

● The difference
IS YOU.

25 YEARS OF
HOPE



BETHLEHEM INN
Gratitude Report 2024

Helping people find their silver lining

Gwenn Wysling Executive Director

As we celebrate 25 years of Bethlehem Inn, I would like to take a moment to honor you and the support you've provided to the countless lives that have been touched, transformed, and uplifted.

Silver symbolizes the 25th anniversary. Couples celebrate this milestone with gifts of silver and memories of a shared life, but at Bethlehem Inn we reflect instead on silver linings. In the fabric of life's tapestry, silver linings serve as gentle threads of hope, delicately woven through the trials we face. These silver linings, though subtle, are powerful reminders of resilience. Each person who has walked through our doors has left an indelible mark on our hearts and our souls. They have reminded us that, no matter how dark the cloud may seem, there is always a silver lining waiting to be discovered.

We recognize that none of this would have been possible without you and the enduring support of our community. You have been the backbone of Bethlehem Inn. Your presence has provided more than just shelter; it has provided dignity, compassion, and a pathway to a brighter future. We extend our deepest gratitude to you. *You* are the difference.

With a grateful heart,



Every cloud
has a
silver lining



MISSION

Transforming Lives Together
Through Shelter, Help and Hope

VISION

Ending Homelessness in Central
Oregon Together

VALUES

Bethlehem Inn provides compassionate care and equitable services that empower all people served. We require the highest ethical standard of conduct and accountability to maintain the integrity of our services. We seek to provide the highest level of care through collaboration with community partners.



Your support allowed us to provide 10,809 bed nights to families and 26,505 bed nights to individual adults, offering them a safe place to sleep and a stable environment during difficult times. In addition to shelter, you helped us serve 98,670 meals to those in need. Each meal was a moment of relief and care that allowed participants to focus on rebuilding their lives.

Case managers were able to conduct 3,614 case management meetings this year. These meetings are vital, offering guidance, resources, and encouragement that help participants move toward stability, community connection, and independence.

These numbers highlight the real impact of your generosity. Every bed night, every meal, and every meeting was made possible because of you. Thank you for being an essential part of this mission and for helping transform lives in our community.

BEND



10,809
Family Bed
Nights

26,505 Next
Steps Bed
Nights



98,670
Meals
Served



3,614 Case
Management
Meetings



The BIRCH (Bethlehem Inn Redmond Community Housing) program is fully operational and has the capacity to serve 30 adults each night over the past year thanks to your support. BIRCH was created to serve unsheltered individuals by providing stable community housing focused on recovery and self-sufficiency in this continued supportive program. Recognizing the importance of a secure living environment, BIRCH promotes well-being, sobriety, and long-term goal setting through a drug-free setting and comprehensive case management.

Unlike emergency shelters, which offer short-term relief, BIRCH provides ongoing support aimed at helping residents achieve lasting transformation and integration into the community. This structured approach equips individuals with the necessary tools to build a sustainable future and ultimately addresses homelessness in a comprehensive manner.

By offering more than temporary relief, BIRCH empowers residents to achieve lasting change and reintegrate into the community, providing a sustainable solution to homelessness in Central Oregon.



330 Case Management Meetings



7,560 Meals Served



4,547 Bed Nights

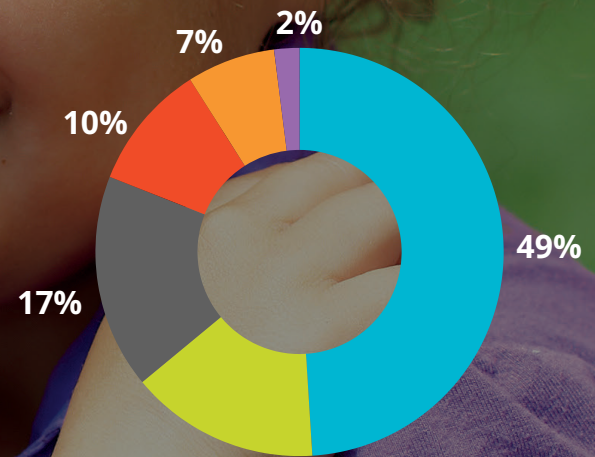
REDMOND

OPERATING FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

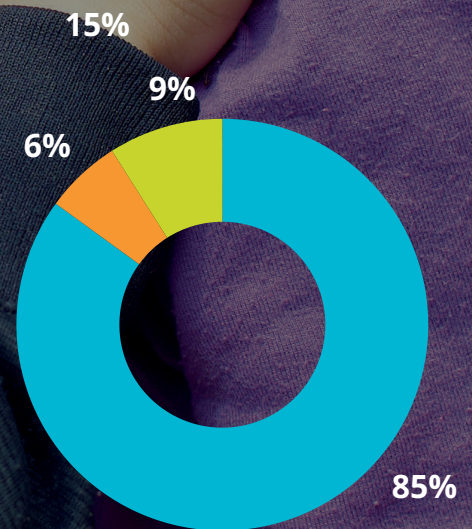
Revenues **\$3,837,936**

- Individuals and Businesses
- Government Grants
- Foundation/Non-Profit Grants
- Program Contracts
- In-Kind Meal Program
- Misc. Income



Expenses **\$4,166,027**

- Program Services*
- Fundraising
- Admin, Tech, Training



Note: Bethlehem Inn budgeted for higher expenses this year specifically for personnel and staffing investments. The Inn has put aside resources in prior years to be used in anticipation of these circumstances.

Igniting Hope

In 2024, Bethlehem Inn's volunteers generously donated over 10,000 hours of service, translating into a financial impact of more than \$370,000. Their dedication has been instrumental in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for individuals and families in need. From meal preparation to administrative tasks and beyond, our volunteers are the backbone of our operations. Each hour donated reflects their commitment to uplifting our community, offering hope, and creating a space of dignity for those who need it most.

Bethlehem Inn's origins are deeply rooted in volunteerism. From 1999 to 2004, the organization was run entirely by volunteers who rotated between various churches during the harsh winter months to provide emergency shelter for people in need.

For over 25 years, volunteers, staff, and people like you have made it possible to serve over **1 million** meals and provide over **500 thousand** nights of shelter, help, and hope.

Thank you for your time, compassion, resources, and instilling hope in the people we serve together!

355
UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

10,698
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$371,648
FINANCIAL IMPACT

With Sincere Gratitude to our

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To the hands and hearts that have built this community together..

This letter carries something special, a message of gratitude, filled with love and compassion. I hope you find it years from now tucked away in your closet, nestled inside a shoebox filled with cherished memorabilia and warm reflections on a life fulfilled. When you see it then, as you see it now, I wish for hope to flood your heart, the same hope you and others have made possible for 25 years.

While writing this letter, I felt the incredible burden of the task at hand, because while the message was written by one person, it comes from many. It comes from the thousands of individuals and families who have felt your love and generosity for a quarter of a century. It contains the joy, gratitude, hardship, and triumph of everyone who has come through Bethlehem Inn's doors.

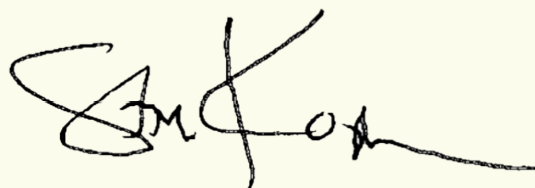
Since 1999, you and other compassionate community members have come together to help neighbors in need. In that first year, 300 people received services from Bethlehem Inn volunteers. 25 years later, your support makes it possible for us to serve over a thousand adults and hundreds of children every year!

It's not just the numbers, the meals served, or the nights sheltered—it is the love and dignity you've restored to people in their most vulnerable moments. As we look to the future, we know the road ahead will have challenges, but with your continued faith in our mission, we will rise to meet them.

Thank you for being the heartbeat of Bethlehem Inn, for believing that every person deserves a second chance, and for making our community stronger and kinder for 25 beautiful years.

With deepest gratitude and love,

Rev. Dr. Steven Koski
Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Koski", written in a cursive style.