

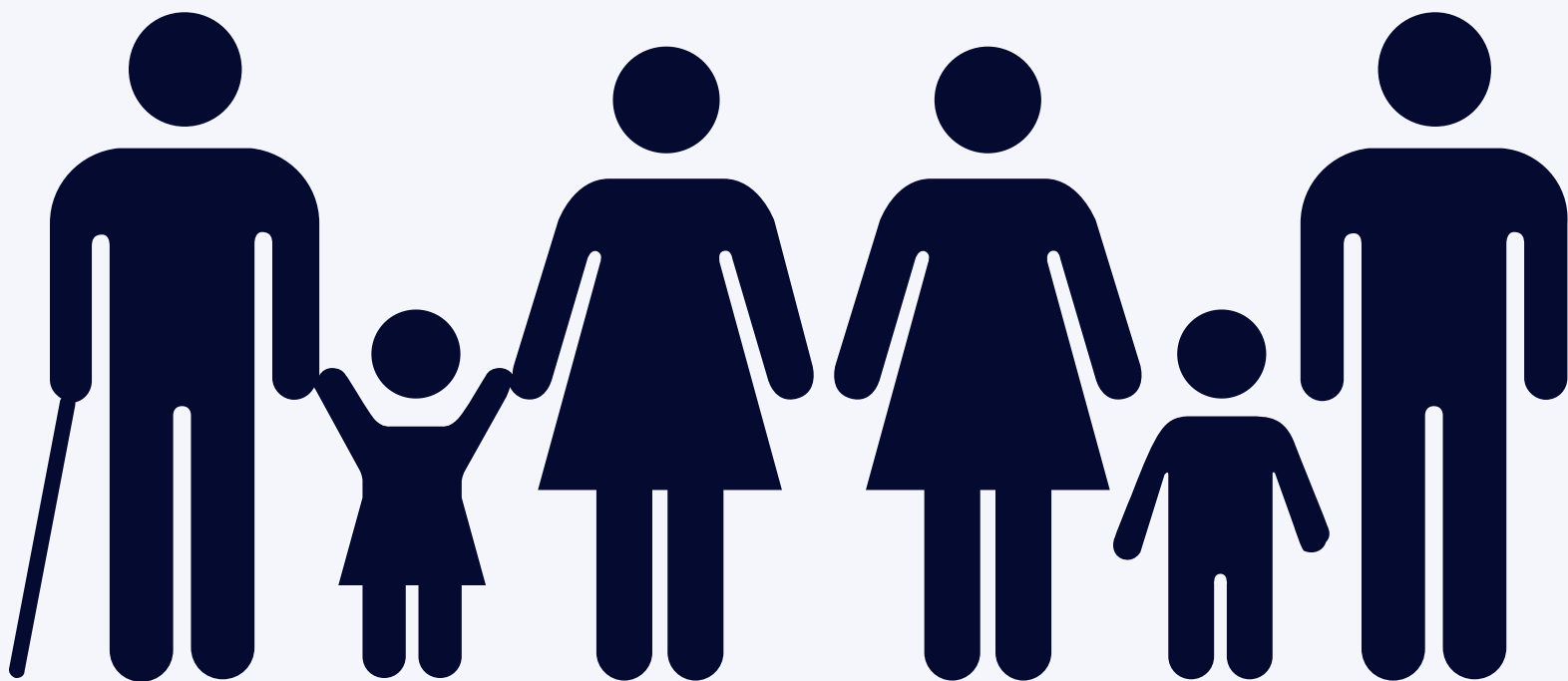


HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES
Serving the homeless and hungry with Christ's love since 1917

2021

Annual Report

HSHM



A Letter from CEO, Matt Burgess

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– when you support Home Sweet Home
Ministries, you are really supporting the people
we serve. We couldn't do it without you!"**



CEO Matt Burgess

Dear Friends,

As I look back on all that was 2021, I marvel at the steadfastness of Home Sweet Home Ministries and all of you who support our ministry. As the Covid-19 pandemic continued its grip on our world, we nonetheless kept offering opportunities and support to our neighbors when they needed it most.

In May, we joyfully celebrated the grand re-opening of the Bread For Life food co-op in its new home in our building at 301 E Oakland Ave. The new and improved space provides a more accessible and welcoming environment for our co-op members who are working to achieve food security for themselves and their families. It also added enhanced food processing capacity so that we can make the most of all the food donations we receive, regardless of its shape or size.

In June, we survived historic storms that hit McLean County and resulted in 38 inches of accumulated flood waters in the basement of our shelter building. The resulting losses and damage approached \$300,000 but thanks to the generosity and response of our community, HSHM was able to minimize the impact on those we serve – and we never had to shut down our shelter operations during our recovery.

We also identified and began focusing on our “core values” of Faith, Grace, Relationships, and Resourcefulness. These values have become integral in how we approach the work we do each day. We continue to develop our supervisory and administrative processes with these as the central focus.

As you review the facts and figures in this annual report, I pray that you keep in mind each individual those numbers represent. Honoring God through our service to our neighbors is what matters most, and remembering that each person we serve is a unique reflection of God in our community is what keeps us centered on that which is truly important – to “Demonstrate Christ’s love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.”

Thank you for the ongoing support of our work – when you support Home Sweet Home Ministries, you are really supporting the people we serve. We couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely,

Matt Burgess
MATT BURGESS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CEO ADDRESS
HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES**

Board of Directors



Mission:

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

Vision:

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

Board of Directors

- Matt Burgess (CEO)
- Eric Hoss (President)
- Tony Gilmer (VP)
- Phil Sauder
- Kathy Rous
- Jenny Hill Scott
- Sally Salegna
- Steve Zimmerman
- Fred Lamkey

2021 AT A GLANCE



Nights of Shelter

In 2021, there were 12,422 nights of shelter provided to a grand total of 324 men, women, and children of our community.



Veterans Served

In 2021, Home Sweet Home had the pleasure of providing shelter to a total of 21 veterans of various branches of the United States military.



Kiddos Served

In 2021, Home Sweet Home had the pleasure of providing shelter for 74 children. Of those children, we totaled 2,321 nights of shelter.

VOLUNTEER SUPERHEROES!



Heroes in Training!

In 2021, we trained a total of 115 volunteers with 22 different classes taking place.



Saving the Day!

In June, despite over \$300,000 in flood-related damages, we were able to continue serving Blo/No because of volunteer and community support!



Thankful for you!

Thanks to our volunteers and donors, we were able to serve 178 households with 404 delivered meals on Thanksgiving Day!

Our volunteers are truly some of the kindest, most sacrificial human beings around and we could not ask for a more committed group to help us demonstrate Christ's love in the Bloomington/Normal community.

A Note from Client Services Director, Debbie Reese

A MOVE, A FLOOD, A COVID OUTBREAK, AND A NEW MINISTRY!

**Did all of that really happen in 2021?!
I couldn't believe it when I thought back to all that we
did at Home Sweet Home Ministries last year.**



Debbie Reese

January through May of 2021 found us remodeling 301 E. Oakland to fit the needs of our growing Bread for Life Co-op. The big move from the basement of the shelter to the new home for the co-op was finished just in time for the ribbon cutting we held in May. That location has proven to be an incredible space, making it much easier for members to access as well as giving the co-op an even more sleek 'store-like' design. I still smile every time I walk in the door and see the shelves full of food and members, volunteers, and staff enjoying their times of organizing and shopping.

As the COVID-19 pandemic persisted much longer than any of us anticipated, Home Sweet Home Ministries' Client Services department continued to be diligent about helping the residents, staff, and volunteers to remember to mask. At times we had to suspend volunteers in the building because of COVID. We would then see the COVID numbers going down and bring back the volunteers.....only to see them increase again and pause our volunteer involvement. It was quite the roller coaster!

We were able to keep the COVID monster at bay until the end of December and early January when it hit us hard. Because of the dedication and flexibility of our staff, we were able to care for our residents and get through that outbreak. At one time, our positivity rate in the shelter was 75%.

Good news prevailed as 2021 brought vital conversations with shelter residents, low income non-residents, and many other social services in the community to determine how we might best serve the Bloomington/Normal area. We were researching how we could best use the half of 301 E. Oakland not housing the Bread for Life Co-Op. The outcome of many conversations led us to develop plans to transform that space into a community center in which people could come together to relax and enjoy the company of friends as well as receive needed resources. The name of this new ministry, The Junction, is the perfect description of what we hope to happen there: where people find the intersection of where they've come from and where they might want to go in their lives.

This year proved challenging, but thanks to the community's loving support and encouragement, Home Sweet Home remains strong. Together we were able to provide 324 men, women, and children with new opportunities to rebuild their lives.

Sincerely,

DEBBIE REESE
CLIENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

**A NOTE FROM CLIENT SERVICES
HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES**

Help, Hope, & Housing



15 families were assisted by our Rapid Rehousing program.



4 households were assisted through our Bridge of Hope program.



HSHM provided over \$38,000 in housing assistance during 2021!



459,228 pounds of clothing were recycled by Home Sweet Home!



1,577 households were impacted by our "Give Thanks" Initiative!

Dining Services

Serving Christ's love through 2021!



Meals served: 27,702

Sack Lunches provided: 2824

Hot meals to-go: 1393

**Thank you so much for your consistent support
of the work of dining services at HSHM.**

Whether you give time, money or food, we are so
blessed to know that this incredible community is
here to support us when we need it.

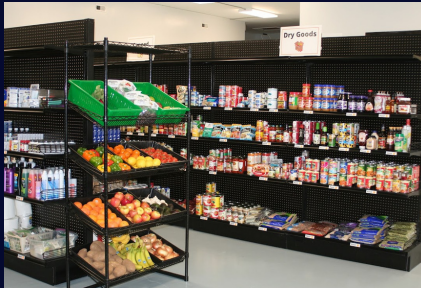
**To keep up with urgent needs in Dining Services,
follow us on social media!**



**DINING SERVICES UPDATES
HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES**

BREAD FOR LIFE FOOD CO-OP

188 ACTIVE MEMBERS
590 SHOPPING TRIPS TAKEN



"2021 was a year for the books! As we dealt with the effects of the pandemic, the year came with a lot of ups and downs. After closing and reopening what felt like more than our fair share of times this year, we find ourselves in a new space! We took the Bread for Life Co-Op from the basement of HSHM upstairs and into the light, moving it into its new home at 301 E. Oakland.

It was a difficult transition but, with the help of some pretty amazing volunteers and members, we opened right on time. There were many struggles but also many blessings. We remained faithful in our mission and the Lord never took His hand off HSHM. Now as we're moving through the new year we're grateful to see the rewards of all the hard work as we continue to serve our community."



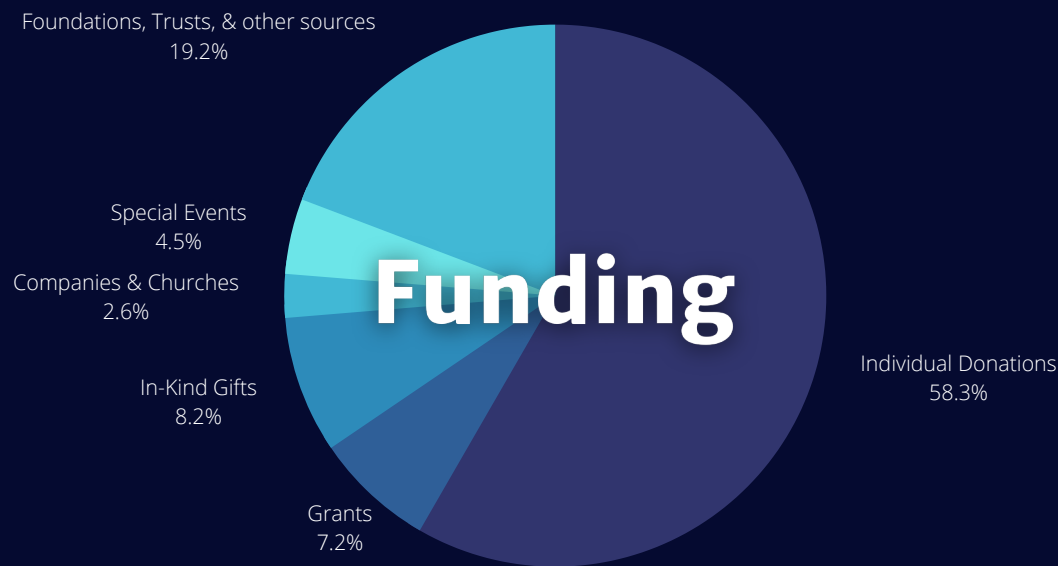
SINCERELY,
SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

BREAD FOR LIFE CO-OP COORDINATOR



BREAD FOR LIFE FOOD CO-OP
HOME SWEET HOME MINISTRIES

2021 Financials



INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:

\$1,883,366

GRANTS:

\$231,706

IN-KIND GIFTS:

\$264,111

COMPANIES & CHURCHES:

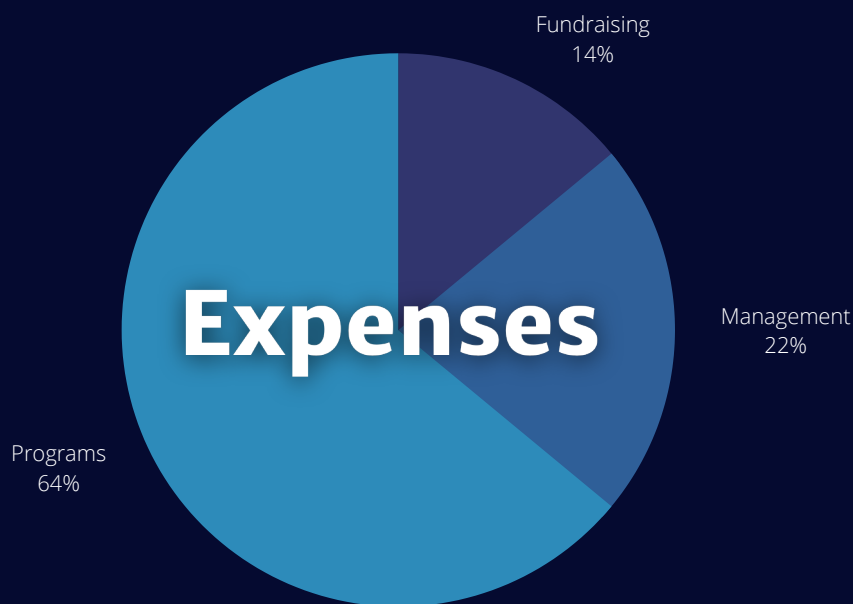
\$83,958

SPECIAL EVENTS:

\$144,962

FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, & OTHER SOURCES:

\$620,753



FUNDRAISING:

\$349,506

MANAGEMENT:

\$562,657

PROGRAMS:

\$1,649,878

Thank you for your faithful support of HSHM!



Home Sweet Home staff is exceptionally grateful to the Bloomington/Normal community for supporting the work of HSHM throughout the entire 2021 calendar year.

Thank you for your financial support, your time, and your prayers through the incredible year of 2021.

Here's to another great year serving Bloomington/Normal together.



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