

# LEBANON RESCUE MISSION

Our 2020 Annual Report to You



## *Peace* Beyond Understanding





Susan A. Blouch  
Executive Director



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Dear Friend,

If there's one thing our world seemed to have in short supply last year, it was peace. The pandemic, shutdowns, rising unemployment, riots and political unrest left many in turmoil, searching for hope.

When we first heard about COVID-19, we began to feel uneasy. Could this really come to the United States? Then it hit our state, our community and finally, Lebanon Rescue Mission. Strangely, as millions in the country panicked, loading up on toilet paper and bottled water, cutting themselves off from their family and neighbors, we felt a growing sense of peace.

Why? We had just had a very difficult year in 2019, but God showed us His steadfastness. We knew He would be with us through whatever 2020 would bring. Well, last year put Him to the test, and He did not disappoint us. Neither did you.

You and our entire community supported us in extraordinary ways all year. As schools and restaurants closed, they brought us all their perishable food. And the generosity only grew, providing for all the additional expenses we incurred to try to keep the virus at bay.

When all but three staff members contracted the virus, we managed. When we couldn't have volunteers to help prepare and serve meals, we got by. Even when we had to pull off our Agape Christmas without help from volunteers, it was a joyful time.

We were totally at peace during the turmoil because through you, God provided for all our needs — and then some! He gave us everything we needed to push through the challenges.

He reinforced the bonds among our staff and the men and women in our programs. I am often reminded of Paul's statement, "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). We are never alone.

Thank you for your outstanding support. As you'll see in this report, you continued to change lives here in Lebanon during a difficult time. May God's peace always be with you!

In HIS Service,

Susan A. Blouch  
Executive Director  
Lebanon Rescue Mission

And the peace of God, which  
transcends all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and your minds in  
Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:7

## Lebanon Rescue Mission Ministries

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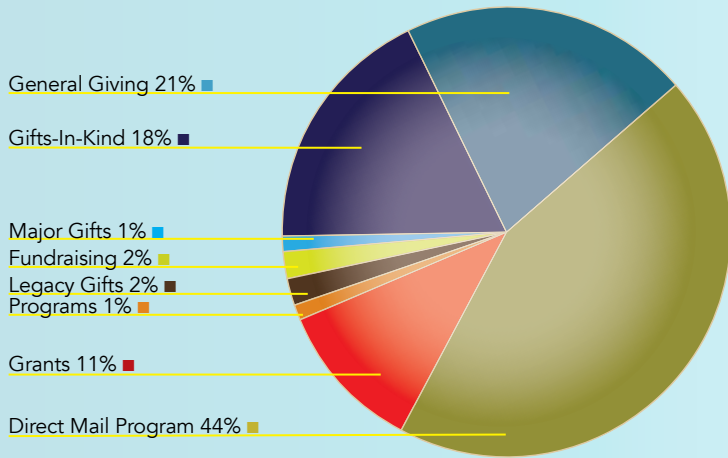


# FINANCIAL REPORT

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

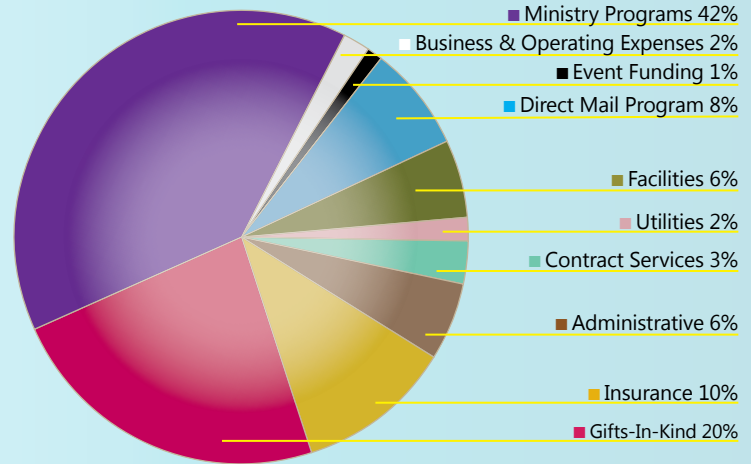
## 2020 Income

\$2,075,190



## 2020 Expenses

\$1,796,650



## 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 2020 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**

# Sons of the King

## THE MEN'S PROGRAM

Among all the men who have completed our Christian Life Change Recovery Program, Greg\* had one of the toughest back stories. He had sold drugs in a number of states, was charged with attempted murder and spent eight years in New York's Rikers Island Prison. After Greg served his time, he had nowhere to go. He wandered the streets and slept in abandoned buildings, selling drugs again just to get by. Finally, with no resources and no hope, he came to Lebanon Rescue Mission.

Greg joined our Christian Life Change Recovery Program, but he wasn't ready to submit to the authority of the Lord right away. It took months before he allowed the Holy Spirit to bring conviction to his heart and repent of his sins. As he matured in his faith, Greg began to work alongside the men's ministry team rather

than against them. Eventually, he placed his hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized.

The Greg of today bears very little resemblance to the Greg who first walked into Lebanon Rescue Mission. He has taken full advantage of our Learning Center and is now proficient at using computers. He recently accepted a position with a local employer and excels at his job. But one of the biggest changes is right on Greg's face: the joyful smile that shows he is a loved son of the King!

\*Name changed for protection of privacy

He has sent Me to bind up the  
brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the  
captives and release from darkness for the  
prisoners ... — Isaiah 61:1





# Safe and Growing Strong

## AGAPE FAMILY SHELTER

“God has blessed us,” Lauren\* said of herself and her two children. “From the start, I knew He was taking care of us.”

A survivor of domestic violence, Lauren had nowhere to turn during a messy divorce. Being financially dependent on her husband, she felt helpless to plan a secure future for her two children. Lauren knew she needed to take action but was nervous about living in a shelter or defining herself as “homeless.”

Fortunately, Lauren was directed to the Gap Housing program at Agape Family Shelter. This new program offers semi-independent women the opportunity to live on their own in housing connected to the main house, with support from Agape’s staff. There, they learn to save money, budget and manage a household.

Watching her children thrive gave Lauren the strength

she needed to rebuild her life. Over the past few months, she has worked steadily, creating a nest egg and establishing a stable home for her family. She has also been encouraged in her walk with God.

Lauren tells us Agape opened her eyes to God’s presence in her life, even when she felt alone. Now Agape’s staff is with Lauren as she prepares for a brighter future. “I’m so thankful to the Agape Family Shelter for giving us a safe, comfortable home,” she said. “You don’t always reflect on what God does for you. But coming to Agape, I know He has my back.”

\*Name changed for protection of privacy

He will cover you with His feathers, and  
under His wings you will find refuge; His  
faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.  
— Psalm 91:4



# A Bridge of Trust

## LEBANON FREE CLINIC

**When it comes to building trust, one thing is essential: communication. But that is difficult for those who come to the Lebanon Free Clinic who speak only Spanish and a real barrier to communicating their health needs and receiving the right treatment.**

This is a big concern, because 21% of those coming for help identify as Hispanic, or someone who is a native of or descends from a Spanish-speaking country. One in five can only speak Spanish.

Thankfully, one Lebanon Free Clinic volunteer comes faithfully to serve as our professional medical translator. She tells us, “I prayed to God for a calling. I’m not a teacher, or a singer or a preacher ... but I can do this.”

This volunteer’s gentle spirit has built the bridge of trust between patient and provider. Often, that has been the difference between life or death for the patient. Her faithfulness has enabled patients who fall through the cracks of our healthcare system to get the consistent care they need to thrive. God has used her small act of faithfulness in a big way to overcome cultural barriers in this place. What evidence of His great love!

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. — Lamentations 3:22-23



LETS BE FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK



# Foundations for a Bright Future

## LEARNING CENTER

**Those at Lebanon Rescue Mission seeking a bright future are building strong relationships with Jesus Christ and learning to obediently follow His lead, hour by hour. They are also developing practical, work-based skills for work and community living.**

In our Learning Center, guests complete nine months of Tech/Ed training. This improves their academic skills and career prospects while emphasizing character development. Upon graduation, guests will be broadly equipped to be productive wherever they go with skills to:

- Access, interpret and evaluate information using multiple resources, including current information technology.
- Demonstrate proficiency in all skills necessary to acquire, process and communicate information through the use of technology.
- Demonstrate mastery of the basic skills of reading, language arts and math.
- Express ideas with clarity, logic and originality in both spoken and written English.
- Apply mathematical principles to address and solve problems.
- Gather and interpret data to address and solve both practical and theoretical problems.
- Analyze, understand and evaluate various ideas, beliefs and behaviors.
- Analyze and evaluate issues, problems and events.
- Assume responsibility for their actions and work effectively as an individual and as a member of a group.
- Explore and express personal creativity in their assignments and their life.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of critical issues.
- Demonstrate the ability to make choices based upon well-reasoned strategies.
- Demonstrate a commitment to service beyond self.
- Be prepared to successfully enter the community, work force and/or college.

Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn from them.  
— Proverbs 4:5



WITH MUCH LOVE TO YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH US

# Postscripts to a Pandemic Year

**Lebanon Rescue Mission was unusually blessed during the past year. But it was still a challenging time for our staff. For example, Patti Pasquale, our Events Coordinator, suddenly found herself with no events to coordinate! And Rich Garipoli, our new Director of Development, had to take on his new role in the midst of our staff becoming ill. But like all of us, they persevered. Here are their thoughts:**



**Patti**

While there were no special events in 2020, we were blessed with opportunities for connecting with supporters. We introduced a sponsorship campaign with a wonderful response. We also participated with other nonprofits in the community for “Giving Tuesday” and the local Boscov’s “Friends and Family” event. With the extra time available, the

Mission’s history books were updated. They tell of all the challenges and the amazing blessings God has given us though the years. From floods to fires, we never missed a step in providing for those in need. We look forward to being able to gather again with you in sharing in God’s love.



**Rich**

When I joined Lebanon Rescue Mission last September as Director of Development, it was a trying time for us all. As the virus took hold, we had to take safety measures for our Mission family and guests. In a position where it’s necessary for me to meet donors and build relationships, I had to limit my visits. Instead, I made

lots of phone calls, and sent numerous hand-written letters! I pray 2021 will be a better year for getting to know our community. We kept the faith, and you came through with your donations. There is more work to be done at the Mission, and I look forward to your partnership.



We still managed to have a wonderful Christmas dinner with our guests on campus ...



... and they worked hard to replace our volunteers in packing and delivering 750 Agape Christmas bags!