WHEELER MISSION
help. hope. healing.

STEPPING UP

Annual Report 2020
On behalf of all of us at Wheeler Mission, thank you! This year would have been far more difficult without your help. You stepped up and pressed on no matter what! We are so blessed to have a community like you who surrounded us with so much love and support in times of need.
Dear Friend,

Under all the pressing circumstances of this 2020 year, through many obstacles and the looming uncertainty, the community rallied around Wheeler Mission and stepped up like never before. After encountering the challenges posed by the virus, you donated over 12,000+ masks and brought us gallons of hand sanitizer. You supplied a plethora of donations and offered your presence in meal preparation, serving, and dozens of volunteer opportunities throughout the year. You prayed when community situations put us in the line of possible danger. You celebrated as we witnessed the steady growth of construction at our expanded Center for Women & Children. You laced up your shoes for the Drumstick Dash and moved your feet so others can eat. You gave so graciously towards our Giving Tuesday goal, surpassing in one day what we expected weeks of giving to bring. We are serving more guests than ever before in our history, and you’re still with us in the midst of difficulty. Your prayers and support give us strength to ensure our guests receive help, hope, and healing.

We want to thank you for stepping up when we needed it most. With your help, we were able to face the obstacles of 2020 with confidence, knowing this community would not let us down in our time of need.

Sincerely,

Rick Alvis
2020 IMPACT

HOMELESS SERVICES
• 331,010 meals served
• 252,329 nights of safe shelter provided
• 10,070 men, women, and children helped

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS
• 183 program completions (men and women)
• 154 guests moved to stable housing
• 152 guests gained employment and/or consistent income

ADDITION RECOVERY
• 40 men graduated from Hebron
• 8 women graduated from Higher Ground
• 80% of addiction recovery graduates remain sober three years after completing programming

VOLUNTEERS
• Our faithful volunteers filled at least 12,389 volunteer spots and served 23,568 hours…saving Wheeler Mission $641,049* in operations and staffing costs!
• Volunteers also provided at least 31,855 sack lunches for guests in Indianapolis and Bloomington.

EVENTS:
• Strength in our Streets—$85,807
• 100 Holes for the Homeless—$88,466
• Drumstick Dash—$702,166
• Social Dash-tancing—$36,917
• Miles for Meals—$51,561
• Silent Night Virtual Auction—$6,890

We hold various engaging events to directly involve the community in raising funds and awareness for Wheeler Mission! In 2020, all events, except for the 100 Holes for the Homeless golf event, were virtual.

*Based on newly released value of volunteer time by the Independent Sector.
INCOME

Individuals 84%

Wills & Estates 5%

Businesses/Civic Groups 7%

Churches 2%

Foundations 2%

HOW WE USE YOUR GIFTS

Programs 72.1%

Capacity Building (fundraising) 21.8%*

Administration 6.1%

* The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance recommends giving to organizations that spend at least 65% of total expenses on program activities and less than 35% of contributions on fundraising. In fiscal year 2019-2020, 72.1% of our expenses were in programs and 21.8% of contributions were spent on fundraising.

(Audited financial statements available upon request.)
Out on the streets, Marvin’s best day was his worst day. After eight years serving in the Marine Corps, Marvin was diagnosed with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. He found himself homeless for fifteen years.

“Faith and hope, there just wasn’t any. I stayed in tent cities and abandoned buildings. I wandered around trying to figure out how I could change my situation quickly. That was a pipe dream.”

Through those years, even in big cities surrounded by so many people, Marvin felt alone. “I was finally at the end of myself. I came to Wheeler Mission.”

At Wheeler, he found a safe environment where he could clear his mind. He also found joy and freedom from anxiety and depression. And most importantly, he was reminded that his meaning in life was to serve God.

“He’s released me from my anger and malice. Now I can share myself for others.” Once wandering the streets, alone and hopeless, now filled with purpose and freedom, Marvin says, “Before Wheeler, I just existed, but today, I live.”
Stepping Up

When the challenges of this pandemic reached our community in March, we learned and adapted as necessary for the safety of our guests, staff, and volunteers. We were given hand washing stations, masks, room to socially distance, and provisions for the uncertain days ahead. Our needs were met with great generosity from the community.

- We received more than **$1 million in grants** for emergency support and COVID relief for Bloomington and Indianapolis.
- With the help of the **City of Indianapolis**, we set up winter overflow spaces in hotels, enabling us to serve over 1,100 men, women, and children each night.
- Our **Giving Tuesday 2020 Campaign “Pressing On”** raised a total of $564,636.52. A group of generous donors from our **William Wheeler Society** provided a $200,000 matching opportunity. When the campaign launched, our community exceeded our expectations and fulfilled the match in 24 hours!
- A $225,000 grant through **Chick-Fil-A’s True Inspiration Awards** will provide funds to build an indoor playground in our Center for Women & Children expansion and bless the many families who need that special space.
- **Mary Wheeler Circle** members provided $83,400 in grants for projects at our Center for Women & Children.
- Construction on our expanded **Center for Women & Children in Indianapolis** continued on schedule, and the newly renovated **Annex at our Center for Men in Bloomington** provided space for social distancing, plus additional restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities.
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