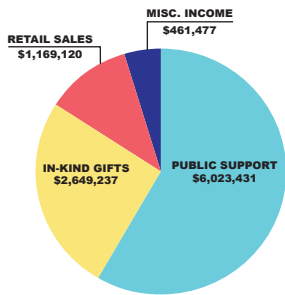


## 2024 FINANCES

Funding was received through financial gifts, in-kind donations (clothing, food and professional services) and retail sales. **Operating Budget: \$9.1 Million**



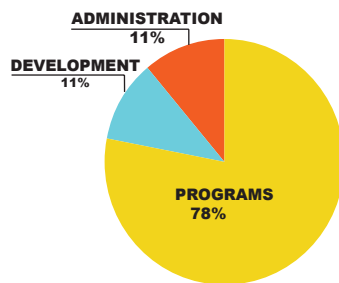
### REVENUE

All funds come from individuals, churches and businesses who care for neighbors in need. We receive no government funding.

*Revenue excludes investment gains and losses.*

### EXPENSES

You can be confident that your gifts are used in the most efficient and God-honoring ways. 78% goes directly to programs to help hurting people!



*An audited financial statement is available on request.*

## YOUR SUPPORT IMPACT:



**75**

Staff Serving as Local Missionaries



**143,275**

Meals Served to our Guests, Residents, and Community



**255,333**

Food, Clothing, and Hygiene Items Given



**155**

Men, Women and Children Sheltered Nightly



**1,075**

Volunteers Giving 18,421 Hours of Service



### A MESSAGE FROM CEO

## SHERRY PITNEY

Dear Friends,

Life and work here at Rockford Rescue Mission is always busy, demanding ... even overwhelming sometimes. The deep needs never stop. As in any ministry, it would be easy to unwittingly start treating our work and its pressures on strictly human terms—managing people, resources and outcomes. Numbers like the ones you'll see in this report do tell part of our story. But as we help our guests and residents work through the devastation of homelessness, addiction and, often, mental health issues, there's a far bigger story: Love.

Love is ultimately what Rockford Rescue Mission is about. It's the reason for everything we say and do, every bit of hospitality and compassion we extend. We receive God's perfect and unconditional love. Then we let Him work through us, to see people through His eyes rather than just our own.

None of us are perfect in this regard. But it's a theme we emphasize among our staff, volunteers, prayer partners and financial supporters. Love is why Rockford Rescue Mission works. Thank you for being an important part of that story.

Partners in Hope,

*Sherry Pitney*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

Rockford Rescue Mission is governed by a godly and compassionate Board of Directors who understand their responsibility to ensure your contributions are used honorably and with integrity.

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*Chair*  
Attorney (Retired)

**Warren Slabaugh**  
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Rockford Rescue Mission  
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## COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council of Elders provides spiritual counsel and prayer support for the Mission.

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Presbyterian  
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Community Church

**Pastor Lee McClanathan**  
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Conference Pastor  
(Retired)



Rockford Rescue Mission has achieved accreditation as a member of the **Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability** (ecfa.org). ECFA recognizes Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising and board governance. The Mission is a certified member in good standing of the **Citygate Network** (citygatenetwork.org). We also earned a Four Star rating from **Charity Navigator** (charitynavigator.org), which tracks nonprofits' accountability and transparency.



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## **SHELTER**

Total includes Crisis Centers and Life Recovery Programs

**Total:** 56,701 nights = 155 guests/night avg.

In 2024, our Crisis Centers served a total of 1,417 men, women and children. The large majority of the people in our care are from the Rockford area, accounting for 76% of our guests.

## **CRISIS SHELTER**

### **MEN'S CRISIS CENTER**

**2024:** 25,379 nights of lodging (avg. 69/night)  
684 men served

**2023:** 20,185 nights of lodging (avg. 55/night)  
551 men served

### **WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER**

**2024:** 22,488 nights of shelter (avg. 61/night)  
558 women, 175 children served

**2023:** 23,902 nights of shelter (avg. 65/night)  
427 women, 149 children served

**20% Increase in Men's Crisis**  
**27% Increase in Women's Crisis**

The need continues to grow as people in our region continue to struggle mentally, emotionally, financially and spiritually.

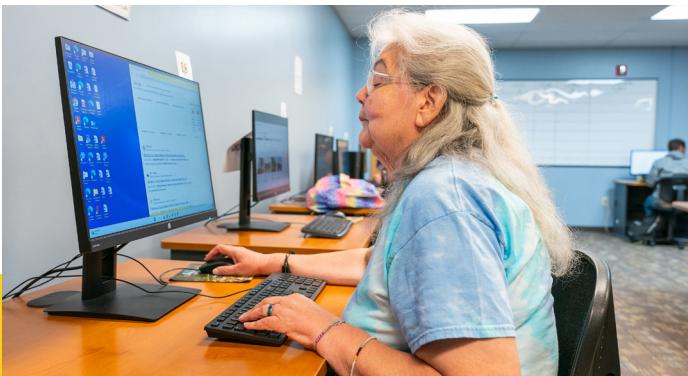
**Rescue + Recover + Restore**  
Our Christ-centered services and programs minister every day to hungry, homeless and near-homeless people in our community.

## **LIFE RECOVERY PROGRAM**

**60 Total Residents**

Through counseling, case management and biblically based courses, residents were challenged to identify, confront and replace destructive behaviors with transformed living through Christ.

Our residents received 3,127 case management sessions, plus individual counseling and comprehensive, biblically based instruction to help them break the bonds of addiction and experience freedom in Christ. Aftercare was also offered to the residents completing the program as a means of establishing ongoing accountability and facilitating continuous victory in recovery.



## **FOOD SERVICE**

**143,275 Meals (avg. 393 a day)**

This was only possible through the generosity of our community, which donated 589,508 pounds of fresh, frozen and canned food.

## **WORKS! CENTER**

**800 Participants**

Services included life-skills classes as well as engagement with vocational and educational training opportunities. Works! Center staff provides the help our guests need to get back on their feet and into stable housing and employment. With our Pearson VUE certified testing center, we were able to proctor 713 GED and other tests in 2024.

### **EMPLOYMENT SECURED**

**2024:** 127 people / **2023:** 161 people

### **STABLE HOUSING OBTAINED**

**2024:** 470 people / **2023:** 476 people

## **HOPE CLINIC**

Mission staff and volunteer professionals touched the lives of 832 residents, guests and community members by ministering to their physical needs through 11,235 medical, dental and chiropractic appointments. That's an average of 216 appointments each week, up almost 38 percent from 157 appointments each week in 2023.

## **SPIRITUAL DECISIONS**

There were 71 decisions to trust Christ for the first time, or to rededicate their lives. This number is largely a result of our weekly Chapel services. Every week, dedicated churches host Chapel services for our guests and residents, giving instruction in God's Word and sharing the hope that comes from Jesus.

## **THRIFT STORE**

**20,400 Donations**  
**\$1.1 Million In Sales**

Our Thrift Store at 2710 20th St. serves as a vital social enterprise, accounting for 19 percent of the Mission's revenue in 2024. In addition to sustaining our emergency services and recovery programs, the store served as a vocational training outlet for our recovery residents.

