



**FRIENDSHIP MISSION.ORG**

Providing food and shelter for men, women, and children



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# A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Gratitude overflows in this new year. It is overflowing from last year's many acts of kindness for Friendship Mission and those we serve –those experiencing hunger and homelessness.

We are well into this new (and perfectly crazy) year and have renewed our commitment to ensuring everyone has an appropriate place to call home. Our hope and prayers for 2025 are compassion, patience, and action.

We have renewed our promise to be a voice for those who can't speak for themselves, and a guiding hand for those who are the least, the last, and the lost. With your generosity, support, and belief in the power of change, we'll keep providing shelter, resources, and hope for the homeless.

This year, we are preparing for change. As the only shelter in Montgomery, this is the year that Friendship Mission hopes to evolve to help more people in need. Your support will allow Friendship Mission to move more people into stability, into a home that is appropriate for their needs. Thank you for being a partner in this journey. Your compassion, your patience, and your actions make a difference.

...IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Davis".

**TARA DAVIS**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# OUR MISSION

Demonstrating love and compassion in action, Friendship Mission is a refuge for the homeless and hungry, offering shelter for men, women, and children, and assisting our clients to become self-sufficient.

## 80 PEOPLE

moved from our shelters to self-sufficiency in 2023. They now have control of their lives.



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# FRIENDSHIP MISSION GIVES...

Friendship Mission operates two emergency shelters in Montgomery for those who are homeless. In the past year, we provided **28,835** emergency shelter bed nights to **164** men, **115** women, and **55** children. Along with providing food for residents, Friendship Mission also operates a soup kitchen for those who do not live in our shelters but need a prepared meal. In the past year, we have served **66,805** meals between the two shelters and the Soup Kitchen combined.

Case management is provided to help residents navigate their personal obstacles and to give guidance as they build a personal plan to self-sufficiency. Friendship Mission also connects its residents to valuable resources that can help them stabilize their lives. From food assistance, income and childcare to medical services and housing, Friendship Mission's team works to ensure residents are confident and steady when they exit our shelter program.

Friendship Mission operates seven days a week to care for those who are experiencing hunger and homelessness. Even during the height of the pandemic, our doors did not close. Homelessness and hunger are problems that plague our community every single day.



# State of Homelessness

AS OF THE MOST RECENT REPORTS AVAILABLE

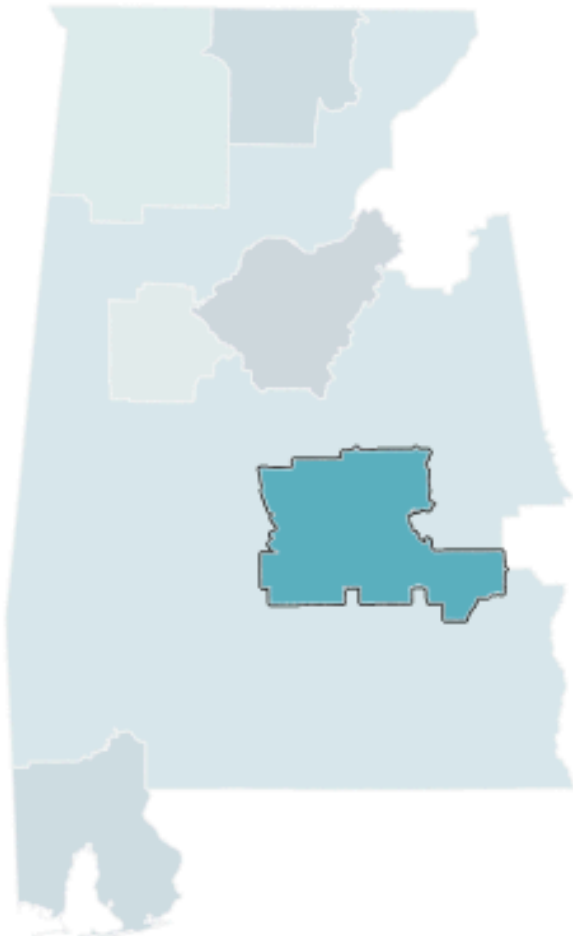
## Montgomery City & County CoC

**345**

People Experienced Homelessness  
on a Given Night in 2023

**9**

People Experienced Homelessness  
out of Every 10,000 People  
in the General Population



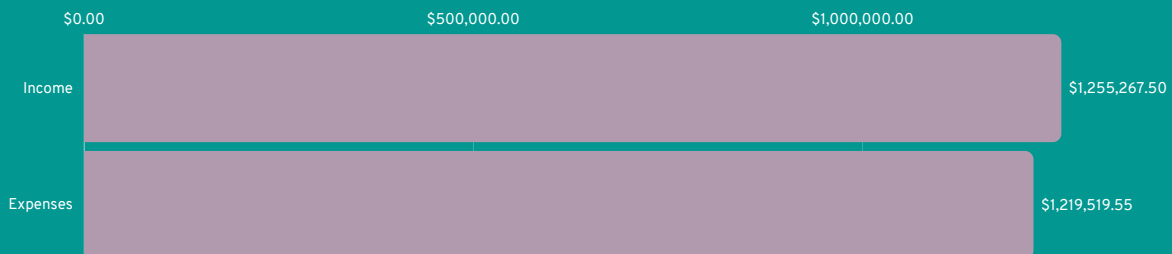
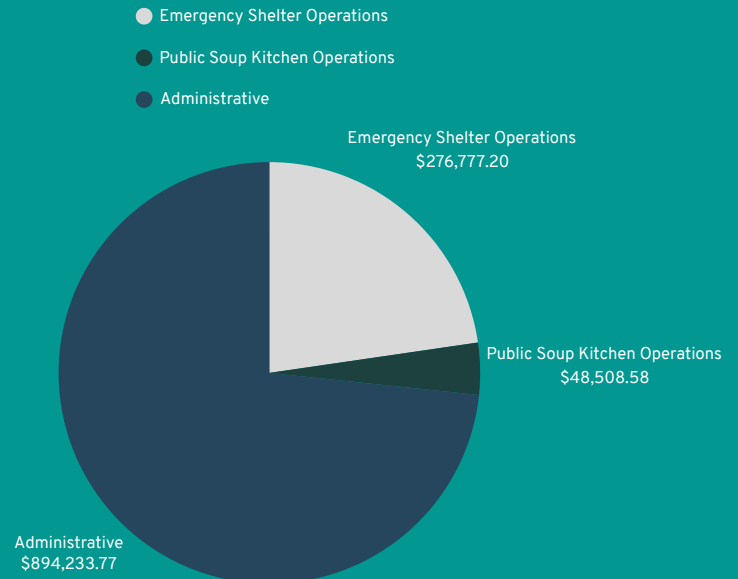
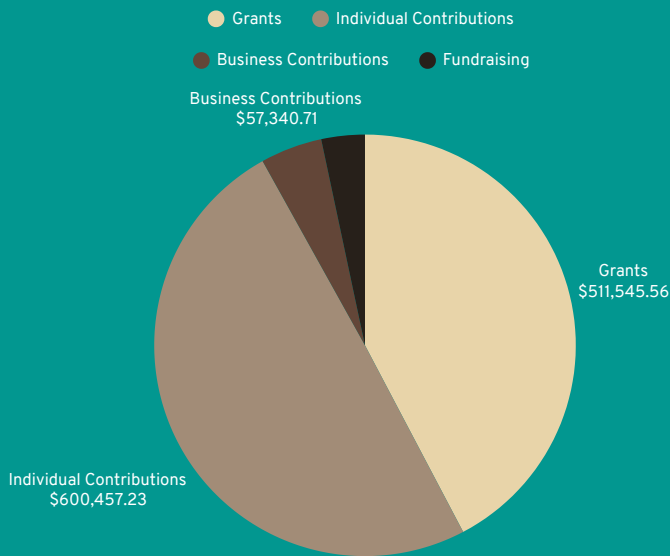
## A COUNTY REVIEW

The most current data shows that 345 people experienced homelessness in 2023. This is an increase from 2022. We expect the numbers to continue to climb for the unsheltered population due to the lack of resources in our area.

## INCOME

## 2024 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## EXPENSES



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

The funds raised, totaling \$1,255,267.50, were put to meaningful use, directly supporting efforts to assist the homeless and those in need. Contributions from faith communities, grants, individual donors, businesses, and fundraising campaigns all played a pivotal role in sustaining vital services.

With \$276,777.20 allocated to emergency shelter operations, supplies, and food, these funds provided a safe haven for many, ensuring their basic needs were met. Additionally, \$48,508.58 supported the soup kitchen, offering nourishment to those facing hunger. The majority of the expenses, \$894,233.77, were directed towards administrative costs, ensuring the efficient and effective operation of these critical programs.

Overall, every dollar contributed went towards making a real difference in the lives of the homeless, offering them not only immediate relief but also a pathway to a better future.





# LOCATIONS

- Men's shelter: 3561 Mobile Highway
- Soup Kitchen for all in need: 3561 Mobile Highway
- Women's & Children's shelter: 312 Chisholm Street
- Administrative Offices: 312 Chisholm Street

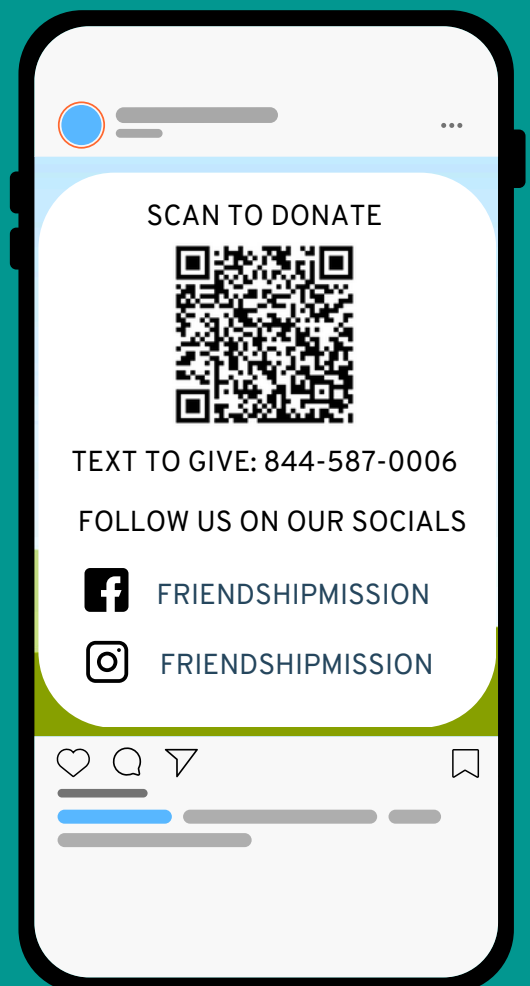
# DONATE

Please donate online or mail a check to  
P. O. Box 230115 Montgomery, AL 36123-0115

Call us at (334) 356-6412 to set up a time to drop off items.

The shelters are always in need of hygiene items (soap, deodorant); household items such as cleaning products (all-purpose cleaners), paper products like toilet paper; and anything disposable for meal service.

For clothing donations, please visit The Caring Center at 380 Arba Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.



# Thank You



THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING OUR FIRST ANNUAL FRIENDS OF FRIENDSHIP A SUCCESS. THE MONEY RAISED DURING THIS CAMPAIGN WENT TO MAKING REPAIRS ON OUR EVER AGING BUILDINGS. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES A NOMINATION FOR THE 2025 CAMPAIGN REACH OUT AND LET US KNOW.