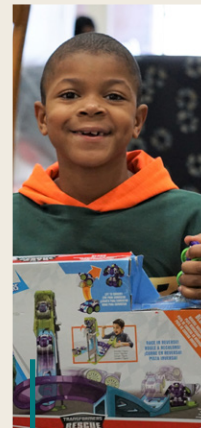
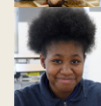
BASIC NEEDS

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



RECOVERY

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



EDUCATION

emphasizing strong academics, character development and career preparedness through Christ-centered instruction

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

2019 FINANCES

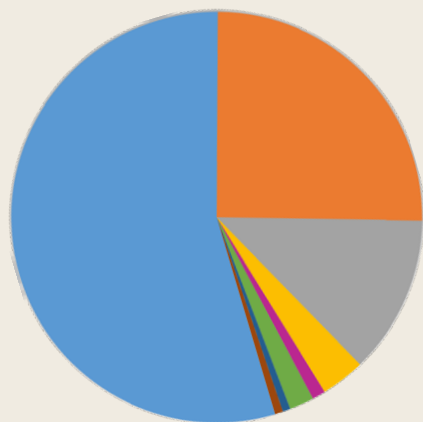
Contributions	\$11,735,748	54.7%
In-Kind Contributions	\$5,403,424	25.2%
School Tuition	\$2,673,102	12.5%
Wills & Estates	\$747,181	3.5%
Events	\$222,882	1.0%
Investments	\$416,047	1.9%
Child Enrichment Center	\$130,773	0.6%
Miscellaneous	\$135,190	0.6%

Total Contributions \$21,464,347 100%

9%
Development

6%
Administration

85%
Programs



Letter From the President

Dear Friend,

2019 was truly a year of great change, challenge and growth for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission!

Despite a robust economy and historically low unemployment rates, 2019 brought more struggling men, women and children to our doors than ever before. Yes, homelessness remains a complicated thing. It can be the result of so many different factors like poverty, addiction, mental illness, inadequate education, lack of job skills and trauma—the list can go on and on.

Through it all, though, we remain steadfast in our core mission to help the hurting and lost. Since 1893, we have been humbled by the faithfulness of our God and our caring community in helping us stay the course of serving those in need.

One way in which God has used our caring community to continue our mission is through the wise leadership of our Board of Directors. God has blessed us with leaders who care deeply for those who are hurting in our community—leaders like our dear friend and long-time board member, Bill Eisner, who passed away in November of 2019. We miss Bill greatly, but we thank God for the incredible leadership, compassion and friendship he provided over many years.

With great prayer and consideration, we are always trying to find ways to refine our programs and better address the needs of the surrounding community. Whether it's revamping our recovery programs, renovating our spaces or expanding classes at our K4-12th grade school, Cross Trainers Academy, we're constantly taking a fresh look to make our programs as effective as possible.

When we opened Door of Hope—our shelter space for women unaccompanied by dependent children—in 2018, we were responding to a critical need we saw in the community. After renovating some existing space at our Main Campus, we were able to offer 12 beds to meet this need. In the past year, we've increased the number of beds available to this population to 22! Not only can more women now find safe shelter, nutritious meals and clean clothing, they also have access to recovery programs that offer education, job-training, counseling and more.

One thing that hasn't changed is that we rely exclusively on the generosity of our community to continue these life-changing programs. Through God's grace and the support of friends like you, hundreds of men, women and children receive critical support every day here at MRM—and thousands were given the hope of life transformation in 2019!

As I reflect on the past year and all that has happened here at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, I am so grateful for all God has done through the support of friends like you! Thank you for your caring about the well-being of every precious soul who comes through our doors for help. You are a blessing!

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.



304,657

meals served



98,588

nights of shelter provided



72,499

articles of clothing distributed



13,586

hours of volunteer service in helping our struggling neighbors

285 women unaccompanied by dependent children were served in Joy House's Door of Hope.



lasting impact for
neighbors in need

RECOVERY



Armando sold drugs and ran with violent gangs for more than 25 years. After becoming a heroin addict himself, he finally hit rock bottom and was ready to give up on life — until he enrolled in our New Journey program.

"I have hope again and I have a new purpose: I want to be the best father I can be for my kids, I want to be a productive citizen and I want to love others like Jesus has loved me."

"That's what your donations to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission did. God used you to give us a future and hope when we had none. You gave us the chance to live again."

-Armando



Alesha's life was in chaos after she was assaulted and traumatized by someone she knew. She lost her housing, her job, her sense of peace—and was terrified that something bad would happen again. All of that changed when she and her son came to Joy House.

"It means so much that I don't have to do this alone. Thanks to Joy House, I have a new relationship with my Heavenly Father."



1,116
adult counseling
hours

100%

of **New Journey** grads
found work in livable wage
jobs within six months.

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

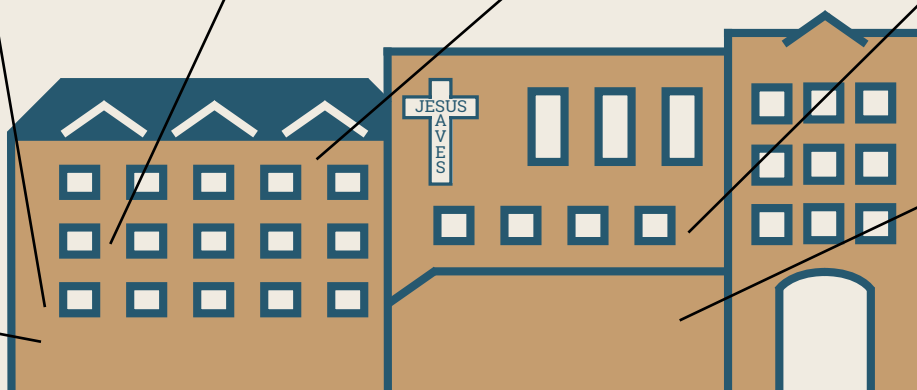
135 men participated in **Vocational Initiative Services**, which supports men who are employed by connecting them with other resources.

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

17 **New Journey** grads participated in our year-long transitional living program, **New Journey Transitional Services**.

100 women participated in Joy House's **transformative programs**, which include job training and financial education.

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



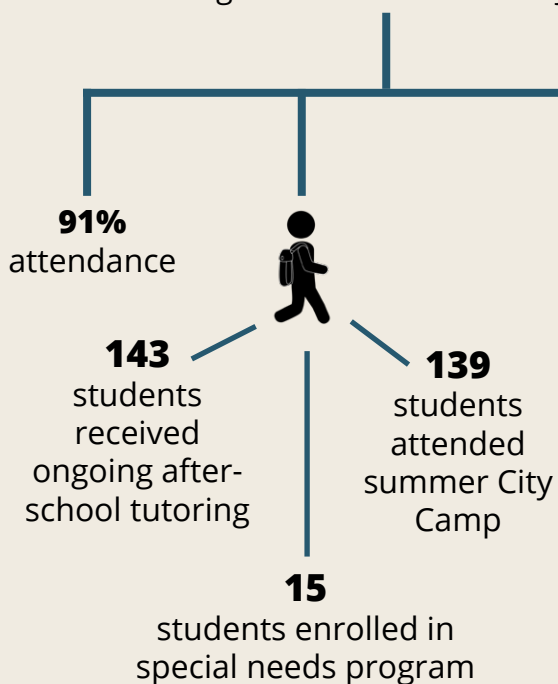
EDUCATION

one of the best ways
out of poverty



318

students, K4 through 12th grade, were educated at Cross Trainers Academy during the 2018-2019 school year.

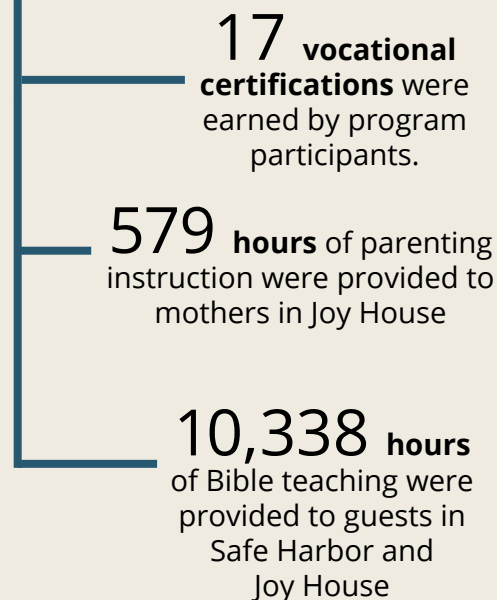


Students have access to a variety of academic and extracurricular offerings, including STEM Classes, regional sports leagues, dance classes, expanded music lessons and more.



33,817

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



In May 2019, CTA graduated its first senior high school class, all students having completed credits at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC).

transforming our
neighborhoods

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



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



Neighbors in need also received free food and health essentials through Mobile Market and resource distributions.



21,228
school supplies
distributed to
students



302
Thanksgiving
baskets to families



Family fun
recreation nights



1,889
Christmas gifts
to 200 families



58,570
hygiene items and
household goods
distributed



Neighborhood
Association



Parenting events
for mothers and
fathers



NavigateU
adult education
program



Youth Center
enrichment
activities



Collaborative
partner luncheons



Senior citizen
events and field
trips



Mobile Legal
Clinic

NORTH
CAMPUS

Building
community and growing *hope*
in Lindsay Heights through
neighborhood events.

400

neighbors joined
us at our annual
block party

306

neighbors regularly
attended our
community dinners

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FOR MAKING
AN IMPACT!



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Milwaukee, WI 53233



Safe Harbor
(men)



Joy House
(women and children)



North Campus

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**Cross Trainers
Academy**
(students)



Equip
(community)

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