



Gary, Men's Intake Worker



Phil, Receiving Associate



Laurie, Family Support Worker



Narissa, Family Support Worker



Joe, Men's Support Worker

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Brandy, Lead Receiving Associate



Ken, Hospitality Manager



Shawn, Community Outreach Director

## From Experiencing Homelessness to Offering Hope

33 % of Open Door Mission's staff's lives have been transformed after experiencing homelessness. The cycle has been broken because of you. Thank you for investing in their lives!

# LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friend,

Each day at Open Door Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU have made possible! You wrap our most vulnerable neighbors in God's loving embrace as your support helps Open Door Mission provide safe shelter and nutritious meals, teach skills to build brighter futures, lift up our guests and ministry in prayer, and rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. As inflation continues, costs for necessities like housing, gas, utilities, and groceries are higher than ever. These rising costs affect us all, but it's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet. Open Door Mission is not immune from these challenges either. We are now experiencing a 67% increase in food costs as well as a staggering 79% increase in fuel costs. Food donations are down 10% in comparison to this time last year.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer is that you will do the same. I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed for eternity thanks to you.



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.

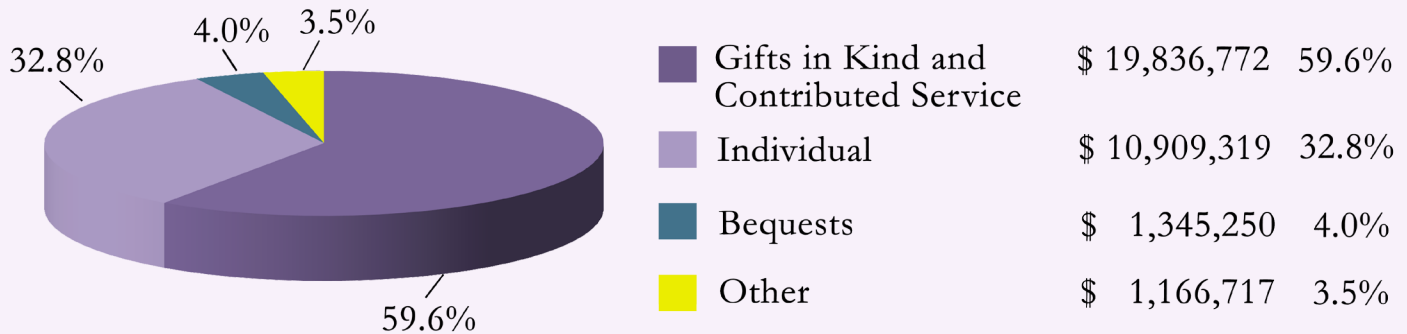
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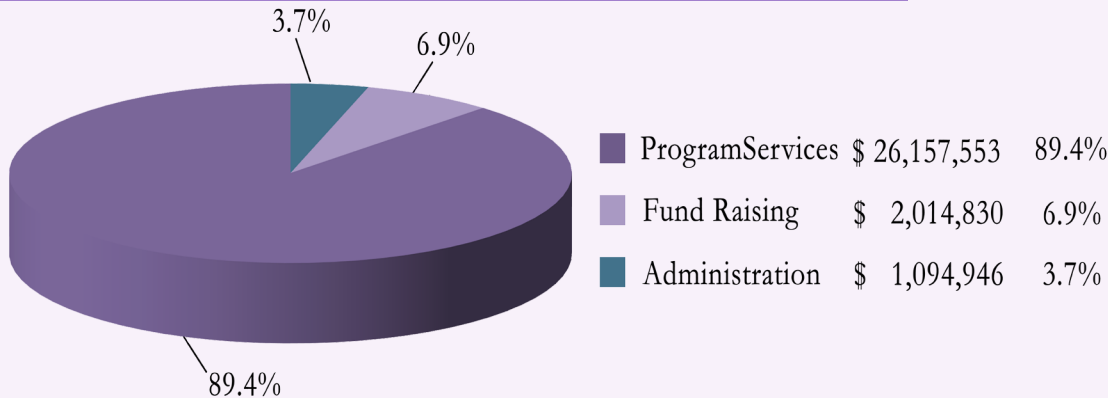
# Financial Summary

Fiscal Year April 1, 2021—March 31, 2022

## Total Revenue \$33,258,058



## Total Expenses \$29,267,329



- Open Door Mission devoted 89.4% of all fiscal 2022 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 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*



# Safe Shelter

Raised in South Dakota, life for Ty was difficult from the start. At the age of 4, both of Ty's parents were in prison, and he spent most of his childhood living in motels with his grandmother. Eventually, he began drinking at 14 years old, and this habit would continue on even throughout his college years.

Ty's addiction would eventually lead to destruction throughout his life. He lost his housing, his job, and his vehicle, but most importantly Ty's drinking damaged valuable relationships with those he cared about most. When both his grandma and dad passed away within a short time, Ty felt like he was at rock bottom.

"This was my lowest point in my life," said Ty. "After they passed away, I ended up getting arrested for a drinking-related offense and spent some time in jail."

After being released from jail, Ty heard about Open Door Mission and the New Life Recovery program. "God put

it on my heart and mind to keep pushing forward," said Ty. "Since first entering the program, Christ has given me a new beginning." With this new beginning, Ty has experienced lasting change through the New Life Recovery program. He now has structure in his life, sobriety, and an ambition to succeed. Today, Ty works full time at Open Door Mission's Men's Center while furthering his education in human services.



Ty 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-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 115,043 nights of safe, warm shelter.



*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

Growing up in a small town, addiction was common among Cristen's community as a child. As her parents and surrounding family members struggled with drugs and alcohol, it wasn't long until Cristen continued down a similar path. For years, she knew nothing other than the cycle of abuse and addiction.

As addiction progressed and she struggled with opioid addiction, Cristen felt helpless with no way out of the lifestyle she found herself in. Things only began to change after she witnessed several of her own family members be transformed out of the cycle of addiction. "I knew them. I've seen them as addicts and after coming to the Open Door Mission they were completely changed." While her family members found new life at the Open Door Mission, Cristen's heart was stirred, and her eyes were opened to the way out she had been looking for.

"Seeing that change is what brought me to the Open Door Mission because I wanted that in my life."

Since arriving in November, Cristen found sobriety, stability, and peace through the New Life Recovery Program and graduated the program in April 2022! Throughout her growth, she has learned to forgive, to set boundaries, and to live a life free from addiction. Cristen has made amends with her loved ones, and is creating a better life for her and her children by continuing her education. Today, Cristen works full time at Open Door Mission's Lydia House.



Every day, individuals and families like Cristen'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-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Served 786,951 nutritious meals to feed the hungry.



*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 of our Omaha and Council Bluffs Family Outreach Centers to meet the rapidly growing needs of our community. Once a month, individuals and families can access consumer choice food pantries, household goods, and personal items including toiletries and diapers at absolutely no cost. Holiday assistance programs are offered at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 21,437 individuals representing 6,473 unique families with homeless prevention services, empowering them to remain in their own homes.
- Provided a total service count of 124,065 despite the Timberlake Outreach Center being under renovations for nearly 3 months!
- Processed and redistributed 3.78 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*





# Campus Improvements

Recently, the Timberlake Outreach Center underwent a \$400,000 renovation project to improve the experience of those receiving services and greatly increase the efficiency of our operations. These renovations included the addition of an indoor waiting area, automatic sliding doors, a furniture loading area, LED lighting and much more. On just the first day after reopening, Open Door Mission provided homeless prevention resources to 248 unique households!



Open Door Mission has also recently expanded our storage facilities to keep up with the increasing needs of our community. This includes a newly renovated warehouse with the capacity to store more than 700 gaylords of donated goods as well as a cold-storage area that holds up to 40 pallets of frozen goods and 20 pallets of cooler items. This one million dollar project wouldn't be possible without the generous and compassionate support of partners like you. Thank you for joining Open Door Mission as we continue to change the lives of those who are hungry and hurting in our community.



*Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." - Nehemiah 2:17*





# Life Changing Programs

Gary's journey to the Open Door Mission began after he lost everything to alcoholism. While living in homelessness, he was met on a park bench by an Open Door Mission friend. Defensive and uneasy, Gary kept his guard up. Eventually when this employee offered to pray for him, Gary's heart was softened and his life would soon change.

After arriving at the Open Door Mission, Gary was still unsure of what to expect. Feeling scared and hungover, his first instinct was to run away until former Men's Director Pat McKernan offered to bring him into his office and interview Gary on the spot. Now Gary works in that very office where it all began. "I can't thank God enough for all the blessings He's bestowed on my life. Pat always said stay for the blessings and that's exactly what I did."



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Celebrated 72 graduates from life-changing programs.
- Served an average of 55 men and women every month in our Learning Centers, offering GED preparation and testing, career readiness training, and life skills.
- Tutored an average of 17 children every month to further their education.



*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*





# Children and Youth

Without a roof over their head, children experiencing homelessness are more likely to become sick, suffer abuse or neglect, and food insecurity. Without structure and stability, they often face compounding issues of severe trauma, developmental roadblocks, and educational disruptions.

Open Door Mission addresses the unique traumas and special needs of children living in homelessness and poverty. In addition to basic needs, Open Door Mission's children and youth services focus on educational support, nutrition and health, and behavioral and emotional counseling year-round.

Open Door Mission has provided 89 children with local Boys and Girls Club Annual Memberships.



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Provided a free, therapeutic, and structured summer day camp for children to learn, grow, and have fun!
- Provided 588 total camp days this summer.
- Hosted Animal and Art therapy sessions to meet the unique needs of children experiencing homelessness and poverty.



*"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*





# Health and Wellness Clinic

Each day at Open Door Mission's free Health and Wellness Clinic, patients experiencing homelessness and poverty are met with quality care and compassion. This on-site clinic meets the unique healthcare needs of our most vulnerable neighbors while reducing the burden on local hospitals and emergency rooms. Poverty is one of the leading causes in health disparities across the country, which is why Open Door Mission is committed to making high quality, professional healthcare accessible in our community. In July, the Health and Wellness Clinic received a Gold Rating from the NAFC Quality Standards program, recognizing the consistent standard of care provided to patients on Open Door Mission's campus. Thank you for joining us in our commitment to quality care as Open Door Mission continues to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness and poverty.

## Congratulations to Terry and her Team



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Provided 5,503 free Health and Wellness Clinic visits.
- Diverted 305 patients experiencing homelessness and poverty from hospital emergency room visits, reducing the burden on our healthcare system.
- Received a Gold Rating from the NAFC Quality Standards Program.



*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 in Action

At Open Door Mission we value all our volunteers. We are exceptionally blessed with 29 volunteers who either volunteer weekly for 6+ months or have 200+ hours of volunteer time.



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In January-September 2022, Open Door Mission:

- Changed lives alongside 8,543 total volunteers.
- Was blessed with 33,109 total volunteer hours, equivalent to 23 full-time staff.



*...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*



# Open Door Mission

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Poverty

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