



Bethel Shelters



2023

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

2023 was a year of celebration and growth for Bethel Shelters.

On June 24th, we celebrated the re-opening of the Bethel Men's Night Shelter sleeping area. In September 2022, we closed the normal sleeping area due to foundation repair that was needed for the back wall of the main Bethel United Methodist Church building. During the 8-month renovation, we transformed the gym nightly from a dining area to temporary sleeping quarters. The new and improved sleeping area now has fresh paint and new flooring, which creates an inviting space for our guests to receive a good night's rest. We are grateful to ARP Engineering, DWW Architects, Leitner Construction, Winters Electric, Oakland Baptist Church, the Cannon Foundation, and some incredible individuals for their support in making this project possible.

On November 18th, we celebrated 5 years of offering year-round emergency shelter for men experiencing homelessness in York, Lancaster, and Chester counties. Over these 5 years, we offered a safe place to sleep, a hot meal to eat, and a pathway to self-sufficiency for 986 different men. That is 1,817 nights of shelter and 63,259 beds for men in our community who would otherwise sleep on our streets or in the woods.

Beginning in July 2023, we noticed an uptick in the number of clients needing shelter in our community. In December of 2023, we saw 100 new guests between the two shelters. In a single night that month, we served 94 men at our Night Shelter and over 120 men and women at our Day Shelter. With this tremendous growth, we are grateful for our amazing donors and volunteers who have continued to contribute to ensure we can offer these vital services to our community. I especially want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our meal teams who have served the most guests in the history of the Night Shelter.

As I reflect on this year of celebration and growth, I am grateful for the dedication of our staff, board, volunteers, and donors who live out our mission daily to ensure a safe place to sleep, a hot meal to eat, and a pathway to self-sufficiency for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. It is with a full heart that I thank you for your commitment, effort, and willingness to care for those in need. We look forward to continuing this mission in our 15th year of ministry in 2024.

Blessings,
Rev. Emily Sutton

EVENING SHELTER DATA

390
guests

SERVED

17K

SHELTER
STAYS

38
guests

MOVED
INTO OTHER
PROGRAMS

11
guests

MOVED INTO
PERMANENT
HOUSING

94
guests

HIGHEST NUMBER
IN A SINGLE NIGHT



EVENING SHELTER DATA

16

veterans

SERVED

22

18-25
year olds

SERVED

51

62+ years old

SERVED

41

chronically
homeless

SERVED



DAY SHELTER DATA

22K

SHELTER
STAYS

751

GUESTS
SERVED

467

MEN

226

WOMEN

1

NO SINGLE
GENDER



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Workforce Development Program Overview

The Workforce Development Program (WFDP) provides case management centered around assisting individuals experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness with workforce skills, education opportunities, and resources. The Bethel Shelters Workforce Development Case Manager assesses each individual to understand their needs and goals. The goal of the WFDP is to ensure that individuals have the skills and knowledge to obtain financial stability by entering or reentering the workforce. When individuals are out of crisis situations, Bethel Shelters will refer individuals to the United Way of York County Financial Stability Network to promote financial self-sufficiency. Bethel Shelters will continue to follow up with clients who are out of crisis mode to ensure homelessness is not reoccurring. Bethel Shelters has partnered with United Way of York County, York Technical College, Winthrop University, West Marine, The City of Rock Hill, The Roasting Company, Catawba Mental Health, Alston Wilkes Society, Better Bound Bookstore, Department of Social Services, Keystone Substance Abuse Services, The Haven Men's Shelter, and other agencies to ensure individuals meet their goals in the WFDP.

107 PARTICIPANTS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

7 PARTICIPANTS WHO OBTAINED HOUSING

16 PARTICIPANTS IN THE BACK TO WORK PROGRAM

LENGTH OF TIME IT TOOK FOR PARTICIPANTS TO GET JOBS

- 1-10 DAYS - 11 CLIENTS
- 11-20 DAYS - 2 CLIENTS
- 21-30 DAYS - 4 CLIENTS
- 31-61 DAYS - 18 CLIENTS

OUR 2023 MILESTONES

Bethel Shelters assisted with the Point In Time Count, a nationwide count of homeless individuals.

April 15

Bethel Men's Night Shelters sleeping area re-opened following the completion of the back wall renovations. Additionally, the sleeping area received new flooring and was freshly painted prior to occupancy.

September 23-30

First Annual Bethel Shelters Supper Club where we had supper to raise funds and awareness of Bethel Shelters mission.

November 12

We had our 5 Year Anniversary of becoming a year round shelter.

December 1

January 25

Bethel Shelters Annual Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Event was held at Bethel Men's Night Shelter.

June 24th

Love Our Neighbor, our weeklong community event raised money and awareness of Bethel Shelters.

November 9

Overflow shelters opened to ensure all men experiencing homelessness in our community have a safe place to sleep in the winter.

November 18

Hot Chocolate for the Homeless event at the Rock Hill Christmas Parade and Fort Mill Christmas Tree Lighting to raise awareness of Bethel Shelters.

FUNDING SOURCES

\$3K

from
businesses

\$237K

from
grants

\$375K

from
fundraisers

\$200K

from
individuals

\$63K

from
churches

\$878K

total



LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

Each year, Bethel Shelters hosts a weeklong community event to raise money, increase awareness, and garner volunteers. From Saturday to Friday, we hold fundraisers at various restaurants around York County, and on Saturday we have our annual BBQ sale, courtesy of Elam's Rollin Smoke BBQ and Carruth's Pig Pen.

2023 was an incredible event with new sponsors and amazing volunteers. It was our most successful Love Our Neighbor event to date. We want to thank each person who helped make it possible!

Shelter Partner:

Comporium
Interstate Solutions
Winters Electric

Shelter Advocates:

OTS Media - WRHI
Bethel United Methodist Church
Skyla Federal Credit Union
Daimler
The Welcome Table

Shelter Supporters:

NFP
Founders Federal Credit Union
Domtar Paper
Elam's Rollin' Smoke
Carruth's Pig Pen
Pier 51 Seafood

Friends of the Shelter:

Comporium Pioneer Club
Salt Paper Studio
Williamson Flooring
Industrial Service and Solutions
Rollins Pest Control
Morton & Getty's
Mark Schmitt CPA
MDK Properties LLC
Madison Campbell Cuts and Curls
Moore and Moore CPAs
South State Bank

Okoye Law LLC
The Compass Group
Fort Mill Dentistry
Faircloth Law
St Johns UMC
Turner Murphy Company
Krystal Teague Dental
Rock Hill Coffee Roasters
Gill Insurance

Restaurant Sponsors:

Sub Station II
El Cancun Mexican Restaurant
Ay Papi Tacos and Tequila
Roasting Company - Rock Hill
The Little Cafe
Showmars - Rock Hill
Tega Cay Deli
Rock Hill Bagels & Deli
Old Town Kitchen and Coktails
Pier 51



THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL 2023



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