

**NEW YEAR,  
NEW LOGO!**



Since its inception 64 years ago, Topeka Rescue Mission has gone from simply sheltering the homeless and feeding the hungry to a becoming a group of ministries helping people in a variety of ways. Some of these new ministries involve educational training, outreach to the unsheltered homeless, engaging with neighborhoods for empowerment and transformation, and equipping children and youth for ministry. We believe that as our ministry has expanded and changed, it was time for our logo to receive an upgrade reflective of these changes as well. However, the foundational and core values of the ministry have not changed. We are still centered on Jesus Christ and our calling is still to help and bring the Good News to the broken and hurting while equipping those called to ministry. We believe our new logo is a fresh way of communicating that. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer its debut to you - our family, supporters and friends - and thankful for your faithful support as we continue this exciting journey together.

# CURRENT NEEDS LIST

## FOOD ITEMS:

Gallon Cans of Vegetables & Fruits / Coffee  
Granulated Sugar / Bottled Water /  
Mustard & Ketchup / Sack Lunch Items (*i.e.*  
*Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Granola Bars,*  
*etc.*)

## SUPPLY ITEMS:

Purex Crystals / Arm & Hammer Washing Soda  
20 Mule Team Borax / Fels Nephth Laundry Soap  
Tall Kitchen & 30 Gallon Trash Bags / Blankets  
Storage Bags - Quart & Gallon / Sheet Sets:  
(*Full, Queen & King sizes*) / Bath Towels  
Diapers - Sizes 4, 5 & 6 / Pull Ups - Sizes 3T,  
4T and 5T / Baby Wipes / Razors (*Men's &*  
*Women's*) / Deodorant (*Men's & Women's*)

## CLOTHING:

Men's Winter Coats - Sizes Medium & Up  
Men's Pants & Jeans - All Sizes (*Especially*  
*30 - 40*) / Men's Underwear - Sizes 30 to 38  
Men's & Women's Shoes - All Sizes  
Plus Size Winter Clothing - Men & Women  
Women's Underwear - Sizes 5 - 9  
Children's Clothing & Shoes - 2T & Up

## FURNITURE (*in good condition*)

**Furniture** - *i.e.* Couches, Recliners,  
Loveseats, Dressers, Tables, Mattresses *etc.*  
**Large & Small Appliances** -  
*i.e.* Washers, Dryers, Ranges,  
Refrigerators & Microwaves

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him." - Romans 6:9

# KID'S KORNER!



Alison Schaefer is a ten-year-old with a huge heart for others. Last year she decided that she wanted to start raising money so that she could buy new shoes for Hope Center children who needed them. After she raised the money, she went to Payless ShoeSource and found out that because of her efforts they were willing to also contribute to the cause. Alison comes from a

family who has supported the Mission for decades. Their legacy of caring for those in need is now being embraced by the youngest generation. We are blessed by all who give, but we especially love seeing children reaching out to other children.

Easter is a time that we celebrate Jesus and all He has done for us. As you read the Easter story in your Bible and think of what He has personally done for you, consider thinking about how you can help others. †



## FAMILY QUESTION:

Talk with your family about why Easter is special and what it means to you. Discuss how Jesus rising from the grave impacts your life today.



## FAMILY VERSE:

The Easter Story:  
Luke 22-24

# TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2016

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Facilities: 354-1744

Hope Center for Women & Families opt 8  
Men's Shelter opt 0  
Distribution Center x366  
Thrift Store 235-9094

### Programs: 354-1744

Dining Services x322  
Food Distribution x366  
Education & Mentoring x338  
Volunteer Services x393

### Community:

Neighborhood Empowerment &  
Transformation (NET) Reach  
785-783-2535 x106  
Operation Street Reach 785-230-8237

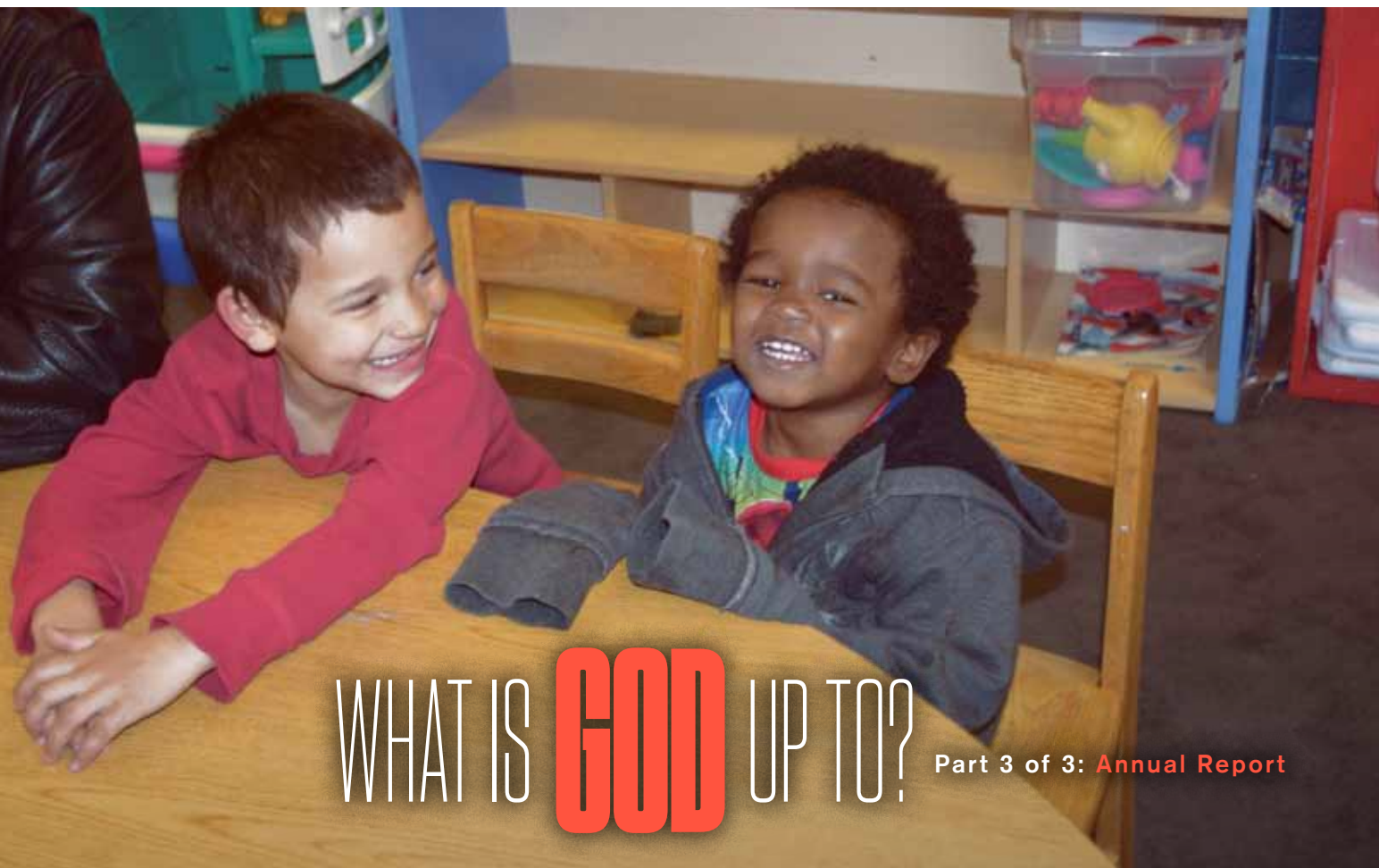
### Donations:

Monetary: 785-354-1744 x316  
Material: 785-357-4285  
Food: 785-357-4285

website: [TRMonline.org](http://TRMonline.org)  
email: [info@trmonline.org](mailto:info@trmonline.org)

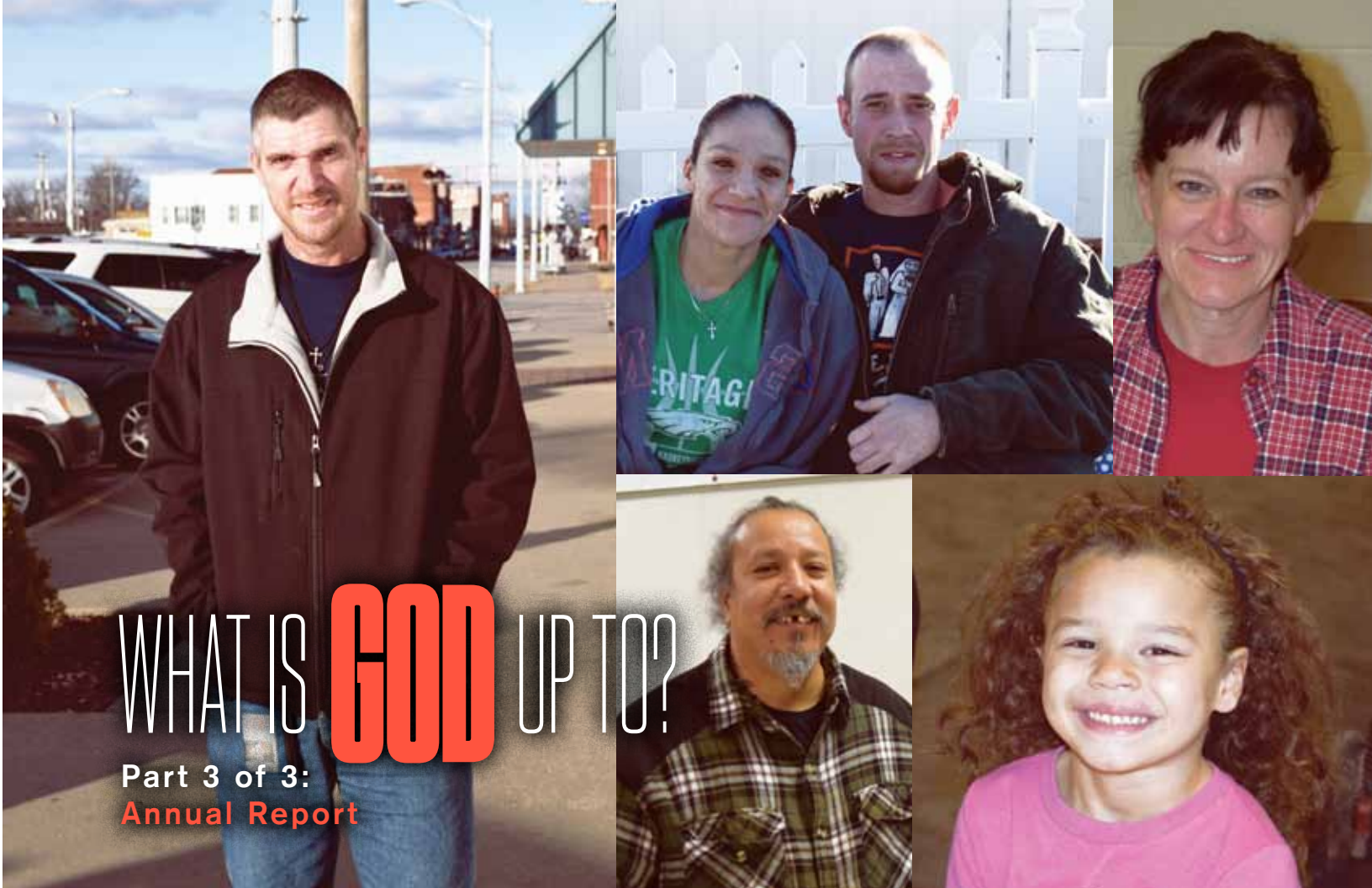


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WHAT IS **GOD** UP TO?

Part 3 of 3: Annual Report



# WHAT IS **GOD** UP TO?

Part 3 of 3:  
**Annual Report**

Each year as we reach out to those in front of us with the love of Christ, it seems as though more and more new faces cross our path every day. We always look forward to seeing the factual numbers before us which represent each one of those faces and lives touched. We don't view the statistics we share each year as merely numbers on a page, but as valuable lives – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children, grandchildren, grandparents – who the Lord has given us the privilege to serve in a variety of ways; lives also that have been changed as a result of the love of God and compassionate community in which we live.

*Last year we were able to ...*

**SHELTER 2,036  
PEOPLE**

**PROVIDE 94,815  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER**

**ASSIST 8,819  
HOUSEHOLDS  
THROUGH THE  
DISTRIBUTION  
CENTER**

&

**SERVE 547,740  
MEALS**

And this is just a fraction of services that were provided! Twenty years ago we were only serving 78,960 meals and providing 30,240 nights of shelter. When we look back on those numbers, we see how dramatically the needs within our community have increased through the years. Even so, we are grateful beyond words at the ability God has given us to meet the various needs before us. Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we endeavor to offer help and hope to our many brothers, sisters and neighbors in need.

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## HOW STAFF HAVE PERCEIVED CHANGE

The Mission has been blessed with a number of employees who have been with the Mission for over a decade. What follows is a glimpse into how they have perceived change over the years.



### **DORIS FOSTER** BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

SERVING SINCE 1997

"I have seen growth in the size of the ministry and the number of people we help. The number of wonderful donors has also grown, enabling us to minister to all these people. We also minister in lots of new ways now. We are more open to meeting the needs of community members as well as the needs of the guests."



### **GUILLERMO PENA** DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND SECURITY

SERVING SINCE 1998

"Since my first days here, I have felt that this was more than just a homeless shelter. Throughout my time here, I have seen it develop and evolve into what it is today. It touches many more lives now than it did then, especially in regards to outreach and education within the Mission and the community. This ministry is constantly increasing its efforts to equip families and individuals with the skills and support they need to have a brighter future. What amazes me the most is God's provision for the Mission, even during the most trying times."



### **KAY IRELAND** DIRECTOR OF DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SERVING SINCE 1998

"TRM has expanded from a ministry of one homeless shelter to ministries that spread across our community. We have unprecedented opportunities to touch lives and give hope to people. The number of individuals that we get to share God's love with is so much more than what I could have imagined even just a few years ago."



### **JEFF KARAS** HOUSING SPECIALIST

SERVING SINCE 1999

"The Mission has grown by leaps and bounds, and the way we have to do things is so drastically different now than it was five or ten years ago. As we strive for structure and a well-run building, we always try to maintain a balance and make decisions through the eyes of grace and from forgiving hearts. No matter how big we grow, that is what makes us different. The love of Christ is what makes TRM special."



### **MIKE FOSTER** DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OPERATIONS

SERVING SINCE 2000

"In my years at the Topeka Rescue Mission I have seen the hand of God touch and transform countless lives. It is a joy to be a part of a ministry that not only provides for the physical needs of people, but also offers staff members an opportunity to minister to and encourage the hearts of those who walk through our doors. As our needs have grown over the years, so too have the opportunities to share God's love with those who are hurting."



### **DEBRA SABB** DIRECTOR OF HOPE CENTER

SERVING SINCE 2000

"The biggest difference I see in the years I've been here is that we connect more with our guests now, as far as reaching them heart to heart. We take the time to do more ministry to the individual need and not lump them all together as one huge need. We get to know them as individuals and find out what makes them hurt."



**MIKE SHINKLE** DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES

SERVING SINCE 2001

“When I started here fifteen years ago, we would serve maybe 65 people at breakfast. Now it’s usually more like 300. We’ve had to get creative and learn to be flexible so that we can accommodate such large numbers. I had come from a small town, and even back then with such low numbers I was overwhelmed with all that had to happen for meals to be a success. The most important things, though, haven’t changed. Loving people and meeting them where they are is still our hearts’ desire. God always provides the food, and He calls us to then minister to the hungry.”



**CHRIS PENNY** DIRECTOR OF SERVICES TO MEN

SERVING SINCE 2001

“When I first came to the Mission, it seemed like there wasn’t much of what I might have called success. People left and returned at a fairly high rate, with the same problems that brought them the first time. Over time I have noticed that while we still have people leaving and returning, the men that we have today is largely a different group than were leaving and returning two years ago. What we do takes a lot of patience. It may be a year or two, or even more, before guys are out and on their feet. But I have repeatedly seen God change the lives of the men we work with, and not just in material ways. As we talk with them about the Gospel, about how Jesus died for the sins of all who would ever come to believe in Him, hearts are reborn for heaven.”



**KIM SCHARRER** ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOPE CENTER

SERVING SINCE 2002

“I have seen a steady growth towards the ministry of Jesus being a bigger priority as we continue to meet the daily needs of our guests. As God has led us in that direction, He has also equipped staff for the changes by growing them in Christ as well.”



**JERRY DOLEJSI** FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR

SERVING SINCE 2003

“When I first came to TRM the original building was still standing. It’s a parking lot now. Through the years we have changed the Mission policies to become more open to the guests and show more love, grace, and mercy. We used to have a lot more confrontations with guests over policies and rules, but those have decreased as we have learned to show love. The ministries of the Mission have greatly expanded with the addition of the Distribution Center, more educational programs, and now the upcoming Children’s Palace.”



**NELL RITCHEY** DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

SERVING SINCE 2003

“Since the SIT Program began in 2004, we have graduated more than 100 students, fourteen of whom are now valued staff members at TRM. In 2015, we began offering a new opportunity for guests to develop through the Center for Biblical Leadership Development (CBLD). I have also had the privilege of helping in the start-up of two more programs for our guests – the Dare to Dream Mentoring Program, which matched its first group in January, 2015, and the Career Readiness Education (CaRE) Program, which graduated its first students in November 2015. All of this is extremely exciting! God is truly up to something awesome here at TRM.”

## CATEGORIES

2015

### GUEST TRACKING

Un-duplicated individuals who received shelter	2,036
Men	1,045
Women	616
Children	375
Total nights of shelter provided	94,815
Individuals sheltered on average each night	263
Highest number of guests on a given night	310 on Sept. 17

### DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Individuals who received clothing through the clothing bank	3,314
Household items, including beds, furniture and major appliances given to households	11,117
Number of households that received items	8,819
School supplies given to those in need	704

### FOOD SERVICES

Meals served from the kitchen	282,468
Meals distributed through food boxes	133,600
Meals supplied food to partner agencies	131,672
Total cost per meal	14 cents
Total meals served and distributed	547,740

### CHRISTMAS

Children assisted with gifts, clothing and food	2,040
Total individuals (including children) who received gifts and food baskets	4,331

### DIRECT HELP

Occurrences of medical help, including visits in our clinic, as well as dental, vision and prescription assistance	1,865
Transportation vouchers (bus tickets, cab fare, etc.) provided	9,404
Occurrences of rental and utility assistance provided	105
Occurrences of additional direct help for miscellaneous items (phone cards, stamps, identification, etc.) provided	246

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer hours provided	39,872
Number of volunteers	1,500
Volunteer instances occurred on average each month	1,242
At minimum wage (\$7.25 an hour) these hours would have cost:	\$289,072

### DOXAZO

#### 3-on-3 Basketball (Monthly)

Average Participants	60
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#### Club (Monthly)

Participants	55
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#### Doxazo Camp

Summer Participants	215
Winter Participants	240

#### Mighty Men (Summer Program)

Kids	13
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#### Daughters of the King (Year Round)

Kids	10
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### DARE TO DREAM (offered at both TRM and NET Reach)

Shelter participants	59
NET Reach Participants (Adults and Children)	149
Total participants	208

### SIT - SERVANTS IN TRAINING

Participants / Graduates	65 / 9
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### RESTORE HOPE

Number of victims served	45
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# TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

## CATEGORIES

2015

### NET REACH

#### Taco Tuesday

Meals served total	7,452
Average number of people served each week	131

#### Mental Health Training

Boundaries	52
Addiction	48
Bridges out of Poverty	113

#### Dare to Hope Women's Group

Average attendance each week	5
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#### Neighborhood Dinners (Spring, Fall and Winter)

Meals served total	775
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#### Task Force Meetings

Average attendance	30
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#### NET Rewards Store

Average number of residents shopping each month	22
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#### Book N' It (Summer Program)

Meals provided total	2,115
Average attendance each day	50

#### Dream Center

Total number of visits	65
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### EXPENSES BY SOURCE

Budget Percentage

Programs – This includes shelter, meals, street outreach, rehabilitation programs, case management, housing referrals, and services provided through our Distribution Center.	72%
Repairs and Maintenance – Covers the upkeep of all the Mission's properties.	11%
Administrative – Includes donor system management, volunteer management, guest records and evaluations.	8%
Direct Help – Financial assistance provided for rent and utilities, medications, transportation, identification, stamps, phone cards and similar services provided to both guests and non-guests of the Mission.	4%

Public Relations and Advertising – Efforts used to acquire financial/material resources and volunteer recruitment. All efforts supported entirely by donations, no government funds used.	3%
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Public Education – Information to the public on how to help the homeless.	2%
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### INCOME BY SOURCE

Income Percentage

Individuals	69.7%
Businesses	11.5%
Churches	9.3%
Thrift Store	6.2%
DC Recycling	1.7%
Associations	1.3%
Misc.	.2%
Book Revenue	.1%