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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Because of the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ, Hope Mission exists to serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those in search of help, healing, and hope.**

# Your Compassion Was Life-Changing in 2025

I am writing to you today with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for reaching out with kindness and generosity towards our most vulnerable neighbours. Your compassion truly made a real and tangible difference in the lives of people who have been struggling through incredibly difficult circumstances.

Since being founded in 1929, we have never seen such desperate need as we are seeing today. More than ever before, people are facing a dangerous life on the streets and seeking safe, warm shelter. More children are going hungry as families struggle to make ends meet. More people have been impacted by the opioid crisis and are trapped in addiction, longing to be free.

The need is great - but so is the impact that your generosity has made. Every single day, all across Alberta, we bear witness to your stories of hope. Your kindness has fed hungry people with hot, delicious meals. You have brought people from dangerous, cold streets into safe, warm shelter. You gave fresh socks and sturdy shoes to someone who was walking around outside in their bare feet. Your compassion was patrolling the streets, searching for people in need and bringing them to safety. Lives have been changed because of you, and in many cases, even saved.

It is with these stories of hope in mind that we have prepared this annual report for you. These are just a small sample of the many people who are grateful for your generosity. Your kindness has reached into the darkest points of someone's life and brought them to a place of hope. On behalf of all of us at Hope Mission: thank you. We are deeply grateful for your compassion and partnership.

May God bless you richly as you have so generously blessed others.



Joel Nikkel - Executive Director



# Total number of meals served across the province:

**1,623,544**



**752,935** fed hungry kids  
and families across Alberta.





**213,694**

meals served  
to kids at  
schools across  
the province.



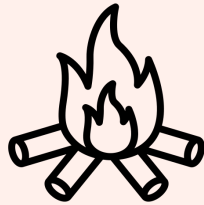
**2,953**

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



**139**

men and women  
started programs  
for addiction  
recovery.



**1,865**

participants in  
our child/youth  
Prevention programs.



**8,560**

unique people  
accessed  
safe shelter.



**838**

people  
were housed.



**Over 18,300**

calls dispatched  
the Rescue Vans  
to those in need.

**YOUR IMPACT IN 2025**



## WAYNE'S STORY

# A Miracle for Wayne

Wayne was only a teenager when he began battling alcoholism. He didn't want to drink and tried to quit many times, but he just couldn't stop. Eventually, his addiction robbed him of everything he had, and Wayne became homeless as an adult.

While in Edmonton one night, Wayne was sitting in a bus shelter, thinking about what he was going to do with his life. He knew something needed to change but he didn't know how - or if it was even possible. On this windy evening, a small piece of paper blew in front of him, and Wayne walked over and picked it up.

He didn't know what he was expecting from something that appeared to be garbage, but when he took a closer look, he was stunned. It was a sheet explaining the rules of Breakout, Hope Mission's addiction recovery program for men in Edmonton. It felt like a sign - and Wayne decided to join the program.

Today, Wayne is thriving. "Every day, I give thanks for being alive," he shares. Without your generosity, there is no telling where Wayne would be. He doesn't like to think about it too much - but he knows that there's a chance his life could have had very tragic consequences without your kindness intervening for him. "If it wasn't for Hope Mission, I might not be here. They gave me a safe place to sleep, a warm meal to eat, and an opportunity to better my life. They opened the door and invited me into a new way of living."

Through your compassion, people like Wayne are looking ahead to a brand-new future, full of hope. Their lives are being changed – all because of you!

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## ALICIA'S STORY

# Renewed Hope for Alicia

Alicia was a senior citizen experiencing homelessness in the middle of winter - and she didn't think she would survive sleeping on the street. Having lost all of her possessions and with nowhere to go, Alicia was completely overwhelmed and terrified.

"I was broken and felt completely lost," Alicia remembers.

But because of your generosity, Alicia was welcomed into a safe, warm shelter with open arms. She was given nutritious meals and her own bed to sleep in. She was able to speak to a nurse about some health concerns and felt like she was beginning to get her strength back. Through it all, Alicia was treated with compassion and dignity during one of the most difficult times of her life. "From the first moment, the staff were incredibly welcoming and accepting," Alicia shares. "I cannot praise Hope Mission enough. Every issue I faced was handled with care and respect - from the top management to the cleaners. I could not have been treated better."

Alicia was connected to a housing worker that helped her evaluate her options and access support that she didn't know existed. Today, Alicia has been housed in a seniors' home and is receiving the care and support she needs to thrive, thanks to your compassion.



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## MICHAEL'S STORY

# Michael Knows He Can Count on You

Michael is a 7 year old kid with big dreams. “When I grow up, I want to be an actor or a race car driver - or a leader at Hope Mission!” he shares with a smile on his face.

Even though his parents do his best to protect him from their financial struggles, he knows they’ve been stressed. He’s overheard tense, hushed conversations at the table when they think he’s sleeping. Michael often feels hungry when he goes to sleep, but he does his best not to complain. He doesn’t want to stress them out even more, but the truth is that he wishes there was more to eat at home.

But because of your compassion, Michael was invited to enjoy a hot and delicious dinner at Hope Mission surrounded by his friends and family. His parents have been connected with resources that will help them and they’re breathing a little easier knowing there is help available. And at the most basic level, Michael knows he has a community he can count on when times are tough.

“If my family doesn’t have food, we know we can go to Hope Mission.”

This is the incredible gift that your generosity has given to vulnerable kids and families. Thank you for feeding hungry children!



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## ANGELA'S STORY

# A Christmas Miracle for Angela

Angela is a single mother who was worried about Christmas last year. She does everything she can to provide for her children, but the rising cost of living has left her feeling like she's drowning every single day. Paying her increased rent and keeping the lights on was overwhelming enough - she knew there wouldn't be anything left over to make Christmas special for her kids. Angela was completely dreading her children's heartbreak.

But because of your compassion, Angela was connected with Hope Mission. Her family received a food hamper and enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner together. She was able to pick out gifts for her children from Hope Mission's toy giveaway and was delighted to see their smiles on Christmas morning. Instead of the difficult season she anticipated, Angela and her children were overwhelmed by the generosity of others - and she couldn't be more grateful to you.

"Thank you so much for being there for my family and making sure we're okay. You made our Christmas a lot easier."

Overwhelmed and anxious parents have found hope through your compassion. In spite of their worries for the future, you have reached out with kindness. Thank you for making sure these struggling families know they are not alone.

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## ROHAN'S STORY

# Hope Begins with a Meal

At Hope Mission, we believe hope begins with a meal. The simple gift of food to someone who is hungry and hurting can open the door to other life-changing services like shelter, recovery, and housing. A meal can be the turning point in someone's life towards a brand new future - and that's why your generosity made such an impact in 2025.

Your compassion served delicious meals to people in desperate need. Plates piled high with steaming hot food were handed out by compassionate volunteers. And relationships were built around the tables that could change the course of someone's life forever.

Rohan was one of the people who enjoyed a delicious meal thanks to you. Life has been incredibly hard for him lately, and he has been feeling discouraged. But because of your kindness, Rohan was welcomed inside and given a delicious meal. He told us that he couldn't remember the last time he had eaten a meal so filling, and calming the hunger in his belly helped to give him some clarity to think through what he wants his future to look like.

In the middle of a difficult situation, Rohan still found joy in a simple meal - and he wanted us to express his deep gratitude to you.

"Thank you to all the people who gave donations to keep us fed. God bless them! They are very kind people."

Your generosity meant that people like Rohan weren't abandoned in a difficult time. You opened the door to

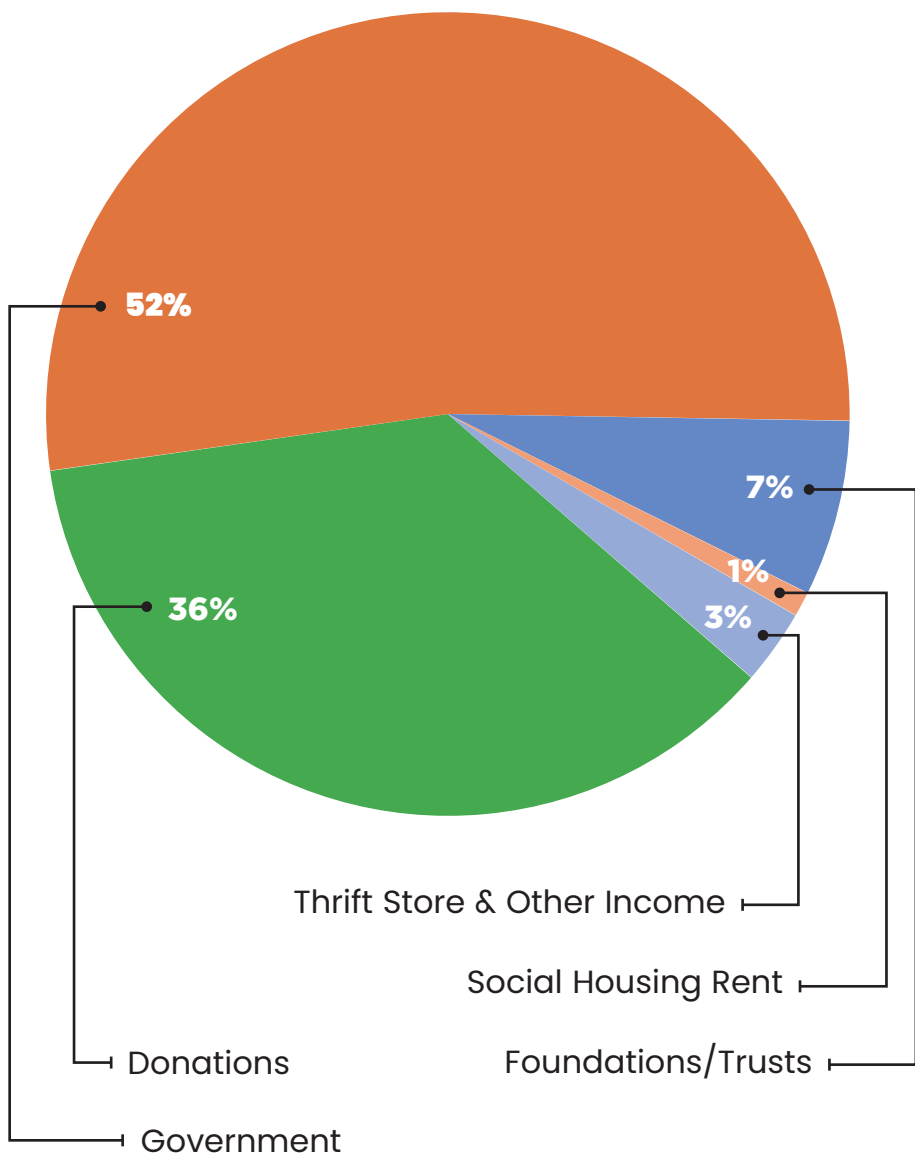


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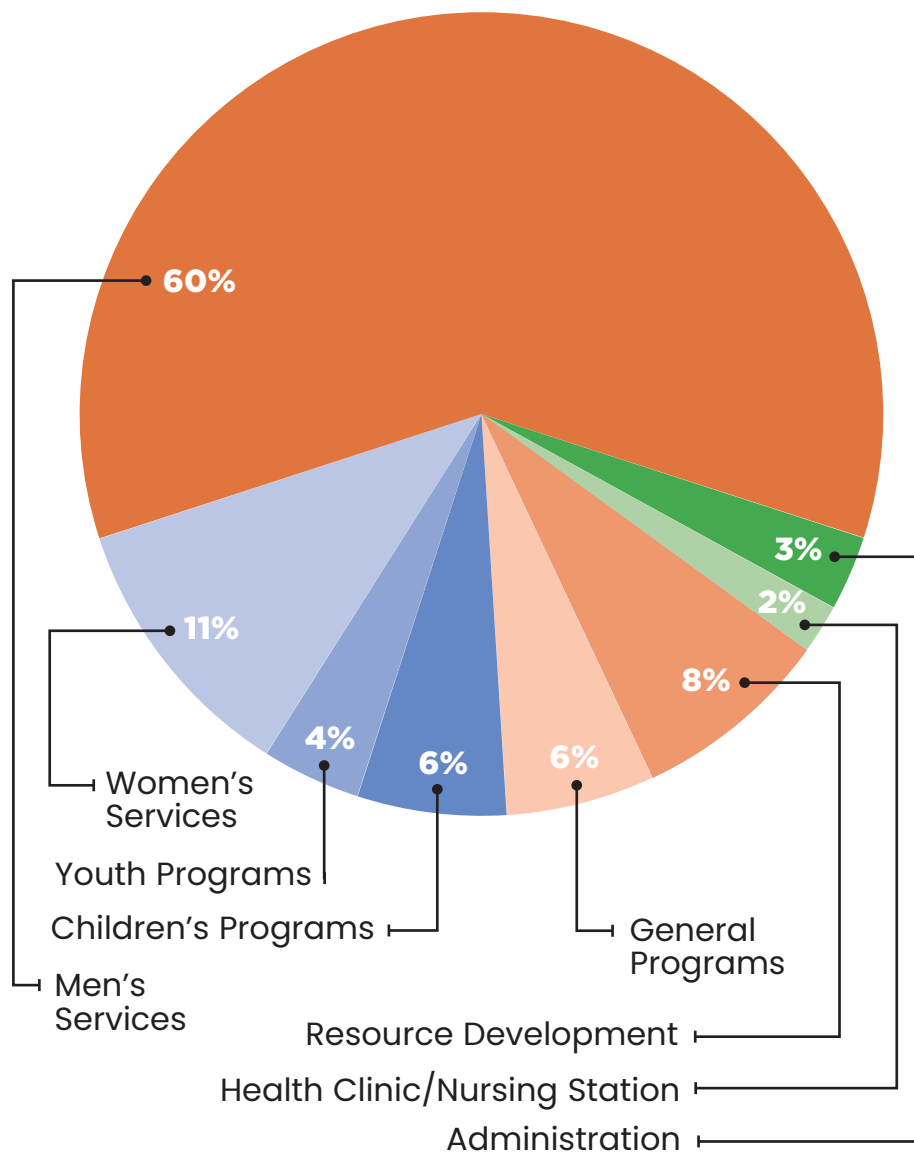
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# Financials

## RECEIPTS



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