

LEBANON RESCUE MISSION

2019 Annual Report



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



Blessings in the Want



Susan A. Blouch
Executive Director

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Dear Friend,

I will never forget 2019! We had become a bit spoiled by nearly a decade of growth and expansion. We were able to purchase, renovate and pay off our Bittner Blvd. building rather quickly. We were moving full steam ahead and praising God for HIS many blessings along the way.

Then during the last months of 2018 and the beginning of 2019, donations slowed. In February, I was concerned. By September, I was desperate. Our savings were nearly gone and we were almost at the end of our bank line of credit. At the same time, we had things we needed to purchase to prepare for Agape Christmas and the upcoming holiday season. Funds were so tight, we just couldn't stretch any further.

We gathered the staff and prayed. We told the Lord we would walk in total dependence on HIM. Whatever HE brought to our doors would be used in the best way possible. We decided to stand on our faith ... HE knew what we needed and HE knew when we needed it.

That same afternoon we received a call from a new large company in the area, and they wanted to hold a company-wide food drive for us. They would help us fill our pantry AND gather the foods specifically needed for Agape Christmas. We were amazed. When we finally released our worry in full to HIM, God showed up and moved quickly!

Within a few more days, a young lady from another company called to say they wanted to collect a large donation of socks for us. We loved her enthusiasm, but didn't need a large number of socks. We took a leap and shared with her that what we really needed was canned hams, for the Agape Christmas bags.

We knew we were taking a chance by asking someone who wanted to give us socks, to give us hams. But by the next day, this wonderful, young lady was committed to gathering exactly what we needed.

Experiencing God's hand sweep throughout the ministry brought us to tears. Agape Christmas was again a marvelous experience, and our holidays were filled with blessings and joy. By the end of December, our bills were all paid and we began to rebuild our savings.

Though there were agonizing challenges, I will remember 2019 with joy. So many blessings in this season of want! We never doubted God's faithfulness, nor the fact that HE is completely in charge of all things at all times. But having the opportunity to see firsthand God's goodness and love, was something to behold. From now on, as our guests arrive broken and hopeless, we can tell them with an even stronger conviction, that they can and must trust all in the Lord for everything.

We are so grateful for your partnership and especially for your prayers. May you always find blessings in your seasons of want!

In HIS Service,

Susan A. Blouch
Executive Director
Lebanon Rescue Mission

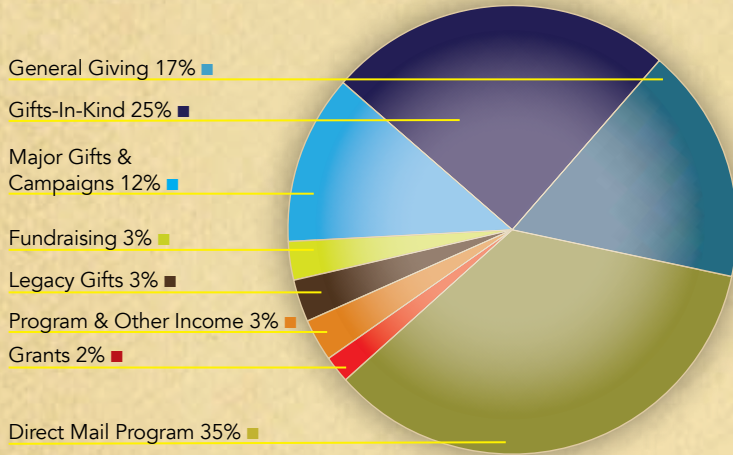
P.S. If God loves and provides for the Lebanon Rescue Mission and all the people who come here, He will certainly also provide for you. He hears your prayers too, and in His good timing, He will answer and bless you with all you need.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

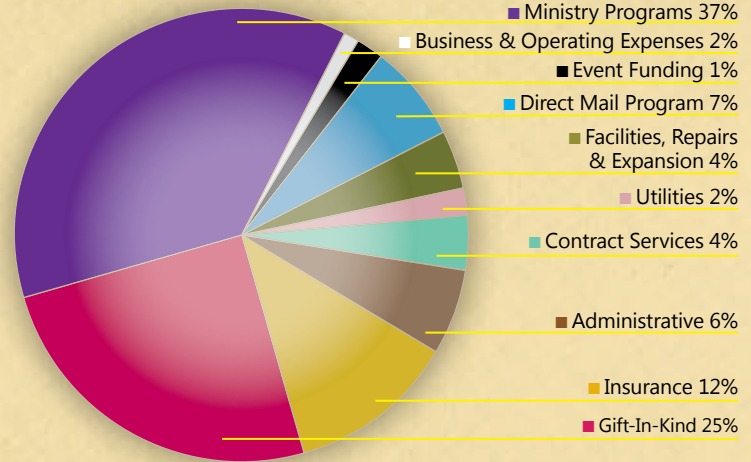
2019 Income

\$1,990,699



2019 Expenses

\$1,990,559



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 2019 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).



\$726,375

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.



\$1,448,750

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

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



Priceless

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



Priceless

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

Total Annual Savings To Our County \$4,466,415

God's Truth

Men's Campus

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 Life Change 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. Community partners have made this expanded care possible.



We are very grateful for the new Teen Challenge 100-bed detox facility that opened in 2017. 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 apply to return to the Men's Campus and join 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!



Unconditional Love

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.



Making a Difference

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 he 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 visit 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.



Thank you!

To ALL those volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents.



Special thanks to these foundations who have partnered with the Lebanon Rescue Mission.

The Bishop Foundation

The Emerging Philanthropist Program
a joint project of The Foundation
for Enhancing Communities and
Harrisburg Young Professionals

The Be Rich Campaign of
the Lives Changed By Christ
Congregations of both the
Manheim and Lebanon Campuses



WITH MUCH LOVE TO YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH US

LEBANON RESCUE MISSION UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Agape Family Shelter Luncheon Benefit 2020 • 35th Anniversary

Saturday, April 4 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Cornwall United Methodist Church
Contact: Patti at (717) 273-2301 or
ppasquale@lebanonrescuemission.org

7th Annual Lebanon Rescue Mission Golf Tournament 2020

Friday, June 5 • \$75 per golfer / \$300 per foursome.
Registration 12:00-1:00 pm • Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Blue Mountain Golf Course
628 Blue Ridge Mountain Rd. Frederickson, PA
Contact: Patti at (717) 273-2301 or
ppasquale@lebanonrescuemission.org

Lebanon Rescue Mission Food Drive 2020

Monday, October 12 – Friday, December 4
"Bring Your Own Bag" Food Drive
Fill your bag or box with non-perishable food items and
drop it off at the Mission.
1223 Bittner Blwvd., Lebanon, PA
Contact: Cathy at (717) 273-2301 or
ckrause@lebanonrescuemission.org

Annual Benefit Banquet & Silent Auction 2020

Friday, October 16
Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church
600 Shepherd St., Jonestown, PA
Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner served at 6:15 pm
Contact: Patti at (717) 273-2301 or
ppasquale@lebanonrescuemission.org

Agape Christmas 2020

Monday, December 7 – Tuesday, December 8
Contact: Cathy at (717) 273-2301 or
ckrause@lebanonrescuemission.org

Lebanon Rescue Mission Christmas Party 2020

Tuesday, December 15 • LRM Dining Room
5:00 - 7:30 pm (Dinner served at 5:30 pm)
Contact: Patti at (717) 273-2301 or
ppasquale@lebanonrescuemission.org

Christmas Blessings To Seniors 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 gifts. 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.

