

2025-2026
Fiscal Year




Annual Impact Report




Community Rescue Mission

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Community Rescue Mission provides families with a safe, stable place to live while meeting their most basic needs.



Through individualized services, including education, employment support, and counseling, we help families rebuild their lives.

“Everyone deserves a place to *feel safe*”.



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Families Served

669

Individuals served

185

Families served

72 Men

42 New Families

148 Women

150 New Individuals

449 Children

Who You've Helped

Because of you, families and individuals receive critical housing and services—offering stability, dignity, and a path forward during times of housing crisis.

Ending the Cycle of Homelessness

Your support ensures that homeless families and individuals receive housing and vital services—employment, education, counseling, and budgeting—that empower them to regain self-sufficiency.

Your Impact

Your support allows us to serve those with the greatest needs. By providing housing, wraparound services, and critical resources, we help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and build stronger communities.

57,307

Nights of Stay

29,298

Meals Served

109

Jobs Secured

39

Housing Secured



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A letter from the Board President

Bill Stuckey/ CRM Board President-



There is a moment that happens inside the walls of Community Rescue Mission that no statistic can fully capture. It is the moment when a mother or father — exhausted and unsure of their next step — walks through our doors and realizes they are not alone. It is the moment a child sits down to a warm meal and, for the first time in days, simply feels safe. That moment is why we exist.

Community Rescue Mission was founded on a conviction rooted in faith: that every person bears the image of God, and that no family — no child — should face homelessness without someone standing beside them. Since 1981, that conviction has translated into hundreds of thousands of meals served, tens of thousands of nights of shelter provided, and countless lives redirected toward stability and hope. These are not just numbers. They are neighbors — families from our River Valley community who needed a hand and found one here. What sets CRM apart is not simply what we provide, but how we provide it. Through case management, life skills programming, and spiritual care, we walk alongside families as they rebuild — equipping them not just to survive, but to thrive. Our goal is always independence: a parent employed, a family secure in housing, children growing up with a future they can see.

The board takes its responsibility seriously. We believe accountability to our donors and to our community is inseparable from accountability to God. Every dollar, every volunteer hour, and every act of generosity entrusted to this organization is stewarded with integrity and deployed with purpose.

None of this happens without you. The individuals, churches, and businesses who give, serve, and advocate on behalf of CRM are not merely supporters — they are partners in the work. If you have ever wondered whether your involvement makes a difference, let me assure you: it does. The lights stay on, the doors stay open, and families find their footing because people like you choose to be part of something larger than themselves.

On behalf of our board and staff, thank you for standing with Community Rescue Mission.

In service and gratitude,

Bill Stuckey

Board President, Community Rescue Mission



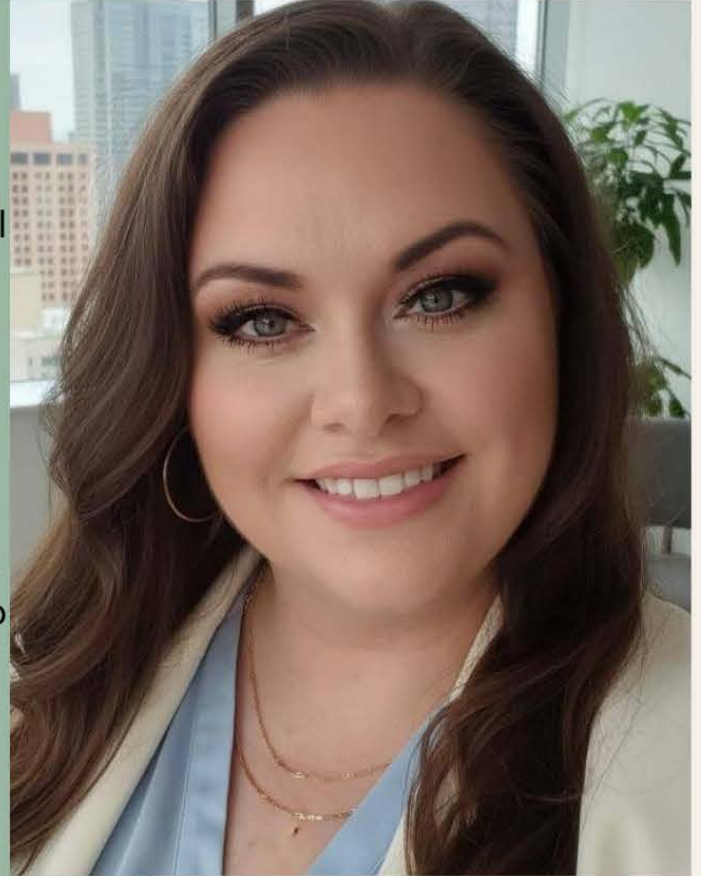
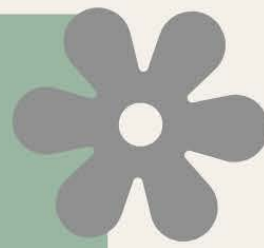
Dear Valued Supporters,

This past year, your generosity extended a lifeline to 5,824 individuals, offering renewed hope and a second chance. Among them were 75 families—each facing the daunting realities of rising food, fuel, and housing costs that placed them at risk of eviction or forced them into shelters, vehicles, motels, or even the streets.

Because of your unwavering support, lives were transformed through access to housing, compassionate case management, and critical resources. You helped keep families together, ensured children could remain in school, and provided the stability families needed—whether by preventing homelessness or helping them secure affordable homes. Your trust in our services and our proven ability to support participants has made the difference between homelessness and a fresh start for so many.

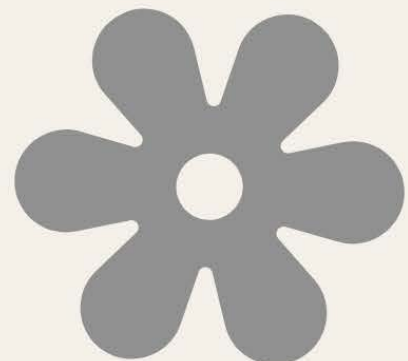
Today, rising living costs, economic uncertainty, and unexpected crises—such as job loss, medical emergencies, or domestic violence—continue to place individuals and families at risk of homelessness across local area counties. Your generosity makes it possible to provide emergency shelter, rental assistance, and wraparound services that restore stability and hope. Because of you, families stay together, individuals rebuild after trauma, and our communities grow stronger.

The following pages highlight the impact of your compassion over the past year. We hope you'll join us in celebrating what we've accomplished together for our participants and the communities we serve. None of this would be possible without you.



*With our deepest
gratitude,*

*Erica Holland -
CRM Director*



Participant Story



Community Rescue Mission has been everything my three children and I needed to escape chaos. I have needed to escape chaos and anxiety to obtain support and guidance in establishing independence as a single mother. Community Rescue Mission has helped us tremendously in our journey back to a structured and stable life that has given us so much hope and peace. Since being here, my nervous system is no longer in survival mode, we are all thriving, growing and building toward a better future daily. I've been working as an in home caregiver and look forward to starting classes back at Carl Albert to continue pursuing my degree in nursing. We are beyond thankful to our Lord and Savior, Jesus, for everyone who has loved us along the way and has made joy, hope and peace possible for us again.

-Shae



Our Mission

Community Rescue Mission provides Christian based, life-transforming solutions to families and individuals facing hunger and homelessness. We aim to instill hope and empower lives, enabling our clients to move toward independent, successful and productive lives.

Our Story

Community Rescue Mission was founded in 1981 out of the gratefulness for a warm place to be on a cold night and a realization that there are people in our community with no roof over their heads.

Over three decades later, the work of our founder, Bob Miller, and first director, John Grimm, is still continuing to transform the lives of those in need in Fort Smith and surrounding areas.

CRM is 501(c)3 non-profit, faith-based organization. We receive no city, state, or federal funding and are totally dependent upon the generosity of our community.

We have no debt, so every dollar given goes towards housing, meals, programs, operations, and further growth to ensure that we can keep our doors open to those in need. We are committed to the wise and prudent use of every dollar donated.

Our professional staff and board are comprised of individuals who have a heart for helping families in need and represent various congregations throughout our area.

We are also blessed with volunteers who are committed to serving those in need.

Our Goal

To instill hope and empower lives by providing:

A safe and secure shelter

Three nutritious meals a day

Individual Case Management

Wellness checks

Life skills classes

Spiritual enrichment studies

Job search assistance

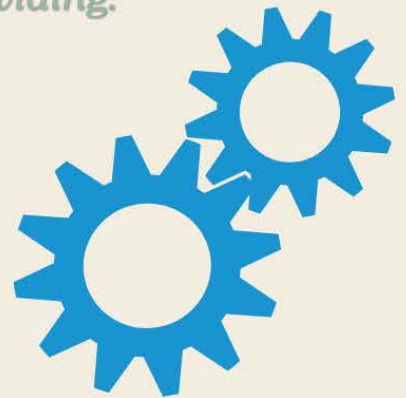
Clothing ministry

Family activities

Transportation

Assistance in secure housing

And much more....



THE NEED



For many families already living on the edge of financial instability, the future grew even more uncertain as they struggled to recover from the lingering effects of the pandemic. A fragile national economy only deepened their challenges. Everyday necessities—turning on the air conditioning during a heatwave, heating their homes in winter, taking a beloved pet to the veterinarian, or repairing a car needed to get to work—became unattainable luxuries.

On any given month, we have 20–30 families needing our services yet remain on waiting lists for resources that have yet to arrive. The need is not only overwhelming—it is heartbreaking.

These are not faceless statistics. They are individuals and families with dreams, determination, and an urgent need for stability. They are searching for a lifeline and the opportunity to build a better future. Community Rescue Mission is committed to being that lifeline, working tirelessly to provide hope, relief, and lasting solutions—because every person deserves the chance to rebuild their life with security and dignity.



THE SOLUTION

Case Management- Each families receives one-on-one case assistance with our Family Advocate. This service helps each family set goals and work toward stability in a supportive environment.

Budgeting- Each month we have local community members from area banks come in and provide budgeting classes to residents to help them understand budgeting. This has proven to be a great help to understanding their finances.

Housing Search Assistance- When residents are ready to move out, our staff help families find affordable housing and help them transition to living on their own.

Employment Services-We offer resume building assistance, practice interviewing techniques and even help residents job hunt.

Mental Health Counseling- We are thankful to partner with professional counselors and therapists to help families needing these services.

Counselors and therapists come to the Mission so that residents do not have to worry about finding a ride to their session.

Tutoring- We have a few local teachers that come every week to offer tutoring services to our students so that can get caught up on their studies.

Parent Education-Each week we have someone from the Fort Smith School District come and offer parenting classes to the residents. Many of the parents look forward to these sessions as it gives them the opportunity to ask questions about how to improve their parenting skills.

Participant Story

Before my kids and I came to the Mission, our living environment was very unsafe and we were treated poorly. Being at the Mission has given us safety and a place where my kids can be kids. We don't have to worry about how we're going to eat or if something bad will happen. Since we've been here our lives have completely changed. We have never been closer to the Lord and our family has grown so much closer. I've learned so much being here. I've learned how to maintain our lives outside of the Mission when the time comes. I'm able to finally open up to my therapist. I was able to get full custody of my children and that would have never happened without the Mission. It was a blessing from God that we were placed here. My family and I couldn't be more grateful.

-Chris



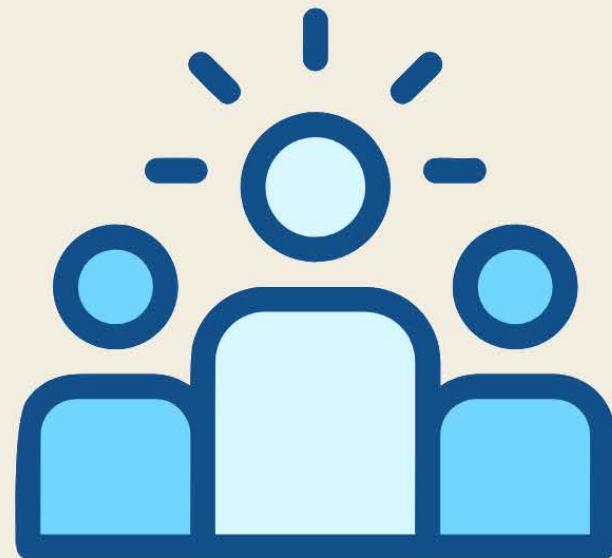
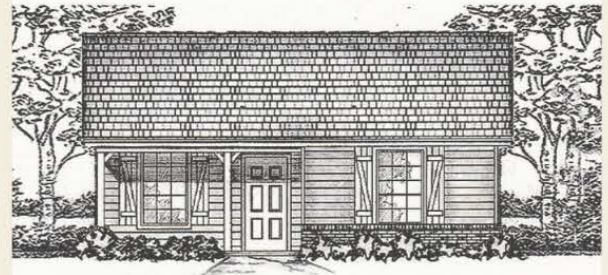
MISSION IN ACTION

Community Rescue Mission is thrilled to announce its new Miller Cottages. We are most grateful to our many supporters and donors that made this dream a reality.

These new cottages, many years in the making, is a much welcome addition to CRM. Once completed, the site will include three duplexes designed to help families take an important step toward stability, safety, and independence. With affordable rent and easy access to supportive services from Community Rescue Mission and its partners, the Miller Cottages are more than just a place to live—they are a place to start over. The goal of the cottages is not only to provide housing, but to surround families with the support they need to succeed. These homes will serve families who are already working with service providers, creating a clear path forward that includes stable housing, case management, job support, and other essential resources.

Restore Hope is proud to serve as part of the development team on this project, alongside many dedicated community leaders who helped make the Miller Cottages possible. Support has come from organizations and individuals across the region, including the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, Arvest Bank, local leaders, and long-time advocates for families experiencing homelessness.

This is just the beginning. The hope is that the Miller Cottages will show what's possible when communities come together—encouraging continued investment and collaboration to create more safe, affordable housing for families throughout the region.



Why we *Help*

Arkansas ranks 10 out of 51 in the nation for homelessness.
2609 Arkansans experience homelessness on any given night.
5683 individuals entered into homelessness in Arkansas.
1322 Arkansans living in places not meant for human habitation.
In the last 10 years, there has been a 6% increase in homelessness.
Of those experiencing homelessness in Arkansas, 52.7% were
unsheltered.

Every number tells a story. Behind the statistics are real people—men, women, and children—each navigating deeply personal barriers on their path to stability. Chronic homelessness, mental health challenges, and substance use don't just shape their circumstances—they often define the daily struggle to survive. Meanwhile, the shortage of affordable housing grows more severe each year, pushing stability further out of reach.

At the same time, encampment closures and street sweeps are displacing more individuals, forcing them to seek refuge elsewhere—adding layers of instability without offering long-term solutions. Even as government agencies and nonprofits work tirelessly to respond, the rising demand makes it increasingly difficult to sustain both access and quality of care.

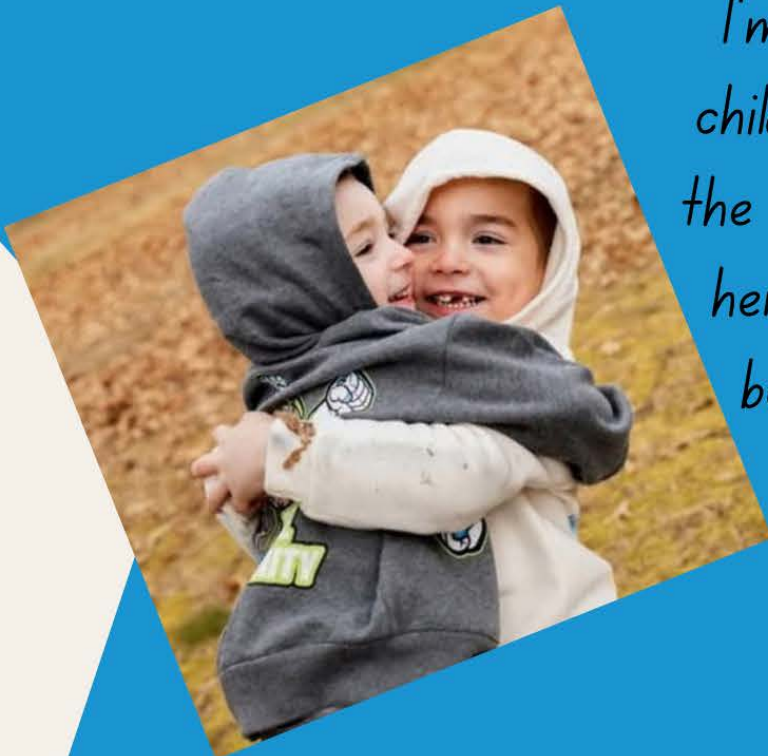
Facing these realities clarifies the road ahead. At Community Rescue Mission, we believe the journey home begins with Christ-like compassion—meeting urgent needs while addressing the deeper challenges that prevent our neighbors from experiencing lasting stability, restored dignity, and renewed hope.

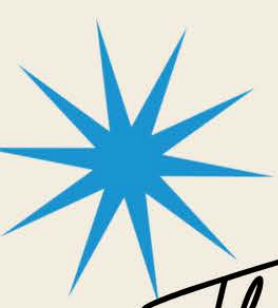
Participant Story



I came here from the Harbor House in Hot Springs with my son hoping for a change and a new start at life. I wanted to do the right thing for myself and my children. Not sure what was in store for me, I knew in my heart I wanted to become self-sufficient and supportive for my children. As a result, I have gotten a job and started saving up money. Now I'm about to have a place for my children and I to call our own. With the help and support from the staff here at the Rescue Mission I have become independent and strong minded.

-Karen





The Journey Starts Here

At Community Rescue Mission, true change begins with meeting immediate needs—a warm meal, safe shelter, and compassionate care. But the journey doesn't end there. Through our transformative programs, men and women gain the tools they need to heal, grow, and thrive.

From recovery support and spiritual guidance to counseling, education, and job training, every step is designed to help individuals move forward with dignity and renewed hope. This is the heart of our mission; a pathway to stability, purpose, and belonging.

Our support services go deeper, addressing the root challenges that keep people trapped in homelessness.

Guests have access to addiction recovery programs, mental health care, and financial literacy education that empower lasting change. Parents are equipped with essential life skills and the resources they need to build safe, stable, and nurturing homes creating a stronger foundation for the future.



New Pathways to Possibility

We journey alongside men, women, and children every step of the way. Each class completed, counseling session attended, and job secured is more than just progress—it's a meaningful step toward stable housing and a renewed life rooted in faith, strengthened by community, and guided by purpose.

Because of the generosity of friends, partners, and supporters like you, hundreds of individuals facing homelessness are discovering that a path home is not only possible—it is within reach through God's grace.

109

STUDENTS SERVED IN 2025

156

HOURS OF CLASSES HELD FOR ADULTS

100

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TUTORING HOURS

Focusing on the Road Ahead

Homelessness among men, women, children, and families remains a heartbreaking reality in our community. It's easy to look away or change the channel—but that doesn't change the truth: tonight, more than 5,000 Arkansans will go without a place to call home.

For many, it may feel hopeless—but it isn't. Together, we can change that story. For more than 40 years, Community Rescue Mission has walked alongside men, women, and families on their journey home—meeting each person with the compassion of Christ, providing life-changing programs, restoring families, and helping thousands step into safe, stable housing.

So what comes next on the journey home?

Miller Cottages represent that next step. These two- and three-bedroom transitional duplexes are designed to help families move from crisis to stability. Located on the CRM campus, they provide safe, affordable housing for up to a year—giving families the time and support they need to build a foundation for lasting independence.

Created for families completing our Empowerment Program, Miller Cottages offer more than housing—they offer continuity of care. Families remain connected to case management, wraparound support, and a community that walks with them every step of the way.

At the same time, we are building partnerships with local churches that welcome and embrace our guests—helping them find belonging, encouragement, and ongoing spiritual support beyond their time at the Mission.

And whenever it is healthy and possible, we work to reunite families—restoring relationships and strengthening the foundation for long-term healing and stability.

We are strengthening our partnerships with government leaders to create lasting, meaningful solutions for our community. Through our successful collaboration with Restore Hope—alongside the Chamber of Commerce and local employers committed to hiring CRM residents—we are helping individuals move from recovery to independence with dignity, purpose, and support.

Your faithful, ongoing support is what makes this possible—helping build a future where every person has the opportunity to find their way home.



GIVE: Your generosity changes lives. Every dollar helps provide meals, shelter, recovery programs, and pathways to stable housing for families experiencing homelessness. Your support fuels hope and creates lasting change—helping neighbors find their way home.

HOST A GATHERING: Open your home for a dinner, dessert night, or small group and invite others to learn about CRM's mission. It's a powerful way to share your heart and inspire involvement. We'd be honored to join you and share how Community Rescue Mission is serving our neighbors and working to end homelessness.

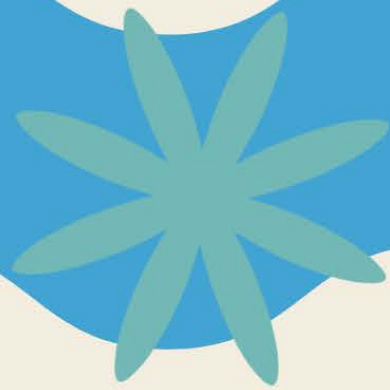
DONATE GOODS: Essential items like clothing, blankets, and hygiene products make an immediate difference for our residents. Consider organizing a food or clothing drive—hygiene and toiletry items are always in high demand.

VOLUNTEER: Whether you're serving meals, sorting donations, mentoring guests, or sharing your skills, every act of service helps someone take their next step forward. When you give your time, you become part of a community rooted in love, dignity, and compassion.

CONNECT YOUR CHURCH OR WORKPLACE: When your church or company partners with CRM, you help bring hope to those in need. Serve meals, host donation drives, or support programs through giving—together, your community can make a meaningful, lasting impact.

SPREAD THE WORD: Share the story of Community Rescue Mission. Follow us on social media, and like and share our posts. Every share raises awareness and invites others to be part of the mission.

WHY WE GIVE

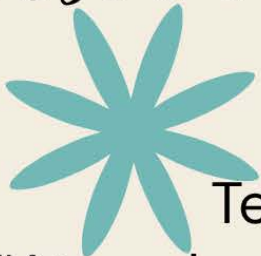


“We believe God has entrusted these lives to our care for a time, and it is our calling and honor to do our best to extend Christ-like hospitality, love, and help to them, while Community Rescue Mission is their transitional, temporary home.”

-Linda Gurlen, Former Board Member

Strengthen those who have tired hands and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, “ Be strong and do not fear...”

-Isaiah 35:3-4



Testimonials from our residents:

“At my lowest time, I found loving, accepting, and nurturing people, who welcomed me in with encouragement. They gave me hope and brought me closer to God.”

-S.C.



“MY TIME AT COMMUNITY RESCUE MISSION WAS PIVOTAL. IT TAUGHT ME COMPASSION AND HUMILITY. MADE ME A BETTER PERSON AND SOLIDIFIED MY FAITH. IT ALSO HELPED ME APPRECIATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR UPBRINGINGS AND HOW THAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE.”

-H.S.

