



THE
DWELLING
where God and God's people meet



2022
IMPACT REPORT

YEAR IN REVIEW



Beloveds,

When we started the Dwelling, I was convinced that God was calling me to start a church intentionally built for our neighbors without homes. It was a crazy idea but one that was rooted in hundreds of conversations at our city's winter overflow shelter. It was clear people longed for a church which reflected their lived experiences, a church where they could lead.

Two years later, I cannot believe the ways that God has blessed our community. In 2022, the Dwelling provided 1,736 showers, 5,639 meals, and had an average worship attendance of almost 100 people in our first full year of worship. The Spirit is moving, and we are confident that God has even greater plans for us in 2023.

2023 began by us moving into our new space--the Augsburg Community Center at 502 N. Broad Street. This new space will provide us with greater opportunities to expand our footprint across the city. We are so thankful to our partners at Augsburg Lutheran for making this dream a reality. January also marks the launch of our "pay-what-you-can" food truck which will provide high-quality, affordable meals to families across our city.

This work is possible because of your generosity. You allow the Dwelling to reject scarcity and operate in abundance. Thank you for a great 2022, and we hope you will come and see us in 2023. Come and visit our new building. Come and be part of the ways God is working in our city and our church.

Come and See!

~Rev. Emily Harkins Norris, Lead Pastor and Developer



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OUR SHARED STORY

Located in downtown Winston-Salem, the Dwelling is a community of faith built primarily, but not exclusively, for our neighbors without homes along with their intersecting identities of addiction and recovery, severe and persistent mental health challenges, and incarceration and re-integration into society.

AS A COMMUNITY, WE BELIEVE:

- HOUSING DOESN'T EQUAL WORTHINESS
- TRAUMA DOESN'T EQUAL SHAME
- HUNGER DOESN'T EQUAL EMPTINESS
- SOBRIETY DOESN'T EQUAL SALVATION
- WEALTH DOESN'T EQUAL BELOVEDNESS

In a world which names folks living at the margins as unworthy, the Dwelling dares to recast the narrative by boldly proclaiming that all people, especially the housing insecure, are beloved children of God who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

"Where God and God's people meet."





"The Dwelling generates hope by caring for people without judgement."

David Horn, Dwelling Leader

COMMUNITY

average worship attendance

87



weekly Bible study



10 baptisms



750 more than hours of pastoral care



12 funerals

1,736 showers



5,639

meals served



\$ 46,758 in direct assistance

MISSIONS



more than 1,500 hygiene kits

3.5 weeks of summer service learning



12 participants in Witnessing Homelessness community education course

with 170 campers



16 congregation visits



1.1 million dollar building project

ADVOCACY

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

with Clif Sgroi

In 2020, Clif worked at a restaurant in Carolina Beach. Then COVID hit. The restaurant closed, Clif lost his job, and eventually, his home. He moved to Winston-Salem, hearing more restaurants would be open, but they weren't. So, Clif, at the age of 57, experienced homelessness for the very first time. It was during this experience that Clif found the Dwelling. Clif reports that the people at the Dwelling were so loving that they inspired him to transform his life. He began volunteering at church and eventually became a counselor at our Spark'Dwell service learning camps. Clif's work proved so impactful that one of our partners helped him obtain a full-time job. He's been working ever since including as a cook at the Dwelling. With the income from these new jobs, Clif was able to rent his very own apartment. Clif's newfound stability has allowed him to reconnect with family and buy his grandkids Christmas gifts for the first time in years. Clif's story is a testament to the work that God is doing through the Dwelling to impact the lives of real people in Winston-Salem and beyond.

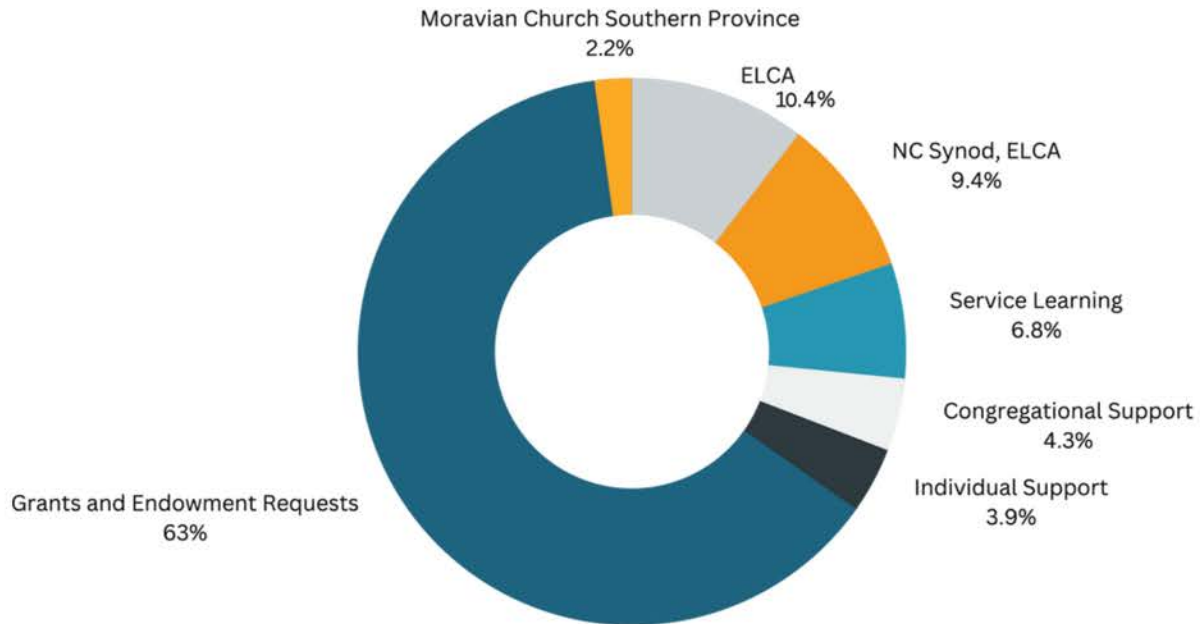


"The Dwelling is a place where you can feel God's presence, a loving and caring atmosphere for all."

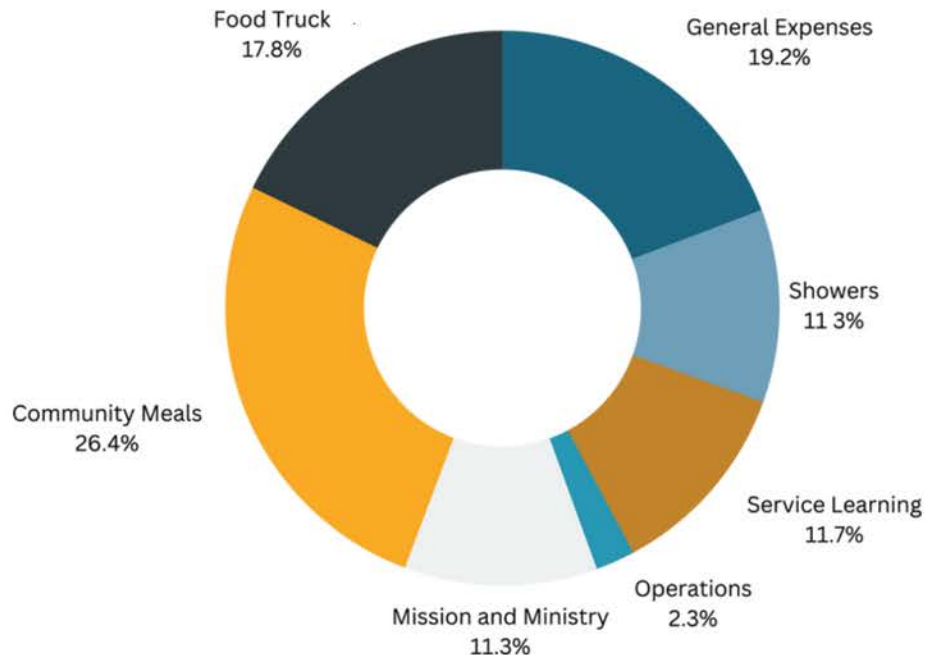
Clif Sgroi, Dwelling Leader

Financials

Sources of Income



Functional Expenses



"The Dwelling is the first church I have ever attended where I can come as I am...I feel like family. I feel like I belong."

Gary Green , Minister of Showers



We could not do this work without you! Your donations are changing the lives of real people in our city. In 2023, come and see us at our brand new building. Come and see the work that God is doing. Come be part of the movement to eradicate hunger and homelessness once and for all.



We've moved!

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