



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friend,

Since 1954, Open Door Mission has been committed to meeting the basic needs of individuals and families while inspiring HOPE for lasting change. Every day, Open Door Mission's campus offers 917 safe shelter beds to people experiencing homelessness, serves over 4,747 nutritious meals to feed the hungry, and provides homeless prevention resources to more than 1,000 people living in poverty to empower them to remain in their own homes.



The following is Open Door Mission's Annual Report, sharing our impact in the Greater Omaha and Southwest Iowa area between January and October 2021. Experiencing homelessness is hard, but it is even harder during a public health crisis. Our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that care didn't stop and lives continued to change. The community came together and our mission remained the same.

Historically, November and December are the busiest months of the year here at Open Door Mission. Temperatures drop and the need for safe shelter, warm meals, and basic necessities will inevitably rise. Open Door Mission is serving additional holiday meals and empowering parents to have gifts under the tree.

Our Mission is more powerful than ever before, and we are grateful that you have joined us to take care of our most vulnerable and neediest neighbors. Thank you for praying for, believing in and supporting Open Door Mission in 2021.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Candace'.

Dr. Candace L. Gregory
President/CEO

...and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

~ Isaiah 58:10



OUR MISSION:

Open Door Mission is a Gospel Rescue Mission that meets the needs of individuals and families while inspiring HOPE for lasting change.



OUR VISION:

Open Door Mission is a Gospel Rescue Mission breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

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Safe Shelter

Alex had the life he thought he always wanted until his marriage fell apart after 23 years. Hurting and broken, he fell into a deep depression, lost his job, and eventually became homeless as he used alcohol to numb the pain. After 2 years of camping in the streets, Alex suffered severe frostbite during a winter storm, nearly losing all of his toes and his life. Thankfully, he recovered and sought refuge at Open Door Mission. "That was the first bed I had slept in in over two years. Everything has changed since that day. I feel restored physically, spiritually, and emotionally."



Alex and many others like him have found safe, warm shelter and protection from the elements at Open Door Mission. As we approach the coldest months of the year, the basic needs of safe shelter and a warm bed could mean the difference between life and death for many experiencing homelessness in the Omaha Metro.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 129,611 nights of safe, warm shelter
- Opened an additional 14 emergency shelter beds at the Lydia House to meet increasing shelter needs.



*He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul...
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me. - Psalms 23:2-4*

Feeding the Hungry

Tessa, a mother of two girls, found herself in a vicious cycle of abuse, addiction, and pain before coming to the Open Door Mission. Fleeing from domestic abuse, it was difficult to provide for her children, let alone herself. She continued using drugs and alcohol to ease the pain. "Somedays, there was nothing to eat, so I used drugs to take away the hunger pains." The stress of finding a place to sleep every night only made it harder for her to eat, and her health began to decline as she became anemic and lost an unhealthy amount of weight. She found the Open Door Mission and is now sober, healthy, and happily reunited with her two children.



Every day, individuals and families like Tessa's don't know where their next meal will come from. At Open Door Mission, HOPE begins with a meal. Meeting the basic needs of the hungry and hurting opens the door to empower individuals and families to create lasting change.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Served 922,261 nutritious meals to feed the hungry.
- Opened the new Lydia House Café for women and families to have their own personal, secure, and trauma sensitive environment to enjoy meals in.



*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. - Psalms 23:5*



Homeless Prevention

Every day, Open Door Mission opens the doors at our three Outreach Centers to allow individuals and families to participate in consumer choice food pantries, household goods, appliances or furniture, and personal items including toiletries and diapers at no cost. We are blessed to serve a diverse community of individuals and families from every inhabited continent in the world! "I'm here because I don't have the money to pay my upcoming utility bills. The food, clothes, diapers, personal care items and especially your time and prayers share hope with my family!"



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 6,681 unique households with 21,408 individuals with homeless prevention resources, keeping them in their own homes.
- Provided a total service count of 177,889, a 26% increase compared to the same time period in 2020!
- Processed and redistributed 3.8 million pounds of Gift-in-Kind donations from generous donors.



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:12-17



Life Changing Programs

In 2020, Ken came to the Mission broken, lost, and afraid before joining the New Life Recovery Program. He began to see change in his life like a new positive attitude, restored relationships with his children, and conquered addictions. Ken graduated the program in April of 2021 and now works full time in the Open Door Mission kitchen, serving our guests with compassion, understanding, and encouragement to help them along their healing journey. He also now has his own apartment and is enjoying his relationships with his children. "I was one way, and now I'm completely different. I have my life back."

Every day, Open Door Mission's life-changing programs empower those who are hungry and hurting, like Ken, to reach their full potential by giving them the tools and resources to become self-sufficient, contributing community members.



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Celebrated 62 graduates from life-changing programs with another 4 graduates planned in early December.
- Served an average of 42 men and women every month in our Learning Centers, offering GED preparation and testing, career readiness training, and life skills.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. - Hebrews 12:1-3



Health and Wellness Clinic

As a refugee from Sudan, Pamir has lived a very difficult life. Alcohol severed his relationship with his wife, and impaired vision ended his employment in Omaha. Depression set in as he became homeless. One winter night, he suffered frostbite as he slept outside and as a result, his foot was amputated. Thankfully, he found Open Door Mission where our Free Health and Wellness Clinic staff and the Rebuilding Lives Program coordinated his healing journey: cataract surgery in both eyes, wound care for his amputated foot, a customized prosthetic, dental care and partial dentures, medication management, mental health support, and sobriety! Our medical staff witnessed his physical and spiritual transformation and his reunification with his family and Sudanese church. "He is a joy and blessing when he comes to the clinic with a smile and hello." (Pamir requested his photo not be shared).



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 5,526 free Health and Wellness Clinic visits.
- Diverted 336 patients experiencing homelessness and poverty from hospital emergency room visits, reducing the burden on our healthcare system.
- Opened a new Lydia House Clinic to meet the specialized needs of women and children.



Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. - James 4:8



Volunteers

Bill is just one of many faithful volunteers that break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. At the age of 82, he is making a difference one person at a time. He started volunteering in February of 2020, and is now one of our High Impact volunteers with over 2,400 total hours! To hear more about Bill's story, scan the QR code below.



More Volunteers in Action



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Changed lives alongside 7,364 faithful volunteers.
- Was blessed with 35,832 hours of volunteer work, which is equivalent to 22 full-time staff.
- Saw a 78% increase in volunteer hours compared to the same time period in 2020.



...For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. - Romans 12:3-5



Children and Youth

Without a roof over their head, children experiencing homelessness are more likely to become sick, suffer abuse or neglect, and experience food insecurity. In addition to basic needs being unmet, children facing homelessness often experience severe trauma and developmental roadblocks.

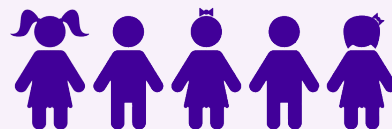
Open Door Mission's Children and Youth Services address the unique traumas and special needs of children experiencing homelessness and poverty. While providing for basic needs, our programs emphasize education, nutrition & health, and behavioral & therapeutic counseling year-round.



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-October 2021, Open Door Mission:

- Daily provided after-school educational programs with one on one tutoring.
- Offered a free, therapeutic, and structured summer day camp for school aged children to learn, grow, and have fun!
- Hosted Animal and Art therapy sessions which the children LOVED!

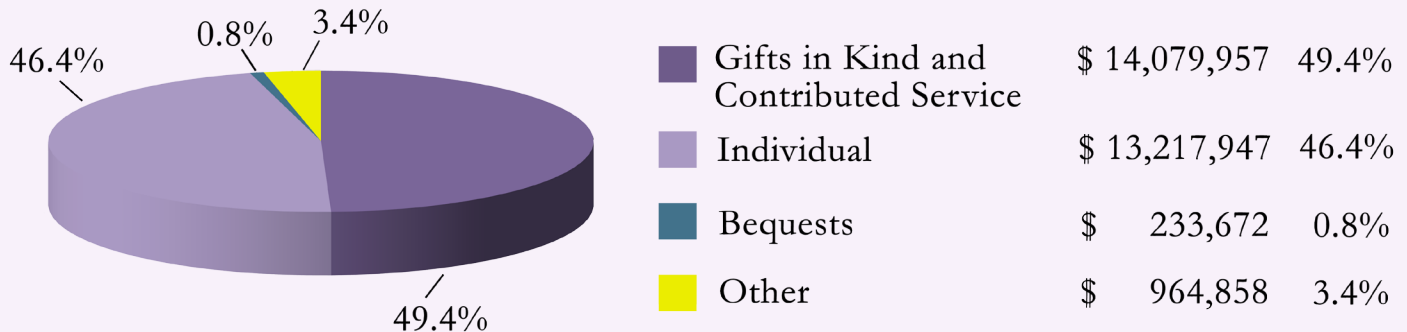


"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:34-35

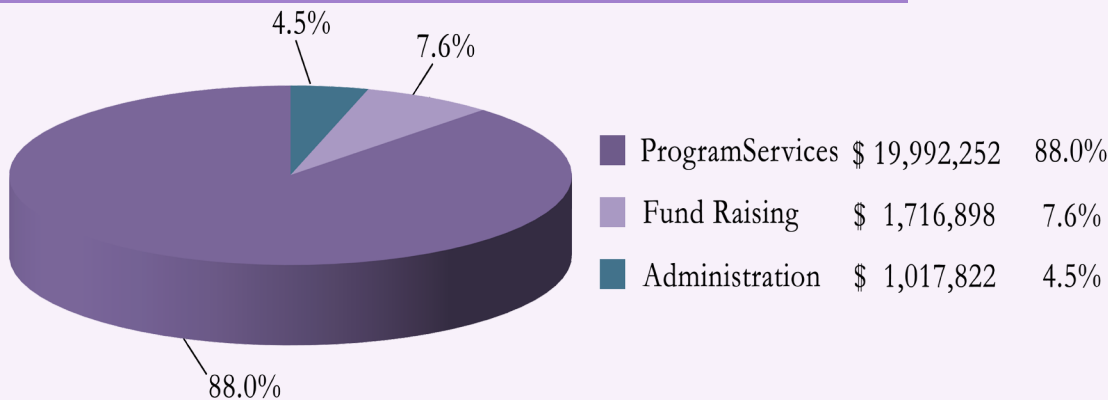
Financial Summary

Fiscal Year April 1, 2020—March 31, 2021

Total Revenue \$28,496,434



Total Expenses \$22,726,972



- Open Door Mission devoted 88.0% of all fiscal 2021 expenses to food, shelter and life changing programs for homeless and near homeless men, women, and children in the Heartland.

Financial Principles

Open Door Mission belongs to God and the staff is committed to Him. The Mission is governed by a godly and compassionate board of directors that understands its responsibility to assure your contributions are used honorably.

We are an arm of the Heartland's church community. Through their support, many churches have commissioned ODM to reach out to the poor, the homeless and the defeated.

- We will never attempt to raise more money than we need.
- We will pay for our purchases immediately or within 30 days.
- We believe Christians should support their local church first. We will never encourage believers to support the Mission until they have first met their obligations to their churches.
- We believe each gift comes from people who give sacrificially. We will use all gifts prayerfully and conservatively. No one will become financially wealthy as a result of their efforts at ODM. All donations will be used for the purposes they are given.
- We will never sell or rent our donor mailing list.
- We will promptly send receipts for all monetary donations.
- We believe our supporters want to hear from us in times of plenty and in times of difficulty. We pledge to act with integrity when raising funds. We will always communicate ODM's needs honestly.
- We will conform to the standards of the ECFA, submitting to an independent audit each year and maintaining an "open book" policy.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing....Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalms 23



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