



## Our 2021 **Annual Report** to You



*“All things for HIS good and HIS Glory!”*





Susan A. Blouch  
Executive Director



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Dear Friend,

The past year was one of the most challenging seasons since I've been in ministry. In the wake of the pandemic, our community saw a rise in homelessness, especially among families. More individuals were unable to support themselves because they suffered from addiction or mental illness. They needed help and, above all, the hope of Jesus Christ. At times, we had to scramble to meet the needs of our hurting neighbors.

But 2021 was also filled with extraordinary blessings that confirmed our unflinching trust in the Lord.

You see, God calls all of us to serve Him in many different ways. When we say "yes," He gives us exactly what we need, when we need it, in abundance. There is nothing random about His purpose or His providence, especially toward Lebanon Rescue Mission and those we serve in His name.

I could write a book about the many instances when the Mission was blessed with a particular gift at precisely the time it was needed most. You can read about several of them just from the past year in this Annual Report.

God also blessed us with the partners we need to accomplish His plans. Over the past year, Lebanon Rescue Mission has enjoyed the partnership of many organizations in our community, Gospel and non-Gospel alike. We simply share a call to reach out to those most in need and give them a hand up. We are so grateful that they responded to that call!

You are also a greatly valued partner, and we deeply appreciate your support. Your "yes" to the Lord has helped transform many lives for the good and for God's glory during this most recent season of ministry. **I thank you and look forward to another year of partnership with you.**

In HIS Service,

Susan A. Blouch  
Executive Director  
Lebanon Rescue Mission

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

— Romans 8:28

### Lebanon Rescue Mission Ministries

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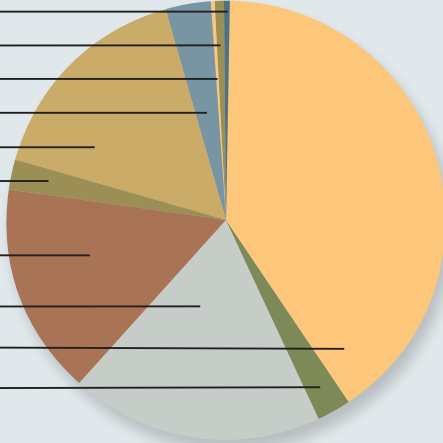
# FINANCIAL REPORT

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

## 2021 Income

\$2,618,136

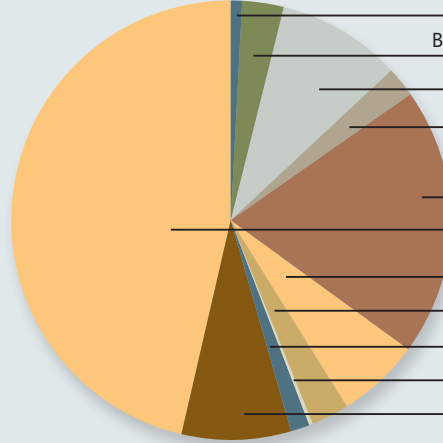
- Campaign Pledges 0.4%
- Program 0.7%
- Misc Income 0.2%
- Major Gifts 3.3%
- Legacy Gifts 16.1%
- Grants 2.3%
- Gifts in Kind 15.7%
- General Giving 18.5%
- Direct Mail 40.4%
- Fundraising 2.5%



## 2021 Expenses

\$2,075,124

- Fundraising 1.1%
- Business and Operating 2.9%
- Direct Mail 9.1%
- Contract Services 2.3%
- Gift in Kind 19.8%
- Ministry Programs 46.2%
- Facilities 6.1%
- Utilities 2.6%
- Insurance Inc. Health 1.6%
- Taxes 0.3%
- Administrative 8.0%



## 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 2021 from the services provided willingly by our ministry.



**\$676,667**

Sheltering and feeding the homeless and impoverished of Lebanon County.



**\$2,016,000**

Case management per need for guests.



**\$784,530**

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



**\$2,958,000**

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.

### Services Provided:

- Meals served and/or provided: **49,173**
- Nights of lodging: **11,883**
- Volunteers for Men's Ministry: **354**
- Volunteer hours: **4,018**
- Active Free Clinic Patients: **478**
- Total patient visits to Free Clinic: **2,198**
- Volunteers for Free Clinic: **28**
- Number of prescriptions filled: **4,497**
- Value of filled prescriptions: **\$536,689**
- Number of Agape Christmas bags delivered: **720**



**\$1,449,000**

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



**Priceless**

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



**\$23,320\***

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).



**Priceless**

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



**Priceless**

Sheltering our nation's veterans.



**Priceless**

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

**Total Annual Savings To Our County \$7,907,517**



# God is Working in Big Ways



## MEN'S LIFE CHANGE PROGRAM

Every day we are honored to see how God is using each of us for HIS purpose and HIS glory! Here are just two examples:

Desperate, depressed and contemplating suicide, Alex was referred to us by his pastor. He spoke little English, but we had recently hired Edwin Robles to our Men's Ministry team. Edwin, a graduate of our life change program, speaks fluent Spanish and immediately made Alex feel welcome and comfortable. Before long, Alex accepted Jesus and is much more at peace. He is learning English and thinking about joining our long-term program, no doubt inspired by Edwin's success. God is working in big ways through Edwin and our program!

Bob had been mission-hopping for years and spent time in prison. Years of drug and alcohol abuse led to

seizures. In fact, he suffered a seizure the first day he was here and spent a week in the hospital. We prayed for Bob every day. When he returned, he joined our long-term program and surrendered his life to Jesus. He is excited to have another chance at life ... and he hasn't had another seizure since that first day! He says taking life seriously and putting Jesus first makes all the difference.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

— Matthew 6:33



# God's Labor of Love

## AGAPE FAMILY SHELTER

As Lebanon Rescue Mission expanded our ministry to include intact families, we never lost sight of our call to care for single women and mothers with children. Every day of this past year, the Agape Family Shelter provided a safe haven for up to 35 women and children in crisis. In fact, you helped us welcome our 600th family last April!

Agape is more than a shelter; it's a home for the women who stay here. It's also a big family, as Assistant Director and Nighttime Supervisor Bree Smith learned on her birthday last year. When she walked in that night, everything was still and silent. "I heard the echo of my footsteps," she says. "Just as I was about to turn on the dining room light, everyone yelled, 'Surprise!'" All the women sang "Happy Birthday" and gave Bree a hand-drawn card with all their signatures.

Ten minutes later, the phone rang, and Bree found a young single mom crouched on the kitchen floor, sobbing. She had just learned that her beloved grandmother had passed away. Bree held her as she cried, all the other women surrounding them. "After a while, she told us stories about her grandmother," Bree recalls. "We encouraged her. We hugged."

Bree missed a Skype birthday party to minister to this young woman, but says, "When a woman needs me, I'm there. Through all the ups and downs, we're a family," she says. "We support each other in celebrations and tragedies. Year after year, I learn this lesson; year after year it reminds me that my work is God's labor of love."



But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children.

— Psalm 103:17



# *We Are Never Alone*



## *LEBANON FREE CLINIC*

Throughout the past year, the Lebanon Free Clinic continued to provide compassionate in-person care to those whose difficult circumstances had become even more complicated because of the pandemic. When a patient shared that filling out paperwork made him feel desperate because he couldn't do it on his own, a staff member stopped what they were doing and helped him complete it. "She took action instead of just nodding her head and ignoring me," he told us gratefully.

At Lebanon Free Clinic we do our best to care for our "invisible neighbors" in a way that makes them feel seen, heard and known. We are so grateful for the promise that we are never alone.

"Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end — Because I am your God, your personal God, the Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you ... That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you." (Isaiah 43:1-4, MSG)

We all need to be reminded of God's unfailing love for us. It heals us and makes us whole.

## *KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER*

When families experience homelessness, the last thing they want is to be separated. Sadly, that is often the only option for families seeking shelter. Faced with a growing number of homeless families in Lebanon's first "tent city," we prayed for a way to serve them without splitting them up. Again, God provided in a time of need.



Several organizations in our community helped relocate the families into temporary housing and provided case management. Then, one of our church partners blessed us with an unused parsonage, leasing it to us at a very low rate. We paid the security deposit and first month's rent and moved two very grateful families into the home. Shortly after, the church gifted the Mission with a very generous donation. That's partnership!

With help from our partners and friends like you, the Family Ministry will continue to grow and evolve in the coming months and years.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. — Matthew 7:7



# BLESSINGS FROM BACK DOCK MINISTRY TO THE MOBILE SENIOR PANTRY

**B**ut as you excel in everything ... see that you excel in this act of grace also. — 2 Corinthians 8:7

What a lovely reminder from scripture that we are to excel in the art of giving. Here on the Back Dock, we are the recipient of thousands of pounds of food plus hundreds of non-food items. This scripture is a reminder to me that in turn we are to excel at sharing that abundance with any who are in need.

To that end, we launched the ministry of the Mobile Senior Pantry, a new way to share from the abundant resources that God keeps bringing to our dock. Working with Community Homes and the Lebanon Housing Authority, we will bring this food to the same senior centers who enjoy our Agape Christmas every year. We have been ramping up the program and are on track to take the Mobile Senior Pantry to 13 senior centers every other week.

Stay tuned for more details of this new ministry program here at Lebanon Rescue Mission.



*God using small spaces for huge blessings*



*Mobile Senior Pantry*



I will bless you ... and you will be a blessing. — Genesis 12:2



# Working Together for God's People

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Lebanon Rescue Mission was incredibly blessed with a number of community partners this past year. Providers of mental health care and housing solutions, local churches and other organizations joined with us to bring relief and care to our struggling and homeless neighbors. Through them — and you — God provided what we needed, when we needed it.

Align Life Ministries  
Calvary Chapel  
Canal Street Project  
Community Health Council  
Community Homes  
Domestic Violence Intervention (DVI)  
First Family Health  
Jubilee Ministry  
Lebanon County Christian Ministry (LCCM)  
Lebanon County Housing Authority  
Lebanon Family Health Services  
Supportive Connections of Lebanon County  
True Life Youth Ministry  
United Way of Lebanon County  
Union Community Care  
Women on Willow Shelter Program

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE A Warm Welcome to New Staff

As the needs in our community grew in 2021, so did our staff! God saw fit to bring more dedicated people into our organization, blessing the men, women and children in our care.



*Edwin Robles, Men's Ministry*



*Clay Rebert, Men's Ministry*



*Terry Nauman, Food Services*