Message from the Board Chair

Our Vision at the Windsor Downtown Mission (DTM) includes proactively addressing and meeting the needs of the homeless and disadvantaged of the Windsor area. This fits what Matthew 22:39 tells us is the second greatest commandment, to "love your neighbour as yourself". The DTM provides an amazing amount of services and support throughout the year, and to a large number of guests. This is only possible through the hard work and dedication of an incredible staff, financial support of amazing donors, and funding from various levels of government.

When I talk to various guests who use DTM services, I often find myself thinking what John Bradford said in the 16th Century, "There but for the grace of God, go I". There are various reasons that guests find themselves in need of the DTM, and we accept them as they are without judgement. We treat them with kindness, compassion and love, as we would a neighbour in accordance with scripture.

We thank every individual and group that helps make our work possible, and we look forward to continuing our mission for many decades to come.

Abram Banman (Interim, and Incoming Board Chair)

Message from the Executive Director

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) reminds us, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." This verse emphasizes the power of compassion and how our own experiences can empower us to uplift others. Even through struggles, there is always hope, a hope we strive to share every day at the Downtown Mission.

Reflecting on the past year, we acknowledge the challenges and successes we have faced, all made possible by the dedication of our Team, the unwavering support of our Volunteers, and the generosity of our Donors. Despite increased demand for services, rising costs, and operational hurdles, our team displayed incredible resilience, navigating these challenges with grit and compassion.

Our Volunteers stood strong, helping us serve a growing number of individuals through the Mission's programs, while our Donors' support enabled us to keep vital programs like the Windsor Youth Centre and the Mission's Food Bank running all year. Because of their generosity, we reached more individuals and families, providing essential supports and access to more resources when needed.

Together, we faced challenges head-on and celebrated successes, individuals finding wellness and peace, reconnecting with family, securing employment, and moving into housing. Through it all, we remained hopeful about the opportunities ahead for those we serve.

Looking forward, we remain united in our mission to provide food, shelter, and hope to all who come to the Downtown Mission for support. Thank YOU for your continued support, you make it all possible.

Rukshini Ponniah-Goulin, Executive Director, The Downtown Mission of Windsor

Thank YOU to all the DTM Volunteers who complete our Family and help get the work done every day!



ANNUAL REPORT





"For I was hungry and you fed me!"



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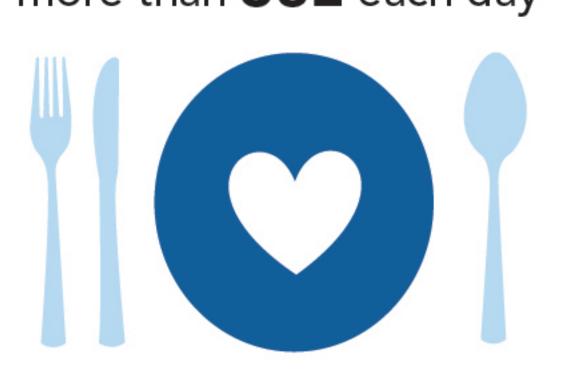
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Because of YOU, The Downtown Mission provided the following to our neighbours in need during 2024

Rescued 1,605,267lbs of food and distributed to 38 local schools and agencies



Served 139,667 hot meals to individuals, more than **382** each day



Sheltered men & women **34,144** nights



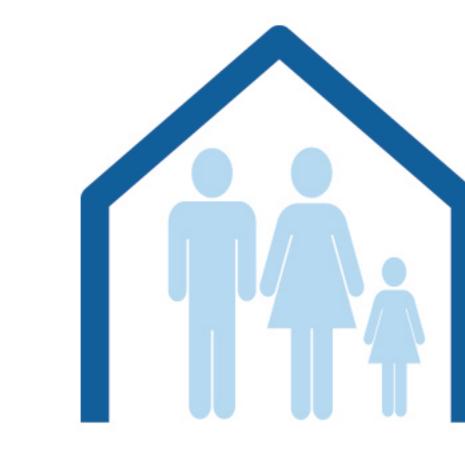






279 Opioid Overdoses reversed with Naloxone by DTM Staff



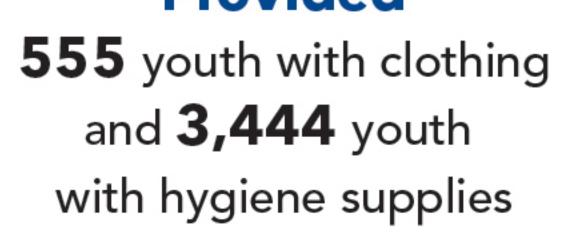


Housed 83 45 individuals in partnership with Housing Information Services

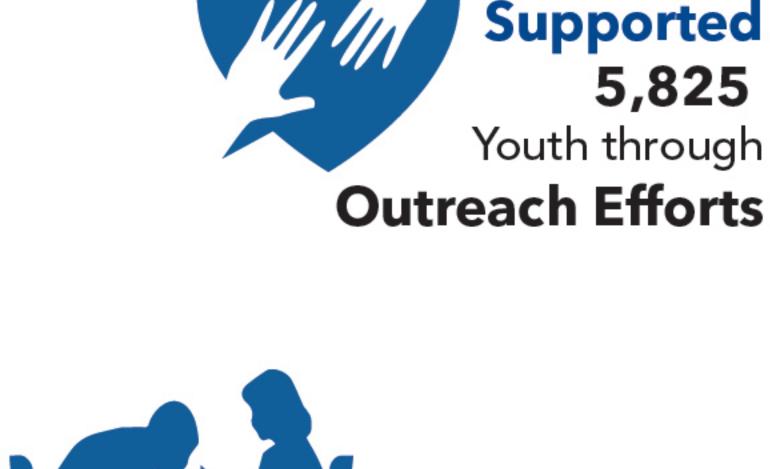












Provided 26,208 hours of emotional support, crisis intervention, addiction and basic needs counselling

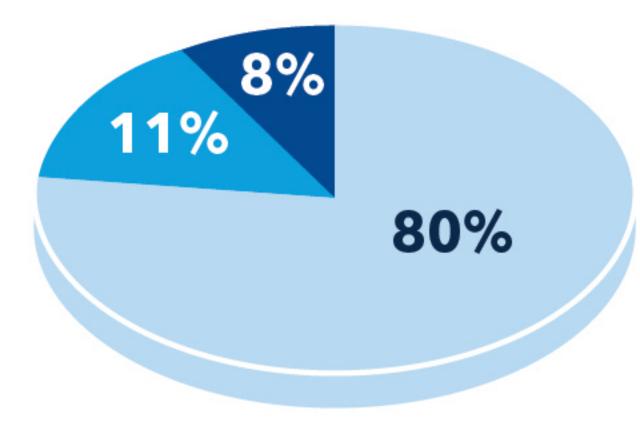
Lifted Up Thousands by providing case management, education, work opportunities, medical supports, rehabilitation and housing



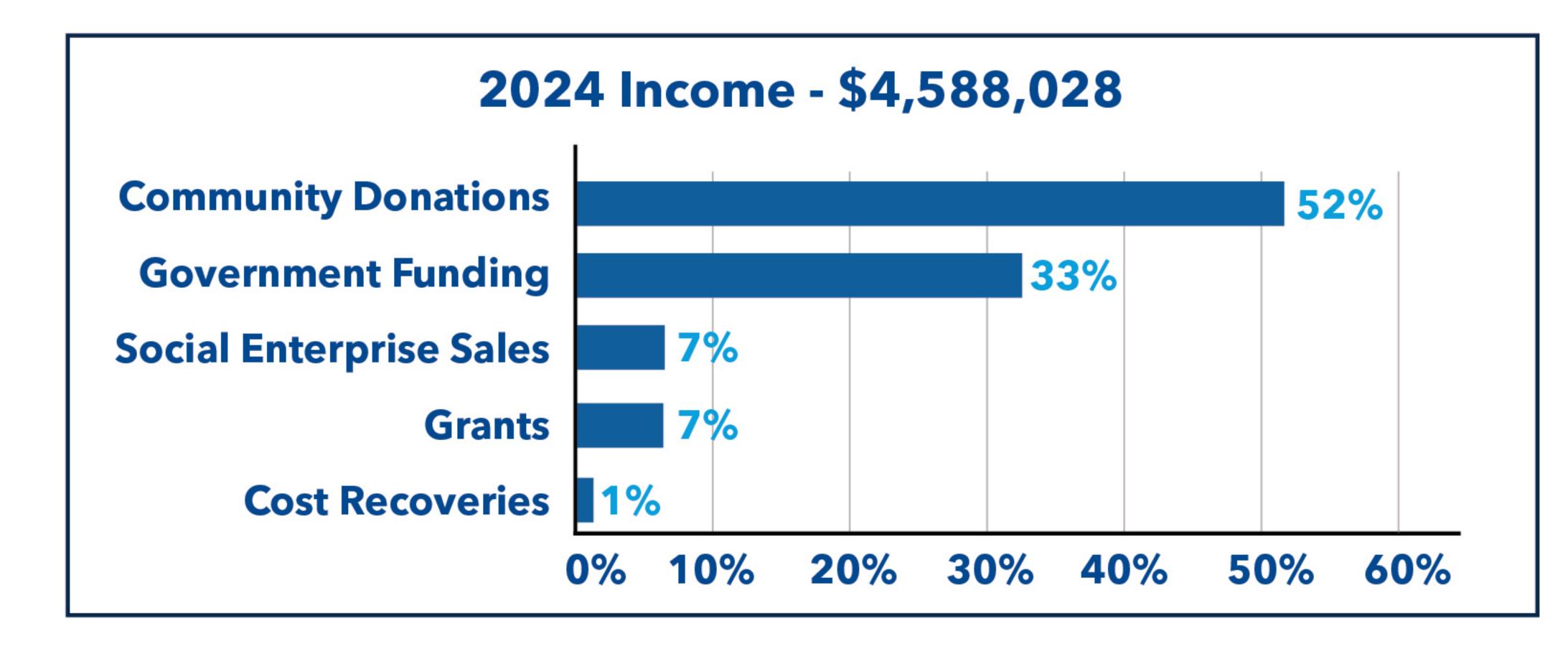
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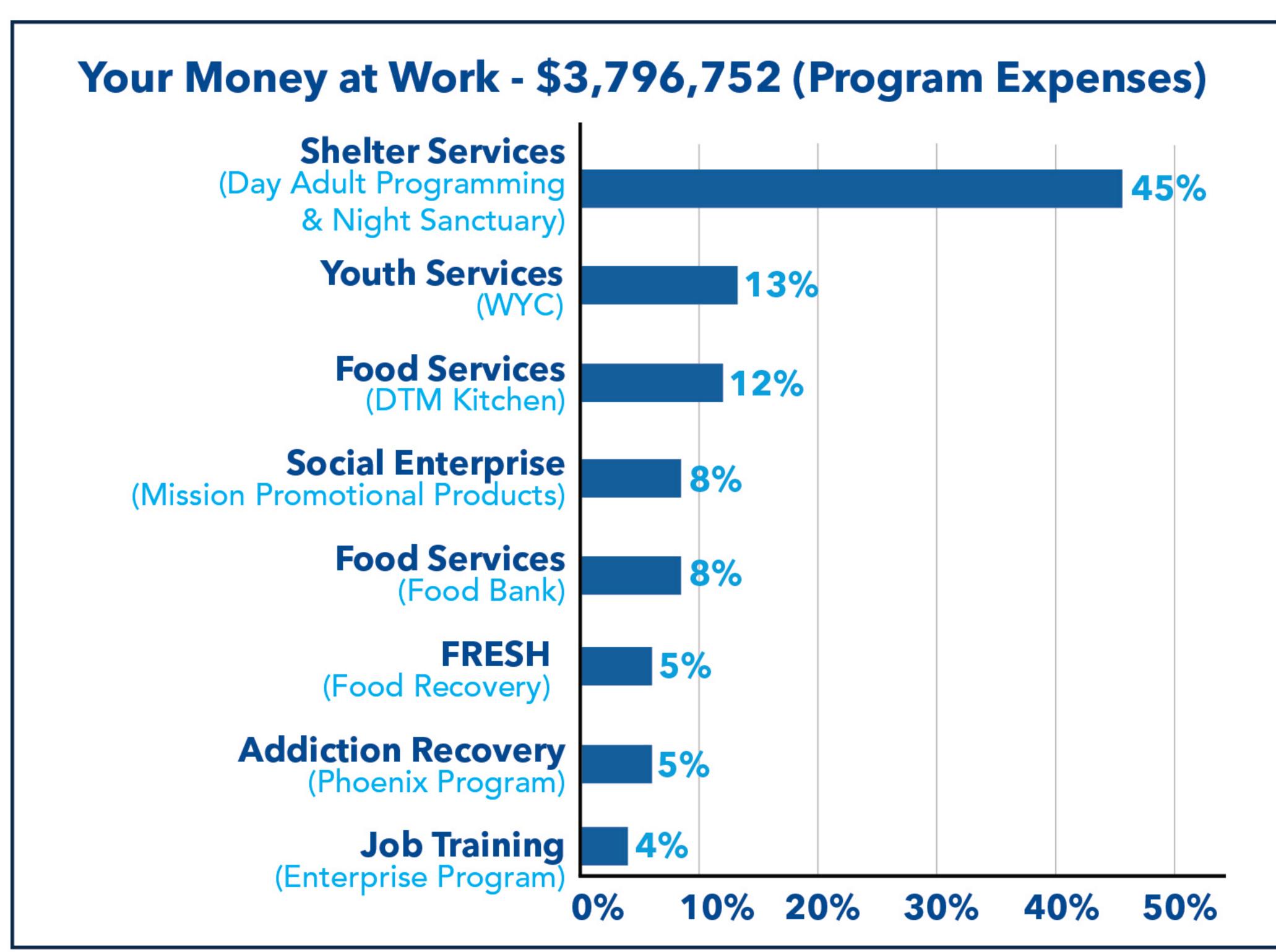
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Complete audited Financial Statements are available at www.downtownmission.com or upon request.



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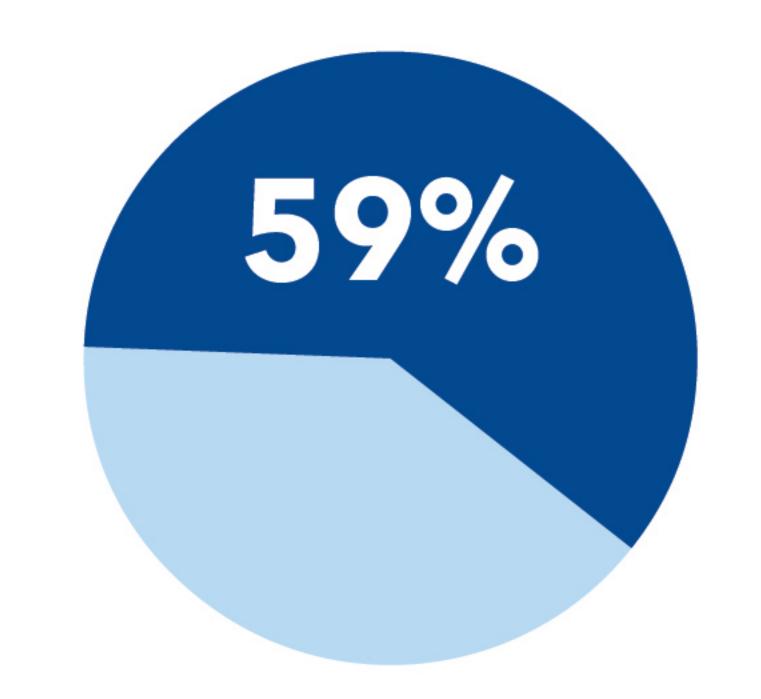


- The Mission gratefully accepted \$2,352,577.96 of In-Kind Donations in 2024
- The Mission was blessed to work with 750 Volunteers in 2024 who added \$340,250 of their time to help make the impact

These Volunteers and Gift-in-Kind Donations helped make the work and impact of the Downtown Mission possible during 2024!

Did You Know?

59% of our income comes from individuals like you.



Our needs are 365 days a year. Thank you to all who became or continued to be a Monthly Donor of the Mission during 2024.

We were blessed to have 37 Mission Friends join our Circle of Giving and become Monthly Donors during 2024, ensuring those who are hungry, homeless and hurting have somewhere to go every day!

The Downtown Mission 410 lives daily touches more than...



Our Vision:

To be a self-directed, sustainable, charitable, social service organization rooted in the Christian faith. With respect and dignity, we are committed to actively supporting individuals facing adversity and those experiencing homelessness in Windsor-Essex County. We aim to be well recognized and supported by the community.

Our Mission:

The Downtown Mission serves as sanctuary to all in answer to the call of the Gospel. Through outreach, we offer food and shelter for the body, nurture for the spirit, advocacy, and opportunities for human growth, embracing those seeking care and support.

Core Values:

- Faith

Accessibility

- Community

Compassion

- Empowerment

- Transparency

Every life is a story, thank you for being a part of ours!