

# Walking Free



**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

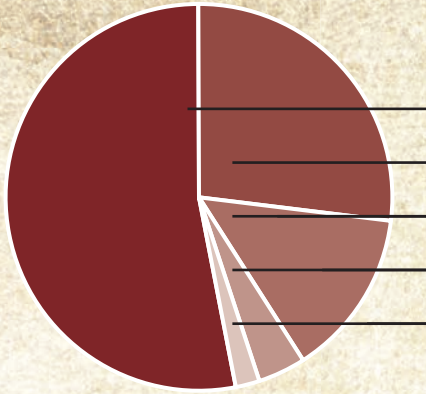


# STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GENEROSITY

Our commitment to you is to be impeccable stewards of the resources God provides through His people.

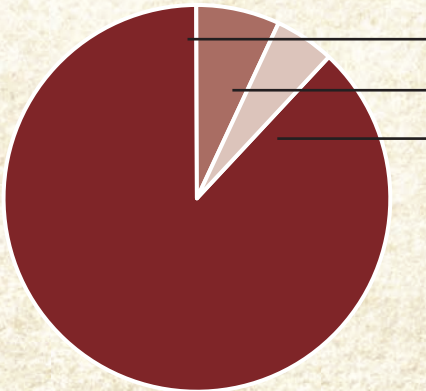
You are welcome to get a detailed view of our financials at [carriagetown.org](http://carriagetown.org) with links to our IRS Form 990 and our annual audit report.

**Consider partnering with us in the coming year to see more lives transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ.**



## WHERE FUNDS COME FROM

INDIVIDUALS	53%
ORGANIZATIONS	27%
IN-KIND DONATIONS*	14%
FOUNDATIONS	4%
CHURCHES	2%



## HOW FUNDS ARE USED

PROGRAMS	88%
FUNDRAISING	7%
ADMINISTRATION	5%

\*In-kind donations include labor and materials provided by generous contractors in our community who helped renovate Carriage Town Bakery.



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# WALKING FREE IN CHRIST

Dear Friend,

I am honored to share our 2022 Annual Report with you.

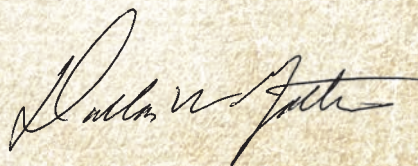
Every day in the past year, God has brought individuals to Carriage Town Ministries' doors. They walk in with a heavy load. Sometimes they carry pain and abuse from their past. Others lug in the shame and guilt of mistakes. All need the freeing love and care found in the compassion of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to God working through your generosity, Carriage Town Ministries is a safe place for men and women to lay down their burdens. They move through a healing journey toward redemptive, productive living. By God's grace, they begin to walk free in Christ.

I pray the words you read on the following pages touch your heart and highlight why your kindness is so important.

You are changing lives at Carriage Town Ministries.

Sincerely,



**Rev. Dr. Dallas Gatlin**  
**Executive Director**

Watch a video  
highlighting real guests  
who are  
"Walking Free" in Christ.



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## BAKING PEOPLE HAPPY

**For years, God has worked through our Blueline Donuts career training program to help residents develop marketable job skills for future employment.**

God has blessed the endeavor, and we officially opened our Carriage Town Bakery retail storefront in November!

With 25 varieties of donuts and great coffee, our bakery has become a sweet destination for neighbors across Flint. As we serve our customers, we're also bringing stability to transitional workers from our program.

As you'll see in Derek's story, smiles abound at Carriage Town Bakery. And if you visit us, Derek recommends the apple turnover!



**604 Garland, Flint, MI**

**Tuesday through Friday  
7:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

**(810) 233-8787  
CarriageTownBakery.org**



**Transition Employees hired in 2022:**

**15**



# Derek's Journey

Before Carriage Town Ministries, Derek's life was spiraling downhill. He didn't have a job and his family was falling apart.

As Derek sought help and worked his way through our program, he got a job at our new Carriage Town Bakery.

"This job saved my life," Derek expresses. "I'm a transitional worker here and I'm working hard to prove that I am a very good employee. I appreciate everything they're doing to help me."

Thanks to the stability Derek has discovered through steady employment, his life is turning around. His family is coming back together, and he is saving money to get a vehicle and a permanent place to live.

Derek's customer service has blessed the community!

As he shares, "I love to put a smile on the face of people who come through the door, from little children to the elderly. Their smile makes me smile."



## Watch Derek's video!

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# Art's Journey

At the end of February last year, Art's home caught on fire. He didn't have anywhere to go and lost everything he owned.

A friend told Art about someone he knew who had come through Carriage Town Ministries in his own time of need. That prompted Art to visit our shelter in his time of hardship and transition.

During his time here, Art discovered a compassionate group of individuals who were eager to help him. He also didn't expect to grow so much spiritually.

"During our time here, we have morning and evening devotions," Art shares. "Dr. Gatlin keeps everything up to date and what he says hits the heart."

Today, Art stands on God's promises of peace even in difficult times. He finds comfort in the Lord's presence, no matter where he is on his journey.

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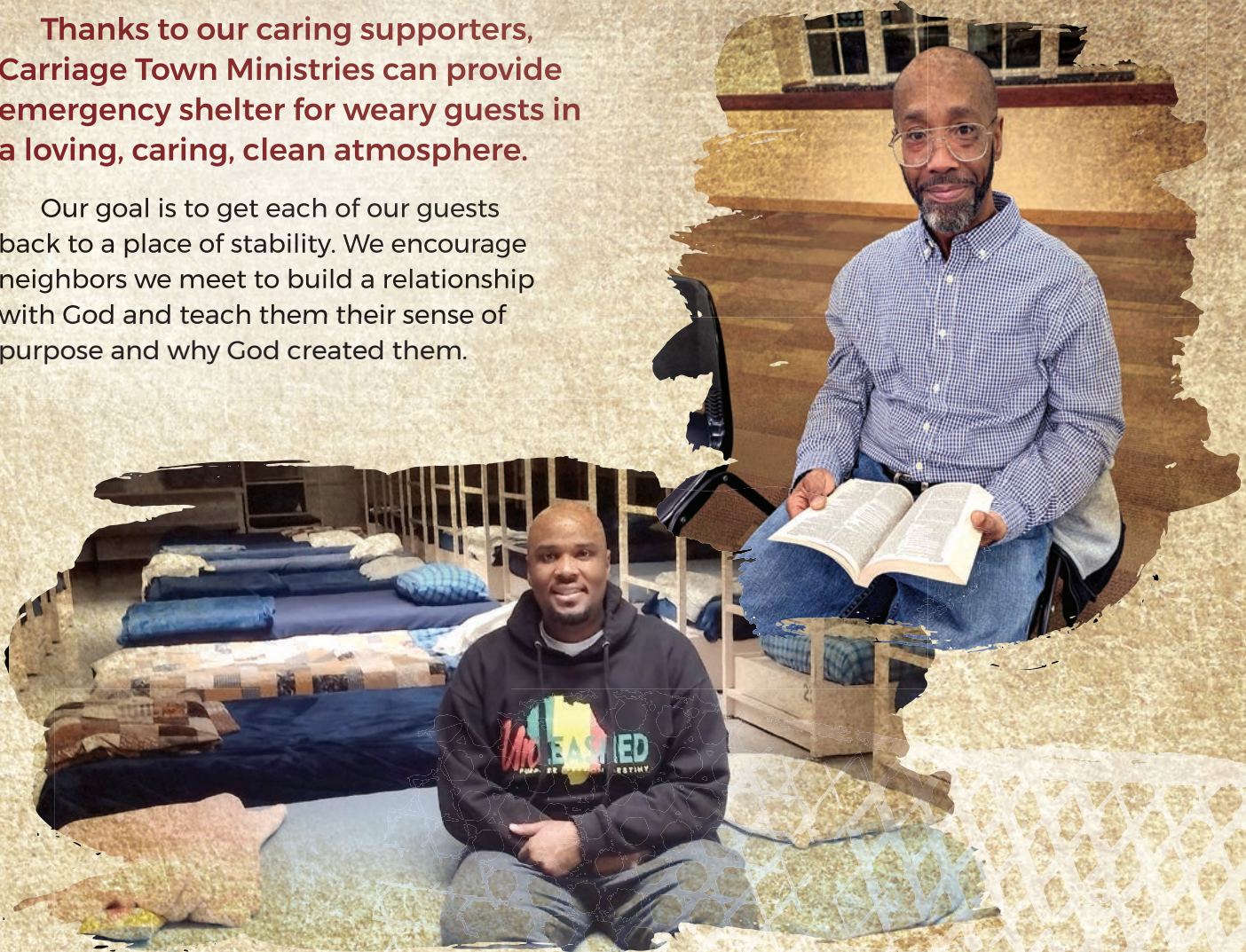




## REFUGE AND RELIEF

Thanks to our caring supporters, Carriage Town Ministries can provide emergency shelter for weary guests in a loving, caring, clean atmosphere.

Our goal is to get each of our guests back to a place of stability. We encourage neighbors we meet to build a relationship with God and teach them their sense of purpose and why God created them.



**Beds slept in during 2022:**  
**34,960**



## PLANNING A HOPE-FILLED FUTURE



Part of the life-changing support guests receive at Carriage Town Ministries is involvement in our Personal Success Plan (PSP) program.

As men and women regain stability, they are invited to make personal, long-term, actionable goals and make progress toward achieving benchmarks along the way.

From growing in personal development to earning a GED to gaining marketable job skills, each PSP participant experiences tangible growth. It is a joy to watch guests take steps toward healing, productivity, and success!

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

– Jeremiah 29:11

**Personal Success Plan program individuals in 2022:**  
**250**



# Chantey's Journey

Chantey and her daughter escaped an abusive relationship and traveled all the way to Flint from Georgia. "I didn't know anybody, but someone told me I could get help in Flint."

Chantey was scared, but once she walked through our doors, her fear began to ease. "A lot of ladies sat me down and spoke with me. They helped me get mental health, get my GED, and build my whole life back up in 30 days."

Every day, Chantey attended Bible study, which opened her eyes to who God really is. Thanks to caring friends, Chantey regained her self-esteem and courage after feeling defeated for so many years. "Mentally, I was trapped," Chantey shares. "Thanks to Carriage Town Ministries, it opened a lot of doors, and I was able to see clear. Now I feel like a person who is walking free."



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# Nikita's Journey

Before coming to Carriage Town Ministries, Nikita and her family were bouncing from place to place. They lacked stability and the children weren't consistently in school.

When they found a safe place to regroup, Nikita's children returned to school. They also participated in Carriage Town Ministries Summer Enrichment program to gain much needed skills in a fun environment.

Nikita realized how weary she truly was as she was living day by day, hour to hour. Our Mother's Moment Class has provided her with dedicated time to focus on her own health and well-being, preparing her to be a present mother to her kids. She shares stressors and challenges with her mentors to find guidance for the future.

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## SERVING FAMILIES AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

At Carriage Town Ministries, we serve the community best by meeting emergency needs and spiritual needs.

**Through the family center, we welcome women and children with a smile and let them know they're in a safe and wonderful place.**

Thanks to thoughtful donations, we provide beautiful, dignified rooms, offer three healthy meals a day and offer resources for housing, one-on-one spiritual mentorship, financial literacy, and more.

Families attend chapel and learn about God's love. Children also have an opportunity to participate in our Summer Enrichment Program, attend preschool classes, and get their energy out on our playground!

We want every guest to know they're welcome and loved.



**Women and children served by the Family Center in 2022:**  
**605**



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide help, hope and the Good News to our community through the skills and means of God's people and the transforming power of Christ's love.

## CORE VALUES

Every individual who walks through the door is a personal project of God Almighty and should be valued, respected, and treated with dignity.

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