



# United Ministries



## Report to the Community

FISCAL YEAR 2024  
JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024



**United Ministries**  
Transforming Lives Together

# From Our President



**Lizzie Bebber**

*"UM offered a support system like no other. To have been told 'no' so many times by family and what you thought was a support system, and to come into a support system where they're willing to help and assist you with many things, and connect you to the right path, that really was a big impact."*

-- Program Participant

Dear friends,

What a year 2024 was! I'm especially reminded of the host of community members who have surrounded our mission in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. You stepped up to provide yourselves and your financial support to help those in need, and you did it quickly, with great care, and with huge hearts of kindness!

As we live into the new year, United Ministries is being called upon to respond to the growing number of chronically homeless adults who regularly visit our Place of Hope day shelter. We serve over 1,000 unique individuals a year and provide showers, laundry services, and case management to them. However, it's become almost impossible to locate housing for these participants who are often at the lowest income levels. In 2025, we will work with our Board of Directors, staff, and key funders to determine how United Ministries can best serve chronically homeless adults who need our help to find stable, affordable housing.

This report to our community highlights the incredible work we've been able to do over the last year, hand in hand with your support! We're excited for you to see a few highlights of the ways that together, we've been able to impact our participants' lives in truly meaningful, long-lasting ways.

I hope you'll make plans to join us on Wednesday, April 2nd for our annual Uniting for Change luncheon. This

year's program will feature Dr. Jim O'Connell, a trailblazer in medicine who has spent over 40 years caring for Boston's most vulnerable "rough sleepers"—a term he uses for those who are living unsheltered. His inspirational message will focus on how we can continue to work together to build a community of care and compassion in Greenville County.

I want you to know that I am so deeply grateful for your generous support of our mission. Because of your support, we have been able to come alongside thousands of individuals and families in our community at critical times of need. We both celebrate what we've been able to do and remain committed to continuing this work ahead with determination and conviction.

Joining together with care and compassion,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Bebber".

## OUR MISSION

United Ministries is a direct services organization that serves individuals and families experiencing scarcity by providing basic needs for stability and supportive services to achieve self-sufficiency.

## OUR VISION

A Greenville Community working together to ensure that everyone has access to the resources and the opportunities to thrive.

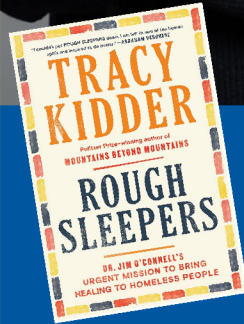
## ABOUT





In April 2024, we celebrated our 8th annual Uniting for Change Luncheon

Rev. Jen Bailey, author of "To My Beloveds: Letters on Faith, Race, Loss and Radical Hope" shared an engaging and powerful speech, focused on radical hope and belonging. Many thanks to the 900+ attendees who joined us, the 81 sponsors who supported the event, and to each person who continues to answer the call to join together as we unite for change in our community.



FEATURED IN



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# UNITING FOR CHANGE *Luncheon*

April 2 | 11:30 - 1:00  
Greenville Convention Center

Creating Communities of Care  
and Compassion

## Dr. Jim O'Connell

We are so honored to have Dr. Jim O'Connell speaking at our 2025 Uniting for Change luncheon! Dr. O'Connell's stories closely resemble the experiences of our own Greenville neighbors experiencing homelessness, and he shares how we can unite together to create communities of care and compassion for all.

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your spot



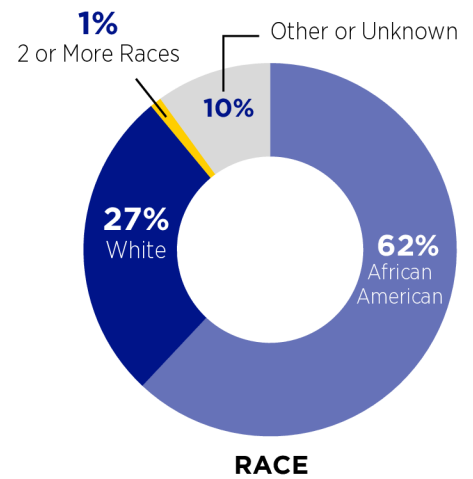
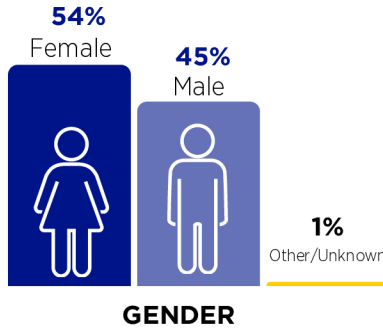
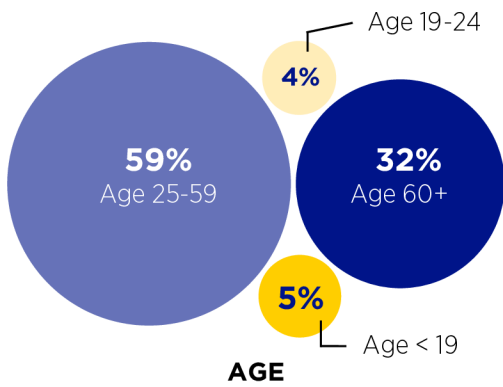
# THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS *2023-2024*

Volunteers serve important roles in the daily life of United Ministries. In fiscal year 2023-2024, 759 volunteers served a total of 11,741 hours with us for an Economic Impact of \$373,364!



OUR IMPACT

# Who We Serve



# How We Make A Difference



**3,031**

Participants Served Across All Programs



**86%**

of Savings & Income Goals Were Achieved



**689**

Participants Increased Their Housing Stability\*



**4,346**

Individuals & Family Members Received Food Assistance

## ECONOMIC MOBILITY

**77** Participants Increased Savings

**80** People Improved Their Credit Score

**1,442** Economic Mobility Meetings

**265 pts** Average Credit Score Increase

**323** Mental Health Counseling Sessions

**44** People Obtained a GED\*\*

## HOUSING STABILITY

**146** Utility Disconnections Prevented

**128** People Received Stable Housing

**11** Evictions Prevented

**31** Families Housed  
38 Adults + 85 Children

## HOMELESS SERVICES

**1,017** Adults Experiencing Chronic Homelessness Served By Place of Hope (Showers / Laundry / Case Management)

**306** New Participants Received Support Through Place of Hope (30% of All PoH Visitors Were New)

\*For United Ministries' purposes, "Housing Stability" includes support directly related to housing (rent/mortgage assistance, housing placement, housing goal achievement) or supportive services for housing-related needs (utility assistance, housing applications, utilities goal achievement).

\*\*Through the Adult Education program, which is no longer offered through United Ministries as of September, 2024.



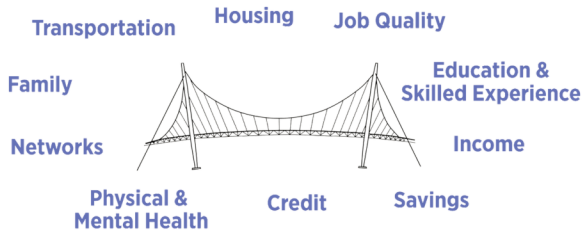
**EMPath**  
Economic Mobility Pathways



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## The Bridge to Opportunity

A full picture of the many aspects of our lives that impact someone's ability to thrive



Over the last several years, we have expanded our partnership with the non-profit Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath), who provides trainings and education in Mobility Mentoring®—an evidence-based approach to economic mobility coaching, focused on mitigating the traumatic effects of scarcity on cognitive functioning and bandwidth, and bolstering executive functioning skills. United Ministries participants have seen such great success with these tools that our organization is in the process of expanding Mobility Mentoring® into all of our programs!

*Place of Hope to me is a place of stability. A place of community. A new start. It's home when you need it. It's a good place for the homeless, with good people that work here. Place of Hope is a safe haven.*

- Collected quotes from Place of Hope participants

### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

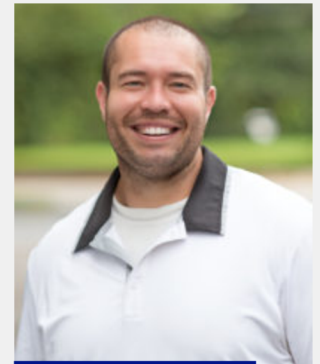
# Place of Hope Day Shelter

For 54 years, United Ministries has purposefully cultivated a welcoming space founded on care, compassion, and continuous improvement, responding with supportive services to address the most pressing needs of the Greenville community. As the homeless population of Greenville continues to grow, one program in particular highlights the importance of intentional spaces of belonging: the Place of Hope Day Shelter. Committed to serving adults experiencing homelessness, Nick Bush, Associate Director of Place of Hope, and Christy Coffee, Program Associate, work alongside volunteers to provide hygiene services, case management, and supportive services for self-sufficiency.

On the importance of community, Nick explained “At Place of Hope our folks may

be in their addiction, they may be intoxicated, they may be in their mental health crisis, so what we create there is a community where a person is comfortable and we try to help them as much as we can. The average is probably about 55 people a day, we do anywhere from 20 to 30 showers a day. There really is nowhere else in town where a person can come and do their laundry and shower, and even get their mailing. It really is an essential service.”

At United Ministries, we prioritize the needs of our participants, ensuring all feel accepted and valued. With the support of our staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and supportive community, we are working together to ensure everyone has access to the opportunities and resources to thrive.



**Nick Bush**



**Christy Coffee**



**Coffee Club**



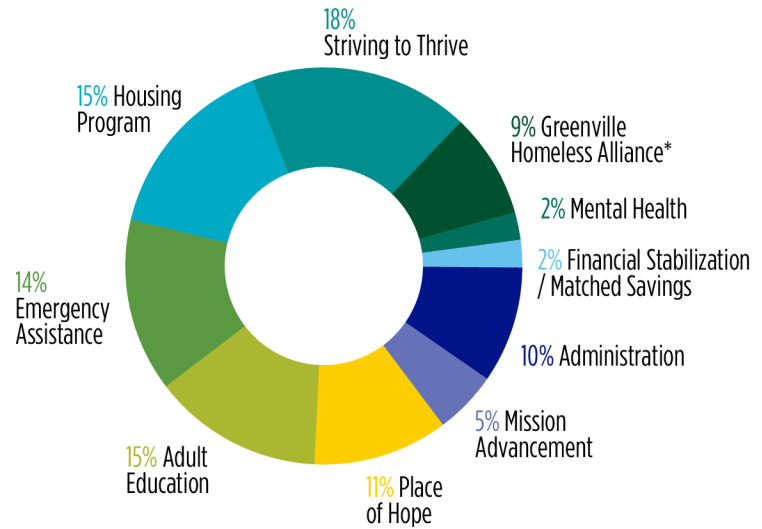
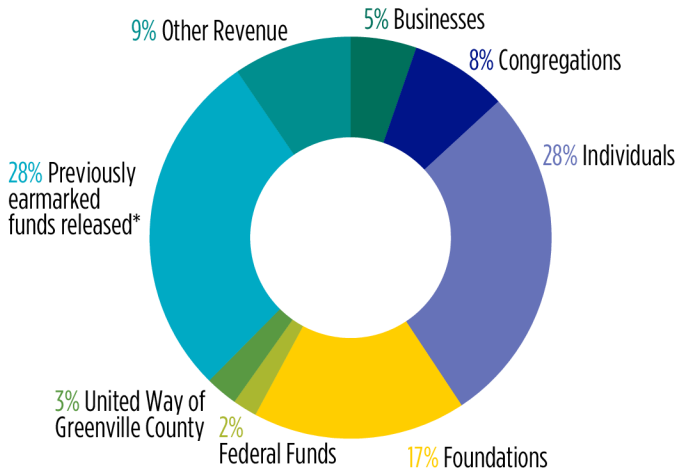
**Homeless Court**



**Outreach Trip**

FISCAL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

# July 2023 - June 2024



**TOTAL REVENUE**

**\$3,814,312**

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$3,643,820**

\*Funds released from the Golden Opportunity Challenge and restricted funds from prior years.

\*United Ministries is the official host agency for the Greenville Homeless Alliance (GHA), a collective impact group. GHA's fundraising and operations are separate from United Ministries.

WELCOMING OUR 2024-2025

## Board of Directors

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