



# ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES

2022-2023 SHELTER REPORT  
Nov. 1 - Apr. 30





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## *Mission*

To honor the dignity, restore hope, and create lasting change for those experiencing homelessness or housing instability in the Greater Green Bay community

## *Vision*

Through a spirit of familiarity, rapport, and trust, each person will leave better than they came

## *Values*

Grace | Respect | Integrity | Tenacity | Joy

## *St. John's Women's Shelter*

St. John's Women's Shelter provides a bed, warm meals, and basic needs assistance for women who would otherwise be sleeping in places not meant for human habitation.

## *St. John's Men's Shelter*

St. John's Men's Shelter provides a bed, warm meals, and basic needs assistance for men who would otherwise be sleeping in places not meant for human habitation.

## *Wellspring*

Wellspring is a daytime resource center for women. Wellspring provides a peaceful, caring place to connect with other women facing similar issues and difficulties. Wellspring serves as a family, a place to belong, a friend away from home.

## *Micah Center*

The Micah Center is a daytime resource center for adults experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness in the Green Bay community. The Micah Center has a compassionate drop-in feel with programming to ensure forward moving progress.

# Words from Shelter Manager, Joe Wilmet

This was a historic season at St. John's Ministries, and for the city of Green Bay. On November 1, 2022, after months of renovations, St. John's Ministries opened Green Bay's first women's only shelter of last resort. We operated two shelters where both men and women could feel safe, supported, and their dignity honored. Throughout the shelter season we safely sheltered and supported 184 women (32 each night) and provided 5,642 bed nights at our Women's Shelter. Also, at our Men's Shelter we sheltered 418 men (72 each night) and provided 12,726 bed nights.

None of this would have been possible without the support and dedication of the shelter staff that shows up night after night, and year after year to support their neighbors in need. Thank you for the generosity and kind hearts of our neighbors that continue to give so we can make sure the lights stay on, and services continue. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank the hundreds of volunteers that provide meal service, hospitality assistance, and fellowship for our friends in need year after year.

Thank you to everyone for making this year a special one for me, and for the guests we served.

Joe Wilmet,  
Shelter Manager



# Why Me?

## Romelle's journey of tests, turmoil, and perseverance

Romelle had not lived an easy life. In many ways she is fortunate to still be here. She experienced years of depression, loss, addiction, and homelessness. She had one question her entire life... "Why me?"

From a young age on the southside of Chicago, Romelle experienced sexual abuse, physical and emotional torture from those closest to her. In a neighborhood riddled with crime and drugs, Romelle was forced to grow up at an early age, simply to survive.

Romelle did survive though. She survived abuse, crime, and the loss of her infant son, all before the age of 19.

"I had a rough life; I had a tough life. Out there in Chicago the kids can't be kids. They must grow up fast to survive."

Fast forward 25 years.



Up to this point, Romelle had a normal adult life. She has kids of her own, a steady job, an apartment, and had reconnected with her father. A father who, after growing close to in her adult years, passed away unexpectedly in 2018.

When Romelle's father passed away, she hit rock bottom, and stayed there for four years. Every time she thought things were improving, she would sink back down.

"God was testing me, I knew that. But I just didn't care anymore. I was unhappy and what made me happy was the dope."

# Those We Shelter

- 605 total guests
- 418 men
- 184 women
  
- 18-34 years old: 27%
- 35-54 years old: 52%
- 55 years+: 21%
  
- White: 54%
- Black: 23%
- American Indian: 15%



# Guest Barriers

- Mental Health: 44%
- Chronic Health: 33%
- Physical Health: 31%
- Substance Use: 27%
  
- History of domestic violence: 30%
- Actively fleeing domestic violence: 9%
- Transitioning from an institutional setting: 13%



# Shelter Services

## MEN'S SHELTER

Guests	418
Nightly average	72 guests
Shelter nights	12,726
Staff	34
Shelter shifts	1,520
Operations	\$500,764

## WOMEN'S SHELTER

Guests	184
Nightly average	32 guests
Shelter nights	5,642
Staff	24
Shelter shifts	1,260
Operations	\$291,319



# Daytime Resources

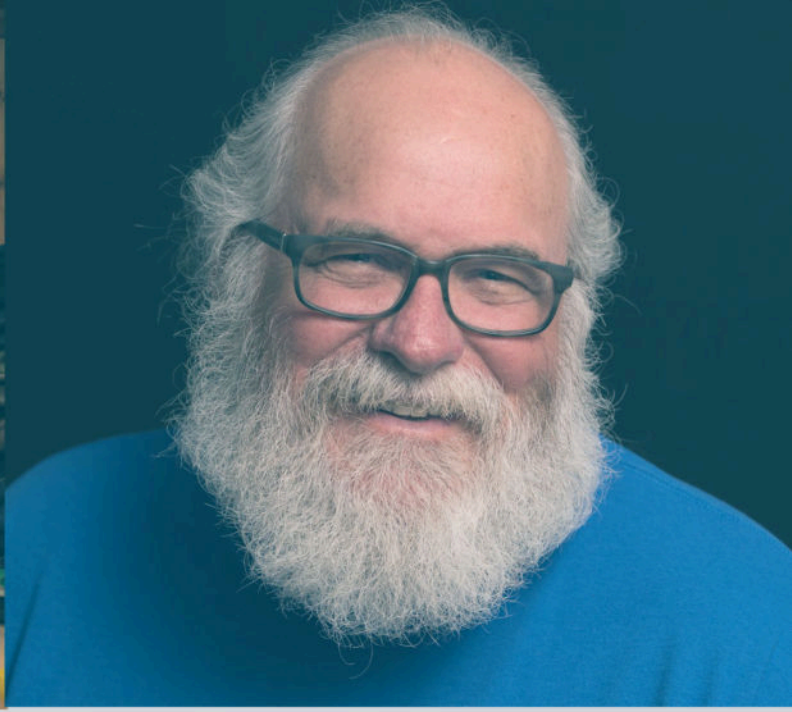
## WELLSPRING

Visitors	218 women
Weekly visits	102 visits
Total visits	2,567 visits
Staff	4
Case Management	1,608 Hours
Operations	\$141,693

## MICAH CENTER

Visitors	581 men
Weekly visits	203 visits
Total visits	5,270 visits
Staff	5
Case Management	3,840 Hours
Operations	\$165,834





# Volunteer Support

Individual volunteers

185 volunteers

Group volunteers

227 (37 groups)

Meal teams

147 unique teams,

Volunteer hours

14,910 hours

Meals served

720 meals



# Volunteer Awards

St. John's Rising Leader Award:  
**Delaney Gallagher**

St. John's Community Partner Award:  
**Leadership Green Bay**

St. John's Mission Supporter Award:  
**St. Matthew Catholic Community**

Heart of Gold Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Schreiber:  
**Sister Annice McClure**

Small Group Award presented by Festival Foods:  
**The Sunshine Crew**

Youth Volunteer Award presented by UnitedHealthcare:  
**Delaney Gallagher (Runner-Up)**

Nonprofit Impact Award:  
**St. John's Ministries**

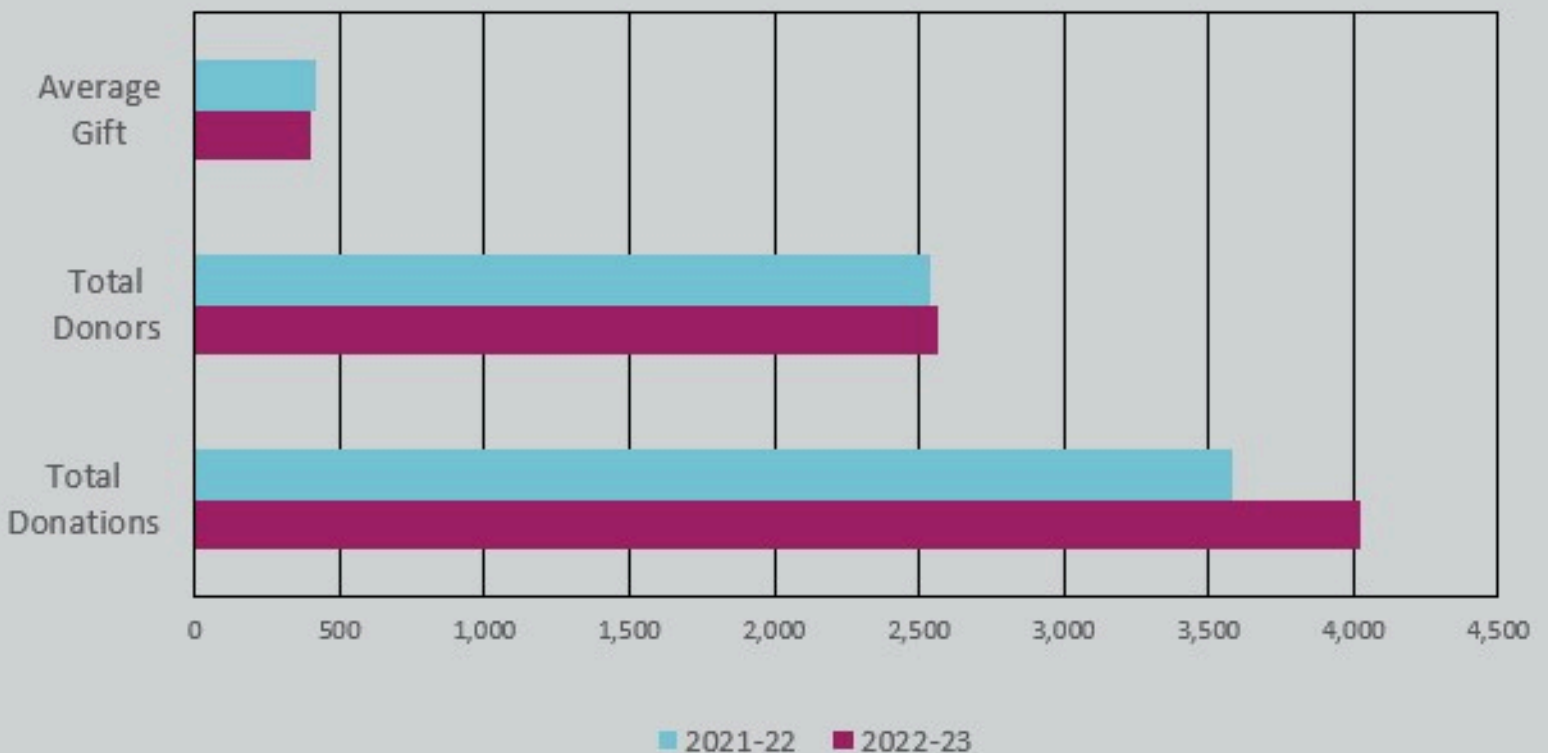


## Funding Sources



# Community Support

## Donor Support



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Romelle the spent four years in a group home in St. Louis. She was desperate to remove herself from toxic relationships, drug houses, and homeless shelters in Indianapolis and Chicago. In 2022, Romelle found herself in Green Bay seeking shelter again following a failed attempt at living at a friend's apartment in the city.

“On November 15, 2022, I came to St. John's Women's Shelter. I was a hot mess. I was broken, depress, and sick; mentally, physically, and emotionally.”

For Romelle, this time was different. “I don't have family in Green Bay. I didn't know the drug houses. I was forced to focus on myself and formed a new family with the ladies at Wellspring and the Women's Shelter.”

With self-determination, guidance from friends at St. John's Ministries, and her willingness to participate in programming, Romelle now has her own apartment. She is an active volunteer in her community, and taking the right steps to maintain her recent success.

“For the first time in my 47 years of life, I have focus. I have peace. I am humble. I have never been happier in my life.”



Read Romelle's full story at  
[www.stjohnsgreenbay.org/blog](http://www.stjohnsgreenbay.org/blog)