

# 2022 Annual Report



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# A word from our CEO

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Dear Friends,

I hope that this latest Annual Report shows you some of the ways our ministry continues to be a faithful presence in the community, seeking to “Demonstrate Christ’s love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.” In addition to the aspects of our ministry that are better known, I want to introduce you to some new initiatives we are undertaking.

Of particular note was the development and successful opening of our brand new community center – The Junction. On June 2nd, we were thrilled to hold a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration and ever since we have been busy serving the community in new and exciting ways. The Junction brings new opportunity to bring people and services together, as its name is intended to suggest.

Additionally, in recognition of the deepening affordable housing crisis, Home Sweet Home Ministries made the strategic decision to enter the realm of providing permanent housing through the purchase and renovation of a duplex. This property, located in Normal, offers below-market rent and leases to qualifying households. As we gain experience as a housing provider, we will continue looking for opportunities to expand this much-needed service in McLean County.

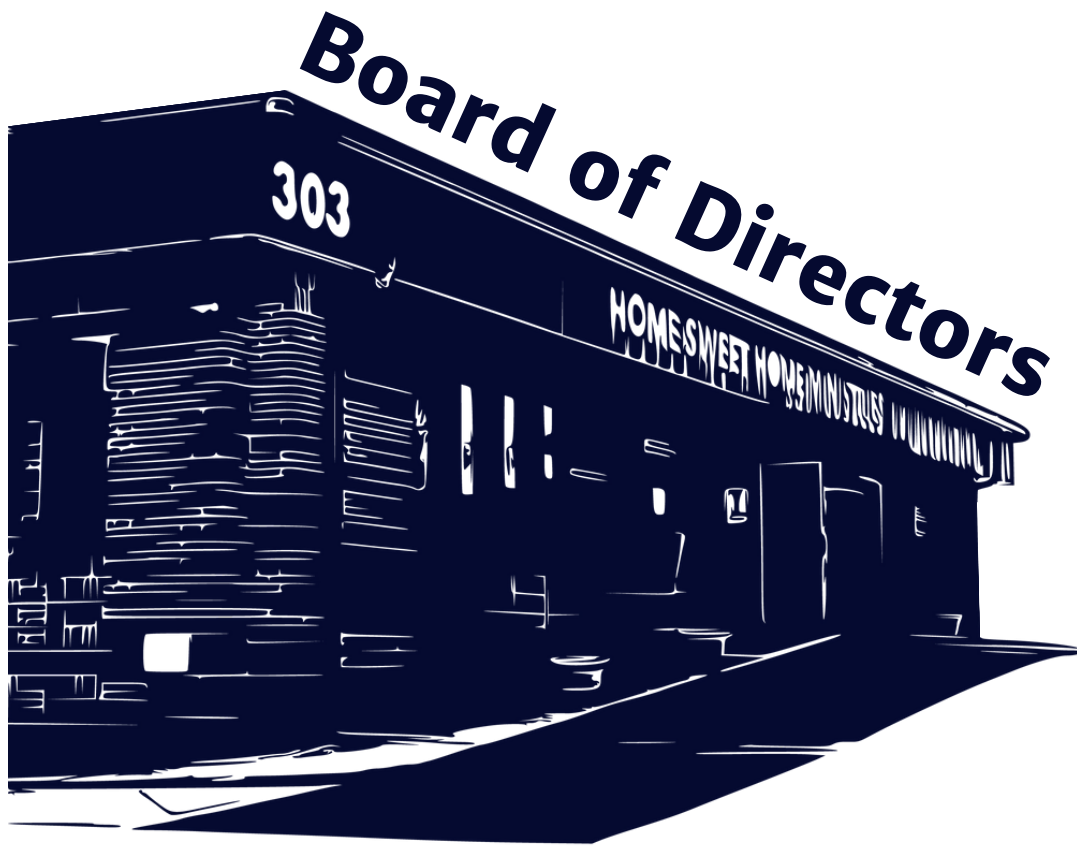
As you review the data in this annual report, I pray that you remember all of our data represents the lives of those we serve, each man, woman, and child who comes to us for help in whatever circumstances they find themselves.

Finally, 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

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HSHM





## 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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# HSHM 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



# 1

## Nights of Shelter

In 2022, there were **15,496 nights** of shelter provided to a grand total of **324 men, women, and children** of our community.



# 2

## Veterans Served

In 2022, Home Sweet Home had the honor of providing shelter to a total of **20 veterans** of various branches of the United States military.

# 3

## Youth Served

In 2022, Home Sweet Home had the pleasure of providing shelter for **68 children**. Of those children, we totaled **3,134 nights** of shelter.



# HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

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## Helpful Housing!

In 2022, 23 families were assisted by our Rapid Rehousing program. HSHM provided over \$49,000 in housing assistance during 2022!



# 5

## Hope Happens Here!

Our Bridge of Hope program assisted 4 families with housing in 2022. BoH also provided \$22,365 in rental assistance. Thank you to our incredible church partners for making this possible!

# 6

## Blo/No going Green!

In 2022, Home Sweet Home was able to recycle 186,000 lbs of clothing, this is an average of 3500 lbs of recycled clothing per week throughout the year!



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## Thanks for Give Thanks!

1,600 households were impacted by "Give Thanks" 2022! Thanks to our volunteers and donors, we were also able to serve 360 households with meals on Thanksgiving!

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# A word from Client Services

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Throughout 2022, we found the shelter to be at capacity much of the time as we served as many persons as possible. This was a challenging year for the residents of Home Sweet Home Ministries because there are fewer and fewer apartments available in their price range. However, our residents are resilient and resourceful, and we were still able to house many people as they worked to achieve their goal of independence. A highlight of the year was the remodeling of some of our Veteran's rooms through a grant from the Veteran's Administration. We added private bathrooms and showers to 4 of our rooms and remodeled 2 rooms that already had bathrooms to make them accessible. We are currently procuring new furniture for the Veteran's rooms so that those who served our country will have better accommodations.

The opening of our community center, The Junction, allowed us to serve more people and in different ways. From offering GED classes through Heartland Community College, to providing space for other agencies to meet with clients, to simply being a safe place to be with others, The Junction has been a major asset to the ministry of Home Sweet Home.

We are so grateful for the generosity of our community that allows us to serve those experiencing homelessness. It is an honor to be a part of the Home Sweet Home Ministries Community.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Reese  
Client Services Director

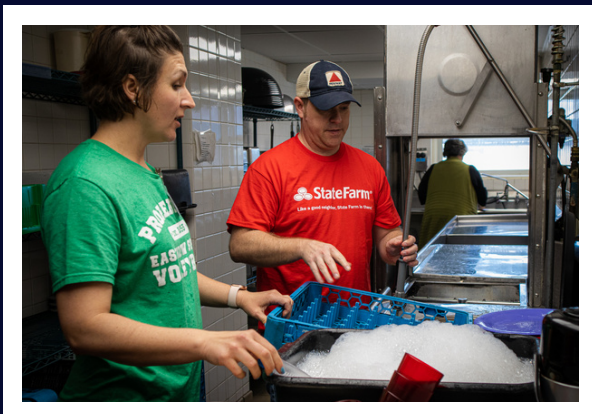



# DINING SERVICES SERVING HOPE THROUGH 2022



**Meals served: 33,480**  
**Sack Lunches provided: 4,603**

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



# BREAD FOR LIFE FOOD CO-OP



**162 ACTIVE MEMBERS**

**1004 SHOPPING TRIPS TAKEN**

**894 SHOPPERS**

What an incredible year we had at the Bread for Life Co-op! The Co-op is a membership-based program where individuals can use their own capability to provide food for themselves and their families. In addition to providing affordable and accessible foods to members of our community throughout 2022, we were also awarded the "Healthy Pantry Initiatives" award in March for the introduction of our Food Farmacy program.



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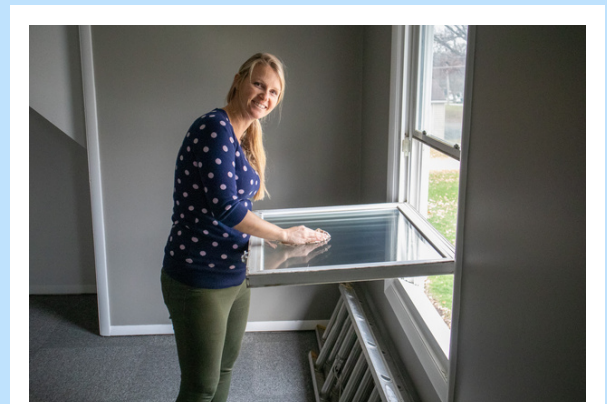
# AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOING OUR PART



**Home Sweet Home Ministries has taken action to address the affordable housing crisis affecting Bloomington/Normal.**

In September, HSHM purchased a local duplex and completed significant renovations in order to offer safe and affordable housing for families that need it. In December, we were able to offer the property to a Ukrainian family of seven, who had fled their home and were dealing with homelessness.

This small but necessary step by our organization is a response to the lack of affordable housing in the community. We hope to continue to restore lives and help more families find a place to call home. With community support, we plan to expand this offering to combat homelessness in our community.



# EXPERIENCE NIGHT IN A CAR



Thanks to the hard work and generosity of donors, volunteers, participants and sponsors, Night in a Car 2022 was a resounding success.

The support we received from the community was overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to our cause. Together, we raised approximately \$175,000, which goes to support the work of HSHM all year round!

The funds raised at Night in a Car 2022 will support Home Sweet Home Ministries' ongoing efforts to provide essential services to those in need. From shelter to case management and other essential services, we are committed to helping people overcome the challenges they face and build better lives for themselves and their families.



We also want to express our gratitude for the increased awareness and compassion that Night in a Car 2022 brings about. By spending a night in their cars, participants experienced firsthand the difficulties faced by those struggling and experiencing homelessness. This powerful event fosters empathy and inspires action, helping us to build a stronger, more compassionate community.



Thank you again to everyone who made Night in a Car 2022 possible, and we look forward to continuing to work together to create positive change in our community!



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# VOLUNTEERING HELP & HOPE



## We couldn't do it without YOU!

At Home Sweet Home Ministries, our volunteers not only provide essential services to those in need but also spread hope and positivity throughout our community. They are the lifeblood of our organization and work tirelessly to create a welcoming and supportive environment for all who come through our doors.

Our volunteers have helped to renovate our new community center, The Junction, and the affordable housing duplex we purchased to help address the housing crisis in our city. Without their hard work and dedication, these projects would not have been possible. **We had an incredible year with 1,070 total volunteers offering 6,381 hours of their time to HSHM!**

But it's not just the tangible work they do that makes our volunteers so special. They bring a sense of warmth and compassion to every interaction, spreading hope and positivity to those who are experiencing challenging times. Their kindness and generosity uplift those we serve and inspire us to continue making a positive impact in our community.

**To all of our volunteers, we cannot thank you enough for your invaluable contribution to our mission. You are truly making a difference in the lives of those we serve.**

# EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY AT THE JUNCTION



In June, HSHM opened our new community center, The Junction! We partner with a number of incredible organizations to offer many necessary services to members of our community. Serving an average of 22 daily visitors, it's been an incredible journey and we can't wait to see what else God does with this space!

Some of our partners include Living Stone Communities Church, Sunny Side Garden, CareerLink, Nonprofit Quarterly Meeting, First Student, Bloomington Township, Chestnut Health Systems, Heartland Community College, Mid Central Community Action, IWU, ISU, CIBM Bank, Salvation Army, Bloomington Housing Authority, Tricoci University, District87, Star Student Literacy, Bloomington Public Library, Project Oz, Catalyst Ministries, McLean County CASA, Prairie State Legal, McLean County ROSC!



# 2022 Financial Info

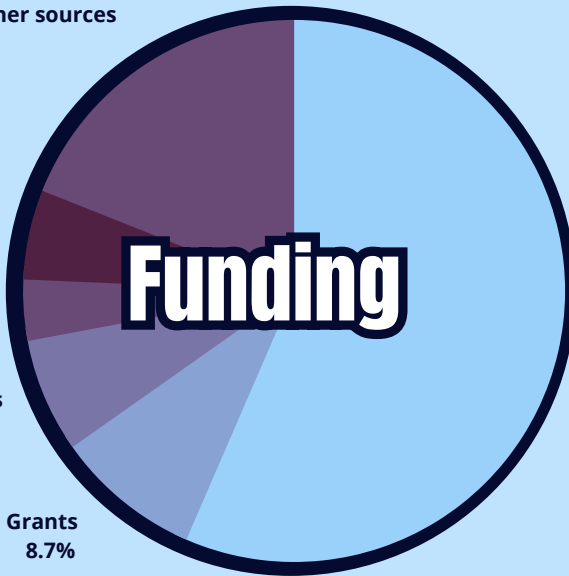
Foundations, Trusts, & other sources  
19%

Special Events  
5.4%

Companies & Churches  
3.6%

In-Kind Gifts  
6.8%

Grants  
8.7%



Individual Donations  
56.5%

## INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:

**\$1,731,448**

## GRANTS:

**\$267,269**

## IN-KIND GIFTS:

**\$208,678**

## ORGANIZATIONS:

**\$111,442**

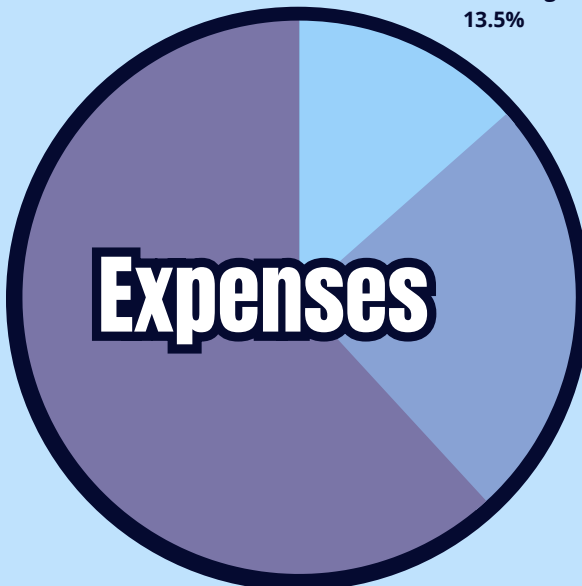
## SPECIAL EVENTS:

**\$163,979**

## FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, ETC.

**\$581,301**

Programs  
61.8%



Fundraising  
13.5%

Management  
24.7%

## FUNDRAISING:

**\$391,897**

## MANAGEMENT:

**\$718,386**

## PROGRAMS:

**\$1,798,442**

# Thank you for supporting the work of HSHM!



**We are tremendously grateful to the Bloomington/Normal community for your unwavering support throughout 2022.**

**Your generous contributions, valuable time, and prayers have allowed us to provide much-needed services to those who need them the most. We would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the incredible generosity that you show us each year.**



**Thanks to your support, we have been able to achieve significant milestones in our mission to demonstrate Christ's love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community. Your compassion and kindness have been a source of motivation and inspiration to our team, and we feel fortunate to have such an incredible community behind us every step of the way.**



  
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