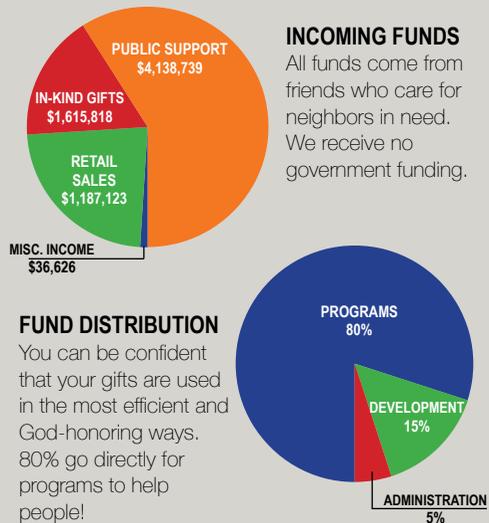


2018 FINANCES

Funding was received through financial gifts, in-kind donations (clothing, food and professional services) and retail sales.

Operating budget: \$6.52 million



An audited financial statement is available on request.

YOUR 2018 SUPPORT PROVIDED:



A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERRY PITNEY

Dear Friends:

I'm pleased to share with you this 2018 Annual Report for Rockford Rescue Mission. We're an open book here, despite the fact we receive no government money. We believe total accountability honors God, and we also want it to honor every individual, church and organization that partners with us. So please review this information, ask us questions ... and celebrate with us that God continues to rescue, recover and restore precious lives here.

We are so humbled that God has used Rockford Rescue Mission since 1964 as His instrument to love people in our community. Through your gracious prayer, giving and volunteering, He continues to meet people at their time of deepest need. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Partners in Hope,

Sherry Pitney
Executive Director

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

—1 John 3:16-17

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rockford Rescue Mission is governed by a godly and compassionate Board of Directors who understand their responsibility to ensure your contributions are used honorably and with integrity.

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Professor & Teacher: Dominican University

Laura Ortiz

Retired: ComEd Human Resources

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Retired: School Administrator

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

The Council of Elders provides spiritual counsel and prayer support for the Mission.

Dr. Charles Inskeep

Chairman
Retired Physician

Rev. Gordon E. Hanstad

Retired Baptist General Conference Pastor

Pastor James H. Harness

Retired Minister & Missionary

Rev. Peder Carlson

Retired Presbyterian Pastor

Rev. Robert David Aldridge

Pastor: Bethany Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dwight Zuercher

Retired Baptist Pastor



Rockford Rescue Mission has achieved accreditation as a member of the **Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability** (ecfa.org). ECFA recognizes Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, transparency, fundraising and board governance. The Mission is a certified member in good standing of the **Citygate Network** (citygatenetwork.org). We also earned a Four Star rating from **Charity Navigator** (charitynavigator.org), which tracks nonprofits' accountability and transparency.



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Rockford Rescue Mission shares hope and help in Jesus' name to move people from homelessness and despair toward personal and spiritual wholeness.



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Our Christ-centered services and programs minister every day to hungry, homeless and near-homeless people in our community.

MEN'S CRISIS CENTER

2018: 17,727 nights of lodging for 940 men
2017: 20,697 nights of lodging for 847 men

Guest advocates provided 3,387 case management sessions and helped individuals obtain stable housing and jobs. Services also included life-skills classes as well as engagement with vocational and educational training opportunities through our Works! Center.

MEN'S LIFE RECOVERY

2018: 78 men in the program
2017: 83 men in the program

Through counseling, case management and biblically-based courses, residents were challenged to identify, confront and replace destructive behaviors with transformed living through Christ. Through the new Performing Arts Center, residents could explore music as a means of growth and healing. Men's Remade, with a workshop in an adjacent building, offered another new creative outlet. Overall, the program saw a 56-percent success rate.

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

2018: 13,966 nights of shelter for 496 women & 210 children
2017: 12,217 nights of shelter for 398 women & 139 children

2018 saw a 31-percent increase in guests—including 51 percent more children. Through 2,015 case management sessions, guests were assisted with setting and obtaining spiritual, educational, employment and financial goals. Engagement with our Works! Center provided guests with educational and vocational growth opportunities, equipping them for successful transition into society.

WOMEN'S LIFE RECOVERY

2018: 33 women in the program
2017: 47 women in the program

Our residents received 1,339 case management sessions, plus individual counseling and comprehensive, biblically based instruction to help them break the bonds of addiction and experience freedom in Christ. Aftercare was also offered to the residents completing the program as a means of establishing ongoing accountability and facilitating continuous victory in recovery. Overall, the program saw a 52-percent success rate.



HOPE CLINIC

Mission staff and volunteer medical professionals touched the lives of 1,126 residents, guests and community members by ministering to their physical needs through 3,827 medical, dental, and chiropractic appointments.

FOOD SERVICE

2018: 153,264 meals (avg. 420 a day)
2017: 132,916 meals (avg. 364 a day)

We served 15 percent more meals for men, women, and children in 2018. This was only possible through the generosity of our community, which donated 618,000 pounds of fresh, frozen and canned food items —almost three times the amount from 2017!

WORKS! CENTER

2018: 831 people participated
2017: 258 people participated

The Works! Center expanded class offerings to include crisis and community guests in 2018, and we had more than three times the number of participants from the year before! We gave 352 assessments and our Back 2 Works! program saw 200 participants and 43 completions. We awarded 58 vocational training certificates. Our Recovery Program-based education program celebrated 28 completions, 35 vocational training completions and nine advanced vocational trainings completed. We had 12 individual GED tests successfully completed and one individual completed his GED.

THRIFT STORE

2018: \$1.05 million in sales
2017: \$947,672 in sales

Our retail and recycling center at 2710 20th St. continued as a vital source of revenue, accounting for 15 percent of the Mission's general operating budget. In addition to sustaining our emergency services and recovery programs, the store served as a vocational training outlet for our recovery residents. In 2018 the store received 22,664 donations.

RESTORATION CAFÉ

The café, at 625 W. State St., continued to serve as an integral part of our vocational training program with 35 residents receiving training in culinary arts, sanitation and customer service. Those in the food service track earned their Food Service Manager and Sanitation Certification.

REMADE

As we celebrated the first anniversary of our beautiful shop at 611 W. State St., we stood in awe of what God did in expanding a Remade art class to a storefront business. We continue to offer items fashioned in the Women's Life Recovery program, and in 2018 we added the Men's Remade line. Our team of volunteer artists repurposes donated furniture and household goods into fashionable décor pieces. All Remade sales helped the Mission's operating fund.