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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.**

# Thank You!

As I reflect on your care and compassion for the most vulnerable people in our communities, I'm so grateful for you! The work of serving, strengthening, and uplifting thousands of people across Alberta cannot be done without you by our side.

However, the needs in our community continue to grow. There have been record numbers of people seeking safe, warm shelter. More children and families in our province are in need of food support as parents are faced with skyrocketing bills and tough choices. As the opioid crisis rages, people who are trapped in addiction are desperate to find freedom.

But in spite of these growing needs, there have also been incredible stories of people who have found renewed hope because of your kindness. Your compassion fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and gently ushered struggling people into the warmth of a recovery community. Your generosity encouraged a lonely child and draped a winter jacket over someone who was shivering. You have made a tangible and lasting impact on the people in our community who needed it most.

This annual report has been prepared for you out of deep appreciation for the work that you have done to reach people in need. Within these pages, you'll read stories from people whose lives have been touched and changed forever because of you. This is just a small representation of the incredible way you have spread God's love throughout our community to people who were desperate for hope.

May God bless you,



Joel Nikkel - *Executive Director*



# Total number of meals served across the province:

**1,992,701**



Of those meals, **382,760**  
were provided to children  
and families across Alberta.





**108**

schools were supported with meals and life-changing programs.



**2,210**

unique number of people coming to the nursing clinics for help.



**287**

new admissions of men and women in our addiction recovery programs.



**590**

kids came to our summer camps.



**8321**

unique people accessed safe shelter.



**916**

people were housed.



**Over 13,500**

calls dispatched the rescue vans to those in need.

**ALL THAT HAPPENED IN 2024**



## NANCY'S STORY

# Recovery Led Nancy Back to God

For most of her adult life, Nancy struggled with addiction and alcoholism. At the age of 18, she began working as a bartender, which led to a life of reliance on alcohol. She needed help and tried multiple treatment centres, but nothing seemed to stick. She felt completely powerless as alcohol continued to destroy her life.

Later, she was introduced to hard drugs that trapped and isolated her. Although her boyfriend cared for both of them, he also catered to her addiction—leaving her without any hope or options.

At her lowest point, and full of despair, Nancy decided to take her own life. She jumped off of a bridge and fell 19 feet onto the concrete—but miraculously survived. She suffered devastating injuries that still cause difficulties for her today.

But she hit rock bottom when her boyfriend passed away. Without him, Nancy had no income and was quickly evicted from her place. “I had lost everything and had nowhere to go,” Nancy remembers, “I was homeless and felt utterly defeated.”

She found herself at the doors of Hope Mission and was given hot meals and a safe place to sleep. And everything changed. She has committed her life to God and has even gotten baptized! She’s full of joy, purpose, and life.

“That’s where recovery leads you. Back to God and back to where you should be.”

When you provide meals, you are not just feeding the hungry—you are opening doors to new life and recovery for people like Nancy. Thank you!

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## NATHAN'S STORY

# Your Impact on Nathan's Life

"I wasted 15 years of my life."

Although Nathan is only in his early thirties, half his life has been in addiction.

He felt stuck and didn't know if things would ever change for him. He lost everything—his children, his dreams, his hope.

Nathan knew he needed help and didn't know where to turn—until one day, when he heard about Breakout. He joined Hope Mission's year-long addiction recovery program for men and began addressing the root causes of what had kept him trapped in addiction for so long. He dove into the material and began rediscovering a genuine faith.

This last winter, he experienced his first sober Christmas as an adult. He's working on rebuilding his relationship with his children. He's full of hope for the future—and it is all because of compassionate people like you.

"Hope Mission has had a really big impact on my life. I love everything that they're doing here."

Nathan has big plans lined up for his life after he graduates from the recovery program. He has a place ready and waiting for him at school so that he can pursue a degree in business and management. He's looking forward to having his own place, getting his children back in his life, and celebrating his first year of sobriety. These things felt impossible not that long ago—but today, they're a reality for Nathan's very near future.

"It feels really special. To me, it's a big accomplishment in my life."

Thank you for opening the doors of recovery to people like Nathan. Your compassion is making fresh hope and a bright future a reality for people in desperate need.



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## JOSH'S STORY

# Hope for Josh

It's because of the generosity of people like you that has brought the joy and hope of new life to kids like Josh.

Josh is a 13-year old boy who has been struggling for a long time. He felt lonely, isolated, and misunderstood. He was finding it difficult to cope with tough things in his personal life and felt himself sinking further into despair. At his lowest, Josh began struggling with heartbreaking thoughts.

“I didn't know if I wanted to keep going,” Josh remembers, “I didn't think there was any reason to live.”

But then Josh was connected to Hope Mission. He joined a program for youth that connected him with new friends and adults who are looking out for him. Today, Josh is excited about what the future holds—and that's all because of you.

“Now, you guys have given me hope.”

Josh no longer feels alone; he is part of a community that cares deeply for him. This young man's hope has been renewed and that is an incredible gift.

Your compassion meant that kids and families in difficult situations were not alone. Thank you for sharing the hope and love with people who needed to feel it most.



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## SOFIA’S STORY

# A Lifeline for Sofia

Sofia is a single parent right here in town. She was already finding it difficult to provide for her daughter—and then she unexpectedly lost her job.

The financial blow was incredibly stressful for her family and she began looking for new work right away. Sofia knew she would need to take whatever job became available, and hoped she could find after-school care for her daughter. She was worried about how they would manage and felt lost and alone.

But then someone connected her with Hope Mission, and Sofia was immediately encouraged by the help she received. Her daughter was able to join a free after-school program, and they began receiving monthly food hampers to help make sure they had enough to eat. The two of them were able to come for a special dinner that was held at Hope Mission together—which meant the world to their small family.

“The events make me feel at home again,” Sofia shares, “It’s been awesome.”

Now, Sofia no longer feels alone. Her daughter has made many new friends. They have hope for their future and have found a community that will make sure they don’t fall through the cracks. Sofia can’t thank you enough for your compassion.

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Your generosity has thrown a lifeline to parents like Sofia as they navigate difficult circumstances. Thank you for your compassion!

## MARK'S STORY

# The Right Place at the Right Time

For people like Mark, the kindness of people like you has been making a real and tangible difference.

Mark is an older gentleman who has been experiencing homelessness. The Rescue Van team stumbled upon him while patrolling the neighbourhood and were deeply concerned by how thin he looked through his threadbare clothing. Propped up with his walker, Mark was shivering in the cold.

But because of you, there was help for Mark. The Rescue Van was able to give him food, water, clothing, and other supplies. They were able to offer him compassion, dignity, and other support. Thanks to your compassion, our staff were able to be in the right place at the right time—right when Mark needed help.

“God set that up. We had everything Mark needed and he was so grateful.”

We're so grateful for your compassion and generosity as you partner with us in serving vulnerable people in our province—and we truly can't thank you enough.

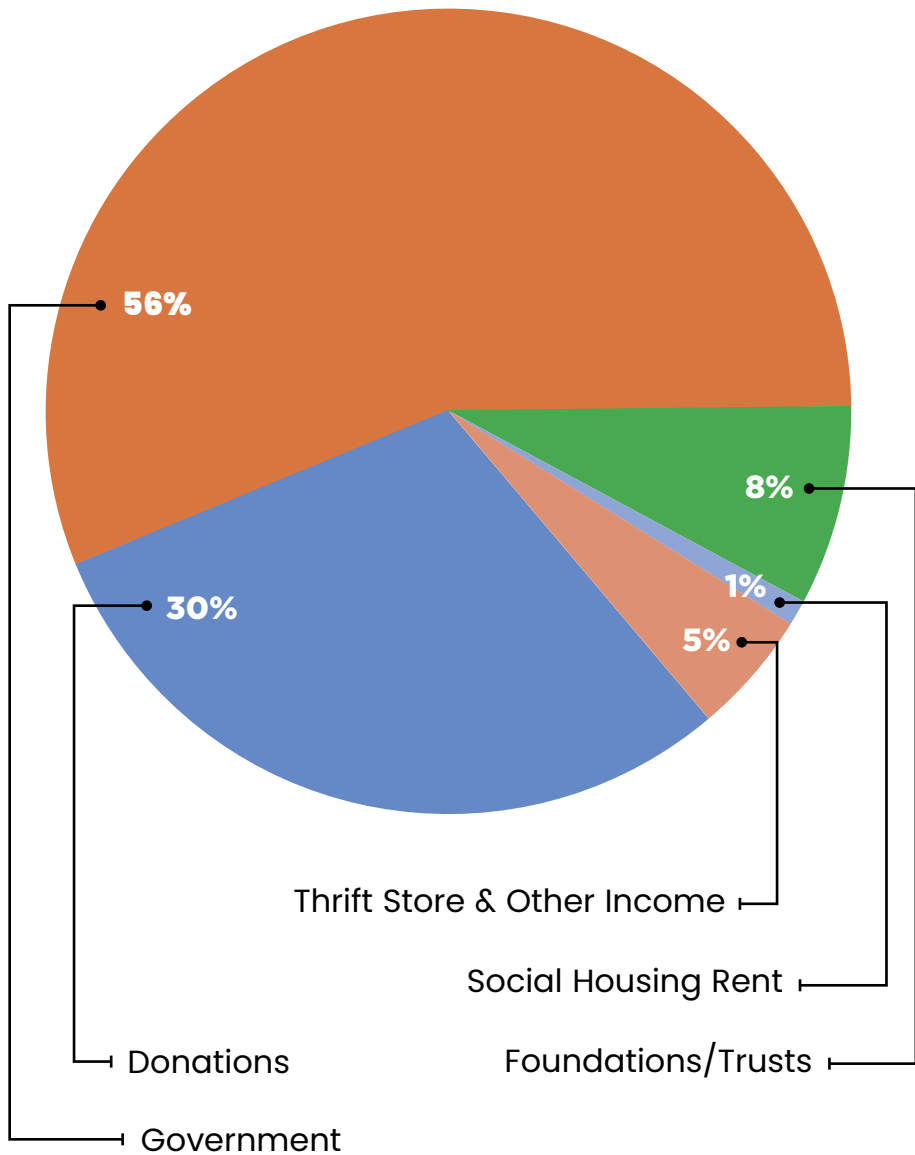


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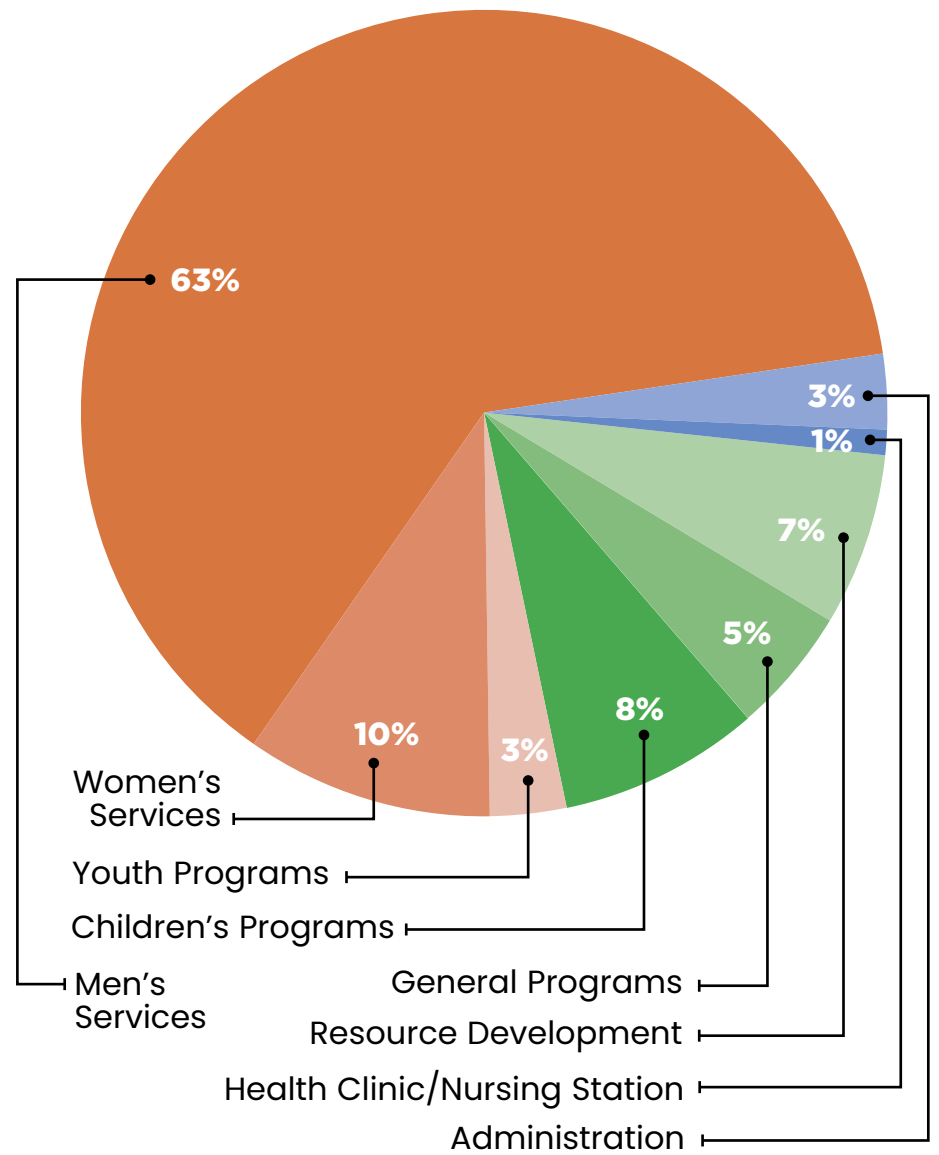
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# Financials

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