

# 2021

# Home

## Annual Report



Where transition begins!



# Transitioning home

For every one of our guests, we hope for a journey—a journey home. But our vision is even bigger than that. For nearly 35 years, as we served Macomb County’s homeless population, we sought to create a community where no man, woman or child is without shelter.

**But as an organization, we had to return home ourselves.**

On April 8, 2022, MCREST opened its first fixed shelter, a women and children’s shelter located in Mt. Clemens, the heart of our service district, which encompasses all of Macomb County. With the Women & Children’s Shelter, MCREST is providing greater stability for families struggling under the trauma of homelessness. For the first time in MCREST’s history, families experiencing homelessness have a fixed place to call “home” as they transition to permanent housing.

In the new facility, we intend to address the generational impact of a parent’s homelessness by delivering wraparound services, especially for children, including childcare, parenting classes and after-school tutoring. Meanwhile, men experiencing homelessness continue to be welcomed within our church network.

Now, we are looking towards the future as an organization, towards opportunity and growth. In the future, we will better support men experiencing homelessness in Macomb County, aware that they have often suffered trauma and are at risk of further traumatization through lack of stable housing.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support, yet our work remains unfinished. If you haven’t made a gift to MCREST in 2022, we ask you to make a donation before year’s end. Affirm with us that everyone deserves a home, as we work to create a community without local homelessness.



*April L. Fidler*

*Executive Director & CEO*

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS  
**13,900**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS  
**\$1.27 M**  
IN-KIND DONATIONS



## Recognizing Our Member Churches

“ **Our mission is to show love**



*by caring for each guest  
& serving each guest in  
the MCREST program  
with humility.”*

~ Jenny Jaroneski,  
Social Ministry Coordinator,  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Utica

“ **People want to help.**



*They are grateful  
for what they have,  
especially during  
COVID-19.*

~ Pat Dery,  
MCREST Coordinator,  
Our Lady of Hope - St. Clair Shores

“ **It was a joy to serve.**



*As it says in scripture,  
“The King will reply,  
‘Whatever you did  
for one of the least of  
these brothers and  
sisters of mine,  
you did for me.’”*

~ Pat Ruskiewicz,  
MCREST Coordinator,  
Cornerstone Baptist Church - Roseville

“ **I care because**



*God through Jesus  
commanded us to care:  
‘Love one another as  
I have loved you.’”*

~ Jim Cook  
MCREST Coordinator,  
Grace United Methodist Church -  
Chesterfield

**“ As a family-owned business  
for four generations in  
Michigan,**



*we know the importance of  
keeping families together  
and providing them with  
comfort and care during  
an incredibly difficult time.”*

*~ Rachel Stewart,  
President, Gardner White Furniture*



**Pictured are April Fidler, executive director of MCREST,  
& Rachel Stewart, president of Gardner White. Gardner White  
donated furniture to furnish the communal spaces of  
the Women & Children’s Shelter.**



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**“TO GUIDE, TRAIN AND ASSIST OUR GUESTS IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT ON THE PATH TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE.”**

## **2021 found...**

...MCREST's Learning and Resource Center uniquely well-equipped and staffed three full days per week to provide guidance as needed.

Since its inception in 2013, the mission of MCREST's Learning and Resource Center (LRC) has been: “To guide, train and assist our guests in securing employment on the path to an independent life.” Though this remains the initial focus, the resources associated with the center continue to expand and evolve to meet the needs of our guests.

Each guest is encouraged to interview with LRC staff for an assessment of their situation, needs and goals. The Learning and Resource Center staff has always provided intense individualized assistance to guests working to meet their goals, and 2021 was no exception with more than 200 guests, our highest number ever, utilizing the center and its services.

In addition to workforce-related resources such as resume and interview preparation, career/interest inventory assessments, job searches and help with proper work attire, we form direct connections with human resources departments when possible, providing guests with expedited access to job interviews and potential employment. We have a keyboarding improvement program and videos for developing soft skills and interviewing techniques.

We also have developed relationships with schools and training centers. As a result, many guests have been able to expand their skill base and experience into a more formalized certification. When the certifications are completed, the guests' resumes are updated to help them to secure better jobs and careers in new fields.

# **The Learning & Resource Center**



# Dedicated to Service

## *Continuing our mission to Macomb County's homeless population*

In 2021, we continued to serve Macomb County's homeless population with shelter, meals, and the wraparound case management services necessary to empower individuals and families experiencing homelessness to transition to self-reliance. We served the most vulnerable in our community, individuals often managing chronic health conditions and a history of trauma in addition to homelessness. Nearly a quarter of those MCREST served were children. In 2021, we provided shelter for 467 individuals, 117 of whom were children.

Domestic violence remains the leading cause of homelessness among women nationwide. Approximately 14 percent of those we served in 2021, or 67 individuals, shared with our case managers that they had experienced domestic violence. Twenty-four people who shared a history of domestic violence were parents. Approximately 35 percent of MCREST guests in 2021 coped with a mental health condition. Another 20 percent managed a physical disability.

Our mission is to end local homelessness, but we accomplish this one person in need at a time. Each person who finds their way to MCREST is unique, with their own story and special set of circumstances. We meet each individual where they are, treating them with respect and empathy and walking with them through this difficult time as they return to housing and stability.



**30%** *reporting  
mental health  
condition*

**14%** *reporting  
domestic violence*

**21,000** *2021 shelter nights*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 2021 Financial Summary \*

### REVENUE & SUPPORT

Governmental agency contracts	\$1,585,165
Contributions	\$492,186
In-kind contributions	\$473,500
Program income	\$10,506
Special events - net	\$6,832
Investment income	\$8,956
Net assets released from restrictions	\$769,632

**TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT** **\$3,346,777**

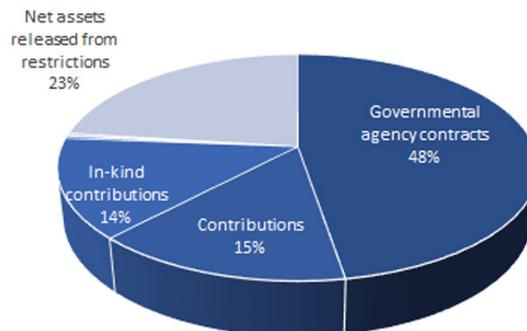
### EXPENSES

Program services	\$2,121,737
In-kind facilities & materials	\$473,500
Fundraising	\$73,012
Management & general	\$70,824

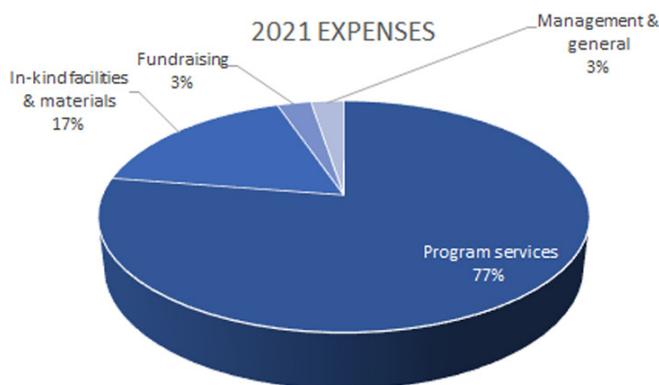
**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$2,265,573**

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS** **\$1,081,204**

2021 REVENUE



2021 EXPENSES



\* Numbers from audit of 2021 fiscal year

## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Our Vision as a Community is to be a place where men, women, and children experiencing the trauma of homelessness find emergency solutions & housing resources.**



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