

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends and Family of the Allentown Rescue Mission,

Through the generosity of our donors, hard work by our employees, and the grace of God we were able to continue to normalize post-Covid operations and enhance operational performance in several areas. Our 2023 client numbers approached pre-Covid normal guests of about 1,000 per year.

Last year, we initiated our “Veteran’s Pathway” to better serve the unique needs of homeless vets. “Veteran’s Pathway” identifies veterans in our client population, improves their awareness of available veteran programs, and helps them complete the paperwork necessary to access a variety of available veteran resources. We typically see between 40 and 80 homeless veterans per year.

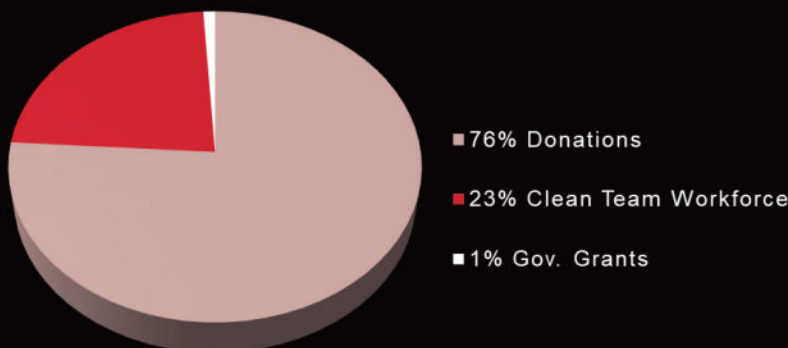
During 2023, we reinstated regular monthly graduation ceremonies to recognize and celebrate those clients who successfully graduated from our full-time 8-week, 120-classroom hour Transformation Program. Graduations have been well received, being attended by client family members, past graduates, and Rescue Mission supporters. Public recognition via these graduation events helped encourage other clients to apply to and complete the Transformation Program.

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.

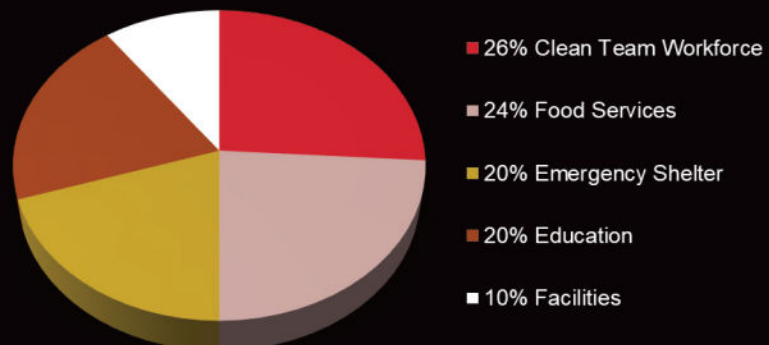
On behalf of every man whose life has been touched by your compassion and generosity, we thank you.

Stuart Smith, CEO

### Revenue



### Program Expenses



# STEVE'S STORY



*"The Mission helped me grow from a kid into a man."*

Steve remembers his life changing when his father left the family. He was only five years old, but he felt the loss and the impact on his family. His mom and grandmother raised Steve and his six siblings from then on.

The family moved from Texas to Allentown when Steve was 13. School and family life were hard. He spent most of his time alone and mad at "the world and everyone." So, when he was introduced to drugs at 15, he used them to mask his anger. After graduating from high school, Steve refused to work. His days revolved around his addiction. Out of options, his mother kicked him out of the house.

Getting high one day, Steve realized for the first time that he was homeless. He fell to his knees and prayed for a second chance. He didn't want his life to end before it began. He then searched the internet and found the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Steve was scared to come to the Mission because he was so young and didn't know how to talk to people. But to Steve's surprise, he felt at peace here. He had food and a bed and discovered joy around others. He was happy not feeling alone for the first time in a long time.

Through hard work and Mission guidance, Steve graduated from the Transformation Program, earned his driver's license, and now works for a local company while reconnecting with his family.

## HOW YOU HELPED



850

Men welcomed into the Emergency Shelter



80

Men employed by the Clean Team Workforce



16,678

Nights of safe shelter provided



340

Medical visits conducted on-site by DeSales Free Clinic



68,261

Nutritionally balanced meals served



15,000

Books processed for local elementary students



66

Men entered into the Transformation Program



17,791

Donors supported our men

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

