

# THE CITY MISSION

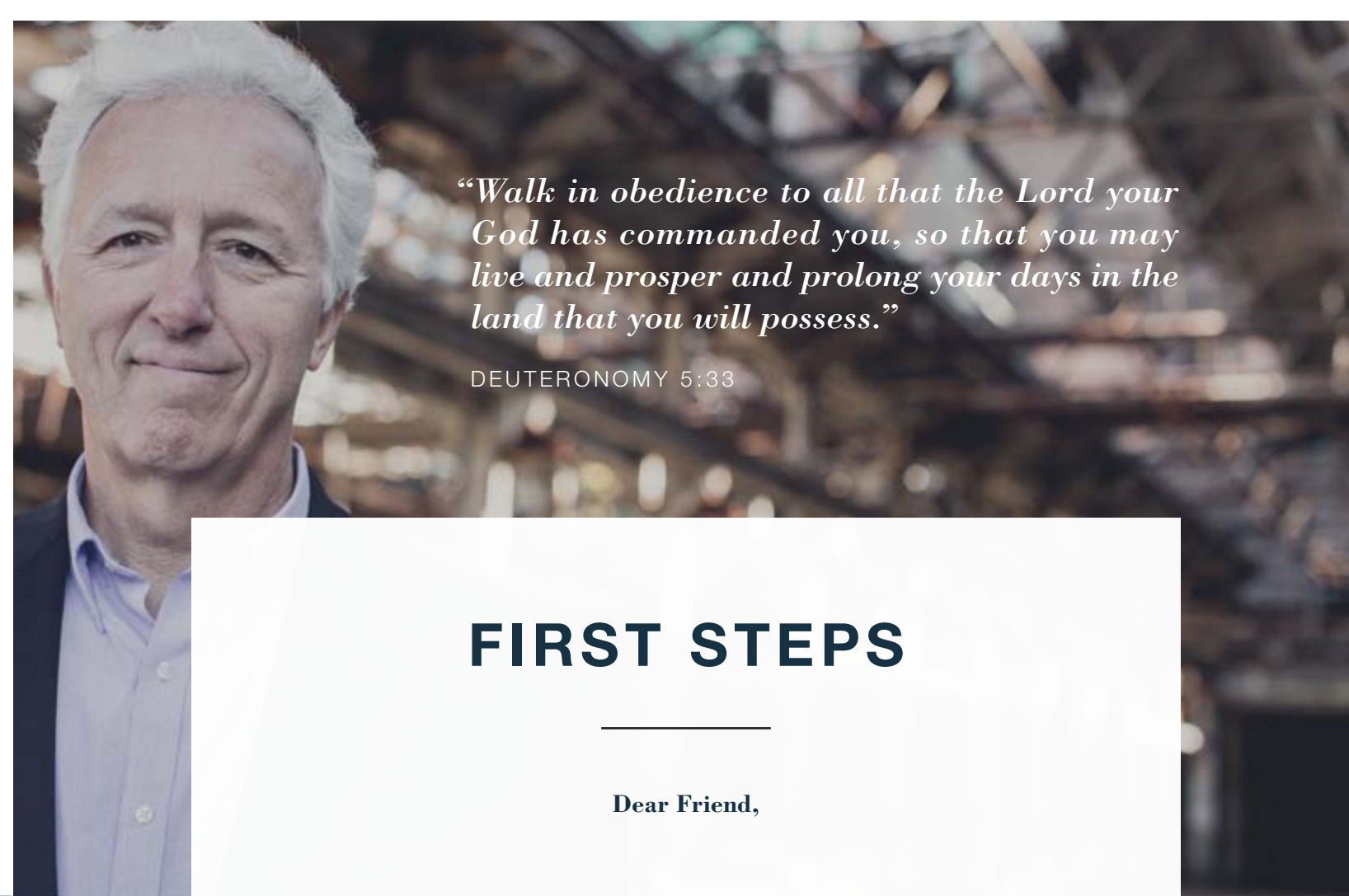
## STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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## FIRST STEPS

Dear Friend,

Every journey starts with a single, first step. It sounds simple, but for hurting people who have to make big changes in their lives, it can be the toughest thing they'll ever do.

This past year at The City Mission, we had the privilege of seeing many men and women take those first steps toward sobriety, self-sufficiency and stability. What's even more rewarding is walking along the road with them, seeing it lead them ever closer to our Lord...and sharing their stories with you throughout the year.

You make every step possible with your support for our ministry. I thank you for your compassion in 2015 and invite you to continue the journey with us and those we serve in 2016. Together, we can make the way a little smoother, the burden a bit lighter and the first steps much less daunting than they look!

Sincerely,

REV. RICHARD TRICKEL  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



# PATHWAYS FAMILY OUTREACH SERVICES

*“What Pathways does for kids is amazing!”*

Amanda has good reason to be proud of her children. After being homeless for a time, they have adapted well to life at Laura’s Home and the family is stronger than ever. “I’ve built a better relationship with my kids,” Amanda says. “We’re really close. They can talk to me about anything. I love that because some parents don’t have that.”

One bond that keeps the family close is their love for God. Before coming to Laura’s Home, Amanda wasn’t religious and her children had little experience of God. Today, thanks to Pathways and chapel services, that’s all changed. “Even my four-year-old knows who Jesus is. It’s great!”

Like her children, Amanda greatly appreciates everything your prayers and support provide for her and her family. “Laura’s home is a wonderful place for women in crisis,” she says. “We thank everyone here and everyone who donates. And what Pathways does for the kids is amazing!”

**“Some kids don’t appreciate the things they get,” says Amanda. But her four children love the activities and attention Pathways offers them. In fact, her 11-year-old daughter even volunteers to help tutor the younger kids. “She’s really good with them. She is a straight-A student!”**

## STEPPING OUT IN HOPE

IN 2015, YOUR GENEROSITY HELPED US TO:

**157** Make a positive difference in the lives of 157 boys and girls through Pathways at Laura’s Home

**6.4K** Sponsor 6,457 hours of activities including After School Club, Teen Club, Family Night, Summer Camp and other special events.

**8%** Provide academic tutoring and character focused programs with an average 8% GPA increase for participating students.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

PROVERBS 3:5-6



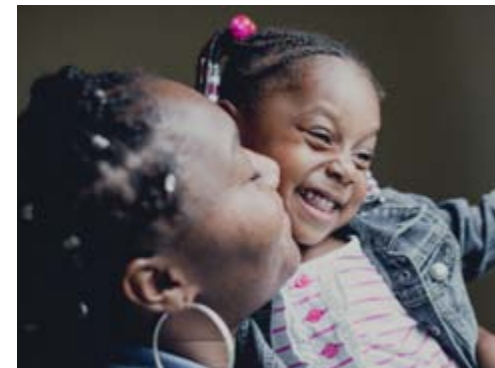




# LAURA'S HOME

## WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

*“God has provided awesome people for my family!”*



to chapel has helped tremendously. I've built my relationship with God and He has provided awesome people for me and my family.”

Through your gifts, God has also provided Tauri with a job, a house, and hope that she and her children can enjoy happiness and success in the years ahead. Tauri says, “I believe that I will use the tools I got from Laura's Home forever.”

“A number of things brought me to Laura's Home,” remembers Tauri. Her grandfather's death, an unhealthy relationship and the loss of her job triggered severe depression. Suddenly facing homelessness for herself and her three children, Tauri knew she needed help. “I was lost,” she says.

At Laura's Home, Tauri joined the program and began to address the causes of her depression. “The counseling has been awesome. And going

Asked about friends like you who support Laura's Home, Tauri says, **“I appreciate everything they've done and continue to do, not only for my family but for many families. They don't know our story and our struggle, but they're willing to pour in 100% and I'm forever thankful. They just give with no questions asked. It's a blessing!”**

May God bless you for reaching out to families like Tauri's!

### STEPPING OUT IN JOY

IN 2015, YOU COMFORTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY:

**78.6K**

Serving 78,620 meals in a secure, welcoming environment.

**53K**

Providing 53,191 nights of secure shelter to 262 women and 392 children.

*“I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths”*

PROVERBS 4:11





# CROSSROADS

## MEN'S CRISIS CENTER

*"I'm going to go good places!"*

With 12 years of prison behind him, Tim believes he has only good things ahead of him—and he credits your support for The City Mission for his bright future.

When he was released from prison, The City Mission was Tim's only option. "I'd burned every bridge I had," he says—except for his friendship with Inmate Outreach Services Chaplain Brent. Tim entered the Crossroads program, completing it in 18 months.

Since then, Tim has launched his own home repair business. "I'm not rich yet, but I'm making a living. As long as you stay focused on what God wants you to do, He will help you move forward and advance His kingdom."

One way Tim is advancing God's kingdom is through ministry at a church near the Mission. "In a million years, I didn't think I'd be speaking God's Word in front of a congregation!

It tells me God's got me where he wants me." Tim also visits The City Mission to stay in touch with Chaplain Brent.

**"It's good to reflect on where you've been and where God has put you," says Tim. "I've got God as my center. I think I'm going to go good places."**

Thank you for giving men like Tim the skills and focus they need for successful lives in Christ and in our community!

### STEPPING OUT IN TRUST

IN 2015, YOUR GIFTS HELPED US TO:

**76K** Serve 75,995 hot, filling meals to hungry men.

**1.1K** Support 1,138 men in their efforts to change their lives through transformational programs.

**45.5K** Provide 45,492 nights of safe shelter to homeless men.

*"Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."*

PROVERBS 119:133



## INMATE OUTREACH SERVICES

*“I can’t shout my praises enough!”*

Larry had been a successful businessman with a wife, a comfortable home and a promising future. But problems with his business led to a 2-year prison term. When Larry left prison, he had \$52 to his name and no home to return to.

But thanks to your support for Inmate Outreach Services, Larry knew he would be welcome at The City Mission. While in prison, he had learned about the Crossroads Program through IOS literature and correspondence to inmates. Larry explains, “The correspondence is passed around to maybe 15 others who read them and enjoy them. It’s a tremendous asset.”

Once in the program, Larry found that Crossroads was “the answer to my prayers.

They offered everything I needed: support, food and a good, safe environment. They put my life back together. They didn’t just put a Band-Aid on there, they fixed it.”

Larry had never heard of The City Mission before he went to prison and read the correspondence with Chaplain Brent’s name on it. “**Now that I’ve been here and seen it, I can’t shout my praises enough to tell these people and inmates what this place has to offer,**” he says.

Thank you for providing a welcoming environment for men like Larry to transition from prison into productive lives.

### STEPPING OUT IN SELF RESPECT

IN ADDITION TO DONATING BIBLES, YOU SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH PRISONERS THROUGH:

**87** chapel services, Bible studies and meetings that brought 4,104 men and women closer to Christ.

**101** visits to prison facilities throughout Ohio.

**431** personal, one-on-one visits to men and women by our staff chaplains.

**4.6K** Monthly mail and correspondence with more than 4,600 mostly Ohio inmates.

*“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence...”*

PROVERBS 16:11



# VOLUNTEER PROFILE

*“It’s opened up opportunities to go out and get connected.”*

When Jaime decided to get involved at The City Mission, she had no idea that serving a meal one Sunday a month would take on the proportions of managing a restaurant. Preparation starts weeks ahead with menu selection, recruiting volunteers, assigning jobs and finally, shopping. Then there’s the actual meal to prepare and serve!

That’s why Jaime got her church involved with an average of 20 people helping out each month. “As the months go on, small groups at our church are joining, so I’m definitely seeing more interest. I know that God was like, ‘Just do it. Don’t wait for me to drop a huge sign in front of your face.’ That’s why

I’m putting everything into it, because I know it’s what He wants me to do.”

Volunteering at The City Mission also benefits Jaime’s church and its members. She says, **“It fits perfectly into the culture of our church. Our pastor is always talking about serving. One of our statements is walking towards people, not away from them. It’s opened up opportunities to go out and get connected.”**

With all the meals served at The City Mission, we can always use more help. Consider gathering members of your own church in service to the poor and “get connected!”

## STEPPING OUT IN SERVICE

IN 2015

**1.5K** 1535 volunteers (278 individuals and 150 groups)

**466.8K** Valued at over \$466,833.21 to the men, women & children at The City Mission

**20.2K** 20,235 hours of service

**76** 76 first time volunteers and groups

*“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.”*

PROVERBS 89:15



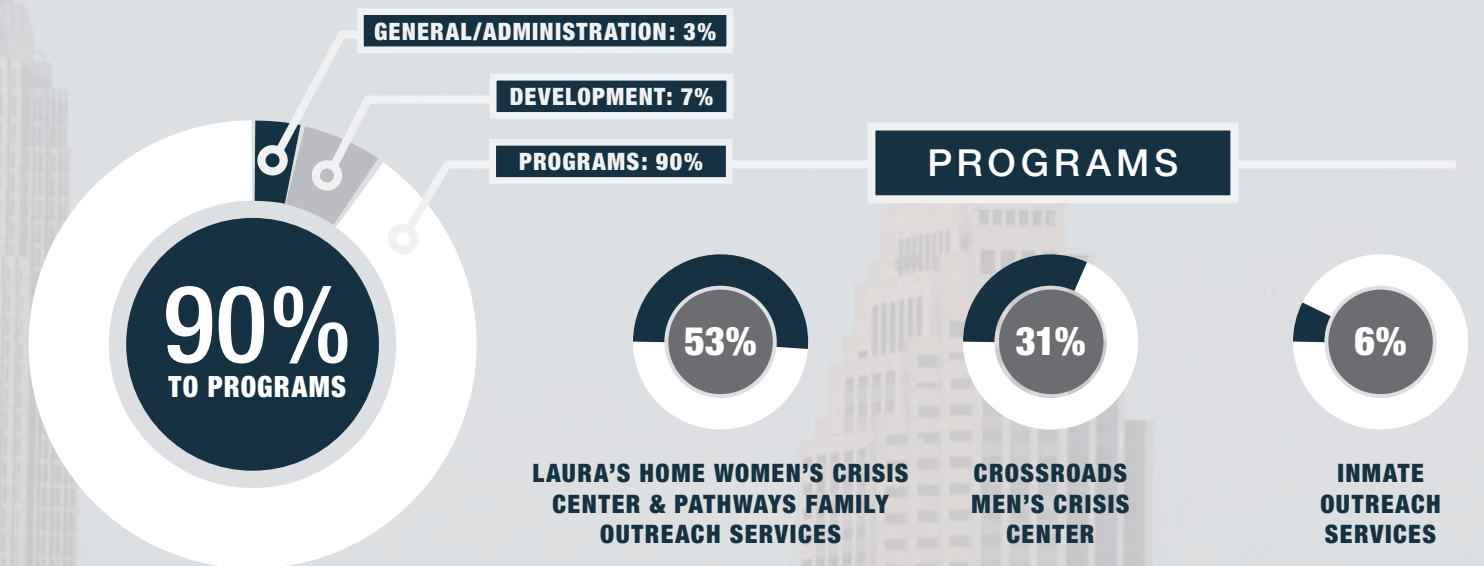
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FORGIVENESS  
HOME  
COMPASSION

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”*

DEUTERONOMY 15:10

## WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO



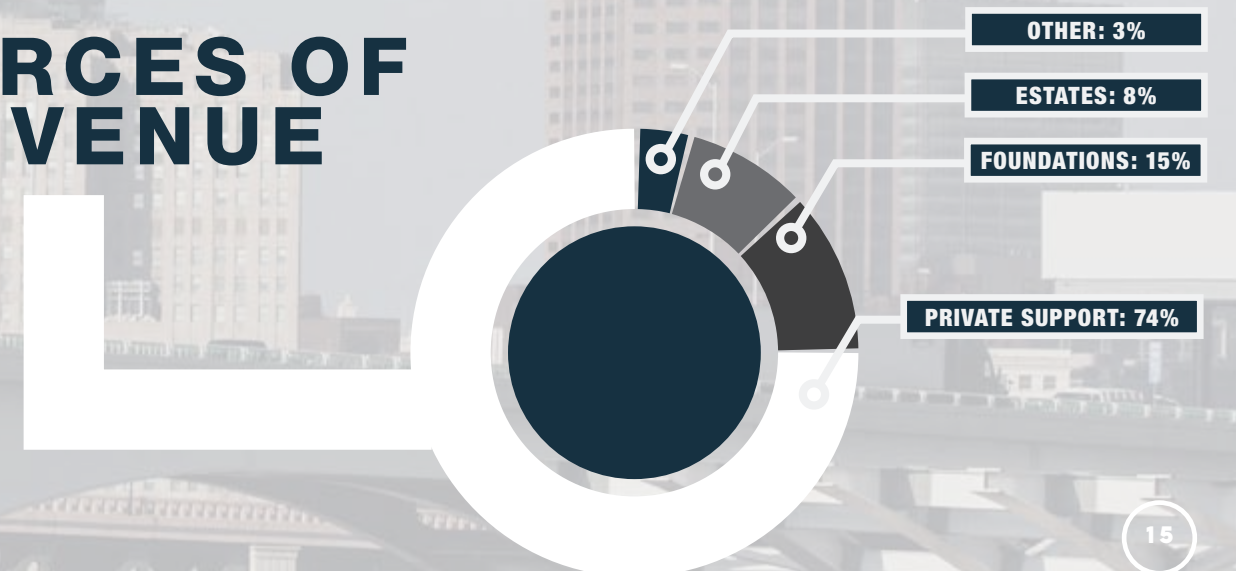
## OUR ANNUAL INCOME

2014-2015

\$6,425,721

*A complete audited statement is available upon request.*

## SOURCES OF REVENUE





# MISSION STATEMENT

*Providing help and hope to all people through the transforming power of God's love*

## CORE VALUES

DIRECTED BY THE BIBLE • ENERGIZED BY COLLABORATION • INSPIRED BY RESPONSIBILITY  
BOUND BY INTEGRITY • DEDICATED TO TRANSFORMATION • STRENGTHENED BY COMMITMENT

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