The Dumas Wesley Community Center was founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women and has been serving the community for over a century. Dumas Wesley was originally tasked with providing childcare to the disadvantaged families working in the cotton mills of Crichton, Alabama. Today, Dumas Wesley offers over a dozen programs and services for the working poor and the homeless.

The mission of the Dumas Wesley Community Center of Mobile, Alabama 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.
“I look forward to coming to Dumas after school. It makes me happy because I know I have someplace to go every day. I like to sing and I’ve been able to sing at Dumas on special occasions. Without Dumas Wesley, I’d probably be getting into trouble. Thank you for all you do for me and my friends.”

Zyonte Fraise, After School Achievement Program participant
Programs

Improving the lives of the underserved, one child, one adult, one family at a time!

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

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

Community Partners
Joseph Project Food Pantry, and Gulf States Immigration Services

Senior Activities for Independent Living
Offers daily enrichment and nutrition for seniors 60 and older

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

Transportation
Offers free transportation to doctor appointments for local seniors
We love coming to Dumas! As soon as we get home from school we start walking to play basketball, even if it’s raining. It’s so much fun because there is always something to do. We’re brothers, we have each other’s back and we know Dumas has our backs too! Thank you for giving us a place to go to after school.

Camron Sharp and Benjamin Phelps, After School Achievement Program participants

- 304,037 direct services provided for low-income families, at-risk youth, disadvantaged seniors and homeless families
- 85% of seniors in the Senior Activities for Independent Living Program live alone
- 250 individuals received legal assistance from Gulf States Immigration Services
- 87% of residents successfully exited Dumas Wesley’s Transitional Housing Program into permanent housing
- 6,746 meals were served to at-risk youth in the After School Achievement and Summer Recreation Programs
- 408 referrals made to Dumas Wesley’s Transitional Housing Program. 2,040 housing crisis calls were received in 2018
**Fast Facts**

**At-Risk Youth**
- Served 227 at-risk youth in the After School Achievement and Summer Recreation Programs
- 240 hours of summer recreation
- 636 hours of extracurricular activities
- 318 hours of free tutoring

**Seniors**
- 125 seniors enrolled in the Senior Activities for Independent Living and Transportation Programs
- 14,388 congregate and homebound meals served
- 20,314 hours of recreational activities
- 136 trips to life-sustaining medical appointments

**Homeless Families**
- Housed 130 individuals
- 18,016 bed nights provided for 42 adults and 88 children
- 100% of families accepted were living on the street, in their car or in emergency housing
- 693 case management hours provided for residents
- 128 hours of life skills classes

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“Things just weren’t the same after we lost our daughter in a horrific car wreck two years ago. My husband lost his job and he was working odd jobs just to keep afloat. Eventually, we couldn’t keep up with the bills and we found ourselves living in our car.

I’ll never forget the day we met the staff from Sybil Smith. We were parked at a McDonalds, hot, hungry and desperate. Since we didn’t have gas money to get to Sybil Smith, the staff came to us! They took the time to meet us, bought us hamburgers, fries, water, gas money and groceries. They saved the day. Eventually, we moved into Sybil Smith. I knew Sybil Smith was going to be a blessing that day at McDonalds. If they took the time to come to help us, I knew my family would be in good hands. I plan to become a better me, and if I can, then I know I can be a better mother and wife.

Thank you for giving me and my family this opportunity.”

Kayla, Transitional Housing Program participant
By the Numbers

The Joseph Project Food Pantry
4,436 households served
14,901 individuals served

Breakdown by Age of Homeless Families
Served in 2018

- 2% ages 45-54
- 14% ages 35-44
- 14% ages 25-34
- 3% ages 18-24
- 10% ages 13-17
- 27% ages 6-12
- 30% under 5

After School Achievement
Program participants

- 32% Elementary
- 28% Middle School
- 40% High School
“I’m a third generation Crichton resident. Growing up, I knew about Dumas Wesley because we lived around the corner. After retiring, I needed something fulfilling to occupy my time. I live alone and I’ve never been married. One day I decided to see what Dumas could do for me. I’m glad I did! This is my third year as a participant. I wake up every day knowing I have something to do and most importantly someplace to go. I plan on coming to Dumas for as long as I can.”

Eugene Neese, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program participant
$1,375,677 - 2018 Annual Budget

Revenue

- Churches, Individuals, Special Events: 46%
- Corporate, Private, United Way Support: 42%
- Government Grants: 12%

Expenses

- Administrative Costs: 15%
- Programming: 85%

Special Events

Dumas Wesley Community Center partners with the community through volunteer opportunities, special events and fundraisers. Annually, the Center hosts several events, including:

- **The Plane Pull** where teams compete to see who can pull an aircraft weighing 130,000 pounds over 12 feet in the fastest amount of time.
- **A Toy Store** which provides an opportunity for low-income parents to purchase deeply discounted Christmas gifts for their children.
- **Days of Service** for volunteers and companies throughout the year.
Last year, in celebration of Dumas Wesley Community Center’s 115th year of service to the community, the Center launched a 115th Anniversary Campaign. Thanks to the generosity and support of the community, we exceeded our goal and unlocked a $15,000 matching gift by an anonymous donor! Proceeds from the fundraiser support the After School Achievement Program, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program and Sybil H. Smith Family Village, Dumas Wesley’s Transitional Housing program.

Thank You for Your Support!