



BRM ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal year 2023





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A Story to Tell

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We have a story to tell. I am thrilled to embark on a journey through the pages of this annual report and I hope that you see your part in the story of 2023. You'll find some of the best stories in the life transformation of each individual that we had the honor of serving last year. Each person has a story and we love the fact that you are a part of their story.



Amidst the narratives of triumph and transformation, each supporter has become an integral part of the success stories that have unfolded in countless lives. Your generosity has been woven into the fabric of our mission, empowering us to extend hope, shelter, and compassion to those in need.

This annual report is more than just a compilation of statistics as we firmly believe numbers are boring. We hope you see the response to the needs in our community and the use of resources supplied to those who are in need, as we help shape the narrative of success for each individual, not a number.

Butte Rescue Mission's success is not an isolated achievement; it is a shared victory, and you play a crucial role in it. Your continued support has enabled us to reach new heights and extend our reach to those in need.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Butte Rescue Mission story. We look forward to unfolding the pages of success together and continuing our shared journey of compassion and impact.

With gratitude,


Brayton Erickson

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WHY BRM?



OUR APPROACH

4 WALLS OF PROTECTION



FOOD: We can not effectively care for anyone unless their basic needs for food are met. The body needs food to survive and many times people come to the Mission in need of the most basic necessities.

SHELTER: A warm place to stay the night is essential for a healthy lifestyle. Our climate is harsh and many people will suffer frostbite or worse if unable to find a warm place to stay.

CLOTHING: Being equipped with appropriate clothing is crucial for survival. We provide lightly used, clean clothing to anyone in need to keep everyone safely protected from the extreme elements.

HEALTHCARE: We work closely with Southwest Montana Community Health Center to help facilitate healthcare providers on-site to give people easy access to the healthcare they need.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our Vision is to see lives transformed and filled with hope as our community works together to fight homelessness, poverty, and addiction.

Our Mission is to Partner with Southwest Montana to feed, clothe, shelter, and restore hope to those in need through the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

We help anyone who is struggling with the trials of addiction, abuse, poor health, financial collapse, or any other problem that leads to homelessness the Butte Rescue Mission is here to help anyone in need get back on their feet through teaching and discipling.

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

MATTHEW 19:26

Emergency Shelter

Why the Low-Barrier is Critical to our Community and those in need.

The Butte Rescue Mission's Low Barrier emergency shelter stands as a vital resource in our community, addressing the pressing needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. With Montana witnessing alarming increases in homelessness, including a staggering 551% rise in chronic patterns of homelessness from 2007 to 2023, the significance of emergency shelters like ours cannot be overstated.

According to the 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress, Montana also saw the second-largest increase in homeless youth, with a 76% surge from 2022 to 2023. Additionally, the state experienced the second-largest percentage increase in overall homelessness, highlighting the urgent need for support and intervention.

At the Butte Rescue Mission, our Low Barrier emergency shelter serves as the initial point of contact for individuals in crisis, often meeting them at their darkest hour. It's where the rubber meets the road, providing a safe haven and essential services to those who need it most. Despite the challenges they face, including navigating complex social systems and overcoming personal obstacles, many successful journeys have begun at our Low Barrier shelter.

In 2023 alone, we provided 5,976 shelter nights and served 14,118 meals at our Low-Barrier Shelter. These numbers underscore the crucial role our Low Barrier shelter plays in offering immediate assistance and support to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

As the number of homeless veterans also sees an unfortunate increase, our commitment to providing comprehensive care remains steadfast. While most states have seen decreases in homeless veterans since 2009, Montana has witnessed an increase, highlighting the need for continued efforts to address the unique challenges faced by this vulnerable population.

In essence, the Butte Rescue Mission's Low Barrier emergency shelter serves as a beacon of hope for those in need, offering a lifeline during times of crisis and uncertainty. It's not just a shelter; it's a place where lives are transformed, and futures are restored. Together, we stand united in our mission to provide compassionate care and support to all members of our community, ensuring that no one is left behind.

EMERGENCY SHELTER: OUR PHILOSOPHY

RELATIONSHIP

Building Trust and Rapport: Establishing genuine relationships with guests at the emergency shelter lays the foundation for trust and rapport. When individuals feel valued and respected, they are more likely to open up about their challenges, enabling staff to provide tailored support and resources.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Empowerment Through Supportive Environment: A supportive and nurturing environment fosters a sense of empowerment among guests. By offering encouragement, guidance, and personalized assistance, staff can empower individuals to take proactive steps towards rehabilitation, such as accessing counseling services, job training programs, or addiction recovery support.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Encouraging Accountability and Growth: Through ongoing interactions and mentorship, guests can develop a sense of accountability for their actions and decisions. By setting achievable goals and providing feedback, staff can help individuals track their progress and celebrate milestones, fostering a sense of accomplishment and motivation for continued growth and rehabilitation.

The Hard Truth

The Reality of Sex Trafficking in America

In 2022, Butte Rescue Mission Staff, through strategic partnerships with local organizations, successfully intervened in four instances of sex trafficking, ensuring the safe escape of all four victims.

Fast forward to 2023, and the BRM Staff's training & dedication have led to a significant uptick in their impact, with an increase from 4 sex trafficking interventions in 2022 to 24 interventions in 2023. The magnitude of this increase, may initially seem alarming. However, it signifies a heightened awareness and improved capabilities within our team.

The realization dawned upon us in 2022 that human trafficking is an undeniable issue, particularly among the vulnerable communities we serve. Rather than indicating a surge in the crime itself, the spike in numbers reflects our enhanced ability to identify and address the problem. This raised awareness has been instrumental in our approach to combatting human trafficking.

So, how do we contribute to the solution? Through education. The numbers might suggest a surge, but in reality, we have become more adept at recognizing the warning signs and intervening effectively. It's not just about the statistics; it's about the progress we've made in equipping ourselves and our community to tackle this critical issue head-on.

Sharing success stories and the lessons learned in the process can inspire other organizations to take similar steps, contributing to a broader movement to combat human trafficking. The increasing number of interventions means that we are becoming more vigilant and responsive to this critical issue. Ongoing education and collaboration is the key to maintaining and expanding the positive impact in the fight against human trafficking.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. Volunteer - Make an impact with your time!
2. Donate - Fuel the fight financially!
3. Pray - Intercede for survivors.
4. Learn the Facts - Be equipped with the truth.
5. Spread Awareness - Invite others to join the fight!

What You Need to Know:

- 1. Sex Trafficking happens.** There is a common misconception that trafficking only happens somewhere else. Never in your home town. Never under your nose. Despite the assumptions that traffickers are smuggling their victims out of the country. Instead, they already live here. People who are homeless, undocumented, abused at home, or otherwise vulnerable are at particular risk.
- 2. Victims are not usually “locked up.”** Traffickers often try to isolate their victims, sometimes restricting phone access or stealing passports, or other forms of ID. It’s also common for them to control their victims’ flow of money. Meaning that the victims often don’t have access to enough money to leave. Many don’t know where they will go or how they will survive if they leave their exploiter.
- 3. Traffickers know what they’re doing.** They know to target people who are financially and/or emotionally vulnerable. Traffickers target people, who have often already been through trauma and are looking for the love and validation they have not received. Traffickers exploit and gain their victims’ trust before coercing them into sex work. After grooming them, traffickers often use other tactics to make their victims feel scared, ashamed and dependent on them for basic physical and emotional needs.
- 4. Victims will not out themselves if they just have the chance.** Being trafficked is heavily stigmatized. Health care providers, law enforcement and social workers can’t expect victims and survivors to out themselves to people they’ve just met. It takes time to develop trust before they’re willing to open up. Providers and other professionals need to approach young people with compassion and understanding—never judgment. You can help by giving them resources and support to make their own decisions. They are in control.
- 5. Survivors are strong, and they heal.** Pity doesn’t help survivors. Solidarity does. Survivors are more than their trauma—they are complex individuals just like everyone else, with their own interests, goals and dreams. Healing from trauma is a complicated and difficult process. But it is possible with the support of compassionate communities and resources, survivors not only overcome their past traumas but also thrive.

COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH EDUCATION:



The National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

visit [safehouseproject.org](https://www.safehouseproject.org)



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(406) 598-5674

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The Montana Human Trafficking Hotline:

833-406-STOP (7867)

visit 406stop.com for live chat feature



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Compassion at Work

A Word from the Board President

The ministry of the Butte Rescue Mission is evangelistic, compassionate, and transformational. Through the generosity of our community, men, women, and children are fed, housed, clothed, and treated with dignity, and given hope. Our goal is to equip individuals with the skills they need to re-enter the Butte community as healthy contributors.



The needs of the homeless in our community are ever-changing. Seeing an increase in homeless families, we expanded the number of beds in our family shelter. We are currently working on plans to renovate a warehouse building on our campus that will allow over-flow space for homeless during extreme weather. Please continue to lift these projects up in prayer.

As you pray, please remember these words from Isaiah 58:7-8: “Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind.”

Bill McGladdery
Board President – Butte Rescue Mission



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Street Impact

Andrew's Journey

Andrew's journey has been one of remarkable transformation. Once caught in the grip of severe alcohol addiction, Andrew hit rock bottom, losing everything dear to him – family relationships, friendships, housing, and financial stability. He found himself at the Butte Rescue Mission, where his first stay at the emergency shelter marked the beginning of a new chapter.

Despite feeling resigned to the belief that alcohol would consume him, Andrew's resilience shone through as he embarked on a path of recovery. He tried various treatment centers and sober living houses, but it wasn't until he entered the Men's Restorative Program that he found hope.

Andrew's journey to sobriety wasn't without its challenges. Despite setbacks, including being caught drinking during the program, Andrew persevered. His commitment to change was evident as he volunteered his time, cleaned the shelter, and engaged in activities to keep himself occupied and away from alcohol.

Through the support of the Butte Rescue Mission, Andrew not only found sobriety but also gained valuable life skills. He was hired by the mission and excelled in his role as a Shelter Coordinator, demonstrating proficiency and dedication. With guidance, Andrew learned financial responsibility, saving enough to secure his own apartment and even plan for a vehicle.

Today, Andrew remains deeply involved in his community, working full-time at the mission as a Shelter Coordinator. His journey has taught him empathy, resilience, and the importance of faith. He credits his success to his personal relationship with Jesus Christ and is actively involved in Celebrate Recovery, marking significant milestones in his journey to sobriety.

Andrew's story serves as a testament to the power of transformation and the unwavering support of organizations like the Butte Rescue Mission. His experience has not only changed his life but also equipped him with the tools to support others facing similar struggles, making him a source of inspiration in Butte, Montana.

THE BUTTE RESCUE MISSION SAVED
MY LIFE. MY ALCOHOLISM COST ME
EVERYTHING. THE MISSION RESTORED
A HOPE WITHIN MYSELF I THOUGHT
WAS GONE.

-Andrew
Former Guest



Professional Development

"In 2023, we made it a priority to educate our staff in as many relevant areas as possible. It is through education that we are able to advocate and care for those most vulnerable in our community."

Brayton Erickson - Executive Director

■ Reasonable Suspicion Certification for Supervisors

Associated Employers

Here we learn how to identify the signs, symptoms and effects of alcohol or controlled substance use. Get educated on proper documentation techniques. Best practices on how to deal with difficult situations.

■ Emerging Leaders

CityGate Network

A sub group of the larger CityGate Network, specifically created to connect young professionals in the network year round to support, encourage, and inspire one another.

■ Low-Barrier Shelter Models for People who Use Drugs

HHRC Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Attendees learned about different models for providing low-barrier shelter access for people who use drugs and had the opportunity to hear from people about their own experiences staying in low-barrier shelter programs.

■ Naloxone Master Trainer

Montana Best Practice Medicine

Completion of the Naloxone Master Trainer program authorizes individuals to conduct Naloxone Training for those eligible for liability protections when administering Naloxone.

■ Human Trafficking Identification Training

OnWatch

Learning how to recognize the signs of Sex Trafficking. OnWatch is a survivor-led training designed to empower you to spot, report, and prevent sex trafficking where you live, work, and play. Through true survivor experiences, industry experts explain the key indicators of trafficking, as well as how you can support a survivor's path to freedom.

■ HIV and Communicable Disease Training

BSB Health Department

This program has the duty to enhance and protect public health in the event of a communicable disease outbreak.

- Coordinates with local, state, and federal health professionals.
- Provides passive and active surveillance throughout the community.
- Coordinates the Butte-Silver Bow Communicable Disease Epi-Team.
- Ensures HIPAA rules and regulations are followed.

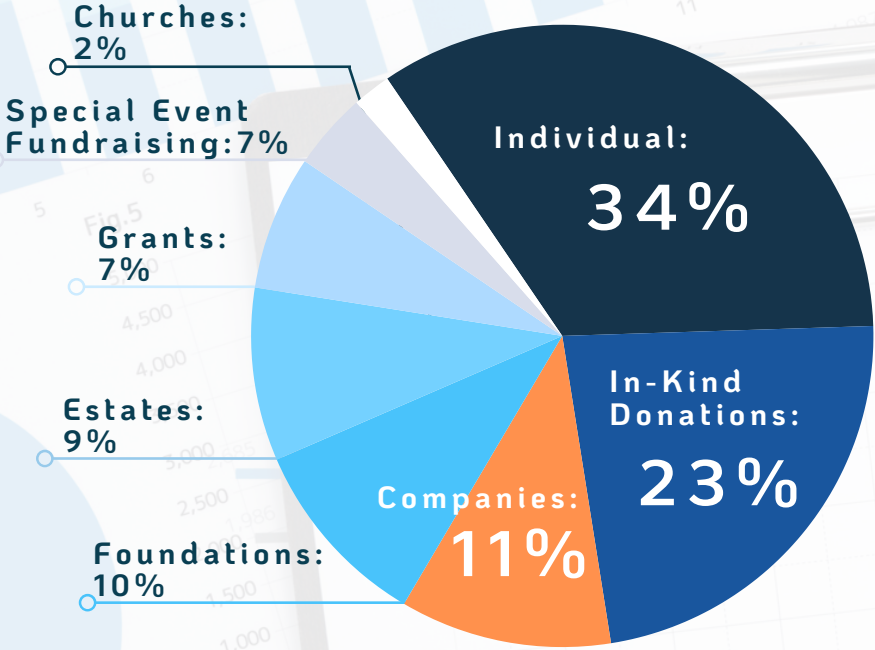
■ Importance of Sabbath Spiritual Care

Lead by Local Pastors

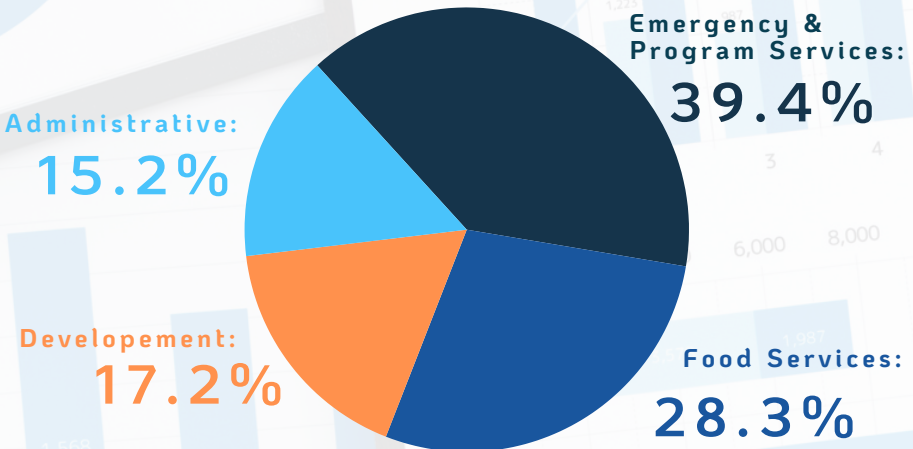
Stewardship Summary

Value of Ministry and Financials

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES





2023 AT A GLANCE

Butte Rescue Mission Statistics



15,965
Nights of Shelter

412 Individuals received Shelter

506 Guests receiving a Service



90,536
Meals Served

125,041.98 LBS of food donated



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Graduations

126 Restoration Program Participants

40,499 Hours of Life Advising, Programming, & Academics



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Families kept off the Street

7 Family Reunifications

17 Children kept off the Street



36

Received Permanent Housing

49 Gained sustainable employment

33 Proclamations of Faith



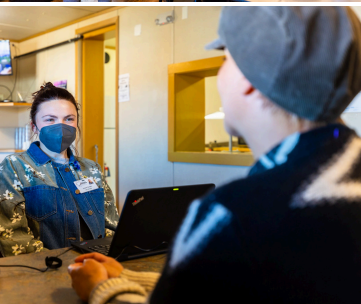
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Sex trafficking Interventions

57 Guests obtained Addiction Recovery Services

32 Guests Sustained Sobriety

A Look at Our Year



Center of Hope

Butte Rescue Mission Capital Campaign

This project is built upon meeting emerging needs within Montana like critical lack of housing and food for those in financial crisis in a post-pandemic economic environment. Like many communities throughout our state Butte is experiencing a housing crisis with less than 5 rental properties and fewer than 100 homes for sale. This is unprecedented and even those who have good jobs are losing their homes to landlords who have decided to sell. Many of these men, women and children are coming to the mission everyday as they try to navigate this crisis. Many have jobs. Many have friends and family who are in the same situation.

The demand for the Butte Rescue Missions services continue to increase every day. We have to do something to help meet the needs of our community. Converting the spacious 10,000 square foot storage building on our campus will vastly increase our facilities.

Meeting the needs of our Community

The Butte Rescue Mission has been granted the funding necessary to finally break ground on the Center of Hope for vital improvements to our main campus. The goal of this capacity building is to serve more food in a safe environment, expand our free healthcare for the homeless to include mental health services, and create space for cold weather overflow for our emergency shelter in the winter months.

In 2023 the Butte Rescue Mission served 90,536 meals to 506 unique visitors. We also offered 15,965 nights shelter to those in need. In 2023 we have served 13,053 more meals YTD over 2022. The need for our services is ever increasing and we feel that the time is now to prepare for the coming economic crisis borne by the issues our nation has faced over the past several years.



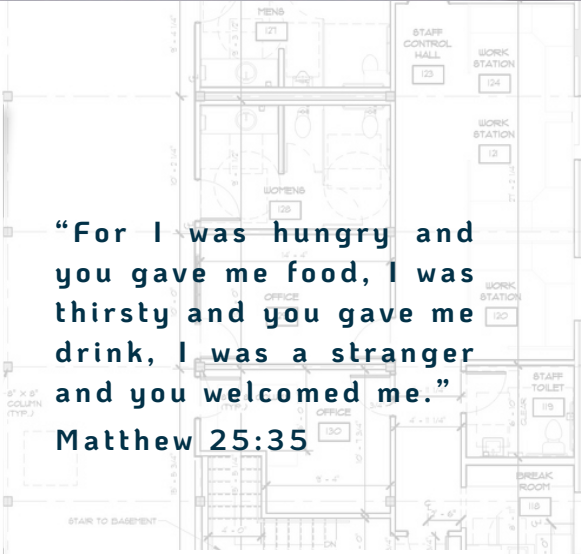
- **Moving administrative offices out of the women's shelter and into The Center of Hope which will expand the capacity family shelter by 5 rooms.**
- **Additional 1300 sq ft of dining hall space will a double food service capacity.**
- **Private counseling rooms and expanded space for free Healthcare for the Homeless.**
- **Expansion of our chapel services to include those who stay at our emergency shelter.**
- **Dining hall to double as cold weather overflow in the winter months.**



AFTER



BEFORE



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
 Matthew 25:35



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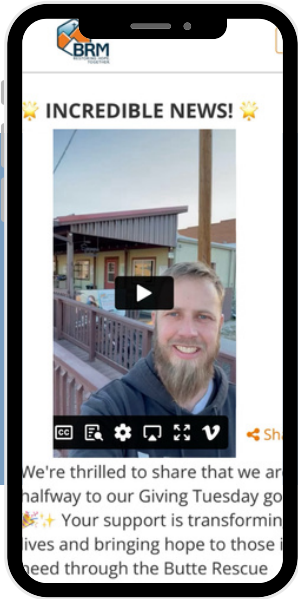


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ViewSPARK

Butte Rescue Mission recently teamed up with ViewSpark in order to stay better connected with our friends and followers.

ViewSpark is a platform that allows nonprofits like BRM to capture and share real-time content. We can take a photo or video lunch at the mission, write a short message, and immediately share it with supporters like you. This raw, real content gives a behind-the-scenes look at exactly what is happening at the Mission in that moment.

You will also, have the opportunity to directly respond to the text message allowing for better communication between us and further building relationships with our friends and neighbors in our community.

“Bringing supporters into the inner circle.”



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Barbara J Zeller

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