

Christ-Centered Help for Those in Need

Thank //ow FOR CHANGING LIVES!

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Inaple Von for helping us RISE UP TO MEET GROWING NEEDS

Bridge Street Mission continues to grow in ministry impact in the Wausau area.

Our neighbors without homes come to us for meals, shelter and other basic needs. Our primary goal is transformation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to move people from the point of need to fully functioning in society.

The community need is not lessening. In fact, it continues to grow through the chaos of COVID and the alarming rise in overall prices. With your support, we again served more than 42,000 meals in 2021. Through expanded hours, the

Outreach Center served more people in crisis then ever before.

While juggling these growing needs, we also introduced significant program enhancements in our Sober Living Center.

We are beginning to see the fruit of our labors (and God's power) in the lives of the more than 30 men who live with us 24/7 in a structured community. We recently celebrated 5 men who successfully transitioned to independent living in early 2022.

Community awareness and public support also grew in 2021. Încreased financial donations, generous donations of food and

increased volunteer engagement are critical to our daily ministry.

In this annual report, you will see some of the impacts of our ministry as well as meet some of the people that God is using to offer Christ-centered help to the hundreds of hurting people we serve.

Please consider how you might be involved in the evangelistic, compassionate and transformational ministry of Bridge Street Mission.



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Craig Vincent Executive Director

WITH YOUR HELP...

The ministry of Bridge Street Mission is evangelistic, compassionate and transformational. Through the generosity of our community, men and women are fed, treated with dignity and given hope. Men experiencing homelessness, being released from jail or coming out of rehab are housed, learn to live addiction free and are equipped to re-enter society as healthy contributors.



Shelter Transformation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joel Rueber Chairman Thrivent Financial

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Rachael Splinter Out-Going Secretary Center for Well-Being

Tim Harrington In-Coming Secretary Greenheck Fan Corp.

Michael Klussendorf Treasurer Merrill Steel (retired)

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Rev. Larry Moodie Fellowship Baptist Church (retired)

Craig Shuler DigiCopy

Chris Menard Wausau Homes



We welcome new board members Max Rea, Chris Menard, Tim Harrington and Craig Shuler



Special thanks to out-going board members Rachael Splinter (May 2022) and Jeremiah Zeiset (Jan 2022).

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2021 KEY STATISTICS

- **373** individuals in crisis helped
- **42,231** meals served
- **65** men housed

- **8,000** hours of spiritual training
- 21 spiritual decisions



COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Bridge Street Mission is a 501(c)3 Christian non-profit charity. We depend on God to supply all our needs through the support of individuals, families, churches and businesses.

• In 2021, Bridge Street Mission added 411 first time donors.

Bridge Street Mission accepts

gifts of food, paper products, clothing, bedding, toiletries and other items that are used directly in ministry.

• \$357,000 value of donated food and clothing in 2021

Bridge Street Mission is a volunteer-intensive ministry. We seek quality volunteers with proven character, commitment and competency. Volunteers participate in a variety of roles, ranging from one-time projects with minimal screening and commitment, to ongoing regular responsibilities including spiritual ministry and leadership.

- 11,600 volunteer hours in 2021
- 47 regular volunteers

THOUGHTS FROM SOME KEY VOLUNTEERS...



"Volunteering at Bridge Street Mission means offering programming as a hand up with loving hearts engaged to bring transformation to a community in need."

Linda Gottschalk Volunteer Coordinator



"I feel like I am needed and helping. There is always something to do. I have found it easy to build relationships with both clients and other volunteers."



"As a retired individual with my own source of income, I am able to volunteer as much as I want at a place that I love."

Harold Osland Data Entry

Cheryl Armstrong Event Coordinator



EASTER CELEBRATION

Thursday, April 14 - 12:00 PM

Volunteers will serve a special meal in our Outreach Center for all our guests, and we'll share a clear presentation of the resurrection of Jesus, and His victory over death and sin. A hearty meal at the Mission still costs us just \$1.92 to prepare, but we serve our meals at no cost to our guests... Free Indeed!

2022 URBAN STREET PROJECT

2640 Sussex Place, Wausau

Every other year, we are blessed by Central Wisconsin contractors and friends of the Mission who work together to build a beautiful home. The



house will be sold at market value and proceeds of sale will benefit the ministry of Bridge Street Mission.

- Need Talent: to donate labor and services
- Need Supplies: of donated materials
- Need Discounts: from contractors and suppliers
- Need Funds: to purchase materials

MISSION GROUNDS ESPRESSO

107 W. Bridge St., Wausau

Our drive-through espresso house offers coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, bubble tea, smoothies and more! All proceeds support Bridge Street Mission.





GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, August 24 Crane Meadows Golf Course

- Title Sponsor: \$1,500
- Tent, Ball, Food or Cart Sponsor: \$750
- Snag Bag, Hole Event, Super Ticker or Water Sponsor: \$500
- Hole Sponsors: \$200
- \$240 registration for teams of 3 golfers

For more information, visit: BridgeStreetMission.org/golf-outing

With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in their time of crisis. HELP TODAY WITH A GIFT ONLINE: BridgeStreetMission.org



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WHY WE ARE HERE

Bridge Street Mission is equipping individuals who struggle with homelessness, addictions, hunger and sustaining a stable life to become healthy contributors to society.