

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES
SERVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE SINCE 1917





A LETTER FROM CEO, MATT BURGESS

Dear Friends,

I hope that the 2023 Annual Report shows you some of the ways our ministry continues to serve Bloomington-Normal and the surrounding area, seeking to “Demonstrate Christ’s love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.” The successes and challenges of the past year will be familiar to many of you who’ve supported Home Sweet Home Ministries so faithfully over time.

The historically challenging housing market I noted in last year’s report continues to significantly impact the work we do in trying to support our neighbors’ journey back into living independently. While our shelter remains full at all times now, we continue to see success in helping people get housed. In addition to providing access to affordable housing directly through our ownership of a duplex we have begun entering into “master lease” agreements with local landlords. We are excited about the early success of this approach and are actively making plans to expand this approach.

2023 also brought a lot of growth and new learning experiences for the HSHM team. The Junction continues to be a highly utilized space where people and services connect with one another.

Thanksgiving at HSHM was once again marked by a massive turkey distribution and Thanksgiving Day meal delivery to the community – this year almost 2000 turkeys and over 450 fully-cooked meals were provided to community members who would otherwise not have been able to celebrate the holiday.

Our Client Services team is participating in a Medical Respite planning project, discovering what this type of service includes and what resources it would take to start offering this support in Bloomington-Normal.

On a final note, this fall HSHM began responding to the urgent crisis of the large tent encampment adjacent to our campus. Through active partnership with Eastview Christian Church (the owners of the parking lot), the City of Bloomington, and many caring people in the community we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of our camping neighbors as well as our neighbors in the surrounding area. While we are already providing many immediate supports to the residents of the encampment, we’re also working hard to pursue long-term, more sustainable strategies to provide a safe place for them to seek shelter beyond trying to survive in a tent. I hope to be able to provide a recap of these efforts by the time we produce our Annual Report next year. Stay tuned! As you review the data in this annual report, I pray that you remember that all of our data points to the lives of those we serve, each man, woman, and child who comes to us for help in whatever circumstances they find themselves. Thank you for the ongoing support of our work – when you support Home Sweet Home Ministries you are really supporting the people we serve. All we do is done in partnership with you!

Sincerely,
Matt Burgess
Chief Executive Officer





WHO
WE
ARE

Our Mission:

Home Sweet Home Ministries demonstrates Christ's love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.

Our Vision:

Our vision is to be a ministry of refuge and renewal powered by Jesus Christ.

Board of Directors

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2023 HOPEFUL HIGHLIGHTS

We have so much exciting info to share from last year!
Check out these hopeful highlights for a taste of what's to come!



The total number of nights of shelter at HSHM provided to members of our community.

The number of people who spent time as residents of HSHM throughout 2023.



The number of households assisted by our Rapid Rehousing program in 2023.



2023 HOPEFUL HIGHLIGHTS



The number of HSHM residents in 2023 that have served in the armed forces.

The material weight (lbs) we were able to recycle this year with the community's help!



The number of families impacted by our "Give Thanks" initiative this Thanksgiving.





DINING SERVICES SERVING HOPE ALL YEAR LONG



15,311 MEALS SERVED
10,500 SACK LUNCHES SHARED

Whether you contribute your time, finances, or food, we are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of this incredible community. Your generosity sustains our mission and uplifts those in need. Thank you for being there when it matters most!



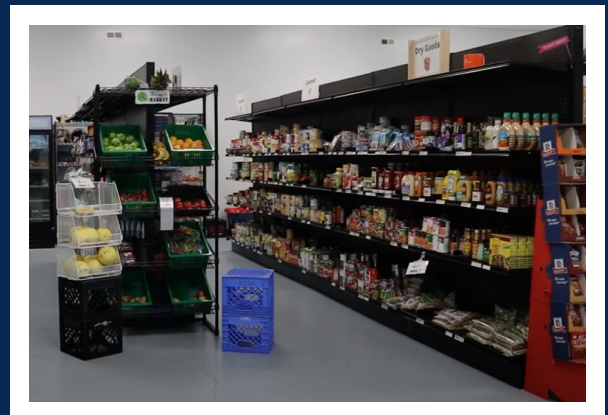


BREAD FOR LIFE
FOOD CO-OP
MEALS WITH A SIDE OF HOPE



89 ACTIVE CO-OP MEMBERS
1,700 CARTS FILLED

The Bread for Life Co-op functions on the concept of mutual exchange. Members work with staff/volunteers in exchange for receiving opportunities to shop at our facility. Thank you for your support of this ministry!





#NIAC23 RECAP! EXPERIENCE NIGHT IN A CAR

The outpouring of support from the community for Night in a Car 2023 was truly overwhelming, and we are so grateful to each and every person who contributed to our cause. Together, we raised \$156,731!

The funds generated from Night in a Car 2023 helped HSHM provide crucial services to those in need. From shelter and case management to essential support programs, we stay focused on spreading Christ's love in everything that we do!

We also want to acknowledge the huge impact of the Night in a Car event in raising awareness and fostering empathy within our community. By spending a night in their cars, participants gained firsthand insight into the challenges faced by those experiencing homelessness, creating compassion and action. This event serves as a catalyst for positive change, strengthening the Blo/No community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made Night in a Car 2023 a reality. Your dedication and support inspire us to continue our mission of demonstrating Christ's love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.



\$156,731

The amount of funds raised through the Night in a Car 2023 event.

183

The number of brave participants that joined us for the Night in a Car 2023 event.

65

The number of incredible teams that joined us for the Night in a Car 2023 event.

THE JUNCTION

AT HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES



The Junction had a great year in 2023! Averaging 57 visitors each day, we kept very busy! We partnered with new organizations like Express Employment while working with many others to offer a wide range of much needed services. This space offers so much to this community and it wouldn't be possible without your help!

2023 Partner Organizations:

Livingstone Community Church | CareerLink | Nonprofit Quarterly Meeting | First Student | Bloomington Township | Chestnut Health Systems | Heartland Community College | Mid Central Community Action | Illinois Wesleyan University | Illinois State University | CIBM Bank | Salvation Army | Bloomington Housing Authority | District87 | Star Student Literacy | Bloomington Public Library | Project Oz | Catalyst Ministries | Prairie State Legal Services | McLean County ROSC | Express Employment





VOLUNTEER HELP & HOPE

AT HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES



187

The number of new
volunteers who
made a difference at
HSHM in 2023.

At HSHM, our dedicated volunteers serve as beacons of hope and positivity in our community. They are the heartbeat of our organization, offering vital services and fostering an atmosphere of warmth and support for all who seek assistance. More than just their tangible efforts, our volunteers infuse every interaction with empathy and compassion, bringing comfort to those facing adversity. Their kindness and generosity uplift those in need and inspire us to continue our mission of positive change.

To each and every one of our volunteers, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions. Your selfless dedication is truly transforming lives and shaping a brighter future for our community. Thank you for all that you do.



2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INDIVIDUAL
DONATIONS:
\$610,289

GRANTS:
\$613,262

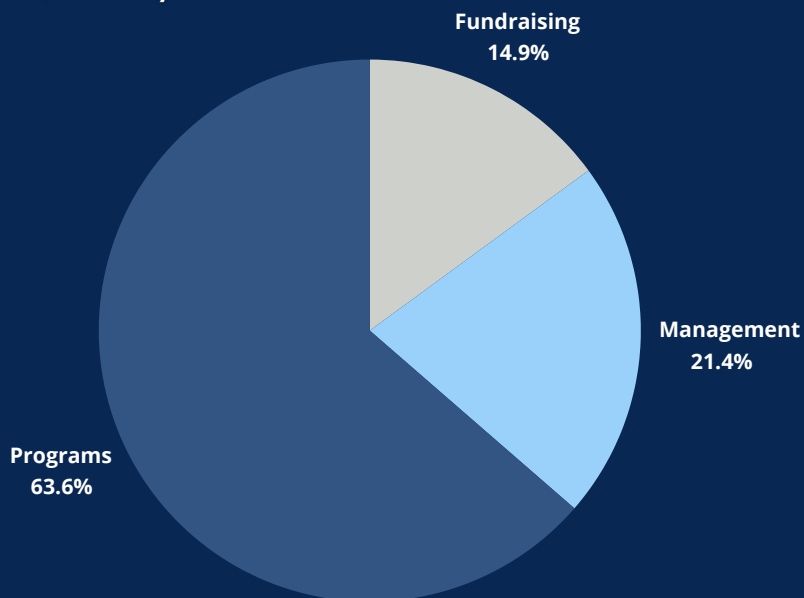
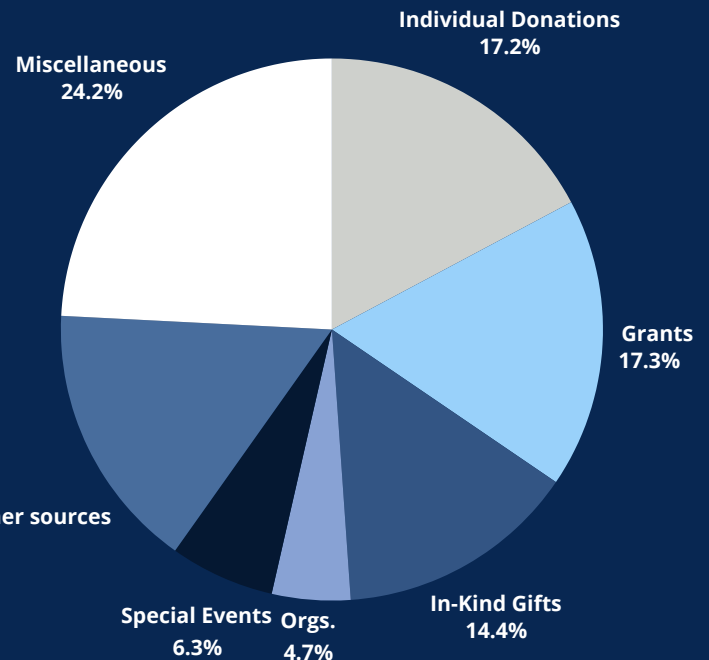
IN-KIND GIFTS:
\$509,658

ORGANIZATIONS:
\$165,833

SPECIAL EVENTS:
\$221,570

FOUNDATIONS,
TRUSTS, ETC.
\$566,701

MISCELLANEOUS
FUNDRAISING:
\$857,677



FUNDRAISING:

\$513,103

MANAGEMENT:

\$736,190

PROGRAMS:

\$2,184,295





Reflecting on 2023, we extend our deepest thanks to the Bloomington/Normal community for your unwavering support and steadfast commitment.

Your generous contributions, selfless volunteering, and heartfelt prayers are integral to our ability to provide essential services to those most in need. Your continued support is not only appreciated but vital to our mission.



Throughout the past year, your unwavering support has enabled us to reach significant milestones in our ongoing efforts to exemplify Christ's love through innovative programs that offer hope, restore lives, and foster community bonds. Your acts of compassion and generosity serve as a beacon of inspiration for our team, empowering us to continue our mission with unwavering determination.

We are so grateful to have such a compassionate and supportive community by our side, propelling us forward on our journey to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being an important part of our mission and for your commitment to share the hope & help of Jesus with members of this community each year!




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