



COMMUNITY RESCUE MISSION

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Board President



A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

It has been an honor and a blessing to serve as the president of the board of directors for Community Rescue Mission over this past year. I joined the board and accepted the role of president for one simple reason: CRM is making a significant impact in our community. The fight against poverty is challenging, but it is worthwhile. CRM consistently demonstrates that victories are achievable, and it is rewarding to contribute, even in a small way, to this cause.

SCOTT WARD
BOARD CHAIRMAN



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Over the last 5 years, I have seen tremendous changes in this organization. Changes that not only better the lives of individuals and families, but the community as a whole. By empowering families- guiding and challenging them in pursuit of independence- we are filling our community with passionate, hardworking change-makers. These are people who have been in near-hopeless situations, but who have worked tirelessly to change their lives with a helping hand from our remarkable staff. These are the kinds of people we need in our community- filling the workplaces of our city, the homes in our neighborhoods, and our places of faith and education- people who know anything is possible, because they've already done the impossible.

HEATHER SANDERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ABOUT

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF FAMILIES FACING HOMELESSNESS BY PROVIDING STRUCTURED SUPPORT AND COMPASSIONATE CARE.



Community Rescue Mission (CRM) is dedicated to providing assistance and support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. Our mission is to offer transitional shelter, resources, and guidance to help individuals and families achieve stability and independence. We are proud to say that we are debt free and have been working to serve homeless for over 43 years. We believe in partnerships and collaborative care for the families in our community facing crisis.

“Don’t give up! We are proof it’s possible. We lost everything. We had nowhere to go and no way to start over, but CRM made it possible for us.” - the Carter Family



“This place changed my life entirely, and if it wasn't for the CRM, I wouldn't have my life or my family. You guys saved my world. It almost ended before I met you. Now I have a life I'm able to repair and make better every day because you guys gave me the chance and ability to prove I was a good and fit father for these girls.” - the Frias Family



WHERE WE'RE AT TODAY

Welcome to CRM, where we provide shelter and holistic support to 14 families in need. Each family resides in their own unit, receiving personalized guidance from a dedicated case manager who collaborates with them on an empowerment plan tailored to their aspirations. Our commitment extends beyond mere accommodation; families are encouraged to stay as long as they are actively working towards their goals, typically averaging a transformative 4.5 months with us. During their stay, families experience a nurturing environment where basic needs are not just met but exceeded. We offer three nutritious meals a day, supplemented with snacks, alongside essential hygiene items and clothing, all at no cost to our residents.

Moreover, our comprehensive approach to empowerment includes life skills classes covering vital topics such as financial literacy, parenting, nutrition, conflict resolution, employment readiness, and basic life skills. These classes serve as stepping stones towards long-term success, equipping our residents with the tools they need to thrive beyond our walls.

At CRM, we are not just providing shelter; we are fostering resilience, independence, and hope for a brighter future

WHERE WE'RE GOING

CRM initiated a capital campaign for the development of Miller Cottages, which will serve as duplexes offering 2 and 3-bedroom accommodations. This expansion represents the next phase of our commitment to supporting families on their path towards stability and independence. Miller Cottages will provide a safe and supportive environment for families to rebuild their lives and thrive.

MILLER COTTAGES

PHASE 3 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

AS OF 2023, CRM HAS COMPLETED PHASE 1 AND 2 OF OUR 3-PHASE PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF OUR SERVICES! BELOW ARE GRAPHICS DEPICTING WHAT THE DUPLEXES AT MILLER COTTAGES COULD LOOK LIKE.

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Plan # 4-2296-21 ELEVATION "A"



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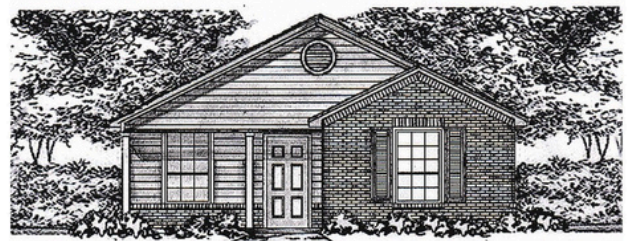


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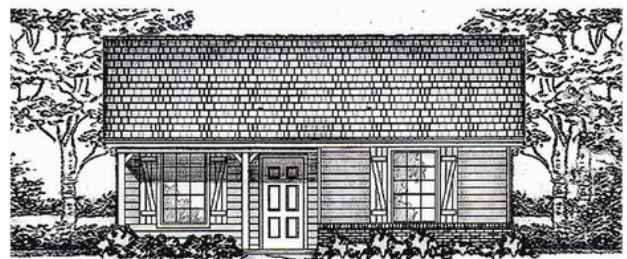
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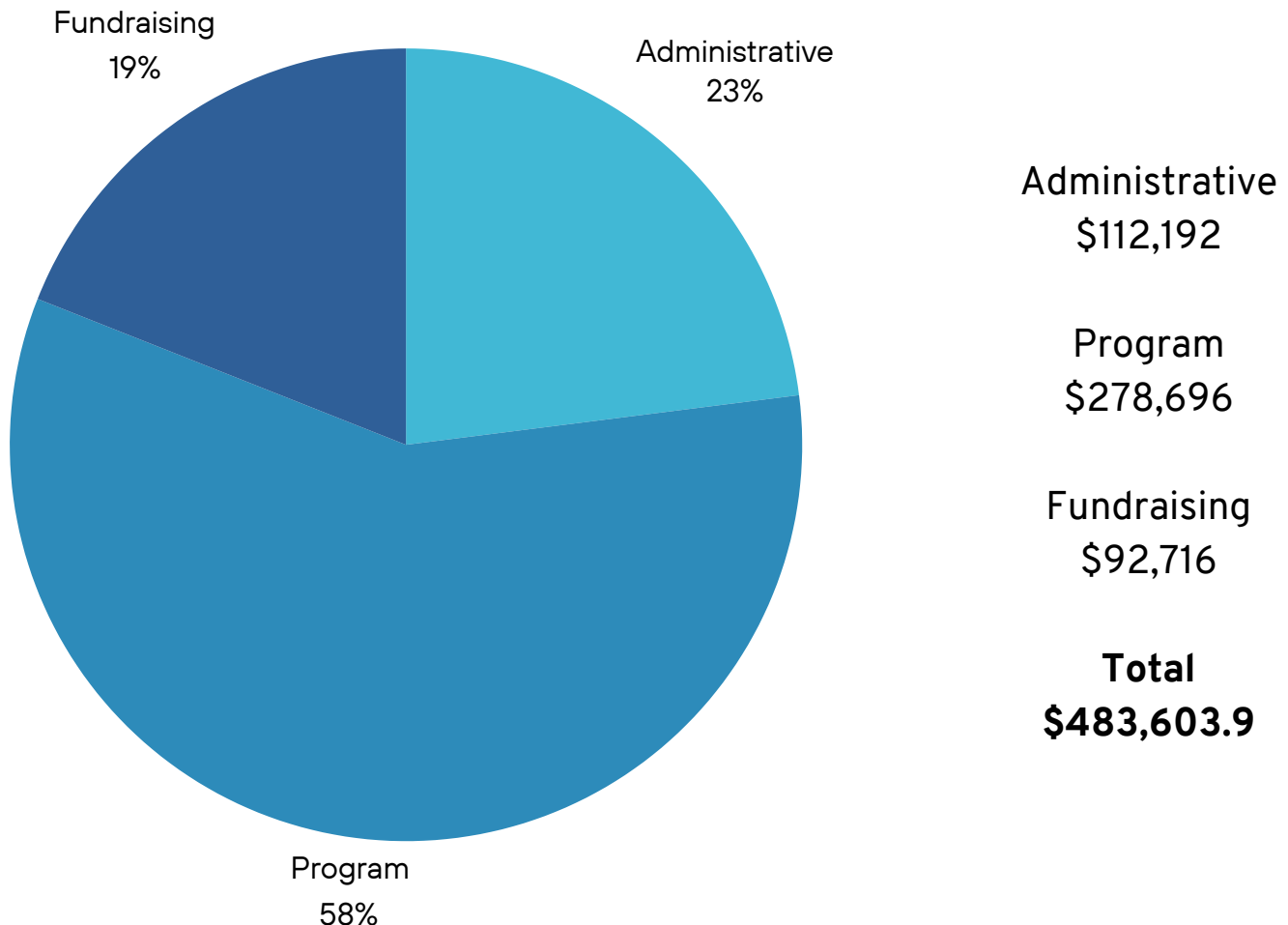
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to our amazing partnerships and community we can house a family of 4 for >>>>
Our food budget for 12 months is \$2500

In 2023 we partnered with an outside counseling agency and were able to bring an onsite counselor to CRM that not only provides individual but group counseling sessions.

In 2023, CRM experienced a total income of \$787,341, with total expenses amounting to \$483,604. This financial transparency ensures accountability and reflects our commitment to utilizing resources efficiently to serve those in need effectively.

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



2023 IMPACT

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



YEAR TO DATE

MEN-----75

WOMEN-----208

CHILDREN-----522

TOTAL-----805



JOBS

YEAR TO DATE

MEN-----48

WOMEN-----83

TOTALS-----131



FAMILIES SERVED - 250



HOUSING

YEAR TO DATE

MEN-----15

WOMEN-----40

TOTALS-----55

NIGHTS OF STAY

YEAR TO DATE

MEN-----1620

WOMEN-----4162

CHILDREN -----10425

TOTALS-----16207



MEALS

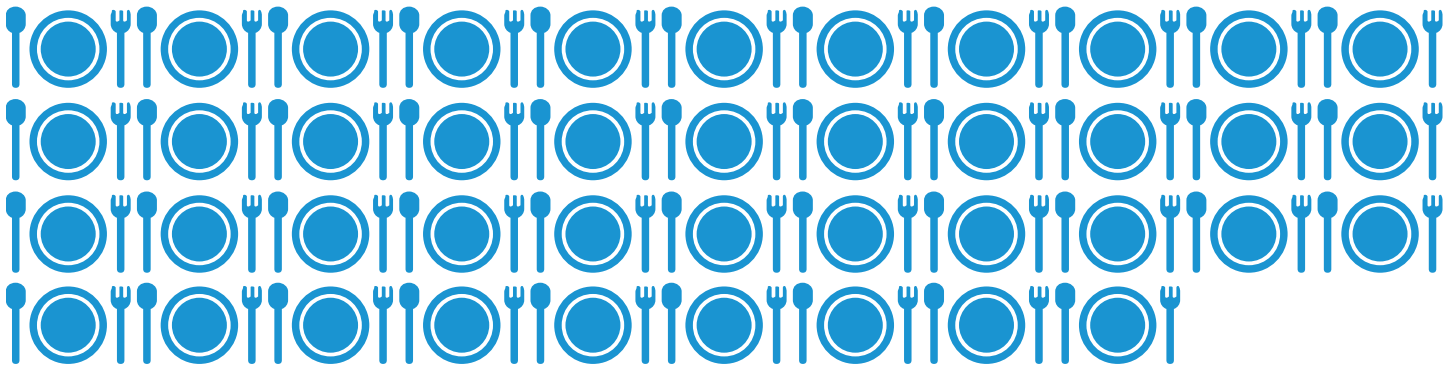
YEAR TO DATE - 42463

IN 2023, CRM PROVIDED 225 BEDS TO CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH TEMPUR-PEDIC AND ARKANSAS FAMILY ALLIANCE, GIVING 225 CHILDREN IN THE GREATER FORT SMITH AREA ACCESS TO A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, WHICH IS INTEGRAL FOR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.

IN 2023, CRM GAVE 350 FOOD BOXES TO FAMILIES FACING FOOD INSECURITY. OUR EFFORTS HAVE SECURED COUNTLESS MEALS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED, ALLOWING THEM TO FUEL THEIR BODIES- A NECESSITY THAT NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO GO WITHOUT.

NUMBERS IN

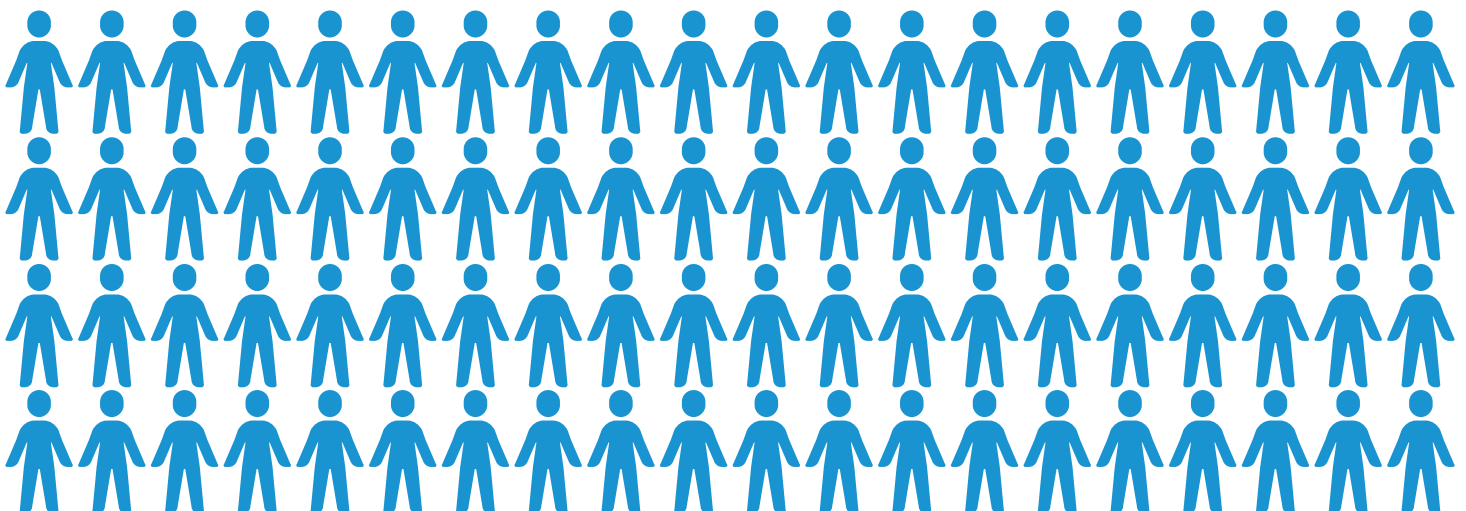
PICTURE



EACH PLATE REPRESENTS 1000 MEALS SERVED



55 INDIVIDUALS LEFT THE PROGRAM WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING



EACH PERSON REPRESENTS 10 PEOPLE CRM BLESSED LAST YEAR

OUR STAFF

Heather Sanders, Executive Director: I have been the Executive Director of CRM for 5 years, and have been consistently inspired by the residents who follow our program. Focusing our program on what each individual can do to empower their own lives has led to so many successes in the families here, and has led to so much growth in our community.

Shanelle Livingston, Facilities Coordinator and Office Manager: In my years at CRM, I have seen countless lives changed through dreams being made realities, families becoming stronger, and faith being restored. Being a part of guiding families from a point of hopelessness to a place of purpose is a truly rewarding experience.

Patricia McMullin, Case Manager: I have been with CRM almost 4 years now, and the reason I came and why I stay is because I see the difference CRM makes in people's lives and I love being able to be a part of that.

Sarah Chiles, Intake Coordinator and Van Driver: I have been at CRM for 2 years. People sometimes have this idea that working in this kind of field hardens your heart, but I have had the opposite experience. I have been filled with hope knowing that even though there is a lot of need, there is also help, and I get to be a part of it by working at CRM!

Bobbiejean Measles, Van Driver and Security Personnel: The reason I love it here so much is because I get to help people who want help. I love watching them grow from where they were when they got here. I stayed here back in 2019, and this place really helped me become the woman I am today I'm so grateful for this place, and glad to be helping people grow.

Amber Simmons, Security Personnel: I have been working for the Community Rescue Mission for a few months, and as a previous Resident here it was in my heart to be able to share my story and show others that it is possible to come from nothing and to be able to breathe again. I have a Passion for helping people and being here at the Mission is everything I could ask for.

Katherine Fallon, Kitchen Staff: I have been working with CRM for 5 and a half months. I love the opportunities to be the hands of Jesus to encourage, pray over, and talk with the residents as they help in the kitchen. Every day is a chance to take care of His kitchen and food.