

## **ALLENTOWNRESCUEMISSION** 2021 Annual Report

Rescue, rehabilitate, and restore homeless men through faith-centered programs based on accountability and compassion.

## Revenue

## Message from the CEO

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Allentown Rescue Mission has worked hard to remain open and maintain our 121-year mission of changing the lives of homeless, jobless, and often broken men. As our work continued to evolve this past year, we managed to provide critical and expanded care to the men who needed us. Despite the ongoing constraints associated with COVID-19, 2021 was a decidedly productive and impactful year.

We made the men's health a top priority this year by following COVID-19 guidelines and developing classes and initiatives to meet the growing health needs of our clients. We not only provided safe shelter and medical care to all men seeking our services, but were able to serve a record amount of meals while incorporating healthier options, vaccinate willing men, enroll men in vocational training classes paid for by an anonymous donor, and offer much appreciated therapeutic art classes to men in the Transformation Program.

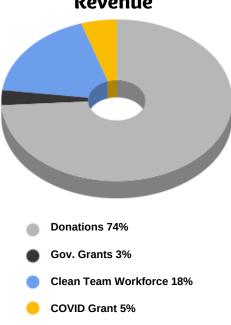
In addition to our core activities, we expanded our programs by introducing the Books to the Rescue Program which is run by the men in the Transformation Program. Studies have shown that reading at home with family members is a vital component of learning how to read. Our program collects and processes donated books for local schools and civic organizations to distribute to elementary students in need of these resources. In addition to helping students learn to read, Books to the Rescue provides our men with a way to give back to the community.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without you. We are almost exclusively funded by private donations, matching gifts by employers, donor grants, and beguests. Our mission can only be fulfilled through continued community support. We graciously ask for the ongoing support of those who have helped us in the past and those who find it in their hearts to support us moving forward. Together, we will change the lives of the men who need our assistance.

On behalf of every man and elementary school student whose life has been touched by your compassion and generosity, we thank you.

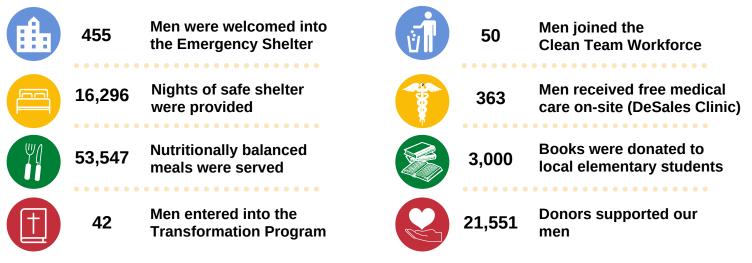
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Stuart Smith, CEO





## **Because You Cared**



Meet Angelo

Angelo never imagined he'd be homeless, but that changed after a series of life-altering events led to severe depression.

Angelo grew up feeling inferior to his sister. School came easier to her and he believed his parents and teachers focused more on her. As a result, Angelo struggled with confidence issues and dropped out of high school to work.

Angelo worked various jobs after dropping out of school. Then, at 20 years old, his life dramatically changed with the birth of his daughter. And although he loved his daughter deeply, Angelo wasn't prepared to be a father. His relationship with his girlfriend fell apart and she moved to Texas with their three-year-old daughter.

After losing his daughter, Angelo spiraled into a deep depression that lasted many years. "I didn't want to work. I didn't want to do anything", remembers Angelo.

When his next relationship failed, Angelo gravitated toward the wrong people. He ended up in and out of jail. But Angelo knew deep down that he wanted to change. While volunteering at a church, he asked the pastor for help. The pastor sent Angelo to the Allentown Rescue Mission.

He enrolled in the Transformation Program, graduated, and is currently working for the Clean Team Workforce as a cook for the Allentown Rescue Mission. Angelo loves his work and is focusing on becoming a better person so one day he can reconnect with his daughter.

Your donations make a difference. You have helped restore hope in my life. Thank you! - Angelo







