



DUMAS WESLEY
community center

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR PURPOSE

Founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women DBA United Women of Faith, the Dumas Wesley Community Center (DWCC), originally provided childcare services for disadvantaged families working in the local cotton mills. More than 119 years later, DWCC delivers diverse programs that take on today's challenges, including homelessness, the educational gap experienced by low-income youth, healthy aging, and food insecurity.



DWCC has a strong commitment to the effective delivery of programs and services that encourage an individual to assume personal responsibility and accountability. The majority of households served are headed by single mothers with an average annual family income of less than \$25,000. DWCC meets the challenges of its community by providing over a dozen programs and services for homeless women and children, senior citizens, at-risk youth, single parents and the working poor.

MISSION STATEMENT



Dumas Wesley's mission 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.

"I remember coming to Dumas Wesley as a child, my children went to Dumas, and now my grandchildren attend the after school program. Dumas Wesley has been a godsend to my family and the Mobile Community."

Sylvia Perryman,
After School Achievement Program parent



VISION FOR THE FUTURE

REMARKS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"As we embark on the year ahead, I am encouraged by the prospects that 2022 will bring for Dumas Wesley and the individuals we serve. My enthusiasm is bolstered by all of the life-changing work we witness daily. While our mission and vision remain the same, our strategic priorities include goals that will enhance our diversity, equity and inclusiveness and heighten our role as an anchor organization in the community. In the coming months, DWCC will formally share our new strategic priorities, which includes an exciting growth opportunity that we can't wait to announce. Please stay tuned to our social media pages for details. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing what we can all do together in 2022!"

Kate Carver, Executive Director of the Dumas Wesley Community Center



"There are many older Mobilians who depend on these types of services to make sure their nutritional needs are met. We are always grateful for organizations like Dumas Wesley that help meet these needs in our community, and I am honored to have a chance to help their staff and our seniors."

Sandy Stimpson,
Mayor of Mobile, Alabama



PROGRAMMING

Dumas Wesley Community Center's essential programs remained open throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2021, programming operated under the guidance of the Mobile County Health Department and CDC guidelines.

After School Achievement Program

The After School Achievement Program (ASAP) is designed to close the educational opportunity gap for at-risk youth, by supporting their educational success, social and emotional learning and career planning. The ASAP is the only free after-school program in the Mobile community. Children enjoy a variety of academic and character-enhancing activities that include: tutoring, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) workshops, career exploration, sports activities, a meal program, special "youth-empowered" events and a summer program.



"I feel powerful and smart!"

Child and Adult Care Food Program

Dumas Wesley is a sponsor of the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program plays a vital role in improving the quality of home day care centers while making them more affordable for many low-income families. Licensed day care providers in Mobile and Washington Counties receive nutrition education and a monthly food reimbursement for serving balanced meals and healthy snacks to area children.



"Thank you for blessing me!"

Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

The Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) program offers daily enrichment to low-income seniors 60 and older. Participants enjoy a variety of on-site activities and a hot lunch Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Activities include: life skills classes, guest speakers, wellness checks, exercise classes, computer classes and arts and crafts. The SAIL Program also provides meals to homebound seniors five days a week.



"They gave my family stability!"

Sybil Smith Family Village

Dumas Wesley Community Center's Transitional Housing Program, Sybil H. Smith Family Village (SSFV), was founded in 1999 to fill a void in housing services for single women and families experiencing homelessness. SSFV provides transitional housing for up to 24 months and can accommodate up to 17 households and up to 61 individuals. SSFV seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and helps single women and women with children re-establish and maintain self-sufficiency by focusing on accountability, case management and life skills classes.

On-site Community Partners

Gulf States Immigration Services, Harbor Community Church and the Joseph Project Food Pantry are on-site community partners that provide immigration services, a place of worship and emergency food for the local community.



EUGENE

SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

"I live right behind Dumas Wesley. Dumas Wesley means a lot to me. We are just like a family. During the pandemic, I've been staying home, washing my hands and wearing my face mask. I wait every morning for Dumas Wesley to deliver my meals; every little bit helps. I miss walking to the Center because it gave me something to do every day. I'd have fun at Dumas Wesley doing things like arts and crafts, playing bingo and eating lunch with my friends. This program and my fellow seniors mean so much to me. They're my family!"

PROGRAM GROWTH

RESPONDING TO THE NEED

2021 was a challenging year for everyone - especially among those we served. Thanks to an outpouring of support from remarkable people, organizations, churches, small businesses and corporations, Dumas Wesley was able to continue its essential work. Although Dumas Wesley had to pivot its programming to keep staff and clients safe, the agency-wide client census and direct services increased, and community partnerships nearly doubled.



Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

Dumas Wesley increased the number of participants served by 32% and tripled its manpower and vehicle deployment to carry 15,536 meals to 75 homebound senior citizens.

Dumas Wesley provided 276,665 direct services for low-income families, at-risk youth, disadvantaged seniors and homeless women and children - a 20% increase from 2020.

Sybil Smith Family Village-Transitional Housing

Since becoming independent of federal funding, Sybil Smith Family Village quadrupled its census, giving hope to homeless single women and homeless women with children.



SHANEKA'S STORY

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING GRADUATE



"For the past eight years, my life was in turmoil dealing with the effects of a controlling, abusive husband. I needed stability in my life to help me cope with my past trauma, my sobriety and my mental health.

Sybil Smith Family Village provided me with endless opportunities to better myself, and the staff encouraged me along my journey. From countless case management meetings, life skills classes and therapy sessions, I worked very hard on my personal and professional growth.

One of my personal goals was to rebuild my credit. The help I received from the consumer credit life skills classes was amazing. When it came time to explore housing options, I never would have dreamed that I'd be in a position to purchase my own home. My perseverance and hard work paid off – I am a HOMEOWNER! My children and I moved into our own home. I am very proud of myself and grateful for the stability that Sybil Smith provided me. I am a survivor, a dedicated mom, employee and servant of God."

IMPACT REPORT

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

124,879

Internet Searches for Dumas Wesley Programs on Google Search and Google Maps

99%

of Clients Served Live at or Below the Poverty Level

717

Emergency Food Bags Distributed to Individuals in Need

AFTER SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (ASAP)

78% of ASAP Households Have an Annual Income of Less than \$25,000

4,619 Meals Served to School-Age Children

473 Hours of Activities Offered to Kids in ASAP and Summer Recreation



SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (SAIL) PROGRAM



75% of Seniors Served Have an Annual Income of Less than \$12,492

15,536 Meals Provided to 75 Homebound Senior Citizens

4,312 Educational Packets Provided to Participants Isolating at Home

82% of Participants are Considered Food Insecure

SYBIL SMITH FAMILY VILLAGE (SSFV)



136 Individuals Accepted into Shelter

2,449 Crisis Calls Received from Individuals Seeking Housing

1,299 Individual Case Management Sessions Conducted

88% Success Rate Among Residents Moving into Permanent Housing - 24% Higher than the National Average

15,737 Bed Nights Provided for Homeless Individuals in Shelter

78% of Residents Employed the Entire Year

703 Hours of Mandatory Life Skills Classes Offered to Residents

IMPACT REPORT

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

226,411 Meals
Served to 405
Children

165 Hours of
On-site and Virtual
Nutritional Training
for Licensed Home
Daycare Providers



ONSITE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Gulf States
Immigration Services

Provided Pro-
Bono or Low Cost
Legal Assistance
to over 250
Individuals

Harbor Community
Church

Increased its
Membership by
40%

Joseph Project
Food Pantry

1,680
Supplemental
Emergency Food
Bags Provided to
Dumas Wesley's
Clientele

"I could not pass up the opportunity to glorify God, so I provided my services for free to bless the people in need at Dumas Wesley. Giving back has made me feel wealthier than any dollar I have ever earned. What Dumas Wesley is doing for our community is too important not to be a part of, and it is far more valuable than any earthly treasure."

Christopher Booth,
Harbor Community Church Member





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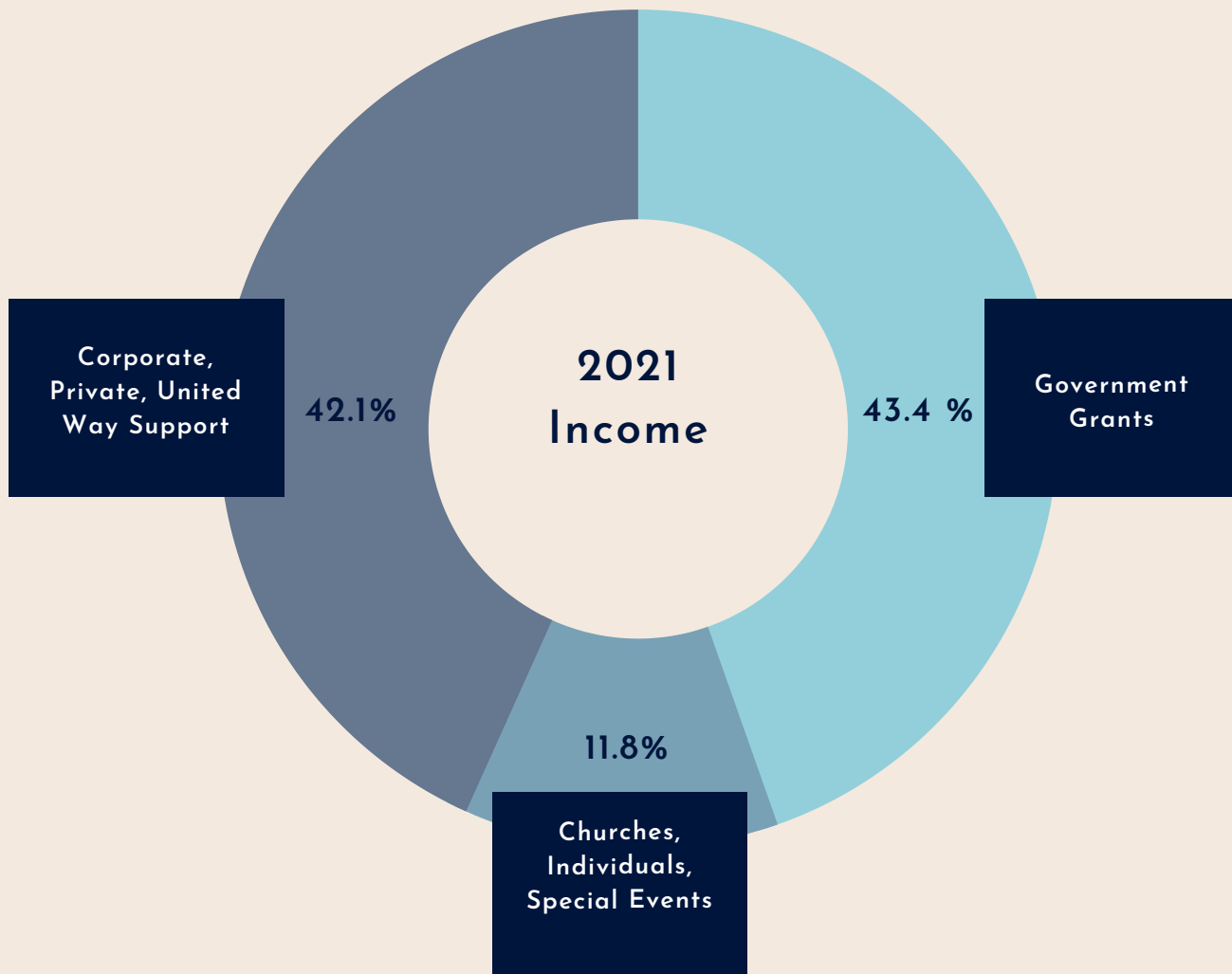
SYBIL SMITH FAMILY VILLAGE RESIDENT

"I'm from Baldwin County. I was in a very bad situation and living in my car. I am now enrolled in college, employed, and my daughter is in school. The Sybil Smith Family Village has opened a lot of doors for my family. It has been such a blessing, and I couldn't be more grateful to have a place like this to call home"

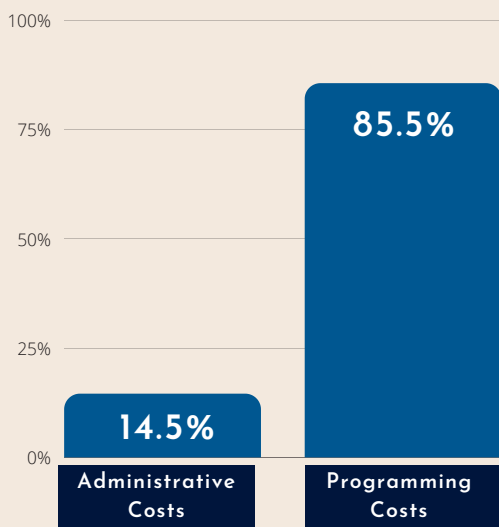
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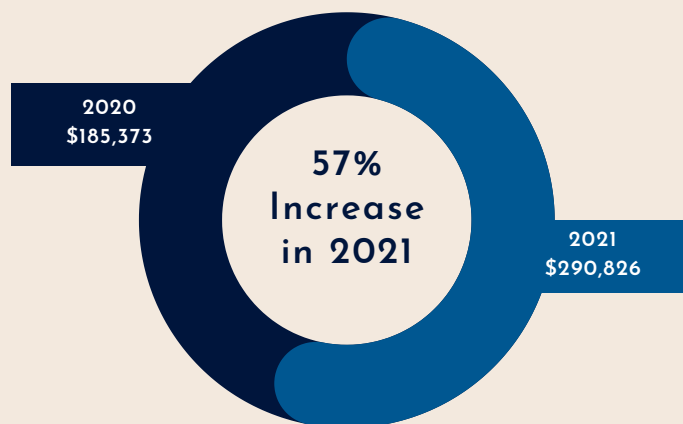
Annual Operating
Budget
\$1,388,484



2021 Expenses



Covid Relief Funding



BENJAMIN LE

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

"When I grow up, I want to be a programmer. To be able to see my creations come to life would be neat! I've read a lot of books about binary and block coding, but I've never had the chance to actually program something I've built. Our teacher, Sam, had us build a robot with wheels. He taught us how we use coding to program the robot to move – it was fascinating! That's why I love the robotics class at Dumas Wesley. It gives me the chance to think about what kind of programmer I would like to be when I grow up. I'd love to design video games or work as a computer programmer in the Air Force. Technology is my thing. It's like my own personal oasis, where I can dream of building anything I want!"



IN GRATITUDE

THANK YOU TO OUR NON-PROFIT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE DUMAS WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Abiding Word Fellowship Church
- Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)
- Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Bethsaida Baptist Church
- City Hope Church
- City of Mobile
- Community Foundation of South Alabama
- Delta Theta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Hand Up Charities
- Howell Employment Services, LLC
- IgniteMOBILE, Inc.
- Infirmary Health Systems, Inc.
- Mobile County Commission
- Mobile County Public School System
- Phillips Preparatory School
- Rotary Club of Mobile
- South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC)
- St. Paul's Episcopal School
- UMS-Wright Preparatory School
- United Methodist Churches - Baypines District
- United Methodist Churches - Mobile District
- United Methodist Women DBA United Women in Faith
- United Way of Southwest Alabama
- Xi Delta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

"With the 2021 Community Foundation of South Alabama's Closing the Opportunity Gap grant, Dumas Wesley will offer free after school programming and summer recreation for at-risk youth, which is frequently unavailable to students in low-income neighborhoods. This programming will offer educational, social and emotional learning for children living in poverty who have the lowest rates of opportunity."

Rebecca Byrne, Community Foundation of South Alabama President & CEO



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of South Alabama



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- The Sybil Smith Foundation
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"All In Credit Union is pleased to support the efforts of the Dumas Wesley Community Center. We are proud of the work they do to provide transformative services to improve the lives of those they serve."

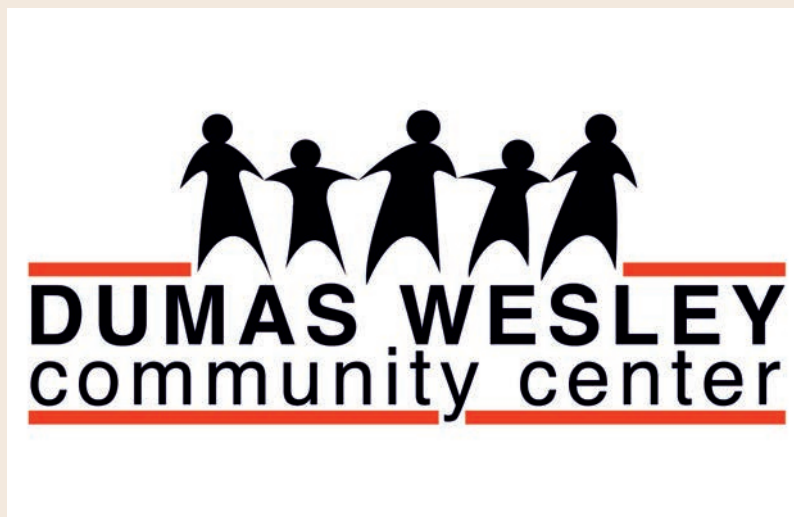
Lisa Hales, Senior Vice President of Member Experience, All In Credit Union



SARAH JONES

SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

"I live alone. Throughout the pandemic, there have been times when I've truly felt alone. I can always count on my spirits being lifted when Dumas Wesley delivers my meals. I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful program. The short time I get to see my Dumas family when they deliver my meal means so much to me! They're not just delivering meals, they're delivering LIFE! I can't wait to come back to Dumas Wesley. Having some place to go to every day gave me purpose. I made it my job to take care of my Dumas Wesley family who have taken such good care of me. Thank you for always making me feel like someone cares. I appreciate and love my Dumas Wesley family."



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