



*Christ-Centered Help
for Those in Need*



Thank You

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES LIFE CHANGE
IN THE BRIDGE STREET MISSION
COMMUNITY POSSIBLE!

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

I have typically been using three words to help people understand what the ministry of Bridge Street Mission is. We are:

COMPASSIONATE: We are about meeting needs. We care for men, women and children who are struggling with hunger, homelessness and addictions. When we see someone in need, we want to meet that need no matter who they are or what they have done.

EVANGELISTIC: We share the Gospel to help satisfy spiritual needs. All our curriculum comes from a Christian worldview. We only accept funding that allows us to keep the good news of Jesus Christ central in everything we do.

TRANSFORMATIONAL: We want to help move hurting people from a place of need, to functioning again in society. Through our comprehensive

program, men work through phases of stabilization, transformation and re-entry. We do not consider ourselves successful until a resident moves out while growing in Christ, active in a church, maintaining sobriety, living in healthy relationships, generating income, and stable in their housing.

With 2022 now in the rear view mirror, **I have been inspired to add a fourth word — COMMUNITY.** We are finding that the guests who come to our Outreach Center are usually looking for more than food. For many of them, this is the only positive “social interaction” they have that day... or perhaps, that week in many cases.

We are convinced that our Sober Living Center residents would not be as successful in their recovery

without the support of the other men around them. The Holy Spirit among them, working through our staff and volunteers, transforms lives for eternity.

And whether through cash or in-kind donations, volunteer service or events like the Urban Street Project, as you will see in this Annual Report, community support makes a difference.

Hurting people find community at Bridge Street Mission, and the broader community of Wausau — including you — make it possible!



Craig A Vincent

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.



Meals



Hope



Shelter



Transformation

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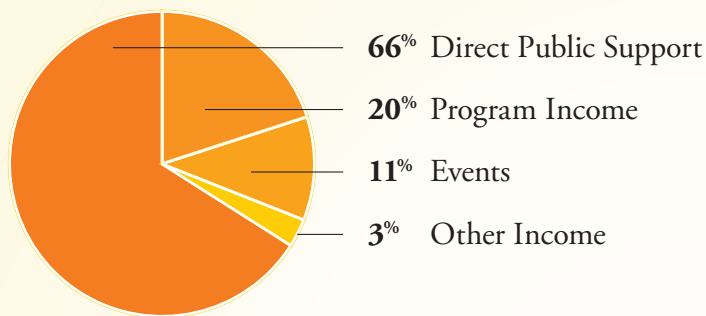
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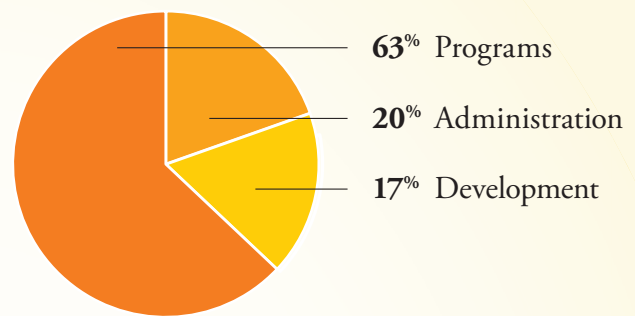
WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

Ordinary Income: \$521,851



HOW FUNDS ARE USED

Ordinary Expense: \$525,706



OUTREACH CENTER

Daytime drop-in center for men and women experiencing homelessness highlighted by a hot sit-down meal for anyone in the community experiencing hunger.



- 418 separate clients in crisis served
- 32,210 hot, nutritious meals served



- 21 spiritual decisions
- Referrals to other agencies
- Placements to better situations

SOBER LIVING CENTER

Residential Christian discipleship program providing the support, accountability and skills men need to live addiction free and to establish stable, productive lives.

STABILIZATION



TRANSFORMATION



RE-ENTRY



- 86 men sheltered
- +10,000 days of 24/7 shelter



- 4 transformation phase graduates
- 7 successful move outs
- 9 spiritual decisions

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Bridge Street Mission is a 501(c)3 Christian non-profit charity that depends on God to provide our needs through financial and in-kind donations. Bridge Street Mission is also a volunteer-intensive organization that engages individuals with proven character, commitment and competency to serve or lead groups.



- 703 donors, including individuals, businesses, churches and foundations
- \$332,503 value of donated food, clothing and toiletry items (GIK)
- 136 individuals provided 7,245 volunteer hours




- 2,356 customers served at Mission Grounds Espresso
- \$23,218 in net benefit to Bridge Street Mission
- Top selling item: 20 oz. flavored latte




COMMUNITY SUPPORT THAT CHANGED A LIFE

There is no better example of the life-changing impact of community support than our **Urban Street Project**. It was a joy to track its progress over time and to meet and thank all the contractors that made it happen.

 **41** community friends shared funds, donated or discounted labor, services or materials to build and sell this new home in Kronenwetter.

 The project raised **\$162,000!**

 Proceeds benefitted our **Sober Living Center**, a programmed shelter for up to 36 men in recovery.

Men like Jeff in our Sober Living Center see their lives changed (see next column).

Even the new homeowner was motivated by the cause. ***"It was such a wonderful thing that has happened to us. We are truly grateful. Since it was for the great cause, if there is anything I can do for you or the cause, please let me know."***

We hope to do another Urban Street Project in 2024.

YOUR GIVING HELPED JEFF

Meet Jeff, who recently moved into his own apartment after two years at the Mission's Sober Living Center.

Jeff is starting the "normal, independent life" he envisioned when he came to Bridge Street Mission after living in and out of prison. His earlier life had been centered on drugs and alcohol. Jeff's addictions had taken a toll on his mental health, and he was drawn to the faith-based aspect of our program.

Jeff says the staff has been the most helpful in his recovery, because they are kind-hearted and really care about life change. "Things have really changed for me," he says. "I can stay clean now for the rest of my life."



GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Crane Meadows Golf Course

- Title Sponsor: \$1,500
- Tent, Ball, Food or Cart Sponsor: \$750
- Hole Event, Super Ticket 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.

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Bridge Street Mission may use generic names and photos to protect the privacy and safety of our residents. Please also understand that our clients' journeys to recovery are often filled with both victories and challenges. Excess funds of any specific appeal will be used where most needed in the ministry of Bridge Street Mission.