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2022

Annual Report

A YEAR OF RECOVERY



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OUR MISSION

The mission of The Ministry of Caring is, simply, to serve the needs of the poor with dignity, respect and love.

Incorporated on April 27, 1977, in Wilmington, Delaware, the Ministry began with Mary Mother of Hope House, the region's first shelter for homeless and destitute women, still continuing our mission after serving more than 7,000 residents.

And now, we have 18 more programs.

Our three-site Emmanuel Dining Room welcoming the hungry has served 7+ million meals, no questions asked.

Our housing now runs from homeless shelter to permanent housing. We provide safe, comfortable housing for men, women, women with children, adults with disabilities, those living with HIV/AIDS and our beloved seniors.

We also offer job placement and training, Rapid Rehousing services, affordable dentistry, low-cost high-quality childcare and more.

All our programs aim to lift the poor, restore their self-worth, nurture self-sufficiency and renew their hope.

Everything we do grows from shared belief in Brother Ronald's words that "the poor should never be treated poorly."

ON OUR COVER

Vernisha Spires and her son, Makai, left frighteningly unsafe housing in Sussex County for a fresh start at Mary Mother of Hope House II. It took a lot of courage.

See their story on Page 5

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

With the worst of the Covid-19 epidemic behind our community, our country and our world, I again extend my deepest sympathy to all of you who lost loved ones in this terrible time. I also send love and encouragement to those who continue to deal with its aftermath.

Needless to say, the especially vulnerable homeless and poor faced incredible struggles, but I am uplifted to say that we kept our pledge not to desert them – then or ever – largely thanks to supporters like you.

As we faced profound risks at the front line of serving the poor and huge, unexpected expenses from all the necessary precautions, no one hesitated in commitment to those in need.

My gratitude is boundless for our dedicated staff, including many who had to fight Covid-19 themselves, and the unwavering assistance – from financial help to sandwich-making parties – that we received from businesses, churches, other faith groups and individual supporters in the community from the pandemic's start, to its worst and now, our the time of recovery.

I never will forget one man who lost his job because of the pandemic. He came to us out of a need for food for his family. He said he'd always sent donations to Emmanuel Dining Room but never imagined he would need to turn to us for help. So many people needed help for the first time.

I was so happy when we were able to gather again in person, hold our events and reopen Emmanuel Dining Room for welcoming, sit-down meals and family-style fellowship that the pandemic interrupted for the first time since we began feeding the poor in 1979.

Adopting the most stringent, federally approved precautions allowed our housing to continue uninterrupted including affordable senior housing, emergency shelters for homeless women, men and women with children, and longterm supportive housing for adults with disabilities, and homeless men and women living with HIV/AIDS.

Now, just one program awaits its recovery. We are still searching for a new home for our Distribution Center, destroyed by Hurricane Ida's flooding in September 2021. We lost our vehicles along with all the donated food, clothing, furniture and home goods waiting to be given to the poor and shelter residents moving to their own apartments.

But this year of recovery has been full of so many blessings, including our 45th anniversary.

I could not be more grateful for our donors, sponsors, volunteers, board members and staff.

This year, like last year, we stepped up **together** to meet a truly incredible challenge.

I beg for your continued generosity so we can keep helping the homeless and poor, especially the innocent children, whose numbers, sadly, keep rising here in the richest country in the world.

On behalf of the poor we serve, I thank and bless you for your desperately needed help and kindness.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your kindness to the poor.

Gratefully,



Brother Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap.



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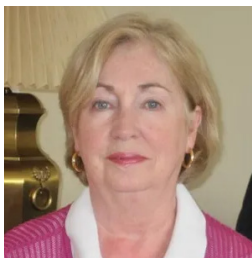
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In REMEMBRANCE

We mourn the passing of our dear friend Maureen Lesutis, the Guild's Corresponding Secretary, Sacred Heart Village I Board Secretary and a devoted Ministry benefactor. She will not be forgotten.

DEDICATION

We are honored to dedicate this annual report to the Honorable Robert F. Gilligan, who was the longest serving and arguably most respected member of the Delaware Legislature when he retired as a lawmaker in 2013.

First elected in 1972, he was a member of the House of Representatives for more than 40 years, including service as Speaker of the House.

We are deeply grateful that he did not retire from advocacy for Delawareans in need, continuing to help The Ministry of Caring as a legislative advocate, longtime Member of our Board of Directors and supporter. He is a great friend with true love of the poor.

We appreciate him beyond words and, simply, cannot thank him enough.



The Honorable Robert F. Gilligan

WE'RE TACKLING HOMELESSNESS AT ITS CAUSE

A shortage of affordable housing has been blamed for decades as the top cause of homelessness, especially for seniors.

We formed Sacred Heart Housing Inc., in 1998 as a separately incorporated entity to create more needed affordable housing to reduce homelessness in Wilmington.

At right are four sites we created to reduce homelessness and, below, our next affordable senior housing project called Villa Maria at Old Brandywine Village.



2001: Sacred Heart Village I Inc.

78 units for very low-income seniors
920 North Monroe Street



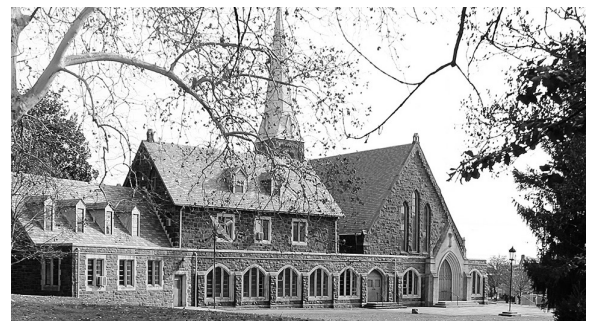
2011: Mother Teresa House Inc.

6 units for adults living with early HIV/AIDS
829 North Church Street



2017: Sacred Heart Village II Inc.

26 units for very low-income seniors
625 East 10th Street



2019: Village of St. John Inc.

54 units for low- to moderate-income seniors
2020 North Tatnall Street

OUR NEXT HOUSING PROJECT: Villa Maria at Old Brandywine Village



NOW, this blighted block of North Market Street, above, has been a longtime eyesore and trouble-spot.

LATER, Villa Maria, below, will transform it into 60+ new, affordable apartments for low-income seniors.



OUR COVER STORY:

FINDING THE COURAGE TO MAKE A FRESH START

The old house outside Rehoboth Beach was falling apart as mice, snakes and, finally, spiders made their way inside.

With no money for repairs or hope for a better place in the area's tight housing market, single mother and waitress Vernisha Spires knew it wasn't good housing for her boys – 11-year-old Michael and 3-year-old Makai – or her third child, a healthy girl due in June.

Vernisha grew stressed and depressed. She began to feel something was going wrong in her abdomen so she went to the hospital. Her pregnancy was fine, but she couldn't keep living where she was.

Two referrals later, she was at People's Place in Milford, where they suggested the Ministry of Caring's Mary Mother of Hope House II in Wilmington, a safe, supportive home for otherwise homeless mothers with children.

"I never heard of it," she said, admitting she was reluctant to move to a city more than an hour from where she lived most of her life, growing up as something of a "lost girl."

But Vernisha, then 35, found the courage.

"It ended up being one of the best things I've ever done," she said.

She was warmly welcomed, feels safe, shares chores and appreciates the bright, clean home.

"It's been great since Day One," she said.

Makai likes it there, too, especially the books, go-

HOUSING BY THE NUMBERS

This year, our housing of various types, from emergency homeless shelters to Delaware's only group homes for people living with HIV/AIDS, provided a total of 110,230 nights of lodging. The 865 residents we housed were 301 women, 284 children, 162 seniors and 118 men.



Vernisha Spires, at Mary Mother of Hope House II with her son Makai, said she hopes other women facing challenges will find the courage to make a fresh start with help from The Ministry of Caring.

ing to museums and exploring the city with his mother. They both look forward to being joined by Michael, who stayed with relatives downstate to finish out the school year.

The security of being there, with support from staff and other residents, is nurturing her old dreams of going into cosmetology, although friends say her experiences and kind personality would make her a great counselor. She dreams of having a job she loves and making sure her children are safe and confident, aware of what's important in life and have activities she missed out on as a child. Ever grateful to all who have helped her, Vernisha also wants "to help get the word out" about Mary Mother of Hope House II.

She would never judge how any mother came to need that kind of help, she said, but she hopes they, too, can find the courage to do what it takes to give their children better lives.

Here at The Ministry of Caring, many hands make light work. We deeply appreciate our partner organizations, every day, and the vital help and support they provide our staff as well as the neediest of our brothers and sisters who struggle daily as they live in poverty at the edge of our society.

The Ministry of Caring Guild

This beloved and vital volunteer corps formed in 1989 and supports the Ministry by fundraising year-round.

Emmanuel Dining Room Meal Partners

Our ecumenical network has nearly 100 churches, synagogues, temples, mosques other faith groups, clubs and businesses, each preparing one meal a month.

Capuchin Friars

Members of this Order, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, live in community and serve in various programs.

Capuchin Poor Clares

Cloistered members have come from Mexico since 1986 to support us with prayer and tasks such as mailings.

National Able Network

The network places low-income seniors in federally funded part-time positions in many of our programs.

St. Francis Healthcare St. Clare Medical Outreach

Co-founded by the Ministry, the outreach cares for House of Joseph II residents and the uninsured.

Jewish Family Services of Delaware

Longtime partner Jewish Family Services provides our clients counseling and other help by referral.

Methodist Action Program

This nonprofit provides free use of Old Asbury Methodist Church for Emmanuel Dining Room East.

Foster Grandparents

These senior volunteers read to youngsters in childcare, fostering intergenerational connection.

AmeriCorps

Members of this federally funded agency work for a year serving clients in nonprofits such as ours.



WE WORK TO RESTORE HOPE & RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE POOR

Ministry of Caring

133 REGULAR STAFF

- 92 Full-time
- 25 Part-time
- 3 Resident Managers
- 1 Contractual Services
- 14 Pool Staff

22 SUPPORT STAFF

- 1 St. Francis Health Care
- 5 National Able Network Members
- 11 Capuchin Poor Clares
- 3 Permanent Volunteers
- 2 Foster Grandparents

Sacred Heart Oratory

2 REGULAR STAFF

- 2 Contractual services

3 SUPPORT STAFF

- 3 Permanent Volunteers

STAFF BY THE NUMBERS

Throughout the Ministry's 19 programs this year, we are grateful to have had 192 unduplicated staff members working to raise the quality of life of the homeless and poor.

Sacred Heart Village I

11 REGULAR STAFF

- 8 Full-time
- 1 Part-time
- 2 Pool

1 SUPPORT STAFF

- 1 Commercial endeavor

Sacred Heart Village II

9 REGULAR STAFF

- 5 Full-time
- 1 Part-time
- 3 Pool

2 SUPPORT STAFF

- 1 Permanent Volunteer

Mother Teresa House

2 REGULAR STAFF

- 1 Resident Manager
- 1 Part-time

Village of St. John

4 SUPPORT STAFF

- 4 AJpc Management

WE SHARE THANKFULNESS FOR THE BLESSING OF RENEWED STAFF TOGETHERNESS



We rejoiced at the return of our pandemic-suspended All-Staff Holiday Breakfast & Team Photo at Francis X. Norton Center. Staff brought gifts for our shelters and senior housing villages, we enjoyed a fine breakfast by our beloved Chef Bill Bradley and Team FXN, then gathered in Sacred Heart Oratory for this photo by Brad Glazier.



CHILDCARE: RESTORED SERVICES HELP PARENTS TO WORK

Our three-site childcare program, top-rated by the State of Delaware, returned to full service under precautions and sanitation practices prescribed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Our community, like the nation, already faced a shortage of affordable childcare before the pandemic, Brother Ronald said, and our program helped lower-income parents return to work as soon as possible.

Our dedicated staff adapted to evolving precautions and resumed engaging education for the children.

For example, curious preschoolers at Guardian Angel Child Care were treated to a late-spring morning of tasty educational activities thanks to Food Bank of Delaware’s Alisha Beckford, an education specialist in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC).

The class followed a curriculum called Harvest for Healthy Kids, aimed at helping children develop nutritious eating habits by connecting them with fresh food grown close to home. The class about beets began with a show-and-tell, followed by a reading of Janet Steven’s “Tops & Bottoms,” the tale of a lazy bear and clever hare who become farming partners. Then, the children did a beet craft before heading to the kitchen to make beet, strawberry, pineapple and orange juice smoothies.

“It tastes like my very favorite food – strawberries!” 4-year-old Amaya Jamil exclaimed. “I’m going to ask my mommy to make a smoothie with all kinds of fruits and vegetables when I get home.”

Beyond smoothies, the children learned safe, basic kitchen skills to make soup, pancakes and cooked vegetables, with awareness of the importance of balanced nutrition and often overlooked root vegetables.

CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS

This year, our child care program served 108 enrolled children, with Il Bambino, the Child Care Center and Guardian Angel Child Care providing a total of 13, 592 days of care.



Children at Guardian Angel Child Care cover their ears as Alisha Beckford of the Food Bank of Delaware shows how to blend a tasty, nutritious smoothie.



5-year-olds A'Layzia Robinson, left, and Reign Grant of Wilmington craft beets out of construction paper.

THE DINING ROOM: FROM TAKEOUT BACK TO SIT-DOWN MEALS

One of this year's greatest recoveries was that of Emmanuel Dining Room, ending the only interruption of sit-down meals since the first was served in 1979.

"It seems like forever," Brother Ronald said.

Resuming Emmanuel Dining Room's sit-down meals and family-style service also restored what may be the only regular opportunity many of our dining room guests have to socialize with others.

The Ministry never could have kept feeding the hungry through Covid's worst without the help of our many meal partners, food donors, youth drives and volunteer sandwich-making teams, Brother Ronald said, adding, "We are so grateful for the amazing outpouring of support that got us through this unprecedented time."



Longtime volunteers with the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, an Emmanuel Dining Room meal partner for decades, prepared some of the last takeout meals we began under historic Covid-19 restrictions against large public gatherings.



FEEDING BY THE NUMBERS

This year, we served a total of 115,396 meals. Emmanuel Dining Room West served about 57% of the meals, Emmanuel Dining Room East about 30% and Emmanuel Dining Room South about 14%. Of the meals, 21,835 breakfasts at Emmanuel Dining Room West and the rest were midday meals. Of the guests, 72% were men, 21% were women and 7% were children.



Here, the St. Clare van stops across from the Job Placement Center to provide care for clients in its various programs.



Grants funded new equipment, furniture and a sky-painted ceiling at the Pierre Toussaint Dental Office.

MORE HELP BY THE NUMBERS

St. Clare Medical Outreach Van

48 new and 94 returning patients received medical care and services

Pierre Toussaint Dental Office

45 new and 175 returning patients received dental care and services

JOB PLACEMENT CENTER

527 clients received employment assistance

● **Certificate programs**

23 graduated as Certified Nursing Assistants
 17 earned a Commercial Driver's License
 2 completed traffic flaggers training
 1 was certified as a phlebotomy technician

● **Rapid ReHousing**

128 payments were made on behalf of new and existing clients

● **Community Navigator Program**

60 clients' applications were approved

2022 IN REVIEW: A YEAR OF RECOVERY & BLESSINGS

JANUARY

Amid Covid-19 uncertainty, we begin 2022 masked, vaxxed and concerned about the coming year, with the 25th anniversary of House of Joseph II, our 40th Annual Emmanuel Dining Room Auction and the Ministry's 45th anniversary. Brother Ronald vowed we will continue serving the poor -- with deepest gratitude for an incredible outpouring of community support since the pandemic -- and return as soon as possible to full, normal operations.

FEBRUARY

Bedding, toiletries, snacks and notes of encouragement were among the thousands of donations students delivered for our shelter residents and Emmanuel Dining Room during this year's outstanding Catholic Schools Week. Youngsters in all of the schools in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington adopted the Ministry as they participated in donation drives and other projects to express their love for the poor and be of service to those in need. Their well-received gifts also let those we serve know they are thought about and loved.

MARCH

With a precautionary one-month delay, International Night Dinners returned with sit-down meals for fully vaccinated guests and a take-out option available for all others. Guests were delighted by the dinners' return.



St. Mary Magdalen School sixth graders Nathan Blessington, Evan Goetz and Joe Johnson, from left, deliver donations during Catholic Schools Week.



"Delaware's Sausage King" Billy Rawstrom, Chef and Owner of Maiale Deli & Salumeria, was our generous guest chef as International Night Dinner resumed in March.

APRIL

April was a momentous, history-making month of celebration and tradition.

- All three Emmanuel Dining Room locations resumed dine-in meals with the end of their only suspension since the program's first meal was served in 1979.
- The Ministry of Caring Guild brought back the Emmanuel Dining Room Auction with tremendous success for the 39th year of the flagship fundraiser. The Emmanuel Dining Room Raffle also made its comeback.
- Residents House of Joseph II, the state's only residence for men and women living with advanced stages of HIV/AIDS, celebrated the home's 25th anniversary.
- Longtime benefactor, fundraiser and devoted Breakfast Team volunteer Ellie Corbett Hannum and her husband Buzz raised an amazing \$22,485 in the 2022 DoMore24 donation drive for nonprofits throughout the state. Their effort also won a \$500 prize from United Way of Delaware.



After two years of our online virtual fundraisers, the Emmanuel Dining Room Auction's return marked a milestone of recovery.



Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints prepared some of our last takeout, started when large groups were banned under Covid-19, then Emmanuel Dining Room reopened to welcome guests to dine in.

MAY

Francis X. Norton Center filled with staff members and happiness as our Appreciation Dinner returned to honor retiree Glenn Boone and staff members who achieved Ministry Milestones, including Brother Ronald with his unequalled 45 years of service.

JUNE

The Child Care Center and Guardian Angel Child Care resumed their Father's Day-themed breakfast, celebrating "Fathers, Grandfathers, Daddys and Pop-Pops." Children and families enjoyed the reinstated graduation ceremony.

JULY

BlackRock volunteers donated nearly 1,000 sandwiches. Also, we mourned the passing of friend and benefactor Francis Irene "Nick" duPont and early staff member Mary Taggart.

AUGUST

Six-year Emmanuel Dining Room Program Director ReeNee LaFate retired and newly arrived Father Meena Gude, OFM Cap, was chosen as her successor. Capuchin Poor Clares embroidered a tablecloth and napkins for a fundraising raffle.

SEPTEMBER

As the AIDS Walk Delaware was restarted, our team once again was captained by Senior Accountant George Ghebresslassie. Also this month, we mourned the passing of former Director of Maintenance Gene McLaughlin.



As these happy faces show, this year's childcare graduation looked just as it had before the Covid-19 pandemic began.



We bid farewell to talented Communications Assistant Solveig Gordon as well as the Lutheran Volunteer Corps she served in. We were saddened in July when the Corps announced the end of its Delaware program after decades.



Guardian Angel Child Care's 4- and 5-year-olds enjoyed a summer field trip to Wilmington's Grand Opera House to see a professional dance company show and got to take the stage and show off their own hip-hop moves.

OCTOBER

Our renewed International Night Dinners finished 2022 in tradition as the Delaware Saengerbund hosted Octoberfest. Longtime supporters Connie and Pete McCarthy won the Wilmington Award for Community Service for their Ministry support and First State First Lady Tracy Quillen Carney volunteered at Emmanuel Dining Room. “The Secret Garden” site, lent to our childcare for 27 years, was donated to us in memory of Pamela Sailer. We also mourned the passing of longtime friend, advocate and City Council Member Loretta Walsh, who served on boards of Sacred Heart Housing and Sacred Heart Village II.

NOVEMBER

This month saw the Ministry honored for the state’s best affordable housing, the Guild restart with new President Joanne Finnigan and Turkeython led by Guild Executive Committee Member Chris Leonard back to in-person meal pickup, ditching pandemic-style drive-by distribution. Hundreds attended a live Ministry-benefit concert by Friar Alessandro Brustenghi, OFM, on world tour from Italy. Barbra Andrisani and Marilyn Monahan finished a successful fundraising campaign for our 45th anniversary, celebrated by a DuPont Country Club dinner with a perfect theme of “Together We Are One.”

DECEMBER

At our 30th Annual Recognition Banquet, Brother Ronald thanked everyone for helping us through Covid-19’s worst. He presented the Caring Bowl to retiring Emmanuel Dining Room Director ReeNee LaFate, longtime supporters Anne Connolly, Esquire, and The Honorable Colm Connolly, Guild Executive Committee Member Chris Leonard and star volunteers Dyla Renol and the Daughters of Penelope. In a last sign of 2022 recovery, we once again gathered to restore our long tradition of the annual All-Staff Holiday Breakfast & Team Photo.



For this year’s AIDS Walk Delaware, Captain/Senior Accountant George Ghebresslassie, left, was joined by his daughter, Hermon, almost 15, and House of Joseph Housekeeping Staff Barry Oliver.



Owner John Sailer gave the Ministry a lot near the Child Care Center in memory of his late wife, Pamela, shown here. The gift was special partly because, for 27 years, the Sailers lent the lot to the Ministry. It became “The Secret Garden,” where children learned to grow flowers and vegetables.

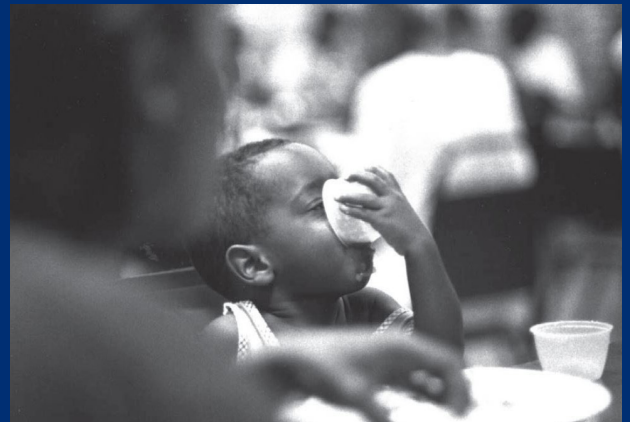


Wilmington Rowing Center’s “Santa Row” was one of many longtime Ministry benefits that returned this year.

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Serving the homeless & poor with dignity, respect & love

- **1977** – At a Capuchin retreat in Delaware, its director blesses Brother Ronald’s calling to serve the poor, Brother Ronald incorporates The Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, opens Mary Mother of Hope House, the Delmarva Peninsula’s first shelter for homeless & destitute women
- **1978** – Ministry buys & fixes burned unit next to Mary Mother of Hope House, doubles capacity
- **1979** – Travelers Aid asks Ministry to fight hunger crisis, Ministry starts Emmanuel Dining Room serving weekly meals in basement of Sacred Heart Church
- **1980** – Dining room grows to five weekdays at Old Asbury Church
- **1981** – Old fire hall is renovated as Emmanuel Dining Room West, with Mary Mother of Hope House II upstairs, starts serving weekday meals
- **1982** – Every day meals start, Old Asbury becomes Emmanuel Dining Room East, first auction is held
- **1983** – Mary Mother of Hope House II opens for women with children, dining room tops 100,000 meals a year, International Night begins
- **1984** – Ministry adds breakfast to daily meals
- **1985** – House of Joseph I opens for homeless men, DuPont Co. donates Job Placement Center site
- **1986** – State asks Ministry to add third dining room, Capuchin Poor Clares arrive from Mexico
- **1987** – Emmanuel Dining Room South opens at state service center near New Castle
- **1988** – Mary Mother of Hope House III opens, doubling our housing capacity
- **1989** – Distribution Center opens, devoted supporters start The Ministry of Caring Guild
- **1990** – Job Placement Center gets new site, Ministry buys large building for Child Care Center
- **1991** – Ministry & St. Francis Hospital partner to start St. Clare Medical Outreach for the poor
- **1992** – Child Care Center opens, Distribution Center gets larger building, St. Clare Medical Outreach van hits the street on the exact date of the Ministry’s 15th anniversary



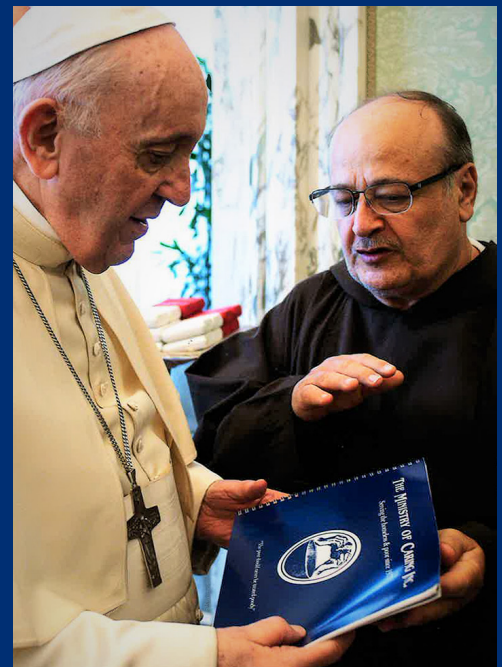
Meals for the homeless and poor expanded at Emmanuel Dining Room West, then South.

- **1993** – Ministry buys 103-107 North Jackson Street for eight transitional housing units, HUD awards Ministry five-year grant of \$940,245 for transitional housing
- **1994** – Emmanuel Dining Room tops 2 million meals, AmeriCorps becomes partner agency
- **1995** – Ministry opens Pierre Toussaint Dental Office for the poor
- **1997** – House of Joseph II opens as state’s only residence for the homeless living with HIV/AIDS
- **1998** – Guardian Angel Child Care opens, Sacred Heart Housing forms to create affordable senior housing to avert homelessness
- **1999** – Ministry’s largest project, Sacred Heart Village, breaks ground at former church complex
- **2000** – Ministry opens first affordable housing site
- **2001** – Sacred Heart Village opens 77 units for low-income seniors
- **2002** – Ministry marks 25 years, dining rooms top 3 million meals, Bethany House opens for special needs women, Francis X. Norton Center opens for senior, community & Ministry events
- **2003** – Il Bambino opens to care for infants of homeless & low-income parents to help them search for jobs or attend training programs toward gainful employment & independence
- **2004** – Ministry honors Methodist Action Program for 25-year rent-free use of dining room site, severe funding cuts to services for the poor hit Ministry hard as U.S. charitable giving plunges
- **2005** – Pierre Toussaint Dental Office tops 2,000 appointments
- **2006** – Sacred Heart Transitional Residence opens
- **2007** – Maria Lorenza Longo House opens long-term women’s housing, Ministry’s 30th anniversary event becomes first fundraising event to top \$1 million
- **2008** – TV’s “Extreme Makeover” builds house for past shelter resident, donates tons of supplies
- **2010** – Padre Pio House opens for special needs men, Sacred Heart Village I adds fitness center
- **2011** – Mother Teresa House opens for otherwise homeless men & women living with early stages of HIV/AIDS, House of Joseph II shifts to serve those living with advanced stages



Pierre Toussaint, born a slave, became a philanthropist who helped the poor.

- **2013** – Ministry’s Facebook page reaches 300 “Likes”
- **2014** – Ministry breaks ground for Sacred Heart Village II to create more senior housing
- **2015** – Senior housing is planned at closed Cathedral Church of St. John with support from the Episcopal Diocese of Wilmington that wants the site to keep serving the community
- **2016** – Ministry centralizes administration offices in donated & renovated former convent
- **2017** – Sacred Heart Village II opens with 26 units for very low-income seniors, all three childcare sites earn state’s top five-star rating, Ministry marks 40th anniversary with major fundraiser, publishes commemorative book, “40 Years of Hope & Charity”
- **2018** – Ministry’s largest project, the Village of St. John, starts to convert historic church site for senior housing, our new Samaritan Housing with support services creates alternative to the state’s voucher emergency motel placements that provide no follow-up assistance
- **2019** – Ministry caps successful year by opening Village of St. John at former church site, marking Emmanuel Dining Room’s 40 years of feeding the hungry, fundraising anniversary dinner helps guarantee the dining room’s future operating costs
- **2020** – As Covid-19 hits, housing sites continue with precautions, Emmanuel Dining Room starts take-out to keep feeding the poor, other services are halted in an abundance of caution, fundraisers are canceled but first virtual event, “Count Me In!” helps fill gaps
- **2021** – Programs partially reopen with precautions, second virtual fundraiser is held, plans progress for Villa Maria senior housing, Brother Ronald & Ministry delegation have private audience with Pope Francis
- **2022** – Community support helps us to recovery as pandemic restrictions ease and programs are fully restored, Emmanuel Dining Room Auction returns, House of Joseph II residents celebrate its 25th year, Ministry marks 45th anniversary with major fundraiser and DuPont Country Club event.



Pope Francis accepts a book about the Ministry that Brother Ronald had our Communications Team create especially for presentation to him at a private audience at the Vatican.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

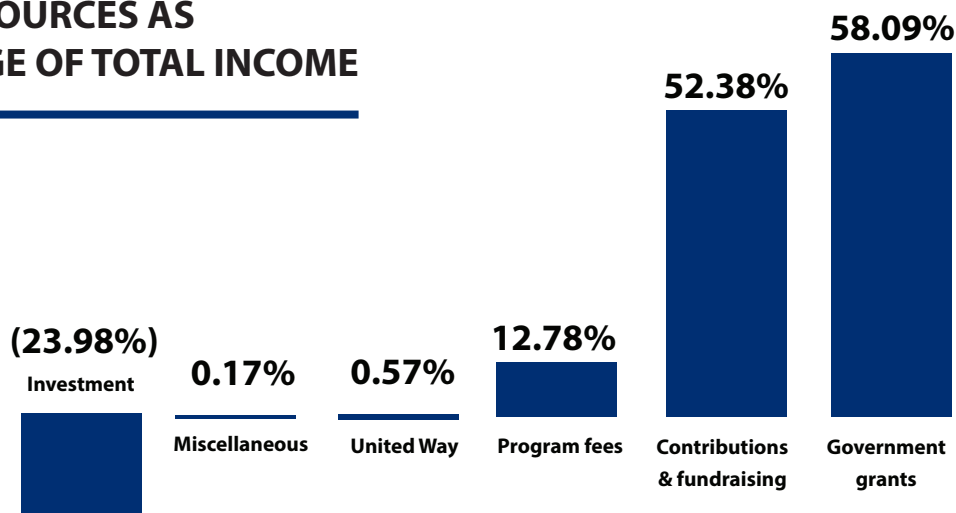
	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 3,500,226	\$ 3,836,646
Cash & cash equivalents, restricted for investment in capital	0	984,315
Grants receivable	915,499	1,344,588
Program fees receivable	53,775	39,440
Promises to give, net	656,824	718,936
Prepaid expenses & other assets	123,936	150,989
Right-of-Use Assets - Operating Leases	211,198	0
Developer fee receivable	423,011	423,011
Due from affiliated organizations	956,313	805,125
Mortgage escrow accounts	502,296	478,975
Qualified affordable housing project escrow	200,970	226,131
Investments	18,271,033	20,621,240
Investment in qualified affordable housing project	8,323,298	8,323,405
Property & equipment, net	18,231,831	15,135,689
Beneficial interests in charitable trusts	1,091,304	1,385,617
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53,461,514	\$ 54,474,107
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	508,204	240,966
Accrued expenses	475,208	352,771
Operating lease liability	211,198	0
Security & other deposits	40,902	44,151
Development fee payable	77,430	77,430
Due to affiliated organizations	39,881	36,085
Conditional grant, other	0	800,000
Note payable	11,863	16,194
Mortgage payable, bank	221,776	272,617
Mortgages payable, Delaware State Housing Authority	1,519,187	944,446
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,105,649	\$ 2,784,660
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	41,267,296	42,842,563
With donor restrictions	9,088,569	8,846,884
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 50,355,865	\$ 51,689,447
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 53,461,514	\$ 54,474,107

This summary reflects the financial position of The Ministry of Caring Inc. as of December 31, 2022, but is not a complete financial statement. Copies of the IRS Form 990 and complete financial statement audited by Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, PA, are available online.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

	Operating revenue	Investment income (loss)	Capital support & other revenue	Total income	Total expenses	Net revenue (loss)
Administration	\$ 2,736,418	\$ (862,750)	\$ 1,389,020	\$ 3,262,688	\$ 2,198,710	\$ 1,063,978
Emmanuel Dining Room	787,153	(77,815)	0	709,338	937,815	(228,477)
Mary Mother of Hope House II & III	648,083	(10,651)	0	637,432	754,323	(116,891)
Mary Mother of Hope House I	515,998	(39,663)	0	476,335	510,992	(34,657)
House of Joseph I	380,975	(6,279)	0	374,696	486,985	(112,289)
Job Placement Center	291,718	(39,901)	0	251,817	327,478	(75,661)
Mary Mother of Hope Transitional Residence	79,594	(7,909)	0	71,685	35,784	35,901
Child Care Fund	1,345,229	(1,000,221)	0	345,008	1,890,013	(1,545,005)
St. Francis Transitional Residence	241,561	(23,567)	0	217,994	262,217	(44,223)
House of Joseph II	1,039,775	(33,900)	0	1,005,875	1,110,366	(104,491)
Samaritan Outreach	(52,976)	0	125,000	72,024	55,070	16,954
Pierre Toussaint Dental Office	180,008	(15,937)	0	164,071	(5,529)	169,600
House of Joseph Transitional Residence	0	0	0	0	1,875	(1,875)
Nazareth House Transitional Residence	197,215	(1,073)	0	196,142	215,247	(19,105)
Ministry of Caring Guild	232,153	0	0	232,153	53,750	178,403
Bethany House Transitional Residence	136,968	0	0	136,968	193,072	(56,104)
Sacred Heart Residence	0	0	0	0	(1,818)	1,818
Francis X. Norton Center	74,869	0	0	74,869	336,852	(261,983)
Maria Lorenza Longo House	17,116	0	0	17,116	57,721	(40,605)
Padre Pio House	28,551	0	0	28,551	55,488	(26,937)
House of Joseph Holistic Housing	83,065	0	0	83,065	240,080	(157,015)
Rapid Rehousing	258,589	0	0	258,589	258,965	(376)
Samaritan Holistic Housing	223,056	0	0	223,056	308,701	(85,645)
House of Joseph Training Program	0	0	0	0	(112,210)	112,210
Subtotal	9,445,118	(2,119,666)	1,514,020	8,839,472	10,171,947	(1,332,475)

FUNDING SOURCES AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL INCOME



THE MINISTRY OF CARING INC.



SERVING THE POOR SINCE 1977

115 East 14th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801-3209
(302) 652-5523
ministryofcaring.org

Andrisani Building

Counseling services
1803 West Sixth Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3005
(302) 428-3702

Bethany House I

For women with special needs
601 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3241
(302) 656-8391

Bethany House II

For women with special needs
615 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3241
(302) 656-8391

Child Care Center

Early learning center for children
of poor & homeless parents
221 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3649
(302) 652-8992 • Fax (302) 652-8945

Distribution Center

Supplying home goods & furniture
1410 North Claymont Street
Wilmington, DE 19802-5227
(302) 652-0969 • Fax (302) 594-9478

Emmanuel Dining Room East

Feeding the hungry
226 North Walnut Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-3934
(302) 652-2577

Emmanuel Dining Room South

Feeding the hungry
500 Rogers Road
New Castle, DE 19720-1398
(302) 577-2951

Emmanuel Dining Room West

Feeding the hungry
121 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3670
(302) 652-3228 • Fax (302) 652-2576

Francis X. Norton Center

Multi-purpose & event rental facility
917 North Madison Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1497
(302) 594-9455 • Fax (302) 428-3655

Guardian Angel Child Care

Early learning center
for children of working parents
1000 Wilson Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-3432
(302) 428-3620 • Fax (302) 428-3622

House of Joseph I

Emergency shelter for men
1328 West Third Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3662
(302) 652-0904 • Fax (302) 594-9472

House of Joseph II

Residence for men & women
living with HIV/AIDS
9 West 18th Street
Wilmington, DE 19802-4833
(302) 594-9473 • Fax (302) 594-9494

House of Joseph Transitional Residence

For employable men & women
704 West Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1524

Il Bambino

Infant care for children of working parents
903 North Madison Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1439
(302) 594-9449 • Fax (302) 594-9450

Job Placement Center

Employment services for the disadvantaged
1100 Lancaster Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19805-4009
(302) 652-5522 • Fax (302) 594-9434

Margaret Nusbaum House

Permanent housing for women
207 South Van Buren Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-4020

Maria Lorenza Longo House

Permanent supportive housing for women
822 Jefferson Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1432
(302) 652-1758 • Fax (302) 652-1759

Mary Mother of Hope House I

Emergency shelter for women
1103 West Eighth Street
Wilmington, DE 19806-4605
(302) 652-8532 • Fax (302) 594-9434

Mary Mother of Hope House II

Emergency shelter for women with children
121 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3670
(302) 652-1935 • Fax (302) 594-9475

Mary Mother of Hope House III

Emergency shelter for women with children
515 North Broom Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3114
(302) 652-0970 • Fax (302) 594-9496

Mary Mother of Hope Permanent Residence

For women
818 Jefferson Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-1432

Nazareth Holistic Housing

For couples or families
898 Linden Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-4423
106 North Broom Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-4241

Padre Pio House

Permanent housing for men with special needs
213 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3649
(302) 658-6123

Pierre Toussaint Dental Office

Dental service for the poor
830 Spruce Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-4205
(302) 652-8947 • Fax (302) 652-8994

Samaritan Outreach

Assistance for the unsheltered homeless
1410 North Claymont Street
Wilmington, DE 19802-5227
(302) 594-9476 • Fax (302) 594-9478

St. Francis Holistic Housing

For women with children
103-107 North Jackson Street
Wilmington, DE 19805-3648
830 Spruce Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-4205