



Stories to Tell

2023 Annual Report

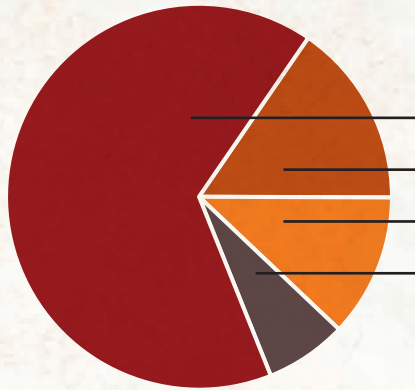


A STORY OF GENEROSITY

Bridge Street Mission is blessed by kind, generous supporters who care deeply about Christ and the needs of our Wausau neighbors. Thank you!

Our commitment to you is to be wise stewards of the resources God provides through you.

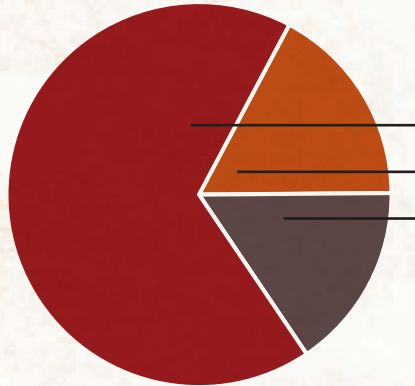
Consider partnering with us this year as God continues to write stories of transformed lives through your generosity.



WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

ORDINARY INCOME: **\$696,990**

PUBLIC SUPPORT	66%
PROGRAM INCOME	15%
EVENTS	12%
OTHER INCOME	7%



HOW FUNDS ARE USED

ORDINARY EXPENSE: **\$672,529**

PROGRAMS	67%
DEVELOPMENT	17%
ADMINISTRATION	16%



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STORIES ONLY GOD CAN WRITE

Dear Friend,

The first chapter of Bridge Street Mission started when the Heath and Traci Tappe Family began “Gazebo Grillouts” on Saturdays to meet neighbors and learn more about homelessness in Wausau.

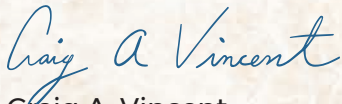
From that humble beginning, God has provided opportunities for this cookout ministry to grow from serving 400 meals at local parks to providing over 30,000 meals in the last year.

Not only has God used Bridge Street Mission to meet immediate needs, but He has also provided resources to give hurting neighbors life-changing help through His Word, relationships, recovery programming, and more.

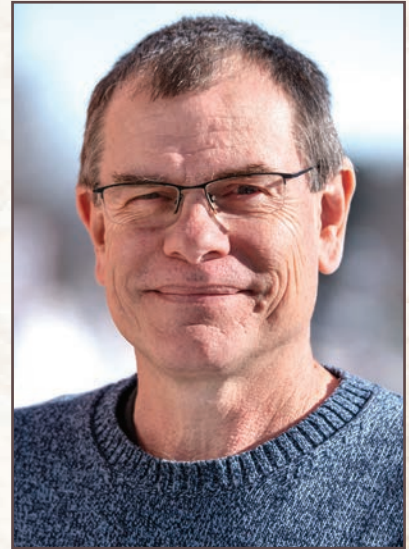
In this 2023 Annual Report, you’ll see how the Lord continues to write stories of life transformation throughout our community. You’ll also learn about the current chapter He’s writing through the acquisition of the former Pied Piper Plaza.

Every word God pens stems from the faith, prayers, and service of God’s people in Central Wisconsin. Thank you for your part in the remarkable story of Bridge Street Mission. One thing is certain: God’s not done writing!

Sincerely,



Craig A. Vincent
Executive Director



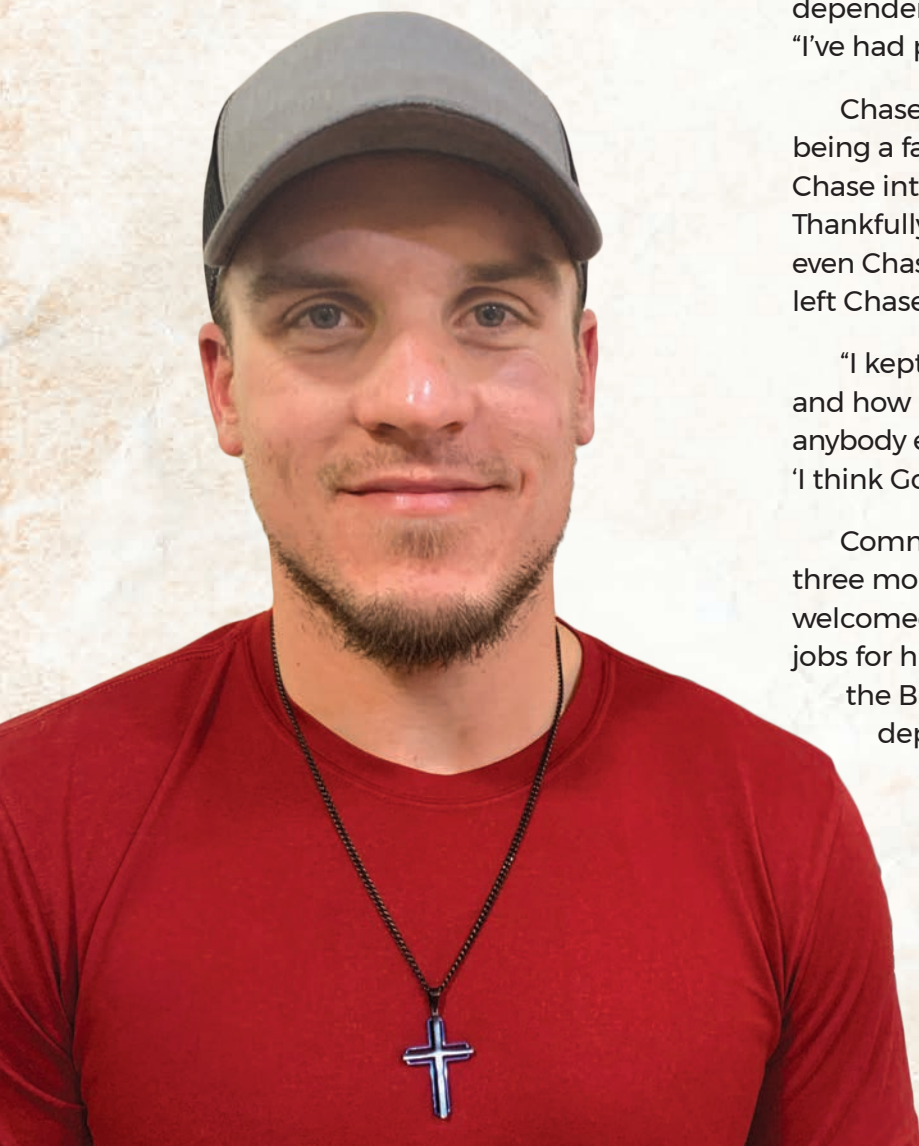
***“You are a letter written not
with ink but with the
Spirit of the living God, a
letter written not on tablets
of stone but on tablets
of human hearts.”***

– 2 Corinthians 3:3



Chase's

STORY OF RECOVERY



Chase never would have written his life story the way it has played out. But all along the way, God has been next to him, protecting him from his own choices.

Chase was only in seventh grade when he was introduced to alcohol. It was his father's way of connecting with him. Because of his dependency on alcohol, Chase acknowledges, "I've had poor decision-making all my adult life."

Chase worked in construction and loved being a father, but last year, a breakup sent Chase into a dark time and deep into the bottle. Thankfully, God spared anyone from getting hurt, even Chase. But a drinking and driving accident left Chase in a ditch and eventually in jail.

"I kept replaying what happened in my head and how I didn't get hurt, how I didn't hurt anybody else. That was the night where I was like, 'I think God really does have a plan for my life.'"

Committed to changing, Chase spent three months getting sober. His sister's family welcomed him in as he worked construction jobs for his brother-in-law. Chase began reading the Bible, but he knew he needed more in-depth help.

Chase learned about Bridge Street Mission from his sister. From the first day he walked in last February, God showed Chase that He really does have a plan for his life.

"I was just searching for some hope," Chase shares. "The staff here is very friendly and loving and that inspired me. The program and curriculum seemed overwhelming, but God uses the staff here incredibly. They are obedient to God, very godly people, and they have so much care for the men here."

"They know they can't make us change, but the love and kindness they display depicts God working through them."

Chase worked hard to move through our recovery program and graduated in October.

"This place makes it important for a person to find God," Chase shares. "You don't worry about anything else; jobs, food, money. This was the opportunity to focus on

what I need to do get right with myself and right with God."

Chase is grateful for the opportunity to work during his recovery. "There are multiple vocational tracks you can do. I decided to do facility maintenance. I did construction most of my life, which was a good fit. It really started to shift my heart to have the attitude of gratitude." Today, Chase is employed at Wausau Homes, a job he enjoys and is well-equipped for.

As Chase thinks about the rest of his story, he envisions building his own home, staying involved with his children, and helping more men experience recovery through Bridge Street Mission. But through every chapter and plot twist, now He knows and trusts the Author.



Our Recovery and Reentry Center is a residential discipleship program that provides support, accountability, and skills needed for guests to live free from addiction and establish stable, productive lives.

"By his divine power the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness..."

-2 Peter 1:3

16 neighbors like Chase have graduated in the last 2 years.

EVERY NUMBER TELLS A STORY

Lives are changing at Bridge Street Mission – thanks to YOU!

In 2023, God worked through the kindness of our staff, volunteers, and donors to improve and change lives for Christ. Each number represents a person loved by God.



IMMEDIATE HELP

383 clients in crisis served
30,704 nourishing meals served
77 men received shelter
10,785 days of 24/7 shelter



LASTING IMPACT

28 decisions made for Christ
10 graduates from recovery
14 successful move outs to independent housing
54 placements to better situations



A COMMUNITY EFFORT

9,944 hours volunteered
\$260,646 of gift-in-kind donations
148 referrals to local agencies

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF BRIDGE STREET MISSION

Bridge Street Mission is committed to walking alongside vulnerable people and equipping them to move from crisis to success. Our recent acquisition of the 35,000-square-foot Pied Piper Plaza will allow us to provide holistic care to men and women.

- One unified campus
- Improved recovery and re-entry services for men
- Expanded day center and meal service
- Addition of recovery and re-entry services for women

We are raising \$5 million to move from renderings to renovation and ribbon cutting in 2025.



Will you help us write the next part of our story?

WITH YOUR HELP...

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

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 begin healthy new lives.

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