



2018 Annual Report

Men's Campus ♥ Agape Family Shelter ♥ Lebanon Free Clinic ♥ Agape Christmas



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Executive Director

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Blessed Assurance

Dear Friend,

As I reflect on 2018, I share with you that this was a year that we really needed to stand on the blessed assurance of Christ! We experienced, as all ministries do at one time or another, a year of transition and expansion simultaneously. The time had come to invest in repairs to our facilities, while continuing the momentum of our expansions. This created a unique set of challenges.

While we continue to be a very blessed ministry, change is hard and we had a fair amount of change in 2018. We lovingly said goodbye to several staff members, who either retired or were called to serve God in other ways. Goodbyes are hard. But they always lead to hellos and an opportunity for a new perspective.

What hasn't changed is that throughout our ministry God continues to lift people out of bondage. Occupancy at both Agape and the Men's Campus have been high. Our Clinic is providing more services than ever. More people were served in 2018, than in the last few years.

There has been no change in our mission. Our job continues to be to love and care for those God brings to us and lift them to Jesus. HE does the rest.

I hope you enjoy seeing how God's good works continue. And how YOU are a very important part of that work.

Donations were down significantly in December. This has created some financial challenges in the new year. If you are able to make an additional donation at this time, we would greatly appreciate the additional support.

May you have the blessed assurance that Jesus is working in your life to bring all things together for your good and God's glory.

In HIS Service,

Susan A. Blouch
Executive Director
Lebanon Rescue Mission

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

We are so grateful for ALL the ways you supported us in 2018!

You blessed so many with your monetary donations, stock donations, retirement fund distributions, food and clothing donations.

There were several donors who remembered us in their wills or made us the beneficiary of their insurance policies. We are so grateful to those donors that remembered us in their estate planning.

We are very grateful for all your support! Please know we never take your generosity for granted.

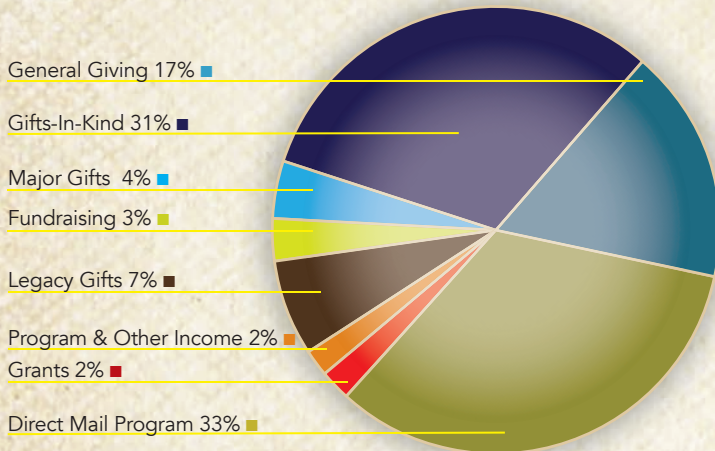
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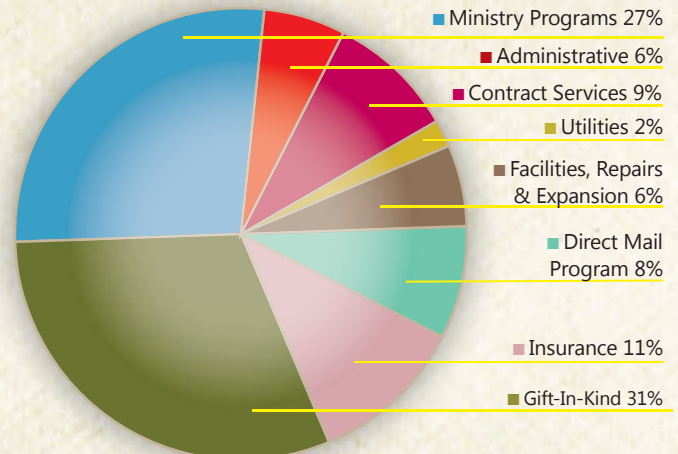
Financial Report

Thank you for your investments in people, our community and in Heaven!

2018 Income \$1,923,400



2018 Expenses \$1,979,000



Lebanon Rescue Mission Community Impact

Your support of the Lebanon Rescue Mission means our community saves a huge amount of money. Take a look at the amount our community saved in 2018 from the services provided willingly by our ministry.



\$545,840

Sheltering and feeding the homeless and impoverished of Lebanon County.



\$1,353,600

Case management per need for guests.



\$379,500

Long-term savings of moving men, women and children off of public assistance programs toward self-sufficiency ... becoming productive citizens.



\$12,350*

GED program – increasing a person's self-esteem, as well as earning potential and increased tax revenue on the local, state and federal level (*Additional tax revenue on just 10 graduates a year).



\$336,950

Lebanon Free Clinic providing healthcare to those who would otherwise have no other option but to be seen in the emergency room of the Good Samaritan Hospital (Includes direct medical services, volunteer hours and medications). Preventive intervention versus full-blown disease.



\$780,000

Lebanon Rescue Mission operates without being a burden on federal, state or local tax funding (Annual operating budget of all three ministries).



Priceless

Sheltering our nation's veterans.



Priceless

Requiring guests to live with accountability and responsibility versus taking a drain on our county's health and wellbeing.



Priceless

Encouraging and enabling guests to reconcile with family, spouse, and/or children.



Priceless

Leading guests to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ ... absolutely priceless!

Total Annual Savings To Our County \$3,667,140

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

When Jesus was on earth, men followed Him and became fruitful. We want all the men staying here to do the same and become godly leaders of their families and communities.

Our 12-month recovery program is the beginning of that journey for these men. They build a solid foundation for their faith and encourage each other to stand strong.

Fighting an addiction can be a long, hard struggle. That's why this year we began caring for those who fall after they leave here. We want them to return to the Men's Campus and regain their strength. Then when they are back on solid ground, they can return to their families and the community – this time wiser and more dependent on God.”

It took the apostles a few years of walking with Jesus to become world changers. Grace moves us to give our men here more of the time it takes to grow strong.

Grateful for the work of other Ministries.

We are very grateful for the new Teen Challenge 100-bed detox facility that opened last year. Before it opened, there were limited detox beds in Lebanon County. Addiction is a battle in our community that traps many. The Teen Challenge program provided those that have relapsed a detox program. After their detox is complete, they are eligible to return to the Men's Campus for our Relapse Program. We want to do everything we can to provide the opportunities for men to return to their faith and renew their commitment to change their lives through Christ.

George is a man who has struggled with addiction for many years. One morning he told us, with a huge smile on this face, “Do you know what I realized last night? I won't be an alcoholic in Heaven.”

You can see the joy beaming from his face. He has accepted that God loves him and has saved him. He knows one day his struggles will cease and he will be perfect with the Lord. Meanwhile, he has a message for everyone he meets: **God loves us.** That is good news!



Agape Family Shelter for Women and Children

Most of the women coming to Agape aren't here because of addiction. Their problems arise more from instability in their life including housing, employment and bad relationships. In a nine-month stay, a woman can grow in wisdom and maturity.

“ Around 11 PM one night this past August, I heard someone frantically banging on the shelter door.

A few minutes later, a woman started shouting my name over and over again: 'Miss Bree, Miss Bree!' I went to the door and found Jane, a single mother of two who had moved out of the shelter a few months earlier. She was crying and talking so rapidly, I was afraid she might be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

I brought her into the office, offered her water, reassured her and let her talk. Jane had been in jail overnight for sleeping in her car in a public parking lot; she had also lost her temp job. She was having problems with her mother and difficulties with her children.

The more she talked about these things, the slower and more normal her speech became. She told me she didn't feel safe talking about these situations

with anyone else in her life. She knew I was always up late and she felt she could talk to me without judgment.

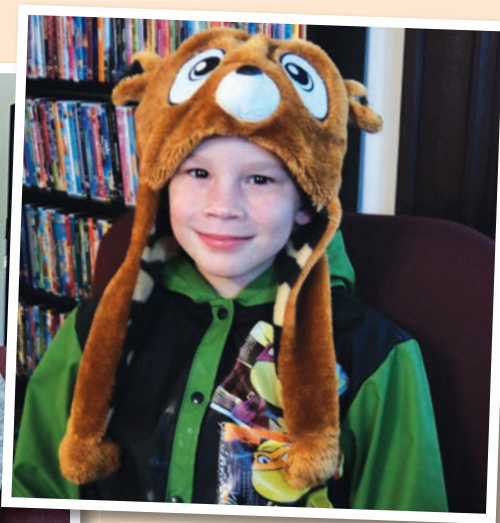
We talked until 2 AM. It never occurred to me to stop her or suggest that she come back during normal office hours. In fact, it touched me that she trusted me with things she didn't feel comfortable sharing with anyone else.

No matter how busy we are, it's a gift – an honor – to hold that place in another person's heart. I was reminded that night that often we help the most, when we just listen. ”

– Bree Smith, Assistant Director of Agape

It is always an honor to share the Gospel with someone who is hurting, and continues to struggle with life change, even after they leave Agape.

In 2018, we purchased the house next door to Agape and will be renovating this house so that we can serve more women. This process is always slower than we would like it to be. We would be grateful for your prayers as we continue to expand services to women and children in desperate need.



Why We Have the Lebanon Free Clinic

A patient writes, he went to work one day only to find his job of 37 years eliminated in a cost-cutting move. Too young to retire and having trouble finding another job, he felt for the first time the emotional and physical toll of unemployment.

He stayed home more and took to chain smoking. His health was failing, but could not afford Cobra insurance or Obamacare. A neighbor suggested the Lebanon Free Clinic.

He says, "One thing I immediately noticed was the staff did not treat me like another patient in an endless line of patients, which I have experienced in the past at other facilities. They took their time to get to know me and seemed genuinely concerned about my well-being. They even laughed at some of my jokes.

After a few visits, I looked forward to heading to another visit with Dr. Davidson and all the staff. Dr. Davidson seemed genuinely concerned about my health, as did the other staff."



The Clinic staff and a team of 60 volunteers provided services for nearly 4500 patient visits last year. Over 300 patients come throughout the year for ongoing care and find they are sincerely welcomed and truly cared for, both physically and mentally.

Our Clinic Director serves out of love for Christ and is blessed in return. Margaret recalls, "I was the lone nurse at the end of the day and had an appointment to help a patient who comes to the Lebanon Free Clinic on a weekly

basis to get her blood pressure, blood sugar and medications organized. This patient struggles with severe mental illness to the point that daily self-care is a hit or miss, and her conversation usually consists of one-word answers. In a moment of lucidity, she looked directly at me and said, 'I love you dearly.' She has never said anything like that to me before and in that moment, it took my breath away. Totally caught off guard, I just replied, 'Thank you, I love you too.' She followed with ... 'Check my sugar.'" We see Christ's love in fleeting moments. And I am blessed by everyone of them.



Providing Education Opens New Doors Through The Learning Center

Earning a living wage requires employable skills.

Through the Miller Coleman Academy (a.k.a. The Learning Center), guests have the opportunity to earn their GED and learn new skills to obtain new or better jobs.



Many students haven't been in school for decades and learning something new can be a challenge. But with the help of dedicated retired teachers who volunteer their time, many persevere to reach higher levels of education and achieve their goals.



3rd Annual Agape Christmas

Thank you for another fantastic Agape Christmas! Over 700 Agape Christmas bags were delivered to 13 senior communities. Each bag had been filled with food items for several meals, Bible Word Search books, a seasonal devotional and several other gift. There were handmade items included as well!

The love and care you showered on each individual was incredibly clear. What a joy to see the smiles on each recipient's face!

Thank you to each and every person who volunteered and donated. You made Agape Christmas a huge success. You blessed many who will remember your love for a very long time.



Please Pray With Us



Your ongoing prayers for this ministry are both needed and greatly appreciated. God has blessed the Lebanon Rescue Mission, and I believe it is because of the prayers of many. Please continue to pray with us:

- **For the men, women, children and families who come in need of help:**
 - Pray they turn to God for help.
 - For them to let go of the past that has held them down.
 - For them to trust God to direct their future.
- **For the staff and their families:**
 - That they rely on God for strength to help each guest here.
 - For their physical energy to serve daily.
 - For new staff to learn quickly.
- **For continued guidance from God on how to best serve those in our community that have complex needs.**
- **For all financial and physical needs to be abundantly met.**

You are a blessing to this ministry. It is through you, our faithful partners, this work is done. Thank you!

Susan

