



# DUMAS WESLEY community center

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENRICH. ANNUAL REPORT 2018



# 116 Years of Service and Counting!

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



## IMPACT

"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



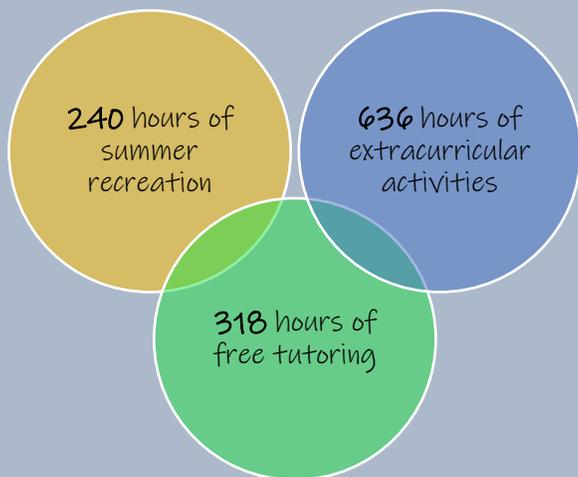
408 referrals made to Dumas Wesley's Transitional Housing Program. 2,040 housing crisis calls were received in 2018

# Dumas Wesley Community Center Fast Facts



## At-Risk Youth

Served 227 at-risk youth in the After School Achievement and Summer Recreation Programs



## Homeless Families

Housed 130 individuals

18,016 bed nights provided for 42 adults and 88 children

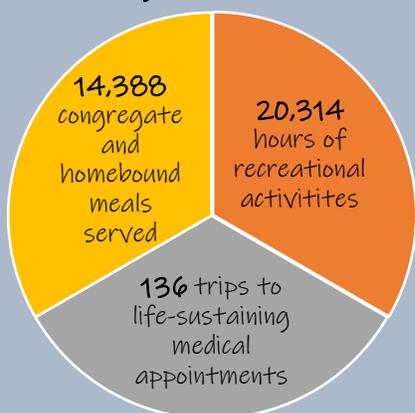
100% of families accepted were living on the street, in their car or in emergency housing

693 case management hours provided for residents

128 hours of life skills classes

## Seniors

125 seniors enrolled in the Senior Activities for Independent Living and Transportation Programs



## Home Day Care

49 home day care providers enrolled in the Child and Adult Care Food Program





*"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.*

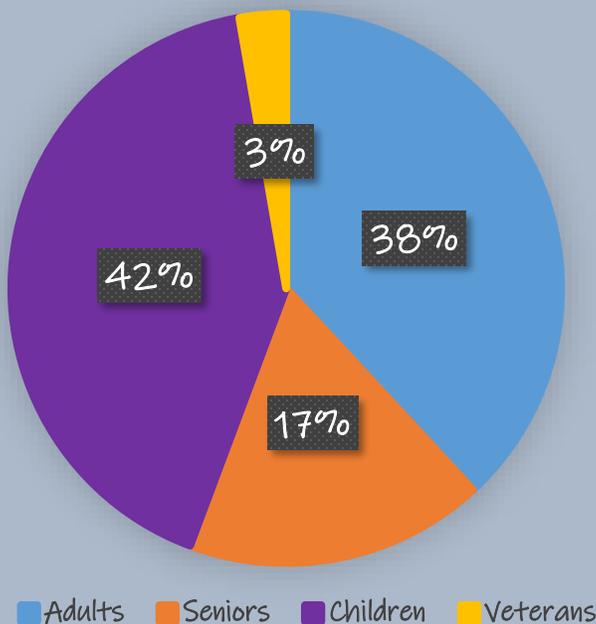
*Thank you for giving me and my family this opportunity."*

*Kayla, Transitional Housing Program participant*

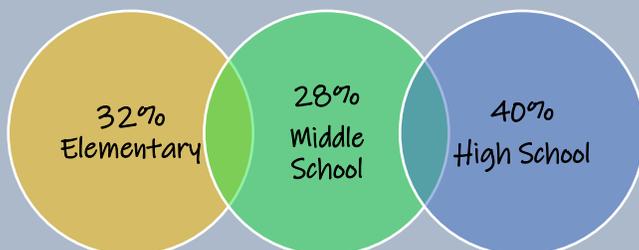
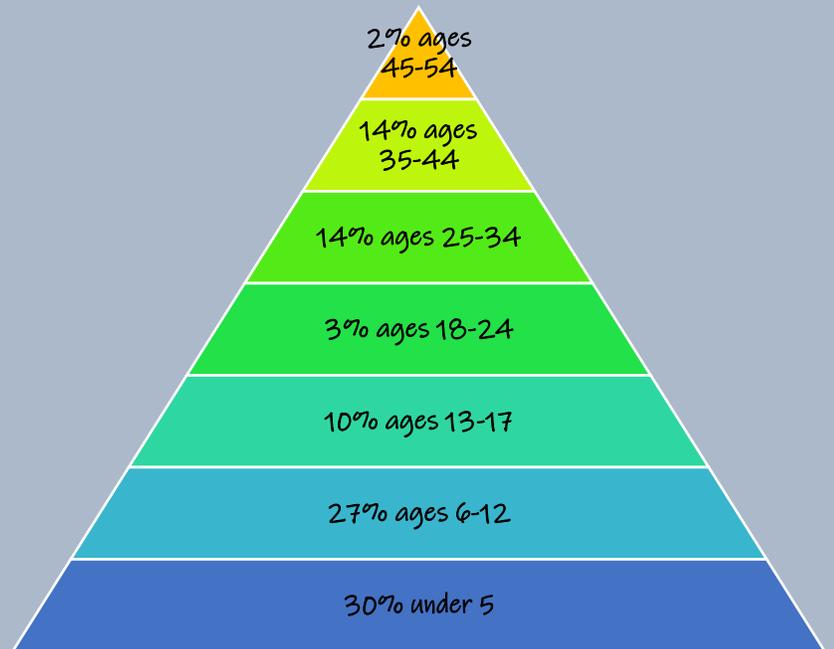


## By the Numbers

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



Breakdown by Age of Homeless Families  
 Served in 2018



After School Achievement  
 Program participants

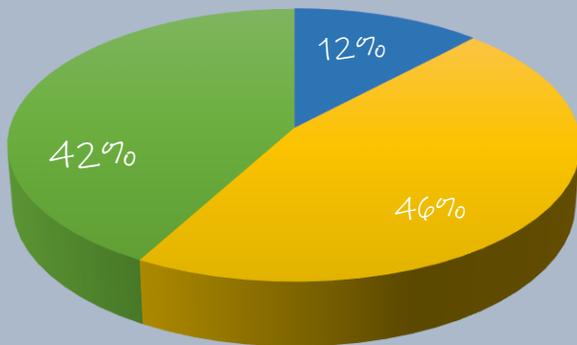


"I'm a third generation Crichton resident. Growing up, I knew about Dumas Wesley because we lived around the corner. After retiring, I needed something fulfilling to occupy my time. I live alone and I've never been married. One day I decided to see what Dumas could do for me. I'm glad I did! This is 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

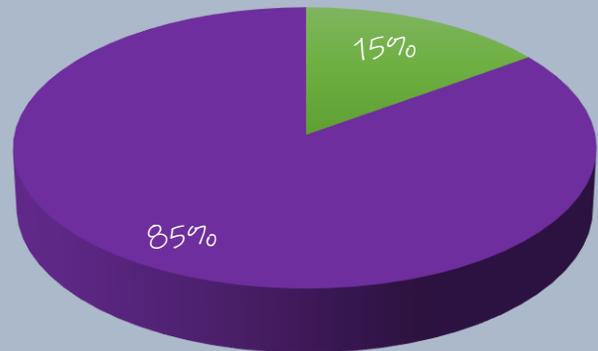
# \$1,375,677 - 2018 Annual Budget

## Revenue



- Churches, Individuals, Special Events
- Corporate, Private, United Way Support
- Government Grants

## Expenses



- Administrative Costs
- Programming

## 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



The Mobile Fire-Rescue team participating in the Third Annual Plane Pull.

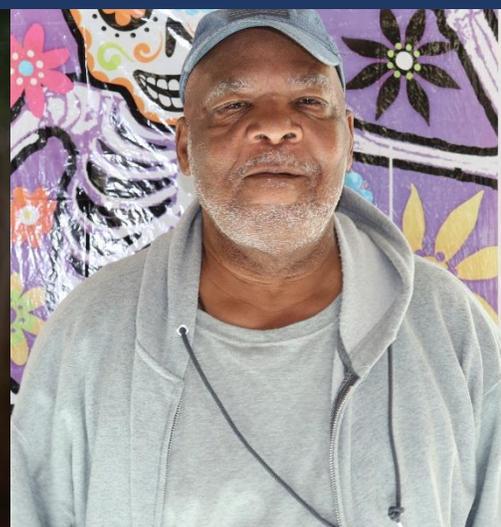
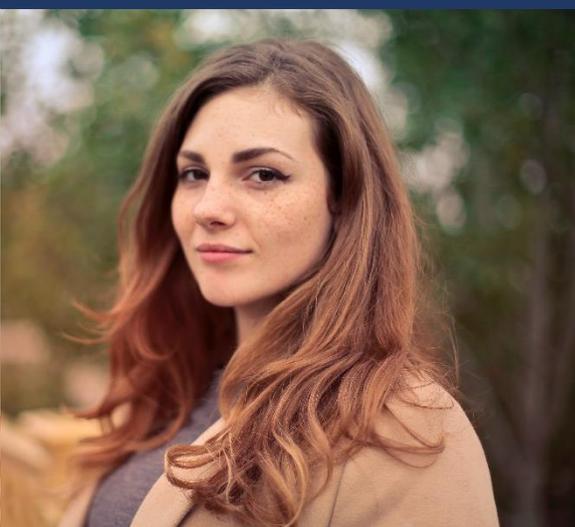
Dumas Wesley Community Center's original location on Mill Street



# 115<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

## 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser



Last year, in celebration of Dumas Wesley Community Center's 115<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community, the Center launched a 115<sup>th</sup> **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!**



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