

# ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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

### LETTER FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends and Family,

Late in 2022, we returned to normal operations as the COVID pandemic receded. Fortunately, we were able to stay open every day during the entire pandemic.

During the pandemic, we designed and built an Emergency Shelter Annex to quarantine COVID-positive guests. This annex was essential to stay open during the pandemic and for the safety of our guests and staff. We were also fortunate to replace our aging kitchen floor thanks to the generosity of Grace Church of Bethlehem.

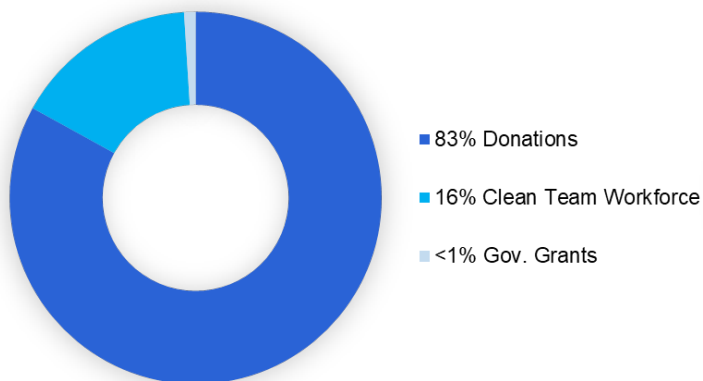
Last year, we initiated our Books to the Rescue program in which our men collect and process donated books which are distributed to schools and civic organizations to help students learn to read. This year, we crossed a milestone of processing over 10,000 books.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without you. We are almost exclusively funded by private donations, matching gifts by employers, donor grants, and bequests. We appreciate and thank our donors and graciously ask for the ongoing support of those who have helped us in the past and will support us moving forward. Together, we will change the lives of the men who need our assistance and support literary efforts in the Lehigh Valley.

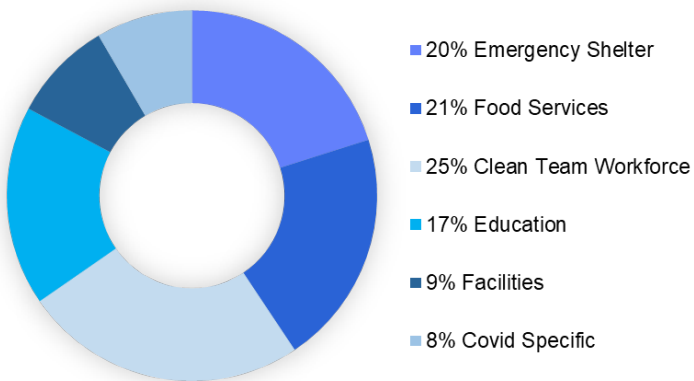
On behalf of every man and elementary school student whose life has been touched by your compassion and generosity, we thank you.

Stuart Smith, CEO

### REVENUE



### PROGRAM EXPENSES







"My future is looking great now! I'm pretty sure of that", says Lee.

**LEE'S STORY**

Lee grew up in New York City and experienced instability and abuse for most of his childhood. His father wasn't present in the family and his mother's alcoholism resulted in her losing custody of Lee. He moved in with his aunt but most recently ended up living with his sister and her boyfriend.

The living arrangement nearly broke Lee. He received disability benefits for his learning disability but his sister, the representative payee of the benefits, kept the payments for herself and left Lee without enough food. At the same time, her boyfriend physically and emotionally abused Lee.

After two years, Lee finally mustered enough courage to leave his sister's home but had nowhere to go. He spent a week on the streets before finding his way to the Allentown Rescue Mission. With the help of the Mission, Lee graduated from the Transformation Program where he learned much-needed life skills, joined the Clean Team Workforce, restored himself as payee of his disability benefits, and is currently living on his own for the first time in his life. Lee continues to work part-time for the Clean Team Workforce and will be part of the Allentown Rescue Mission family forever.

## YOUR IMPACT



480

Men welcomed into the Emergency Shelter



65

Men joined the Clean Team Workforce



19,901

Nights of safe shelter provided



283

Medical visits conducted on-site by DeSales Free Clinic



61,910

Nutritionally balanced meals served



10,000

Books processed for local elementary students



51

Men entered into the Transformation Program



19,572

Donors supported our men