

# ANNUAL REPORT FY 2023



**OPENING DOORS OUT OF POVERTY** 

#### A WORD FROM CARMEN

#### **Blessings!**

Commitment and generosity have been at the very heart of Lazarus House Ministries this past fiscal year. As we celebrate our 40th year of service, we extend deep gratitude to every individual; partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers – who have woven their kindness and generosity into the fabric of our mission. Our purpose is to serve all Guests who enter our doors and meet their needs with dignity and respect. As we face a lack of food, clothing, shelter, advocacy, or the resources needed in today's challenging economy, with your support and God's grace, we strive to be able to walk alongside our Guests on their journey.



The support from our community has been nothing short of extraordinary. In FY2023, Lazarus House Ministries raised over \$8 million in revenue and in-kind. Despite harsh economic realities, our programs have increased the number of families and individuals we serve. We invite you to witness your impact firsthand by visiting our programs, which will be a truly transformative experience.

With God's loving guidance and your kindness acting as a beacon of light, we remain committed to "Opening Doors Out Of Poverty" this year and every year. We cannot do what we do without YOU! Thank you for all you do.

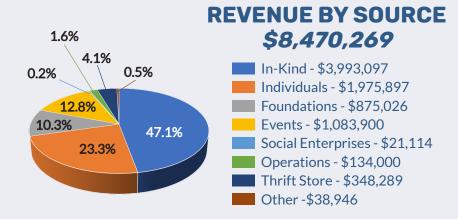
Gratefully,

Carmen H. Vega, Executive Director

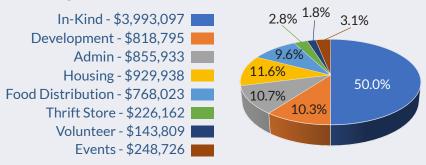


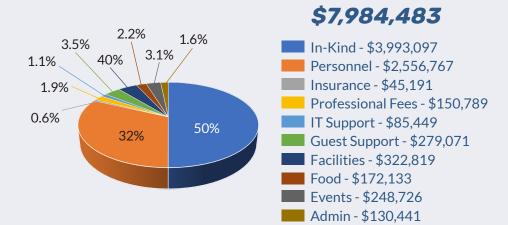
# **OUR FINANCES**

**EXPENSES BY TYPE** 



## EXPENSES BY PROGRAM \$7,984,483





### **SERVICES WE PROVIDED IN FY23**



We serve over 1,200 Guests per week in our Food Pantry and 150 meals per day in our Soup Kitchen.

Each week, our Thrift Store serves 500 Guests, offering affordable and, when needed, complimentary household and clothing items to those who are in need.





Capernaum Place, our transitional housing, and our Lazarus House Emergency Shelter offer a haven for 24 families and 4 single women to rest, heal, and thrive 365 days a year.

We collaborate with other community agencies for holistic care, delivery of in-house services, provide hands-on support in navigating "the system," and supply essential personal care items.





With empathy, dignity, and a non-judgmental heart, we connect Guests to the services and resources they need and want in order to move forward in their lives.

### **OUR STORIES**



#### **GUEST STORIES**

The ripple effect of our Guests' successes inspires and empowers others, creating a chain reaction of hope, determination, and perseverance for the mission of Lazarus House Ministries.

One of our Guests journeyed from the brink of eviction to secure a safe place to live and attain a lifelong dream of serving her community in law enforcement. Her success in passing the entry exam on her first attempt is a testament to her dedication and the supportive environment of the staff at Capernaum Place. Her story echoes the essence of hope, commitment, and resilience passed down to all our Guests to inspire them to pursue and live out their aspirations for a fulfilling life.

#### **DONOR STORIES**

Testimonies beautifully capture the multi-faceted impact of donating to Lazarus House Ministries. Here are some of the testimonies and quotes heard from some of our donors.

Lazarus House has been an amazing partner of ALKU's over the last few years. From helping in the food pantry, donating clothing, cleaning living quarters, and much more, ALKU employees always love visiting Lazarus House. The work that Lazarus House is doing is inspiring to all of us at ALKU and we are so happy to have helped play a small part in it all."

- ALKU, Lazarus House Sponsor

"I always end up feeling humbled by the immense joy of helping others. In that, I receive more than I give."

- Lazarus House Donor

"Volunteering is the gift of self, for me it is my way of giving back and helping people in need."

- Lazarus House Volunteer



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for volunteering,
donating, serving,
providing, and caring
for the Guests of
Lazarus House.

YOU ARE THE HEART OF THE MINISTRY!