



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



OUR MISSION:

A Collaborative Community, **Serving** as the hands and feet of Jesus, **Respecting** the value of every human being, **Empowering** those who desire a Gospel Powered life transformation, **Equipping** people with the resources for success, and **Shepherding** them into a life of purpose and compassion.

OUR VISION:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will build the infrastructure of programs, services, funding, and capabilities which support eternal transformation in the lives of those who desire lasting life change. Over the next three years, our team will become even more efficient and have even greater impact. We will be known for quality services that build competence, confidence, and an expanded sense of self-worth while continuing to provide basic shelter services and programming.

SHELTER DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE





O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

Isaiah 25:1

Every year, we are amazed and encouraged at how God continues to show Himself faithful to this ministry and in the lives of the people we serve.

In 2021-2022, with the end of construction and the opening of our new Women and Children's facility, we have wasted no time moving the ministry forward. A number of events have stood out as we continue to serve this great community:

January marked the relaunching of our long-term discipleship program, New Life | New Hope. In October, we celebrated the graduation of the first class.

In April, we held the first of what will be an annual Women's event, "**Resilient.**" That event exceeded all expectations, and set a high bar for the future.

November marked the relocation of our Simple Treasures Thrift Store from South Westnedge Ave. to Kilgore Ave. We also

have a new warehouse on Old Kilgore Rd. as a secondary donation drop off within the ministry. This makes it very convenient for those folks in Portage who want to support KGM with in-kind-donations, without driving all the way to downtown Kalamazoo.

With your partnership, we will continue to provide high quality shelter, meals, life-transforming programs, and hope for the homeless in our community.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, and the entire ministry team here at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries, thank you and

God bless.

Pastor Michael L. Brown
President & CEO

EMERGENCY SERVICES

We know that each person has a unique journey. In emergency services we provide low barrier access to a safe place to sleep, a warm meal, and other essential self-care items. KGM staff accepts each guest right where they are at, and through relationships, we get to know their story and work with them to take that next step.

NEXT STEPS PROGRAMMING

As our guests move from emergency services into the Next Steps Program, they are connected with a Case Manager that helps them create their own individualized plan. KGM staff works with each guest to help them remove barriers and achieve the goals they have set for themselves in a sober, relationally supportive environment. Next Steps Program guests stay as long as they need to while making progress towards their goals.

NEW LIFE | NEW HOPE

New Life | New Hope is a one-year residential regeneration program that walks alongside individuals as they pursue a new way of living through the power of Christ. Colossians 3 calls us to turn away from self-serving ways of living and to put on a new identity in Christ. In our program, we have the pleasure of walking this process out with individuals who are committed to breaking their cycles of brokenness and addiction, walking triumphantly in freedom and hope.

SERVICES OFFERED AT KGM

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A vibrant, daily walk with Jesus is foundational to finding lasting freedom. We offer daily chapel, Bread of Life Church service on Sunday, weekly bible studies, and prayer to every guest that walks onto our campus. While it is not mandatory, it is life changing because Jesus is at the core of everything we do.

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

As guests move through our programming they are provided a host of supportive services to help along the way: educational support, life skills development, job readiness training, health clinic services, and children's ministry for parents.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Reaching the community through a local neighborhood center, KDC (formerly Kalamazoo Deacons Conference) offers clothing, housewares, a food pantry, assistance in securing legal documents, and spiritual support for those who live in the community yet having a hard time making ends meet.



MEET TJAY

At the young age of 9 years old, TJ lost his father to cancer. Without the guidance of his father as a role model, TJ found himself in trouble and experimenting with drugs as a teen. He and his family went to church a few times when he was young, but not often, as his mother worked many jobs to provide for her kids.

After graduating high school, TJ moved to stronger and harder drugs leading to an addiction to Methamphetamines. TJ was arrested on possession charges but was later bailed out by a girlfriend. Looking for a change in scenery, TJ moved with his girlfriend to Michigan. Things went well at first, but the new location did not heal his addictions.

TJ and his girlfriend found themselves using drugs again. This endless cycle of drug use and jail time continued for years. ***"I felt like I was in a loop of bad mistakes. But while I was in jail, I began to feel a push from the Holy Spirit telling me it's time to make a change,"***

TJ said. He started praying and asking God for guidance and wisdom for his next step.

Being in and out of jail, he had lost his home and did not have anywhere to go. When he got out, his parole officer told him about KGM and brought him here.

It wasn't long after coming to the mission TJ met Brandon. Brandon is currently enrolled in the long-term program at KGM and suggested to TJ that he should apply. With newfound motivation, TJ enrolled in the New Life | New Hope program. ***"Since I have started the program, I have experienced community for the first time in my life,"*** said TJ. ***"It has been a blessing to meet and learn from so many genuine people."***

YOUR IMPACT IN 2021-2022

EMERGENCY SHELTER

NIGHTS OF STAY PROVIDED TO GUESTS	58,586
NUTRITIOUS MEALS SERVED	92,656
NIGHTS OF STAY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18	10,161

PROGRAMMING SERVICES

GUESTS SERVED IN PROGRAMMING	356
INDIVIDUALS MOVED INTO STABLE HOUSING	62
GUESTS WHO GAINED EMPLOYMENT	72

KDC SERVICES

GUESTS SERVED AT KDC	2,199
BIRTH CERTIFICATES RECOVERED	428
GUESTS WHO RECEIVED CLOTHING	1,145

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVED THIS YEAR	1,078
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	19,545

OUTREACH

NUMBER OF SHOWERS	277
TOILETRIES AND SUPPLIES GIVEN	277+

KINDNESS, DIGNITY, AND COMPASSION AT KDC

KDC is a vital ministry within Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries. This campus site is located on the north-side of Kalamazoo and is available to anyone in the community who is having a hard time making ends meet.

Meeting with guests on an individual basis, KDC staff and volunteers understand the value of listening. With a variety of resources available, KDC seeks to connect families and individuals to resources when facing a financial crisis. Along with any practical needs a guest might have, KDC offers a Christ-centered, compassionate approach as they meet with guests. ***"There have been so many breakthroughs for people, when we take the time to truly hear their stories and experiences,"*** says Larry, Direct Response Servant Manager at KDC. ***"We have seen relationships restored and a new trajectory in their lives."***

We currently partner with a local church that provides a food pantry, assist in identification recovery, offer clothing, and supply gently used appliances and housewares. KDC offers a way to maintain stability in an insecure situation. Because of your support and donations, KDC keeps families together and in their own living arrangements.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH

Your enduring generosity made a difference this year. Through your generous and faithful support, we've touched the lives of thousands of people in our community.

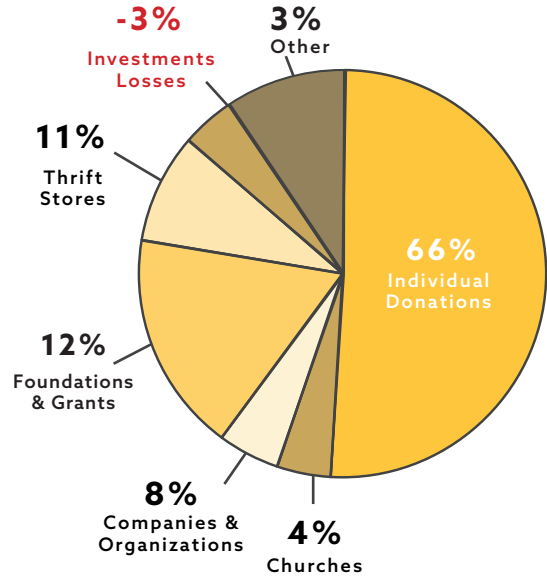


REVENUE & EXPENSES

TOTAL REVENUE

\$5,356,862

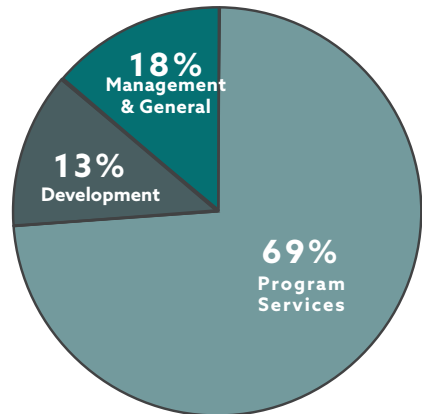
Individual Donations	\$3,527,166
Churches	\$201,608
Companies & Organizations	\$417,743
Foundations & Grants	\$622,232
Thrift Stores	\$612,001
Investments Losses	(\$169,356)
Other	\$145,468



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$4,948,787

Program Services	\$3,407,185
Development	\$655,552
Management & General Expenses	\$886,050





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