

Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County

# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



**Building a Legacy**

# FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

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## BUILDING A LEGACY

**H**aving seen much new construction and many remodels at Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, it's safe to say it takes many hands to build a structure that will stand the test of time. The same can be said of building a legacy. Since UGM-TC opened our doors in 1888, many leaders have come and gone, each one leaving a stronger foundation for his successor to build upon.

This past year's shared leadership created a blueprint for growth, as we shared the love of Jesus Christ with more hurting men, women and children. And we are now positioned to serve still more of our homeless neighbors in the years to come.

Of course, the legacy of UGM-TC is really built, brick by brick, with the loving hands of our staff, volunteers and generous friends like you.



**Don Shisler**  
CEO Emeritus

**Dr. Charles M. Wolford II**  
CEO

Year after year, you provide a place for our residents to learn, heal, grow and build legacies of their own.

On behalf of of Greg, Misty, Carmose and all who have benefitted from your compassion this past year, thank you – and may God bless you abundantly as you have blessed those in need.

In Christ,

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ONE GENERATION SHALL PRAISE YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER,  
AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.

*Psalm 145:4 NKJV*



## THE MISSION NEWSLETTER

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

2024 served as the first full year of operations for our new Community Outreach Center. With your help, we were able to:

- Fill 8,575 clothing vouchers from our new warehouse, with a total value of \$214,420
- Host three job fairs and served 215 individuals from those events
- Provide 136 residents with education and training

In addition, we worked with 56 community organizations to provide UGM-TC residents with additional services such as financial literacy, job readiness, work ethics and one-on-one triage sessions.

We also began renting out the Carl R. Brumley Community Room for events. If you are interested in hosting an event at our facility, contact [event@ugm-tc.org](mailto:event@ugm-tc.org).

## SEE HOW YOU BLESSED OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS IN 2024:

- Provided care to 6,444 individuals and families
- Served 262,204 meals to residents and guests from the street
- Provided 106,055 sheltered nights to residents and homeless guests
- Held over 2,025 chapel services
- Provided 228 individuals with home furnishings from the UGM-TC Donation Center

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## TRANSFORMATION STORY: GREG

# "I HAVE A WONDERFUL LIFE!"

**G**reg's journey to a new life in Christ started with a big fall from success. He had a great job and plenty of money, but he also had an addiction to alcohol. It cost Greg his job, his home and his family. Sleeping at a truck stop, hungry and alone, Greg had hit rock bottom. "I didn't want to live anymore," he says. "I cried out to God to take me or save me."

God saved Greg — and led him to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County. Here, Greg began a sober, godly life. He told his life-change story to the staff, and it went in our newsletter.

Shortly after the release of the newsletter in 2019, his daughter — who had not spoken to Greg in 10 years — saw her father's story on Facebook. Moved by his testimony, she reached out to him.

"My daughter and I reconnected in a wonderful relationship. I can love and play with grandchildren I would never have known if it wasn't for UGM-TC," Greg proudly says.

Today, Greg approaches graduation with a degree in psychology and a minor in religion. He works as a House Manager at Cornerstone Assistance Network, where he serves those



in need. "I love to inspire people. I know what rock bottom is, and I want to help others change their life," he says.

Thankful for your support, Greg says. "You help turn homeless people into contributing members of society. I am proof of that and now I have a wonderful life!"

BUT THE MERCY OF THE LORD IS FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING  
ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO CHILDREN'S CHILDREN...

*Psalm 103:17 NKJV*



**IN 2024, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:**

- Provide 13,814 nights of shelter for resident men
- 31% of men in our program move into permanent housing

## TRANSFORMATION STORY: MISTY

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# "GOD IS TELLING ME THIS IS MY NEW LIFE!"

**A**fter several years of drug addiction, domestic abuse and homelessness, Misty didn't think her life could get any worse. Then she was arrested and sent to jail. But she believes her incarceration was the beginning of her journey to a new life.

"I read the Bible," Misty remembers. "That's when I really started praying and accepting that this was God's path for me." That path brought Misty to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County.

"I loved it from the beginning," Misty says. Staff gave her motivation and encouragement. Classes offered her structure and pattern. Alpha Bible classes and nightly chapel brought her to "a constant, conscious connection with God. I know what it is now to have faith. He wants good for me and He protects me." Misty was baptized in our Deborah Hall Memorial Chapel in December 2023.

Now sober for two years, Misty is working and getting ready to move into her own apartment, but her connection to UGM-TC will continue. "I'll come back to visit. They're like family. God put the right people in my path to bring me peace," she tells us.



Looking back on her journey so far, Misty says, "I feel very blessed to have had all this happen. It was God's perfect timing. It all perfectly aligned with my growth and my spirituality while I was here. God is telling me this is my new life!"

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THE THINGS WHICH YOU LEARNED AND RECEIVED AND HEARD AND SAW IN ME,  
THESE DO, AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.

*Philippians 4:9 NKJV*



**IN 2024, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:**

- Provide 20,288 sheltered nights to resident women
- 47% of women in our program move into permanent housing

## TRANSFORMATION STORY: CARMOSE

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### “WE HAVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY.”

**B**orn in Haiti and sold into child labor, Carmose felt fortunate to come to the U.S. But she was left to fend for herself at an early age, with no emotional support. As an adult, she turned to crime and the streets to survive.

When Carmose became a mother, she finally understood what love meant. She knew her purpose was to give her son the love and protection she never had. But as the years passed and she gave birth to another son, her circumstances grew worse. Last year, she and her two young children were living in their car.

“It wasn’t easy, but we survived,” Carmose says. When the family came to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, she felt safe for the first time in her life. “People cared for me, and I trusted them,” she tells us.

Carmose’s sons, Dakarai, 10, and Daevonn, 5, are thriving. Daevonn had a speech impediment and barely spoke when they arrived. Now, she says, “He’s learning to express himself, and it makes him feel good.” Inspired by the care her children received, Carmose began mentoring young people at the Mission, and plans to become a youth counselor.



That is the legacy Carmose is building, beginning with her sons. “I want to see them prosper with God as the center of their lives, so when I’m gone, they can keep the legacy going, keep being the great people they are. We have to leave a legacy and we have to do it right.”

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I HAVE NO GREATER JOY THAN TO HEAR THAT MY CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH.

3 John 1:4 NKJV





**IN 2024, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:**

- Provide 15,864 sheltered nights to family residents
- Positively affect the lives of 110 boys and girls in our family program
- Allow 82 students to participate in our Therapeutic Children's Enrichment Program

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

**R**etired teacher Penny Hardy wanted to use her time helping others. Her heart led her to Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, where she has served meals for 17 years!

“It warms my heart to make people feel at ease,” Penny says. “Some have been coming as long as I’ve been here. They feel comfortable to talk to me.” That connection makes Penny feel she gets much more than she gives. “People ask me if I get paid, and I say I get the paycheck in my heart.”



**In 2024, 989 volunteers contributed 17,337 hours of time.**

## HEALING SHEPHERD CLINIC

**T**he Healing Shepherd Clinic provides education, preventative care and medical treatment to homeless individuals with compassion and dignity. Our services are the first stop for residents experiencing a health issue, keeping emergency rooms clear. With your help, the Clinic cares for the physical and spiritual well-being of our residents.

Every year, Colonial Kids for a Cause (the LemonAid Kids), all high-school age and younger, sell lemonade to support a charity during the Colonial Golf Tournament. As their 2024 charity of choice, more than \$80,000 was raised for Healing Shepherd Clinic!



### IN 2024, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED:

- Care for 354 UGM-TC residents and tenants of The Vineyard on Lancaster
- Provide 3,373 office visits to UGM-TC residents and tenants of The Vineyard on Lancaster
- Distribute 126 pairs of prescription eye glasses at no cost

# MINISTRY



In 2024, UGM-TC experienced an abundance of blessings in our ministry.

- UGM-TC welcomed our very first Women’s Ministry Assistant Chaplain, Rev. Ocielia Sprowl.

She works alongside Fr. Rogers and Pastor Gregg to provide spiritual support and guidance to the women in our residential programs.

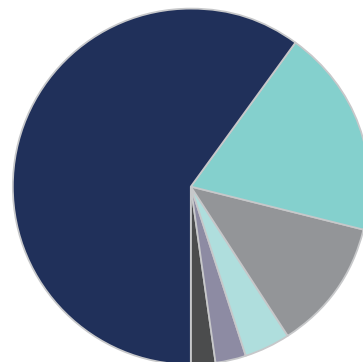
- Over 145 students graduated from the Alpha course.
- A group of talented residents joined forces to start the UGM Choir. The choir gives men and women in our program the opportunity to use their God-given gifts of music to worship and bless the Tarrant County community.
- We began a weekly staff chapel service which features occasional guest speakers, worship leaders and musicians.

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## OUR ANNUAL INCOME

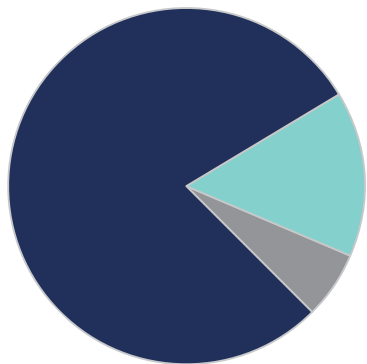
<b>2024</b> UGM-TC:	\$21,476,983
Healing Shepherd Clinic:	\$519,819
<b>Combined:</b>	<b>\$21,996,802</b>

## SOURCES OF REVENUE



- **60%** Individuals
- **19%** Foundations & Community Organizations
- **12%** Companies
- **4%** Charitable Trusts
- **3%** Estates
- **2%** Churches

## WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO



- **79%** Program Services
- **14%** Marketing & Development
- **7%** Management & General

*Note: Figures shown are unaudited. A complete audited statement is available upon request.*

## MISSION

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To provide love, hope, respect and a new beginning for the homeless, offering a program of care that leads to true, lasting healing.

## VISION

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To continue meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of people who come to us for help.



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