

Our Mission

Stephen Center partners with the community, families and individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges.



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2022 Year In Review

Each January, Stephen Center compiles annual data to assess our performance and success from the prior year. It's easy to focus on numbers served, meals provided, and volunteer hours... all of these things have impact in the lives of individuals and families in our community.

The real impact, however, is measured in the smiles of people who experienced homelessness, addiction or poverty who find stable housing for themselves and their loved ones.

Remember, there is a person behind each number on the following pages, and a life that is better because of your support. Thank you for contributing to another successful year for Stephen Center clients!

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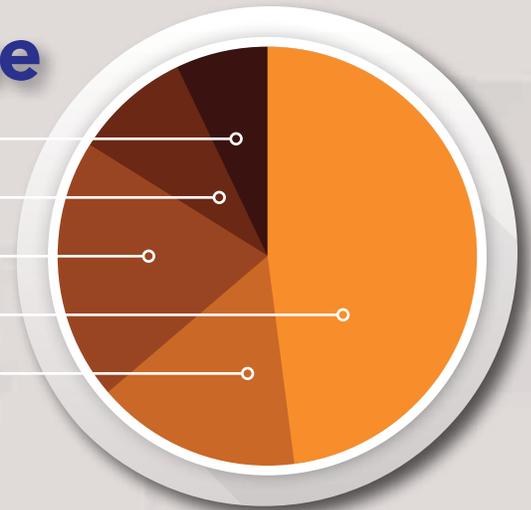
Impact STATS



1,179
Clients Served

2022 Operating Revenue

- 8% Guild, Events and Other
- 9% Donated Goods and Services
- 20% Grants (Foundations, Govt., and United Way)
- 48% Fee for Service
- 15% Donations



Average Shelter Stay:
33 Days



239,178

Meals Served

89%
of clients

Moving to Positive
Housing Destinations



51,000

Hours of Volunteering

(Savings of \$880,000)

**Donation
Center**

Provided Items to 92 Households
Moving Into Housing
(375,000 lbs. of Donated Goods)



From the Desk of the **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Our Partners Mean Everything

As we reviewed and examined 2022, we were overwhelmed with gratitude and pride for our community partners. Nearly 250 people per day, adults and children, benefitted from Stephen Center's supports and services on campus, systems that help them emerge from homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. We have remained consistent and dependable to those we serve because of our partnerships with the community, families and individuals. Our success, and the success of the 1,179 individual clients served at Stephen Center in 2022, simply would not be possible without the contributions made by all volunteers, donors and community partners.

When I stop to consider our mission and the impact it has on the world, I'm reminded that the credit really must be given to the community partners who come together in support of the work that we do. Whether it's a friendly face of someone volunteering their valuable time on campus, an essential service provider or a financial supporter, I recognize the invaluable part that each and every partnership plays. The list includes community groups, churches and church groups, corporate partners, colleges and universities, fellow non-profits and individual community members. To all of you, I extend my sincere recognition and appreciation.

We are enthralled as we build on our network of community partners, which continues to grow year over year despite the significant worldwide challenges that we've all experienced over the last few years. To see people continue to turn out and support our mission is exactly why we feel so compelled to work hard and see it through. One such partnership is the addition of a new Stephen Center board member, Jim Ambrose. Additional information about Jim is shared on page 5.

Thank you for your continued faith and investment of our services and mission. Super excited for 2023!

Sincerely,

Michael Wehling



NEW BOARD MEMBER & Volunteer Spotlight



James Ambrose

Stephen Center is pleased to announce the addition of a new member to the Board of Directors - **James Ambrose**.

"Jim brings a lot of energy and experience to our board of directors. His community involvement to date is impressive, and I look forward to the impact he will have on Stephen Center's mission to partner with the community, individuals, and families to overcome homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges," CEO Michael Wehling said.

James is an advisor at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, where he joined in 1998 after practicing law for 5 years. He is also a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certificant, a designation awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. He holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) designation administered by the Investments and Wealth Institute™(formerly IMCA®) and taught in conjunction with the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Jim is also a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) designee which is issued by the American College. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Creighton University College of Business Administration, Department of Economics and Finance teaching both undergraduates and MBA candidates.

The number of Stephen Center board members is currently 15, as Tom Foley is leaving the board after serving out his term, respectively.

"Stephen Center has been blessed with so many amazing leaders. Tom is a perfect example of this. Our organization is strong because of volunteers like him," Wehling said.

Volunteer Spotlight: Remembering Reba

Reba Benschoter became involved at Stephen Center in 2002 as a volunteer serving meals and sorting through donated clothes every week. Having witnessed how difficult it was to come by donations of new underwear and socks, she and her husband Benny, decided to take care of the problem. The couple made it a family project to purchase new socks and underwear for the shelter, a tradition that continues at Christmas each year. Their impact was so deep at Stephen Center that the supply room in the Pettigrew Emergency Shelter is named "Reba's Closet" in honor of the Benschoters.



Reba passed away in January 2023 and Benny passed away in December 2021. Their commitment and dedication to the homeless will always be remembered.

"Any time that you have something truly yours that wasn't somebody else's to begin with, it gives dignity, it gives you a feeling of, I am somebody. And that's what our family gets the joy from," Benny explained.

In addition to volunteering, Reba was an active member at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a pioneer in telemedicine.

Hearts That HEAL



Hearts that Heal donation drive benefits Stephen Center

With the help of community partners, Stephen Center is celebrating Valentine's Day by encouraging the public to show some love to the homeless through the Hearts that Heal donation drive. The event will be held February 6-17, 2023.

"Stephen Center relies on donations of hygiene items, coffee, cereal and more to care for hundreds of people on our campus every day," CEO Michael Wehling, said. "Winter is usually a slower time for donations, so we can use all the support we can get."

To participate in the drive, community members can drop-off items at Stephen Center's Donation Dock (2723 Q Street), or at a drive host site (visit www.stephencenter.org/hearts for a list). A virtual drive, allowing people to shop from home and ship directly to Stephen Center, is also available at www.stephencenter.org/hearts.

NEEDS LIST:

Stephen Center gratefully accepts donations of:

- Cereal
- Coffee
- Over-the-counter medications (ibuprofen, acetaminophen)
- Cough Drops
- Deodorant for Men and Women
- Combs and Brushes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- New/Gently-Used Towels
- New/Gently-Used Twin and Queen Sheet Sets

Memorials & Honorariums

The Latest Word

July 15, 2022 through
January 15, 2023

You can memorialize a loved one or pay tribute to someone special in your life while helping those in need in our community. When you make a Memorial or Honor Gift, Stephen Center will send an acknowledgement card to the family or honoree. Gifts are also recognized in this newsletter. You may use the enclosed envelope to send your gift.

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