

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Forging Futures

I am honored to lead an agency profoundly dedicated to caring for Birmingham's most vulnerable citizens. This year has brought remarkable stories of recovery, redemption, and stability.

One such story is that of Fred. After suffering severe burns from an unfortunate incident, Fred found refuge and care in our Medical Respite Program. With the support of our dedicated staff and the community, Fred's health improved, and he transitioned into our Permanent Supportive Housing Program. Today, Fred has a place to call home and the support he needs to look toward a better future.

As you can imagine, our work at Firehouse Ministries is multifaceted. Ensuring that we remain on sound financial footing, providing professional development opportunities for our dedicated staff, and forging new partnerships to enhance our mission are all crucial.

Over the past year, we have celebrated notable achievements, including our wildly successful second Firehouse of Hope Gala at the Grand Bohemian, which brought substantial financial benefits.

We welcomed Kari Todd as our new Director of Mission Advancement. Kari has been instrumental in applying for new funding opportunities, drawing from her extensive experience. Additionally, we promoted Mattie Williams to the critical role of Medical Respite Case Manager. Mattie brings compassion and dedication to this vital position, and we are excited to see the positive impact she will have on our guests.

Looking ahead to 2025, our primary goals include focusing on staff development and team building, which will lead to a more

cohesive staff unit between shelter and housing staff. Strengthening our team will enhance our ability to provide comprehensive care and support to our guests. Additionally, we plan to introduce new initiatives to better address emerging needs of our community.

We are extraordinarily blessed with tremendous support, and I am grateful every day for our donors, church partners, board members, staff, and friends all over the Birmingham area who support us with food, clothing, supplies, and emergency needs. Your support and generosity have been vital to our success, and I thank all of you for your kindness and generosity.

As we move into 2025, I encourage everyone to continue supporting Firehouse Ministries through donations, volunteering, and advocacy. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Nicole Boomhover, LICSW Executive Director

Pictured below: Don Lupo, honoree, and Nicole at the 2nd Annual Firehouse of Hope Gala



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MINISTRIES

2025

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A WORD FROM OUR *Director of Mission Advancement*

Thank you for your unwavering support in helping Birmingham's most vulnerable citizens. Your donations have been instrumental in enabling us to provide essential services, from food and clothing to case management. Rest assured, your generosity is making a profound impact. Whether it's providing a winter coat or supporting our shelter and medical respite program, your contributions are transforming lives.



This year, we were thrilled to host two successful fundraising events: our Shoes and Brews summer fundraiser and the Firehouse of Hope Gala. These events

raised over \$280,000, and will allow us to provide critical support to our guests.

Our Medical Respite Care Program continues to be vital to our efforts. This unique program, the only one of its kind in Alabama, offers care and medical advocacy for men who are too ill to live on the streets but not sick enough to be hospitalized. In 2024, we served 73 clients, many of whom moved into permanent housing, care facilities, or reunited with family. Your support ensures that we can maintain a compassionate environment for rest and recovery.

We were also fortunate to be the beneficiaries of numerous charity events, including the Annual Pantazis Pancake Party, the Annual Brasfield & Gorrie Equipment and Supply Golf Tournament, and Birmingham's Greek Festival. Our longstanding relationship with Holy Trinity-Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral is particularly special. Parishioners have been long-time volunteers, conducted coat drives, and served on our advisory council.

In 2024, we are placing a strong emphasis on planned giving to ensure the sustainability of our mission. There are many ways to include Firehouse Ministries in your estate planning, such as wills and bequests, life insurance, retirement plan designations, charitable trusts, assets, and qualifying cash. Planned giving offers a unique opportunity to provide long-term support while potentially offering financial benefits to you. If you would like to explore these options, please contact me at 205.252.9571.

Thank you once again for your generosity and dedication. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Kari Todd Director of Mission Advancement

Your Impact

Because you gave



248,594

TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED



2,720

INDIVIDUALS SERVED



31,121

NIGHTS OF SHELTER



105,709

NUTRITIOUS MEALS SERVED



722

FOOD BOXES DISTRIBUTED



11,824

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED



6,955

CASE MANAGEMENT OR
COUNSELING SESSIONS
PROVIDED



69

INDIVIDUALS SUCCESSFULLY
MOVED INTO TRANSITIONAL
OR PERMANENT HOUSING



73

INDIVIDUALS SERVED
IN MEDICAL RESPITE
CARE PROGRAM

Our Core Values

- Treat all guests with respect and dignity.
- Provide accessible, safe, and clean facilities.
- Nurture and care for all of our guests.
- Empower all guests to achieve their life goals.
- Recognize our ministries as part of a larger community.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual growth in faith-based community.

Our Mission

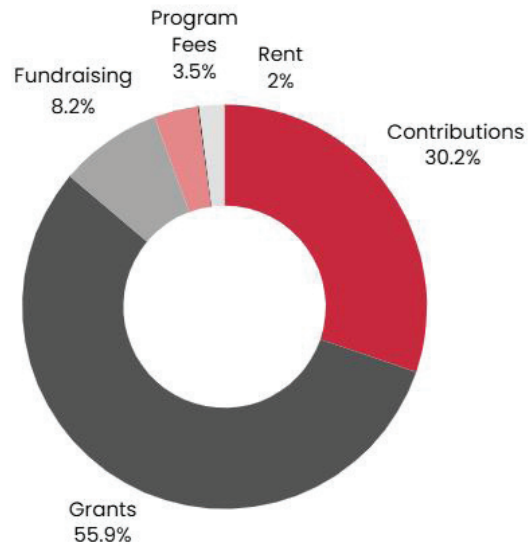
Firehouse Shelter provides Birmingham men experiencing homelessness a nurturing environment, supportive services, and transformative possibilities.

Financial Year in Review

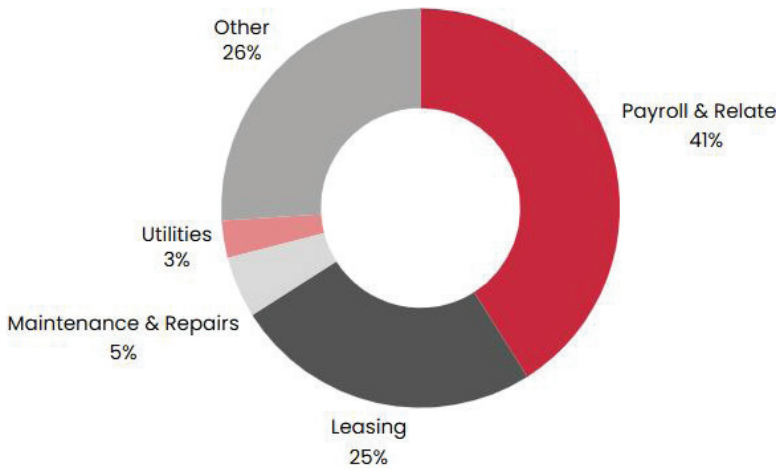


Pictured above: guests participating in art class.

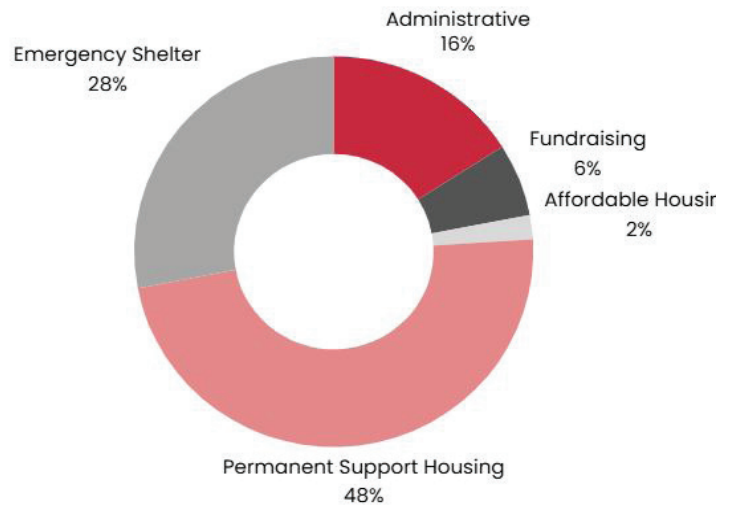
2024 OPERATING REVENUE BY CATEGORY



2024 EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



2024 EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



Donor Spotlight: Pantazis Foundation

For more than seven years, the Pantazis Foundation and Gus's Hot Dogs have dedicated their efforts to supporting Birmingham's most vulnerable citizens through the annual Pantazis Pancake Party. This cherished event has become a cornerstone of community spirit, bringing together generous donors and volunteers to make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

This year's Pantazis Pancake Party was the largest ever, a testament to the incredible generosity and hard work of the community.

The festive atmosphere included live carol performances and horse-drawn carriage rides, and we were honored to have Mayor Randall Woodfin join us in showing his support. Alongside a delicious homemade breakfast, guests in need received blankets, hoodies, hats, gloves, and a variety of personal hygiene products—all thanks to the amazing support from our community.

The event is made possible by the dedication and kindness of Dennis Pantazis, the Order of AHEPA, Philoptochos, Park Rite, and Wiggins Childs Pantazis and Goldfarb. Your contributions have made a real difference in the lives of so many, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped spread the word and joined us for this wonderful event.



Ways to Give



Firehouse Ministries relies on your ongoing financial support, and there are many ways you can give. We accept:

- Gifts of cash
- Memorial gifts
- Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds
- Gifts through donor-advised funds
- Gifts through retirement assets and IRAs
- Non-cash assets such as cars or real estate
- Estate planning

To make a one-time gift or a recurring, monthly donation, visit firehouseshelter.com/get-involved/donate or scan the QR code.

For assistance with giving or volunteering, please contact Kari Todd, Director of Mission Advancement, at 205-567-3424 or ktodd@firehouseshelter.com