



MISSION *Messenger*

NOT WORTHLESS

**LOVE GAVE CHAD
HEALING AND PURPOSE**



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WHEN LOVE SHOWS UP

Some people live their entire lives without knowing what real love feels like.

Chad, whose story is featured in this ministry report, is just one of hundreds of people we meet each year at the Grant County Rescue Mission. The abuse he endured at the hands of his father left Chad feeling worthless. It's little wonder Chad struggled in life.

The reasons people become homeless or addicted can vary – but all of the reasons are tragic and painful. And all have an opportunity for hope inside our doors.

Women escaping domestic violence need safe shelter.

Children aging out of foster care need guidance.

People who've lost jobs and houses need support to rebuild their lives.

Neighbors who are poor need meals, clothing and care to help make ends meet.

Men and women who have fallen into addiction need hope that freedom is possible.

Prisoners on release need transitional help and new direction in life.

People facing all kinds of grief and loss need to feel seen, heard, understood and loved.

And this is the work that you do with your support of the Grant County Rescue Mission – showing



Rick Berberea
Executive Director

up with love when people need us most. Here, at the crossroads where crisis meets compassion – that's where lives are changed!

Thanks to you, our doors are always open to anyone in need, without question, without hesitation, with the full measure of God's love.

As you read this ministry report, I ask for your continued prayers and support in the coming year. Together, there's so much more we can do to help our neighbors in need!

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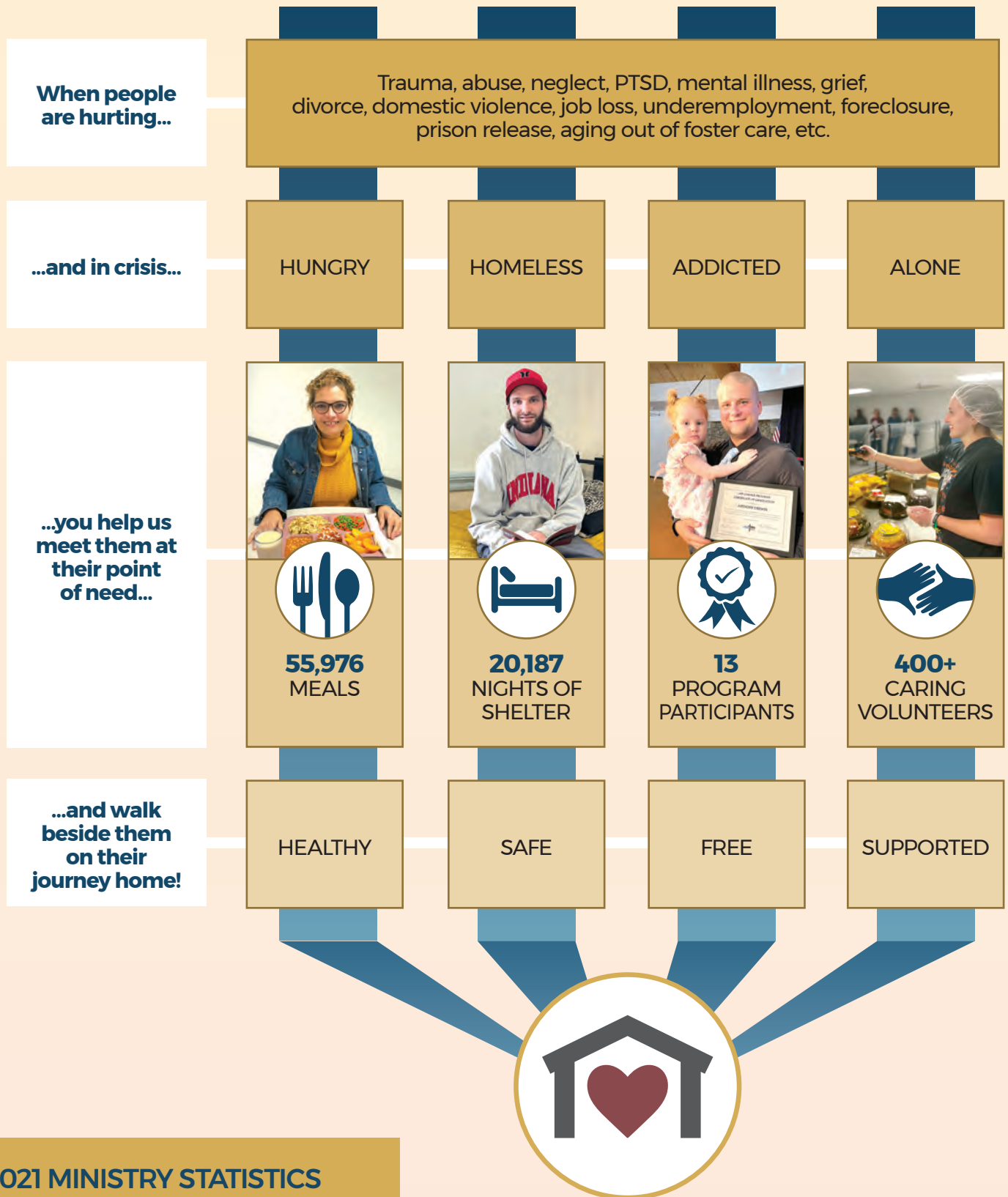
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A SPECTRUM OF CARE

MEETING PEOPLE AT THEIR POINT OF NEED



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Thanks to your support, the Grant County Rescue Mission offers a spectrum of compassionate care designed to meet people at their point of need and guide them on their journey home.

By meeting urgent needs, we welcome hurting people with Christ's love, and offer programs to help them take steps toward emotional healing, spiritual renewal, financial stability, relational connection and life-long success.



▲ REACHING FURTHER

The town of Gas City has the 2nd highest rate of poverty in Grant County.

Our new ministry center in Gas City will provide meals and care to people in need who don't have transportation to our main location in Marion, Indiana.

DID YOU KNOW?

WOMEN, TOO!

- We have shelter and recovery programs for both men AND women!

WORKING POOR

- Not everyone we serve is homeless or jobless. Many people have jobs, yet still don't have enough to pay for food. Your support provides a safety net of resources to prevent people from falling into homelessness and despair.

NEW WAREHOUSE

- Our new warehouse expands our thrift ministry from 5,000 to 16,000 square feet! By recycling unusable items, we're even better stewards of your donated items.

COVID CARE CONTINUES

- People without a home are especially vulnerable to sickness. Your support has kept our doors open to everyone in need during the pandemic. We continue to follow stringent cleaning standards, quarantine as needed, and work with local health authorities on best practices for safety.

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LOVE GAVE CHAD HEALING AND PURPOSE

Chad hurt inside. He had so many regrets from the last 20 years of his life. The choices he made and couldn't undo weighed on his heart.

Sitting in prison, Chad had a lot of time to think about the past. Memories stung him — flashes of the mental, emotional and physical abuse he endured from his father. **Chad had so often been made to feel worthless. And now his greatest fear haunted him — that maybe it was true.**

Throughout his adult life, Chad did his best to be a functioning adult. He'd been married and raised two boys. But any time life got stressful, Chad couldn't cope. Alcohol gave him relief at first. Then drugs. But they always took more than they gave.

Chad wrestled with addiction over and over. Though he managed years of sobriety at times, his many offenses with the law landed him in prison.

"This time," Chad thought. "I'm going to get my life together."

He'd never tried any type of addiction recovery program, but Chad was glad to hear that the Grant County Rescue Mission offered free meals, shelter and programs to anyone in need. Last April, when he was released from prison, he came straight to our door.

"The Mission is the best thing that's ever happened to my life," says Chad. He'd never really believed in God, but he soon felt something different here. **"Sitting in the**

chapel here was the first place I ever felt God in me," he recalls.

By the time Chad graduated from our program last fall, a complete transformation happened. **The loving care and spiritual guidance he received from our staff and volunteers had proved a powerful truth to Chad — he wasn't worthless after all.** God loved him deeply and his life had a purpose.

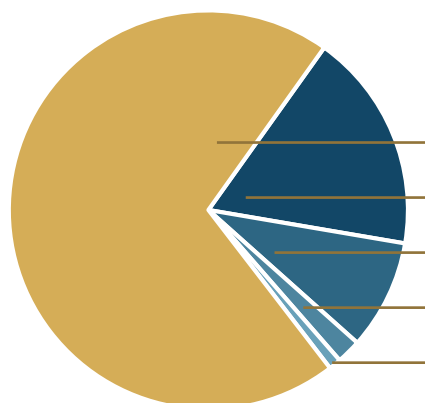
"I was just smiling all the time by the time I graduated," says Chad. "I was just happy. It was the first time in many years that I felt joy."

Today, Chad has joined our staff, driving a truck for our Thrift Store ministry. He loves meeting people as he picks up donated items. It's always a joy when he gets to share the story of what God has done in his life.



Help more neighbors like Chad find their way back home with your gift today.
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2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



DONATION SOURCES

INDIVIDUALS	71%
ORGANIZATIONS	18%
CHURCHES	9%
ORGANIZATIONS	2%
FOUNDATIONS	1%

When you donate, you transform lives like Travis'!

"I was really lost, alone, addicted, and afflicted in life.

The Grant County Rescue Mission gave me an opportunity to join the Life Change Program and find out what was going on and what I needed to do to gain a relationship with Christ and walk in that.

It's been a blessing for me to sit still and really work on the things where I missed the mark. I'm learning to let that stuff go and walk in freedom and just be who God says I am."



TOP NEEDS FOR 2022

Your continued support will help us do even more to help anyone who comes to us in need.

For 2022, we specifically hope to:

- Expand our women's ministry facilities
- Add more sober living units
- Create a mentorship program for program residents
- Establish a community apprenticeship program for residents

Thank you for helping us reach even more people this year!

The Grant County Rescue Mission strives for financial accountability and responsible stewardship of your donations. Annual audits are available on request.

With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in need.

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