



SEEING THE UNSEEN



2019–2020 Annual Report



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WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LOVE GOD YET HATES A BROTHER OR SISTER IS A LIAR. FOR WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE THEIR BROTHER AND SISTER WHOM THEY HAVE SEEN CANNOT LOVE GOD, WHOM THEY HAVE NOT SEEN. 1 JOHN 4:20



STEPHEN'S STORY

“ Sunday Breakfast is my second family who has been there for me through the good and the bad. The Mission is a special treasure in my heart. ”

Less than three weeks after his baptism, on March 19th, Stephen's world changed when he woke up with chills and stabbing pain in his chest. Subsequently, he was eventually diagnosed with COVID-19. Fully healed and recovered, he returned 'home' to the Mission, his second family, and he is now working at a nursing home. Stephen remains focused on saving money so he can regain his independence and stability.



SEEING THE UNSEEN: A LETTER FROM THE CEO



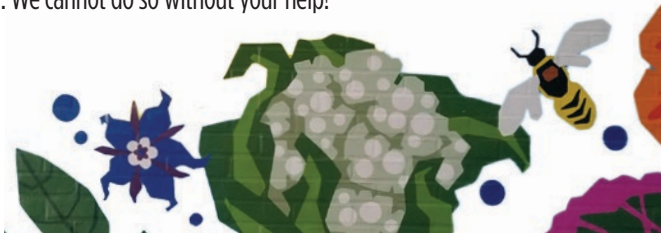
Rev. Jeremy Montgomery
MBA/MA, President / CEO

All throughout my second year here at Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, God has given us the eyes to see the 'unseen.' Jesus's admonition to help the hungry, the thirsty, those needing clothing, the sick, and the imprisoned is a clear call to how we are to serve Him. **This year more than at any other time in recent history, our ministry was tested in our fearless resolve to meet the needs of people who often go unnoticed and unseen, especially during a worldwide crisis.** Heroically, each staff person has ensured that every person who comes to the Mission gains needed resources and experiences the love of God. With every gift to the Mission, you are lifting people up who feel rejected by society, and you are the change-makers for every person whom we serve.

As we faced the challenges of COVID-19, we never lost sight of Jesus' call, "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*"

Throughout 2020, I have had the privilege to lead a team who were willing to lay down their life for our guests as we served the unseen during the pandemic. Without hesitation, the front-line teams wrote the manual for the City of Philadelphia's homeless shelter response to the pandemic, they established the City's first COVID-19 quarantine site for the homeless here inside our Mission, and they relentlessly advocated with the health department until every guest and staff member had access to COVID-19 testing. We did all of this while showing God's love and being family to those who had none. **The pandemic has also provided opportunities for so many of you, our partners, to show transformational generosity.** Thank you for loving God in a way that cares for our homeless and hungry brothers and sisters whom you may not have met. We cannot do so without your help!

With Partnership In Christ,





THE HEALTH OF OUR GUESTS

As early as March 11, the Mission's staff implemented a strategy of social distancing, sanitization, and changing shelter operations to minimize risk for every guest and staff member. Before a city-run isolation site at a hotel was established, the Mission created space on its second floor to serve as a 'quarantine' area for homeless individuals who came into direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person at other city homeless shelters. As a result, we were recognized on National Philanthropy Day as the "Social Services" awardee: see video at <https://youtu.be/LK4sdhjFuTU>.

210 Days with Zero New Cases

35 Asymptomatic Cases

22 Symptomatic Cases

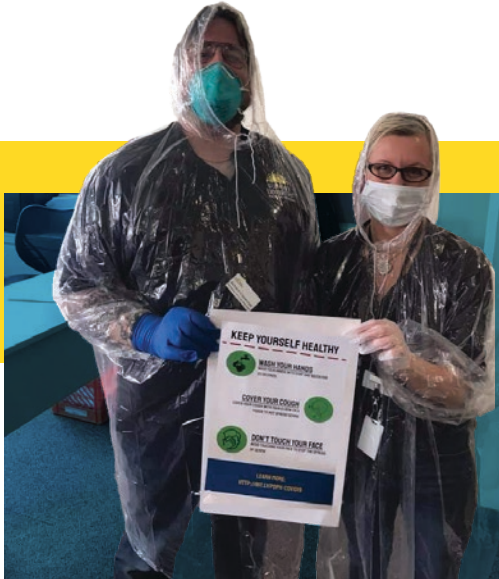
100% Guests had access to COVID-19 testing

100% Who tested positive are healthy and fully recovered



MISSION HEROES

Without PPE (personal protection equipment) due to the national shortages, our staff bravely daily served the forgotten as their only family. Providing for the Mission's homeless guests' needs during this chaotic time included delivering meals and serving as family to those guests who were exposed to COVID-19 while quarantining at the Mission.



SEEING THE UNSEEN MEANS:



100%

of staff chose to work even when given the option to stay home



THREE

Staff resided full time at the Mission for the month of May



47%

of Food Service and Homeless Services staff members tested positive.



100%

of staff who tested positive have recovered and are healthy



35%

of Staff did not see friends, family, or children for 6 months to prevent any potential transmission of COVID-19

SEEING OUR GUESTS AS FAMILY

James Lee is a senior citizen experiencing homelessness who came to the Mission after having a stroke. He has a gentle soul and sweet smile. Mr. Lee quickly became a part of our Sunday Breakfast family. He is at high-risk for contracting COVID-19; through the Prevention Space program provided by the Office of Homeless Services, he is no longer living in a shelter, but in his own private room.

“ I AM GRATEFUL THAT SUNDAY BREAKFAST
HAS HELPED ME STAY SAFE ” - MR. LEE



DINING ROOM

“Stay at Home” orders forced our guests to stay at the Mission as their only ‘home’. They spent their days in our Dining Room because job training programs, government offices, and many companies closed. Many also lost their jobs at local restaurants.

With a desire to create a more engaging space for our guests to spend their time, we asked the Community Design Collaborative for help to redesign the dining room. To provide an opportunity to engage our guests in the design process, The Wilma Theater and Asian Arts Initiative also developed a project to enhance our space. Together, they folded paper cranes to create a sculpture for our dining room.



The improvements to the dining room transformed a dull space into a bright, engaging environment that feels like home for our guests.



COURTYARD AND MURAL

As we cared for our guests during COVID-19, creating outdoor spaces was vital and necessary. Our guests need a safe way to get outside the Mission's four walls to enjoy fresh air, especially while we were all "staying at home". With the help of the Community Design Collaborative, an outdoor courtyard next to our Dining Room was created as a 'backyard' of sorts. Setting up picnic tables, chairs, and umbrellas while being connected to the Sunday Breakfast Farm in our parking lot, our guests can safely experience community together outdoors while maintaining social-distancing protocols.



Pearl Street has always been an important space: this is where guests enter the building, check-in to the shelter, and access our homeless services. Collaborating with Mural Arts Philadelphia, a large mural was installed with the inspiring message, "Hope Begins with a Meal". This once dingy, dark alley is now bright and full of hope - welcoming our guests into the Mission.

NEXT LEVEL/SENIOR LEVEL



NEXT LEVEL

The NEXT LEVEL Program is a twelve-month transitional housing program for men seeking stability, spiritual development, and long-term success after staying in the Mission's Emergency Shelter. Case management, participation in a church community and volunteering to serve at Sunday Breakfast are some of the central components to the program.

In the past year, 31 men have participated in the NEXT LEVEL Program. This program has been a vital source of stability for each man as they faced the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. NEXT LEVEL provided them with a safety net as they navigated pandemic-related job loss and office closures of essential resources. Our Homeless Services Team worked tirelessly to ensure that each man took steps to continue to move toward housing stability.

SENIOR LEVEL

SBRM piloted the SENIOR LEVEL permanent supportive housing program for men 65 and older and provided housing to 3 senior citizens in the last year. One reality which COVID-19 has produced is how vulnerable all seniors are, especially those who are homeless. This program focuses on addressing the cycle of homelessness through programming and healthy relationships that provide safe, stable, structured, and sober living arrangements. Offering our senior citizens a permanent home, this is a critical program to keep them safe while also allowing them to live in Christian community within the Mission.



HOMELESS SERVICES

CASE MANAGEMENT

Comprehensive case management helps guide our homeless guests and residents as they move towards sustainable living. This includes helping them to obtain vital records, employment, housing services, substance abuse counseling, mental and behavioral health referrals, prison re-entry support, medical benefits, veteran services, and educational opportunities. Because everyone's needs are unique, individual stability plans are created to track progress on simple, achievable goals. Placing our guests in transitional living programs with our partners is a common outcome. This past year, one more Case Manager was added to the team, increasing our capacity to serve more intensively with our guests.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

Imagine wearing the same pair of socks and underwear every day for a week. You have no way of washing them, and your shoes have holes in the soles that let water seep in when it rains. That is why the socks, shoes, clothing, and toiletries, which the Mission distributes every day, are so vital. These items transform lives and they build hope that God loves and cares for their needs.



MEDICAL CLINICS

JeffHOPE is a student-run free clinic that operates every Tuesday evening under the guidance of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Department of Family and Community Medicine. Common health issues facing our guests served at this clinic include hypertension, chronic pain, mental illness, nicotine addiction, and all manner of skin and respiratory infections. Many do not have insurance, and have not been to a doctor for some time, so significant effort from our clinic is focused on connecting our guests back into professional medical care.

3,600

MEN RECEIVED CASE
MANAGEMENT



EMERGENCY SERVICES

Christian compassion and care always welcomes our guests as family. Meeting these basic needs brings hope, makes our homeless guests feel seen, and is one step closer to experiencing God's love. A shower and a fresh change of clothes are given to help restore a sense of dignity. A warm bed to sleep in gives safety from the hard streets. The Mission has provided emergency shelter, showers and free laundry services to all guests and residents consistently during the pandemic.

Throughout our history people experiencing homelessness knew that they could count on Sunday Breakfast for hearty meals three times a day, 365 days of the year. As we responded to COVID-19, we unfortunately had to close our meals program in our Dining Room to the general public. We never stopped providing three meals a day to our guests and residents. As early as March 17th, we launched our "Grab-n-Go" meal program for safe meal distribution to anyone in need, serving up to 50 meals every night, 7-days per week, at 5pm out a front window of our building.



127,597 meals served

9,250 "Grab-n-Go" meals served

3,200 men stayed in the emergency shelter

133,900 loads of free laundry





- 8 men **baptized**
- 12 men attending weekly **Bible study**
- 35 men attending weekly **church service**

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Jesus's words in **Matthew 25 demonstrate to us that everything we do to holistically meet physical needs is a spiritual act of ministering to Jesus Himself.** Yet, our approach also intentionally addresses the spiritual formation and care of all of our guests. **This why we are excited to share that we began a partnership with The Block Church. Each Sunday, volunteer coordinators from the church – Miguel and Jessica Vargas – are hosting church services, a weekly men's bible study, and a new believer discipleship class every other week.** Several baptisms by the church right here at the Mission has become a strong indicator of spiritual formation among our guests and residents.

In addition to the spiritual care offered by The Block Church, during our dining room renovation in the Summer of 2020, a brand-new A/V system was installed to enhance the Sunday morning worship service, as well as allowing us daily to stream Christian content from the world's top preachers and biblical teachers, like Dr. Tony Evans, Craig Groeschel and TD Jakes. Daily morning devotions after breakfast in our Dining Room is a norm, setting a spiritual pace and guidance to everyone's day.



GUEST STORY - RANDY



“ Sunday Breakfast is a great place. They treat you like family, help you to stay focused, and will bend over backwards to help you to move forward. They showed me that I am not alone, Randy shared. ”

Randy wakes up each day with a heart of service and hope for his future. Dedicated to make his community at Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission the best it can be, he volunteers his time serving others.

Now in his 60s, Randy never expected to be at the Mission, but he is hopeful nonetheless. Randy is one of four children and he grew up in and around Cinnaminson, NJ just across the river from Philadelphia. As a veteran of the U.S. Army, semi-pro football player, and father, he prides himself in his hard work and tenacity.

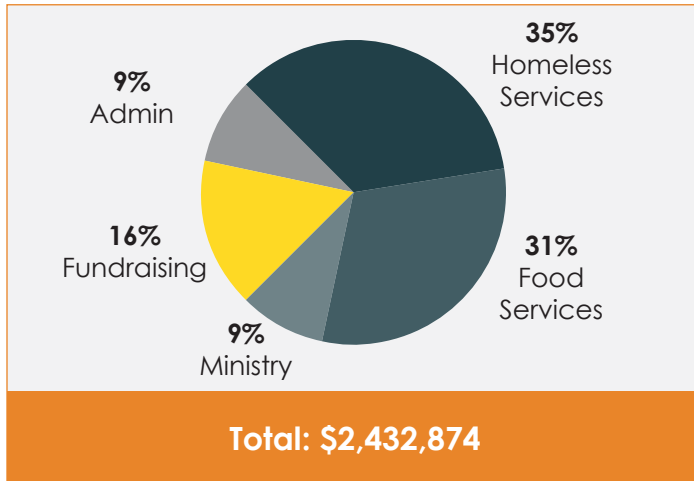
After being released from prison he came to the Mission, but fear still ruled his mind. Eighteen months ago, when he came to the Mission he sat stoically in the Mission dining room with his back to the wall as he ate each meal, with his tray on his lap, because he didn't trust anyone. His head was on a pivot, and he rarely spoke to anyone. Still a man of few words, Randy now is a leader at the Mission and also a resident in our NEXT LEVEL program. Solely as a volunteer, he serves on the security team, maintains/buffs all of the floors, and washes all of the laundry for our emergency shelter residents including their clothes, bed linens, and towels.

What Randy wants more than anything is to have his own place and live on his own. Randy is ready. He has enough monthly income to live on his own. Unfortunately, his past mistakes and criminal record make finding a place nearly impossible. He remains hopeful, “I think I will be in my own place within a year. I just have to work something out from my past first.”

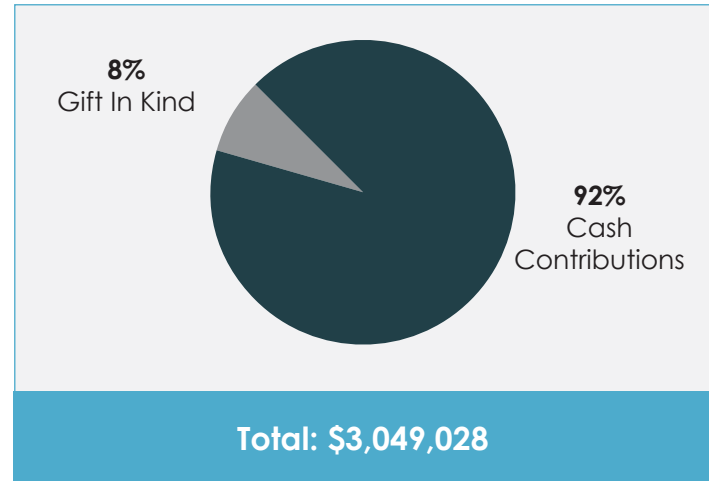
The Homeless Services Team is dedicated to serving men like Randy. They are committed to serving the unseen, the men who without Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission would otherwise live in fear, hopelessness, and being ignored on the streets.

YEAR IN REVIEW (FINANCIALS FROM AUDIT/990)

Expenses



Revenue



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