

BUILDING BRIDGES TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Because of **YOUR** prayers and faithful support,
Buffalo City Mission is **"Building Bridges to a Brighter Future."**

Dear Friend,

Your unwavering support has been a guiding light through a challenging year for our homeless community. As we reflect on the hardships that this previous year brought, we find solace in knowing that with your help, we have continued to bridge the gap from darkness to hope.

At Buffalo City Mission, lives are transformed daily, and your impact is undeniable:

... Women seeking refuge from the shadows of domestic abuse, aspiring to forge a brighter path.

... Men grappling with the relentless grip of addiction, yearning for a chance at recovery and renewal.

... Mothers fighting to shield their children from the harsh reality of sleeping on the streets, seeking a glimmer of stability.

In their brokenness, they turn to us, and through your support, they find a bridge that leads them from despair to empowerment.

We don't do it alone.

Everything that happens at the Mission is in partnership with YOU, our faithful supporter. Every step taken at the Mission is a testament to the partnership we have nurtured. Together, we transform aspirations into realities.

Through your contributions and our community partnerships, programs and services that were once mere concepts come alive. Countless nights of refuge, nourishing meals, recovery initiatives and life-skills classes – all thanks to your generosity that changes lives.

Contained within this Annual Report is a glimpse of our shared efforts throughout the 2022 financial year. It's a celebration of your compassion and commitment to helping the homeless and hurting men, women and children in our community – for which I'm so grateful.

So I invite you to explore the following pages and rejoice in what we have collectively accomplished.

With every bridge we construct, we are fortifying a path to a brighter future for the city of Buffalo.

While the impact of your support resonates within these pages, the need for our work endures. Homelessness and hunger persist, urging us to persevere and construct bridges that are bigger, better and more resilient. Your ongoing commitment is pivotal, as together, we shape the landscape of possibilities yet to come.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unchanging support – the bridges we have constructed this year are a testament to our shared commitment to healing and hope.

Serving our Community, Together,



Aubrey Calhoun



AMARILYS AND HER SON, JAX, HAVE A
BETTER, BRIGHTER FUTURE!

Amarilys didn't like change. The idea of starting a new life was scary. She didn't want to leave her comfort zone – even though it was full of trauma and abuse. That was all she'd known.

She was taken from her own mother at age 8 and placed into foster care before being adopted when she was 12. Years of anxiety and low self-esteem followed. Then, she found herself pregnant and in an abusive relationship she needed to escape.

"I was always trying to help other people instead of changing my own life," she says. "I didn't want my son to grow up without a father, but I had to get away from the trauma. I had to leave in order to have a better future."

But Amarilys had nowhere to go. She was pregnant and homeless before arriving at our doors, where she entered our Dream Program. She found the support

and guidance she needed to achieve her goals of going back to college and being a good mother and provider for her son, Jax. Through chapel services and Bible studies, she also developed a relationship with God, which further helped her recovery.

"Coming to the Mission was such a relief. I feel safe here," she says. "Seeking God really impacted my healing. I know He's on my side. Now I have a stable mindset. Even if I face troubles, I know I'm still going to get through it."

"Now I feel good about myself. When I look at myself, I see a positive, friendly, outgoing person. I also see a great mother – and I give the Mission a lot of credit for that."



*"The Mission is a stepping stone that is helping me get my life together and **move forward** with my son."*



FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS in the BUFFALO AREA:

4,984 people experienced homelessness in 2022*

182 of our homeless neighbors are veterans

30% of our homeless people struggle with mental health illness

613 refugees resettled in Erie County in 2022

18% of the homeless population of Erie county were children under the age of 18



*WNY Homeless Alliance as of 8/15/23



"God surrounds you at the Mission. I can't believe the joy, satisfaction and happiness I experience here."

- Linda, THP graduate

CREATING PATHS OF HOPE, HEALING *and* RECOVERY

When you give to Buffalo City Mission, you pave the way for men, women and children to receive life-changing care and services – and give them the opportunity to build a better life. Thank you for showing our hurting, homeless neighbors that there is hope for their future.

The journey to hope, healing and recovery often starts with our

RESCUE SERVICES:

- Emergency Shelter & Showers
- Nourishing Meals
- Clean Clothing & Laundry Services
- Medical & Mental Health Services
- Case Management & Referrals
- Bible Studies and Christ-Centered Guidance

Then, they can focus on overcoming homelessness and other challenges through our

RESTORATION SERVICES:

- Substance Abuse & Recovery Services
- Life Skills Classes
- Spiritual Growth Support
- Transitional Housing
- Adult Education & Job Skills Training
- Housing Management Assistance
- Daycare and After-School Programming for Children

Whether it's healing from past trauma... overcoming addiction... or learning life skills, you help give them the tools they need to change their lives and build a brighter future!

YOUR OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT SHOWED DANIEL THAT HE'S LOVED!

Daniel was 6 years old when he woke up in the middle of the night to the smell of smoke. Realizing his family's home was on fire, he jumped out a window to get help. His actions saved the lives of his family – but the events left him with trauma that took decades to overcome.

After the fire, Daniel struggled to sleep, and he became particularly protective of his grandmother, who was his best friend. When she passed away, Daniel felt lost.

"The Mission changed my life, and I know it is changing other lives too."

"I didn't know if I wanted to live anymore," he says. "I was depressed and bouncing around hotel rooms. I needed guidance and a purpose – which is what I found at Buffalo City Mission."

Initially, it was a library card that brought Daniel to us. Because he didn't have a permanent address, he needed help to get one – but the outpouring of love he experienced from our staff made him stay.

"I thought I'd try it for one night, but they made me feel so welcome that I cried. I finally felt loved and supported again."

Daniel joined our Dream Program and began recovering from his past trauma and the death of his grandmother. He also started focusing on his relationship with God, which furthered his healing. Now, he has hopes and dreams for his future.



2022 RESCUE SERVICES

Women and Children Served

- 49,470** Meals Provided
- 31,954** Nights of Shelter
- 325** Received Medical Services
- 494** Renewed by Spiritual Care

Men Served

- 71,079** Meals Provided
- 44,713** Nights of Shelter
- 372** Received Medical Services
- 487** Renewed by Spiritual Care



2022 RESTORATION *and* RENEWAL SERVICES

Women and Children Served

- 15** Broke Free from Addiction
- 248** Received Case Management
- 198** Attended Life Skills Classes
- 40** Entered Transitional Housing

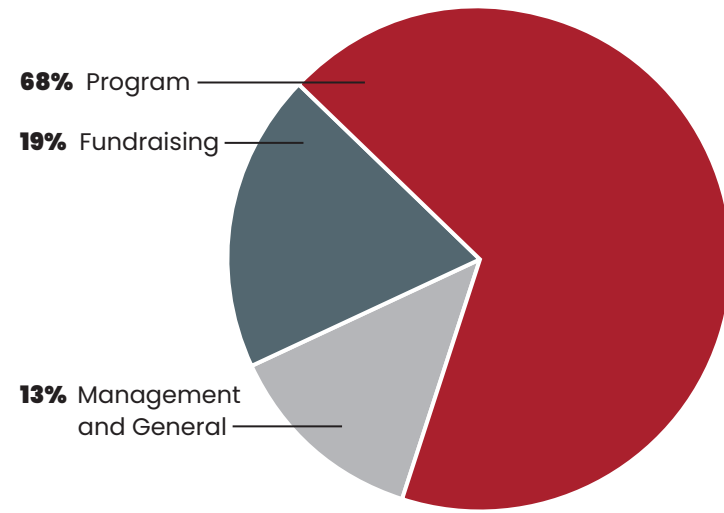
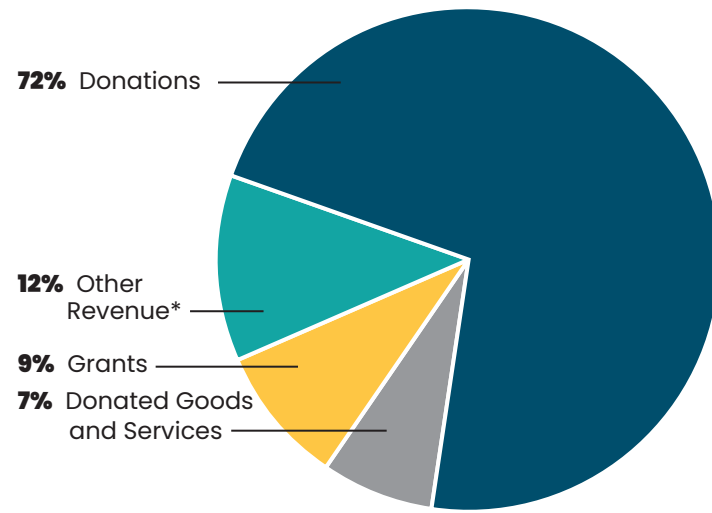
Men Served

- 59** Broke Free from Addiction
- 472** Received Case Management
- 148** Attended Life Skills Classes
- 80** Entered Transitional Housing

2022 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Your funds directly support the clients we serve in the most efficient, effective way possible.

In recognition of its compliance with ECFA's Standards of Responsible Stewardship, Buffalo City Mission is accredited by Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability.



2022 FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

■ Donations:	\$6,941,619
■ Other Revenue:	\$1,167,392
<i>(*e.g., Thrift Store sales)</i>	
■ Grants:	\$919,971
■ Donated Goods and Services:	\$655,451
Total Operating Revenue:	\$9,684,433

2022 FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES

■ Program:	\$7,464,319
■ Fundraising:	\$2,090,727
■ Management and General:	\$1,387,178
Total Operating Expenses:	\$10,942,224

*Due to increased community need for Buffalo City Mission services as well as increased costs of providing these services in a post-pandemic environment, the Buffalo City Mission sustained a loss for the current fiscal year. The Buffalo City Mission is committed to searching for ways to decrease costs and diversify funding sources to continue to provide unparalleled support to the homeless community.

"I'm thankful to the Mission for giving me the time and resources I needed to build a stable life."

- Jose Ferrer, a resident in our program

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Buffalo City Mission is deeply grateful for the friendship and support of many other organizations throughout Buffalo and Western New York. This collaboration helps us better serve every man, woman and child who comes through our doors looking for safety and renewed strength.

Amazing Home Care
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Buffalo Employment Training Center (BETC)
Best Self Behavioral Health
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Celebrate Recovery
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Erie County, Adult Protection Services
Erie County, Department of Social Services
Evergreen Health Services
Family Justice Center of Erie County
Fidelis
International Institute of Buffalo
GBAUGHN
Jericho Road Clinics
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Know Your Housing Options

Mary Agnes Manor
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New York State Office of Parole/ Probation
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Restoration Society
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US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
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Western Problem Gambling Resource Center
WNY Veterans Housing Coalition

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"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- Acts 20:35



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