2016
ANNUAL REPORT
DUMAS WESLEY community center
Educate. Empower. Enrich.
The mission of Dumas Wesley Community Center is to educate, empower and enrich the local community through collaborative programs of Christian service that provide for immediate human needs, strengthen family life, develop leadership and encourage personal responsibility.

The Dumas Wesley Community Center (DWCC) was founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women. DWCC originally started its mission work by serving poor women and children in the Crichton community. To this day, DWCC is still a fixture in the Crichton and Mobile community and has become a multi-service center meeting the needs of at-risk youth, seniors and homeless families.

“I like to spend time with my mentor. He talks to me and we have fun. He helps me calm down. I learned that he likes baseball.”

-- Ty, Transitional Housing participant
Sybil H. Smith Family Village Transitional Housing: Provides up to 24 months of housing and support services to families experiencing homelessness.

Senior Activities for Independent Living Program: Encourages daily enrichment and nutrition for seniors 60 and older.

Child and Adult Care Food Program: Monitors local home day care centers offering nutritional training, food monitoring and food reimbursements.

Transportation Program: Offers vital transportation to doctor appointments for local seniors twice a week.

After School Achievement Program: Provides educational programs, neighborhood outreach, athletic events and summer recreation for at-risk youth.

Community Partners: Assists the community by providing clothing, food, immigration assistance and employment readiness training.
“I have been coming to Dumas Wesley since 1994. I like it here! Everyone has always been good to me. The people are nice and I enjoy the program.”

-- Ms. Lacey, Senior Activities for Independent Living participant

“With a solid foundation in nutrition and healthy habits, I feel we are setting each child up for success in Dumas Wesley’s After School Achievement Program.”

-- Tiffany Felix, former Chair, Youth Empowered Wednesdays, sponsored by the Junior League of Mobile

“I have a good paying job, I have a home, I get to cook. I haven’t gotten to do this stuff for so long. You have no idea how thankful I am.”

-- Jadira, Transitional Housing participant

“Dumas Wesley’s Transportation Program picks up the slack. I don’t have any transportation on my own. I’d be one sick person without Dumas Wesley.”

-- George Simon, Transportation participant
2016 Impact Numbers

- **239,848** meals served by home day care providers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- **359** trips to and from medical appointments for seniors in the Transportation Program
- **30** homeless families successfully exited Sybil H. Smith Family Village and moved into permanent housing
- **4,703** households took home over 100,000 lbs. of non-perishable food from the Joseph Project Food Pantry, a community partner of the Dumas Wesley Community Center
- **88% Success Rate**
- **$399,102** in monetary donations was received from community partners supporting programs for Dumas Wesley
- **22,265** bed nights for 120 homeless individuals (34 adults and 86 children) living in the transitional housing program
- **15,000** items of free clothing and shoes were distributed to the community through the clothing closet
- **289** children participated in open gym, tutoring, computer discovery, sports, summer recreation and special events in the After School Achievement Program
- **13,995** on-site and home delivered meals were provided to 106 seniors in the Senior Activities for Independent Living Program
**Dumas Wesley’s Plane Pull**

An extreme and unique event was held at Mobile Aeroplex pitting teams against an aircraft weighing more than 180,000 pounds. Teams competed to see who could pull the plane in the fastest amount of time over 12 feet. Over $20,000 was raised supporting the Dumas Wesley Community Center.

**Making a Difference**

Volunteers in the community are the backbone of the Dumas Wesley Community Center. Over 2,800 hours were performed by churches, schools and universities, corporations and individuals.

*Pictured above: Mobile Gas Service Corporation volunteering for United Way of Southwest Alabama’s Day of Caring*
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“It’s a privilege for me to be connected with the magnificent work and programs of Dumas Wesley! My hope is that we can further expand our volunteer opportunities in a way that will deepen the impact of our programs and enhance the engagement of our community. We’ve got great momentum going, and we need to keep building it year after year.”
--- Lewis Beville, Board President

(Pictured above L-R: Earl Jackson, Earle King, Lewis Beville)
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"I get excited when we have tutors at Dumas Wesley. They help me with my homework and let me play on the computers. My mom is happy when I come home because my homework is already done. I love it at Dumas Wesley!"

-- Jadah, After School Achievement Program participant

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