



# 2014 Annual Report



# A letter from the Executive Director

Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of watching Dumas Wesley truly raise the bar for reaching people in need. Although the environment for nonprofit organizations remains a very challenging one, I have seen our volunteers, community leaders and staff members come together and show resilience, determination and a shared sense of purpose. While the obstacles have been many—namely a persistently tough fundraising climate -- what has shone through is the commitment to helping our community's poorest and most vulnerable take charge of their lives and thrive.

We've been serving this community for 111 years. We have a well-established reputation for quality service among our multi-generational client base. We serve hundreds of needy families every year. That is really special to us - our programs meet the whole family's needs. We want to continue to meet these needs for generations to come, but without your support our programs wouldn't be possible! And without our programs and services, the true cost of poverty and social apathy would be passed on to the community through greater demands for health care, welfare assistance, education, law enforcement and other systems.

As we move forward in 2015, our ongoing goal is to keep our overhead low while growing our programs and improving the lives of those we serve. We will continue to be good stewards of your dollars and continue our efforts to educate, empower and enrich our community. Thank you for believing in us and for doing your part in keeping our ministry alive and well.

Sincerely,  
*Kate Carver*  
Executive Director



# *Serving the community since* **1903**



## **History:**

The Dumas Wesley Community Center (DWCC) is a neighborhood based non-profit founded in **1903**, by the Women's Society of Christian Service (present day United Methodist Women). DWCC originally started its mission work by serving poor women and children working in the cotton mills of the Crichton community in Mobile, Alabama. Over the years the DWCC grew into a large community center offering after- school care, tutoring, food pantry, day programs and transportation for senior citizens, transitional housing for homeless women and children, and neighborhood outreach. Crichton is one of the most economically and socially disadvantaged populations in Mobile. Sixty-nine percent of the population served is considered low-income, 95 percent is minority and the average family income is less than \$12,000 per year.

## **Mission:**

The mission of the Dumas Wesley Community Center is to **EDUCATE, EMPOWER** and **ENRICH** our local community through collaborative programs of Christian service that provide for immediate human needs, strengthen family life, develop leadership and encourage personal responsibility.

# Sybil H. Smith Family Village

Transitional Housing for families and women experiencing homelessness since 1999

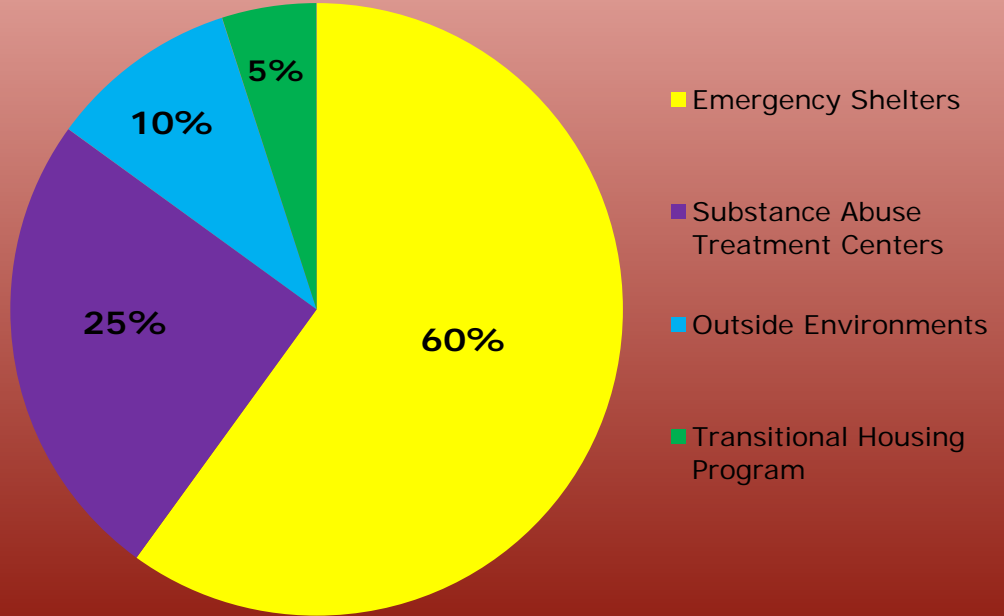
- ❖ 24-month program helping families experiencing homelessness establish self-sufficiency and achieve lasting independence
- ❖ Offering on-site support services as well as life skills classes, crisis and financial counseling, day care, and case management
- ❖ Volunteers play an important role in after-school tutoring, special programs, holiday parties and other important day-to-day tasks

*"If you've never been in a position to need help, then this part is really hard to explain, but once you enter a program like this and really get into the swing of things with the structure and the foundation, there is just this overwhelming sense of gratitude that sweeps over you when you realize the staff is here to help you."*

Sharon-Transitional Housing participant



# 2014 Referral Breakdown of New Residents



# Neighborhood Programs

*Enriching the community since 1970*

- ❖ The After School Achievement Program (ASAP) provides a safe nurturing environment, weekly educational programs and meals for school age children
- ❖ Youth Co-Ed Sports for children 8-18 that instill leadership, motivation and mentoring
- ❖ Affordable Summer Recreation Program serves 75 low-income children
- ❖ The average household income is less than \$12,000 in the community we serve

*“Dumas Wesley is important to me because I realize it saves people’s lives. I thank God for Dumas Wesley every day!”*

Lonnie Young, ASAP participant

	<p><b>400</b> children participated in Neighborhood programs this year</p>		<p><b>1,763</b> snacks and <b>347</b> suppers were served to <b>103</b> school age children <small>(unduplicated count)</small></p>
<p>Mentoring, high school employment programs, tutoring &amp; annual community job fairs</p>		<p>Youth Empowered Wednesday with the Junior League of Mobile focusing on <b>Healthy Moves and Munchies</b></p>	
	<p>Supporting the community through Neighborhood Outreach, events and programs</p>		<p>PNC Bank is just one of many community partners who support the ASAP</p>

# Senior Programs

*Vital services for low income seniors 60 and older*

- ❖ Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) program serves hot meals and offers daily activities five days a week
- ❖ SAIL participants receive community information, health and wellness checks, and other support services such as consumer credit and nutrition counseling
- ❖ Transportation services are available to life-sustaining doctor appointments
- ❖ Seniors enjoy transportation to and from the SAIL program five days a week as well as special trips to the grocery store

***“The Senior SAIL program keeps me motivated. I really enjoy the seniors volunteering in the kitchen, and all the activities they offer.”***

**Zeola Jones, SAIL participant**

	<p><b>28</b> seniors participate in daily activities, field trips and special programs to keep their minds active and bodies healthy</p>		<p>Volunteers in the community provide support through volunteering, donations and special events</p>
<p>Dumas Wesley provided <b>600</b> trips to doctor appointments for seniors this year</p>		<p><b>4,113</b> meals were served on-site in the SAIL program in 2014</p>	
	<p>Over <b>7,300</b> meals were delivered to homebound seniors this year</p>		<p>The program welcomed <b>49</b> new seniors this year</p>

# Child and Adult Care Food Program

*An integrated nutrition program for our community's home day care centers*

- ❖ As a sponsor Dumas Wesley Community Center is required to oversee home monitoring, record keeping, meal requirements and other Program requirements for each Family Day Care Home (FDCH) provider
- ❖ A food monitor conducts monthly in-home visits to ensure each provider is abiding by the USDA nutritional guidelines
- ❖ Reimbursements for meals are based on age and income requirements

***"I appreciate the food program because it allows me to be able to afford nutritious and healthy food."***

Julisa Dixon, FDCH participant

**63** licensed family home day care providers in Mobile and Washington Counties

**192** in-home visits and workshops were conducted in 2014

Making it affordable for providers to improve the quality of home day care

This year, reimbursement for meals is **\$434,000** to eligible providers

Day care homes are all licensed by the State of Alabama

Making healthy nutrition affordable for **503** children this year



# Community Connections

*Serving those in need with the help of leaders in the community*

- ❖ Joseph Project Food Pantry serves **100** households weekly. Income eligible households receive supplemental food once a month
- ❖ The Clothing Closet served **2600** individuals this year. Individuals can receive up to six items of **FREE** clothing monthly
- ❖ Dumas Wesley Community Center receives tremendous support from the community through volunteers, in-kind donations and financial support

*“The food pantry means a lot to me since I’m on a fixed income- it’s a huge blessing.”*

Claretta Seltzer, Food Pantry recipient



This year United Methodist partners donated over **\$6,500** to Sybil H. Smith Family Village



**550** leaders in the community invested over **1800** hours of volunteer service in 2014

The Joseph Project Food Pantry served **4,420** households this year



Investing in the community through local college, health and service fairs



**200** individuals received Immigration legal services this year  
(unduplicated count)



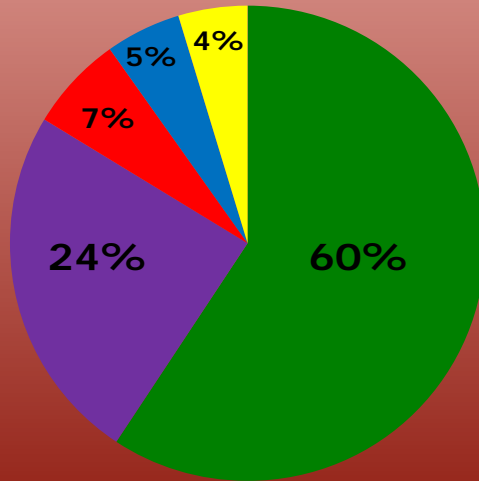
World Omni Financial Corporation supported **61** families at the Annual Toy Store

# 2014 Financial Summary

Annual Budget: \$1,224,000

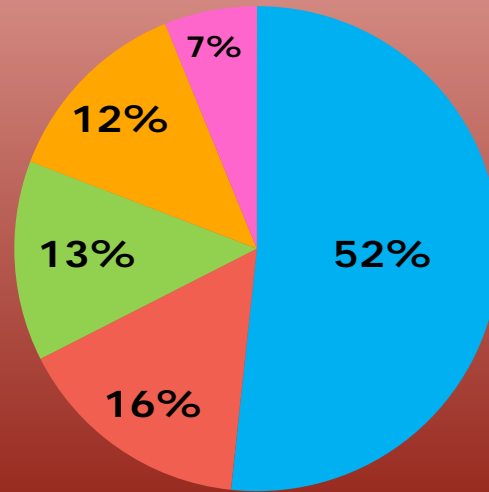
## Revenue

- Government Grants
- Corporate & Private Grants (Including United Way Funding)
- Churches
- Individual
- Other



## Expenses

- Program
- Facility
- Administration
- Other
- Retirement \*Ongoing pension obligations for former employees



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