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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.**



# Thank you!

I'm humbled and inspired by your generosity and compassion as you continue to meet the needs in our communities.

And those needs have grown. The number of people experiencing homelessness has doubled in the last few years, and we've seen more people seeking shelter at Hope Mission than ever before in our history. With rising inflation and increasing food costs, too many struggling families have been facing incredibly difficult choices like whether to pay their bills or feed their kids.

I'm so grateful that you have reached out and shown God's love to the most vulnerable members of our community. In this report, you'll read heartwarming stories of transformation and hope from people like Dustin, who can hardly believe the change he's seen in himself through his time in our recovery program. You'll also hear from some of the other men, women, and children whose lives have been changed because of you.

These stories represent just a few of the lives you've influenced in the past year. From all of us at Hope Mission, thank you for your generosity. This work truly wouldn't be possible without you.



May God bless you,

**BRUCE REITH**  
*Executive Director*

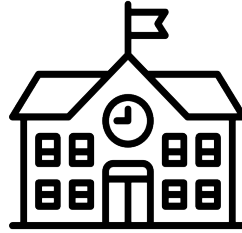


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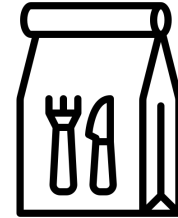
**540**

families received  
food supports  
(hampers and  
frozen meals)



**185,700**

meals served  
to children in  
**48** schools



**560,000**

hot meals

— AND —

**130,000**

bagged lunches provided  
to shelter guests



**75**

people enrolled in  
addiction recovery  
programs at year end



**5,607**

nursing clinic  
engagements



Emergency shelter  
provided to  
**8,031**  
different people



## DUSTIN'S STORY

# Surprised by hope

Dustin remembers what it was like to be stuck in addiction.

“It was a life of despair. I knew I needed to stop doing drugs because they were destroying my life, but I didn’t even really believe that was possible. And I knew something had to change.”

Dustin enrolled in Breakout, Hope Mission’s year-long recovery program for men. And he noticed a change in himself he never thought was possible.

“What I had been doing for 15 years I didn’t want to do anymore. I actually had real joy in my life. It was a transformation I couldn’t believe happened. I’m a completely different person than I used to be.”

Dustin is grateful for the community he’s built through Breakout and his local church.

“These are people I care about, they care about me, and our relationship isn’t based on drugs.”

After he completes the program, Dustin is eager to get back to work and make the most of the rest of his life.

“God has a plan for me. I feel like I have a future now.”

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## KATHLEEN'S STORY

# Support for a grieving family

Kathleen and her family came to a community dinner at Hope Mission, grieving the loss of her baby three weeks earlier.

“By the time I went to go get induced, it was too late to save her,” says Kathleen.

With three other children at home, Kathleen was grateful to receive frozen meals and food hampers from Hope Mission.

“They’re really helpful. I don’t think I would get through it if it wasn’t for everyone here.”

Kathleen’s kids love going to the after-school programs at Hope Mission, where they’re making friends and gaining confidence. And with a budget that’s getting even tighter due to high inflation, rising rent and increasing grocery prices, Kathleen appreciates the food supports.

“That really helps – the lasagnas and stuff. Then we don’t have to struggle to make ends meet. I don’t know what single moms would do without programs like this.”

Your generosity helps parents like Kathleen get through tough times while providing support and mentorship for their children.



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# The power of encouragement

For as long as she can remember, Kali felt like something was wrong with her - like there was an empty void she couldn't fill.

"I never gave myself an honest try at anything. I just got lost in the alcoholism for the most part."

Kali tried to get sober, but relapsed shortly after. Her relapse was her rock bottom: she engaged in toxic relationships, tried harder drugs, and ended up homeless, sleeping on the streets.

"I was totally alone. I was scared for my life. And I got on my knees, praying to God."

At Kali's lowest moment, your kindness stepped in to give the gift of recovery. Kali found Wellspring, Hope Mission's year-long recovery program for women.

"I was very scared, very timid, and I didn't trust anybody, but I knew I was there for a reason."

At Wellspring, Kali is recovering. Thanks to your generosity, she has a roof over her head, nutritious meals every day, and continued encouragement from staff and people like you. In fact, Kali keeps notes that people like you write.

"I've had some pretty low days here, but reading those notes of encouragement has really kept me going."



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## DAVID'S STORY

# Seen and known

When David came to the front doors of Hope Mission in December, he didn't realize until he walked through the front doors that he was attending a special Christmas Dinner.

He entered the festive dining hall filled with decorations, he basked in the live Christmas music, and he savoured the smell of mouth-watering ham. David says the dinner really encouraged him in a difficult time.

"It makes a big difference. This year things were very tough. Things didn't work out exactly the way I'd expected. It's nice to know that people care."

Although David enjoyed the live music, the community, and the meal itself, what really made the dinner special for him was being greeted by name.

"Being recognized, in a good way. It's nice to know that people do remember you, that people do care. It means more than you'd ever believe."

Your support provides for the physical needs of people like David. And you're also meeting deep emotional and spiritual needs as well.

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## LUCAS'S STORY

# Hope in community

Lucas was so glad for the return of the Hope Mission Family Christmas Dinner this year.

“They haven’t had it in a few years,” he says.

Lucas, 13, has been coming to the Tegler Youth Centre since he was seven. He enjoys the delicious meals and the rock climbing wall during the after-school programs.

We were delighted to host the Family Christmas Dinner in person again. We welcomed dozens of families from the area to enjoy a hot meal and community spirit, and members of the Edmonton Oilers helped seat and serve each of our guests.

“I really liked it because it’s the community coming together,” Lucas says. “There’s food and your friends, too. I don’t think there’s anything I would change.”

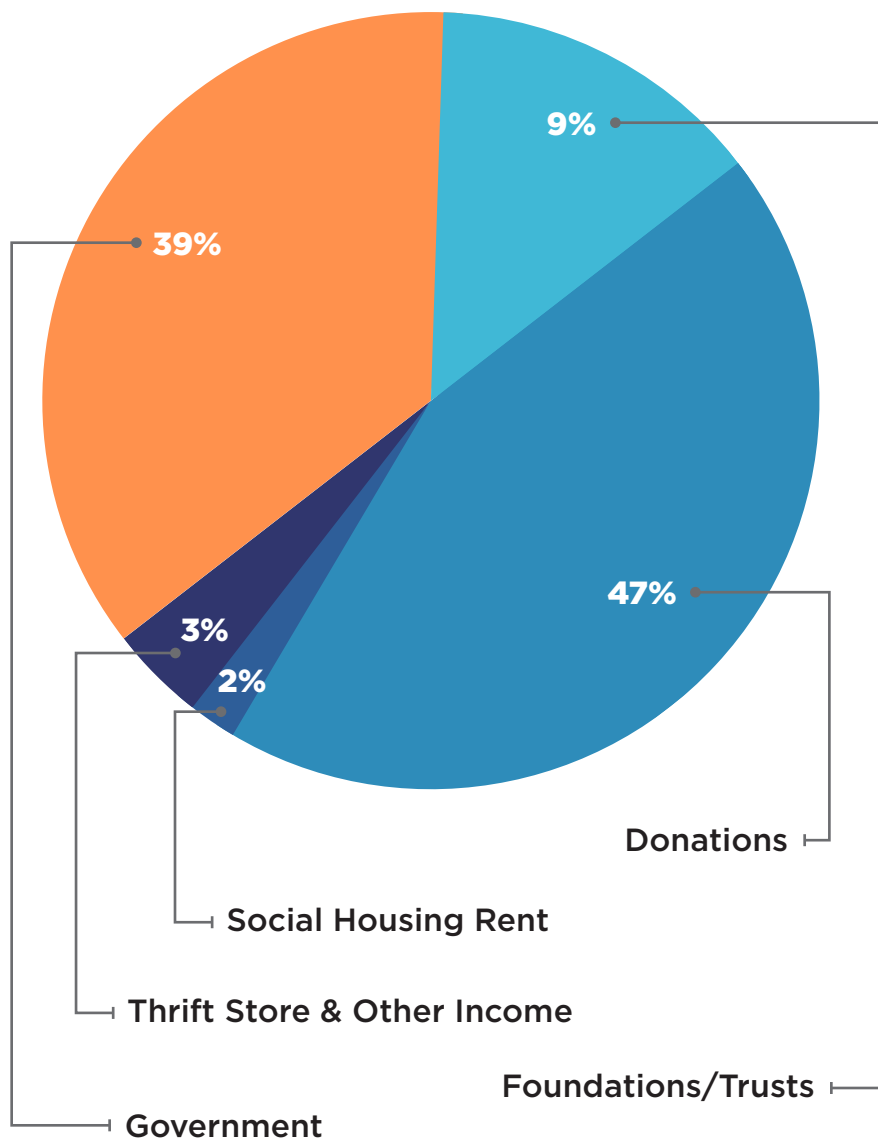


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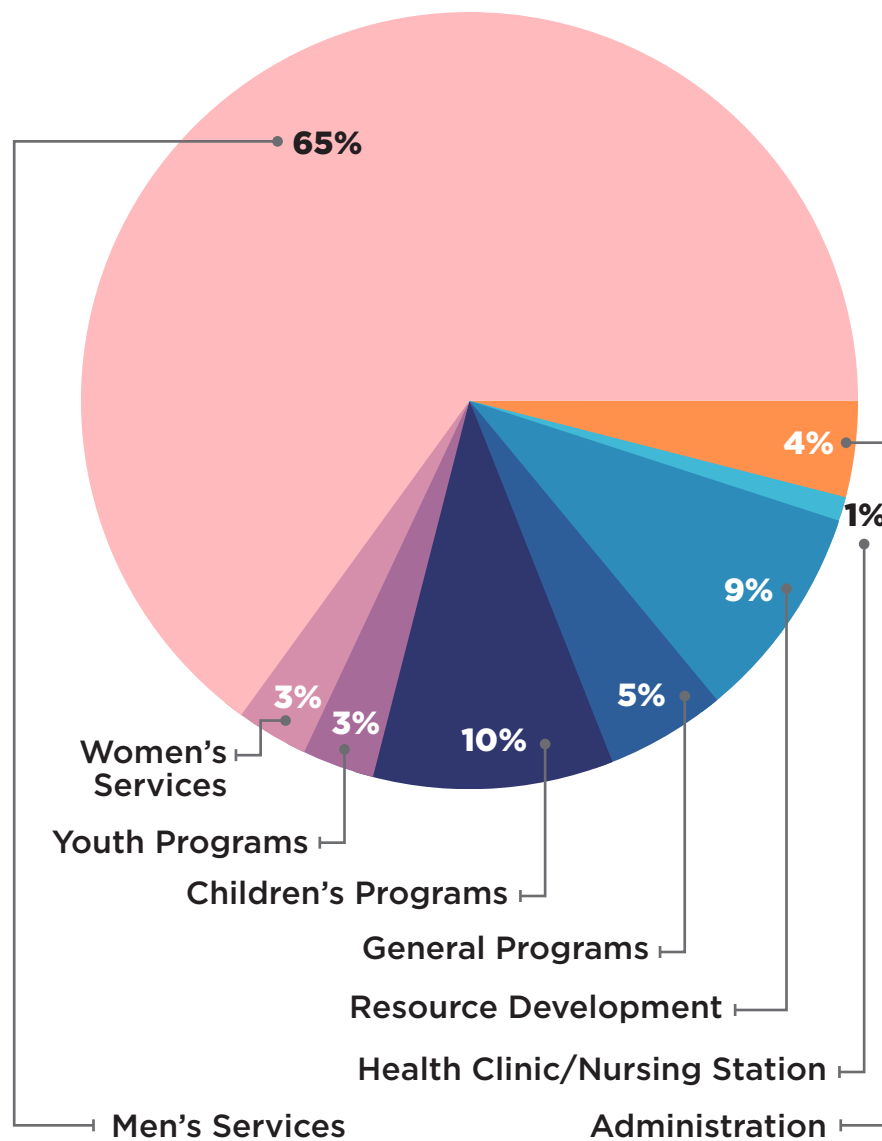
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# Financials

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