



DUMAS WESLEY community center

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENRICH.



Dumas' Story

Founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women, the Dumas Wesley Community Center originally provided childcare services for disadvantaged families working in local cotton mills. More than 117 years later, Dumas Wesley meets the challenges of today by providing over a dozen programs and services for homeless families, senior citizens, at-risk youth, single mothers and the working poor. As a trusted fixture in the community, 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.

In 2019, services included: a day program for senior citizens, meal delivery to homebound clients, transportation to vital health and wellness services for seniors, neighborhood outreach and advocacy, after-school supervision/programming and summer recreation for at-risk youth, transitional housing for homeless families, nutrition education for home daycare providers, a clothing closet, a food pantry, immigration services and a Christmas Toy Store that offers new toys at dramatic discounts to families in need.

Dumas Wesley is a neighborhood-based nonprofit located in the Crichton community of Mobile, Alabama. Neighborhood demographics document a predominately minority district with an average family income of less than \$20,000. A majority of the neighborhood's households are led by single mothers who struggle to provide basic necessities for their families. Through its many programs, Dumas Wesley seeks to create sustainable lifestyles for its multi-generational client base, empowering individuals to believe in themselves, grow and achieve.

*"I grew up at Dumas Wesley, it's **HOME** to me!"*

Calvin Mauldin, former After School Achievement Program participant,
healthcare educator and future orthopedic surgeon



Sybil H. Smith Family Village (SSFV)-Transitional Housing

Dumas Wesley Community Center's Transitional Housing Program, Sybil H. Smith Family Village, was founded in 1999 to fill a void in housing services for women and families experiencing homelessness. SSFV seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and help families re-establish and maintain **self-sufficiency**. Today, SSFV serves both men and women with children. The program provides transitional housing for up to 24 months and is able to accommodate up to 17 families. To date, the program has served more than 2,120 individuals from Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Southwest Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.

2019 Statistics

19,497 bed nights provided for homeless individuals, an **8%** increase from 2018



\$7.96 is the daily cost to house a resident
\$20,518 is the yearly cost to house a family in an apartment



40% of residents in the program were employed prior to entry



1,017 case management sessions provided for residents
46 life skills classes were offered



Among **82** children served:
51% were school age
49% attended day care
12% enrolled in school for the first time



Who Did We Serve?

120 individuals (38 adults and 82 children)

86% success rate for residents moving into permanent housing

Homelessness Caused by:

- 40%** insufficient income
- 21%** lost a job
- 21%** domestic violence
- 13%** pregnancy/medical crises
- 5%** death of relative, limited income



*"I'm going to do whatever it takes to succeed at Sybil Smith. If I can do it, anyone can. This is **HOME!**"*

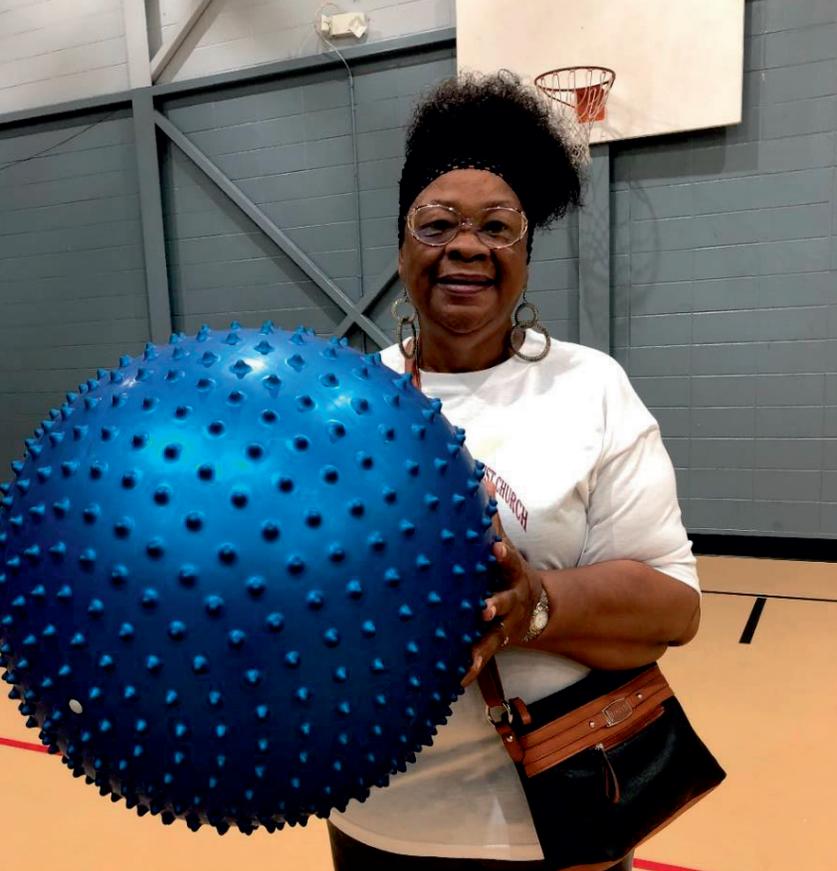
Courtney, Sybil H. Smith Family Village resident



Felicia's Story

How do you explain to a young child what is going on when you are **homeless** and living in your car? Felicia is a working mother who lost her housing when she became unemployed. She and her young daughter took refuge in her car for three months and during this time, the child would daily ask, "Mom, when are we going home?" Felicia explained to her child that they were "lost" and trying to find their home. A new home became a reality when they received a phone call from the Sybil Smith Family Village to let them know they had been accepted into the program and that an apartment was available. Their fully-stocked apartment came with new linens, dishes and everything they needed, but Felicia noted: "They also provided us safety, stability, structure and peace of mind which was even better than the physical things provided." During her 7 months at the Sybil Smith Family Village, Felicia has taken advantage of the life skills classes and has developed friendships that she now considers family. She is employed at a job she loves and her daughter is thriving in kindergarten. Giving credit to the program, Felicia said: "None of this would be possible without your support that is changing lives. We really appreciate it from the bottom of our big hearts." Felicia will never forget the day when she and her daughter entered their apartment at Sybil Smith Family Village and her daughter joyfully exclaimed, "Mom! **We're home!** We're not lost anymore!"

Felicia, Transitional Housing Program participant



2019 Fast Facts

106 seniors enrolled

13,566 on-site and homebound meals served

24,384 hours of life skills and recreational activities offered

72% of clients live in the 36607 and 36617 zip codes



Provided **4,840** trips for participants to and from the Center

An average of **75** seniors participate in the program daily



Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program

The Senior Activities for Independent Living program offers daily **enrichment** to seniors 60 and older. Participants enjoy a variety of 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.



*"I know I'll have lunch every day **thanks** to Dumas Wesley!"*

James Christian, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program participant

College students, high school students, churches, businesses, and community leaders volunteered over 2,027 hours valued at \$45,912!*

*According to the Independent Sector

Google Analytics reported a **monthly average** of 7,744 unique searches for the Dumas Wesley Community Center online.



Dumas Wesley provided **312,052 direct services** for low-income families, at-risk youth, disadvantaged seniors and homeless families.

Dumas Wesley was awarded \$438,704 in private funding to provide life-changing programs and services to the underserved.

Sybil Smith Family Village, Dumas Wesley's Transitional Housing program, received 2,133 crisis calls from individuals and families seeking housing.

"I will forever be grateful for Sybil Smith Family Village. I LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU FOR LOVING ME BACK TO LIFE!"

Regina Daniels, former Transitional Housing Program participant

Dumas in Action



“I love this program because I also get to help others. I was excited to be chosen to participate in the Foster Grandparent Program. My mentee is special to me, he’s one in a million. It feels great to do something for someone else. I know I’m here to make a difference in his life, but to tell you the truth, he’s changed mine! He makes me laugh. I feel I have **purpose** outside of Dumas Wesley!”

Connie Knight, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program participant



They Are Our Story



“I enjoy coming to Dumas Wesley. I’m in the sixth grade and attend a magnet school. It’s just me and my Dad. He always talks about how much he appreciates Dumas Wesley because the program is free! I really do love it here. Tutors help me with my homework and I love playing basketball. I want to be an engineer or chemist when I grow up. I’m hoping my Dad will sign me up for the summer program at Dumas because they have a **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) program! I love doing cool experiments and learning about chemistry and technology. I feel lucky to be able to come to Dumas Wesley!”

Jaxson Smiley, After School Achievement Program participant



After School Achievement (ASAP) Program

The After School Achievement Program has been in existence since 1970 and has served over 8,000 school-age children. Today, the program is the only **free** after-school program in the Mobile community. Five days a week, children enjoy a variety of academic and character-enhancing activities including: tutoring, STEAM workshops, career exploration, sports leagues, special youth-empowered events and a summer program. A daily meal is also provided at no cost to participants.



ASAP participants from the Mobile County Public School System are:

64% elementary students	22% children who reside at SSFV
18% middle school students	
18% high school students	



138 participants enrolled in the After School and Summer Recreation Programs

Provided **299** hours of tutoring in the After School Achievement Program

7,642 meals were served to school-aged children in 2019

Children enjoyed **813** hours of recreation and special events year-round



"Dumas is like having one big family with a lot of brothers and sisters. We play together, do our homework together and even eat together. If I didn't come here I'd be at my Grandma's house. Don't tell my Grandma, I love it here even more!"

Johntavius, After School Achievement Program participant



A Story of Partnerships

Each day, a success story takes place on our campus and a life is made better, stronger and brighter because you cared and you took action.



A community of **givers** from schools to faith-based organizations, from area industries to local civic groups, and from a single donor to a foundation, you are all an integral part of the success stories taking place at DWCC. You provided food to someone in need. You provided inspiration to a child to dream beyond the confines of their neighborhood. You provided shelter for a family who had been living in their car. **YOU are the difference maker!** Your gift creates a brighter future for those we serve. Our story of partnerships emboldens each of us to be mirrors of God's love, empowering others so that their own light may shine. For your many gifts, we are grateful.

"Spire celebrates the Dumas Wesley Community Center and its efforts to provide an environment of love and support for children and youth in the Mobile area."

Karl Ficken, General Manager of Spire Gulf Coast and Mississippi





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 centers while making it 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.



49 Licensed Home Day Care providers participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

Last year, day care providers received **\$351,895** dollars in food reimbursements



230,784 meals served to an average of 405 children each month in 2019

Onsite Community Partners

Working **together** to meet a need

4,310 households received supplemental food boxes from the **Joseph Project Food Pantry**



15% increase in new participants since 2018



City Hope Church's Midtown Campus worships every Sunday in the historic sanctuary at the Dumas Wesley Community Center

Race for Hope, a fundraiser benefiting the Dumas Wesley Community Center, raised **\$20,000** for programs and services



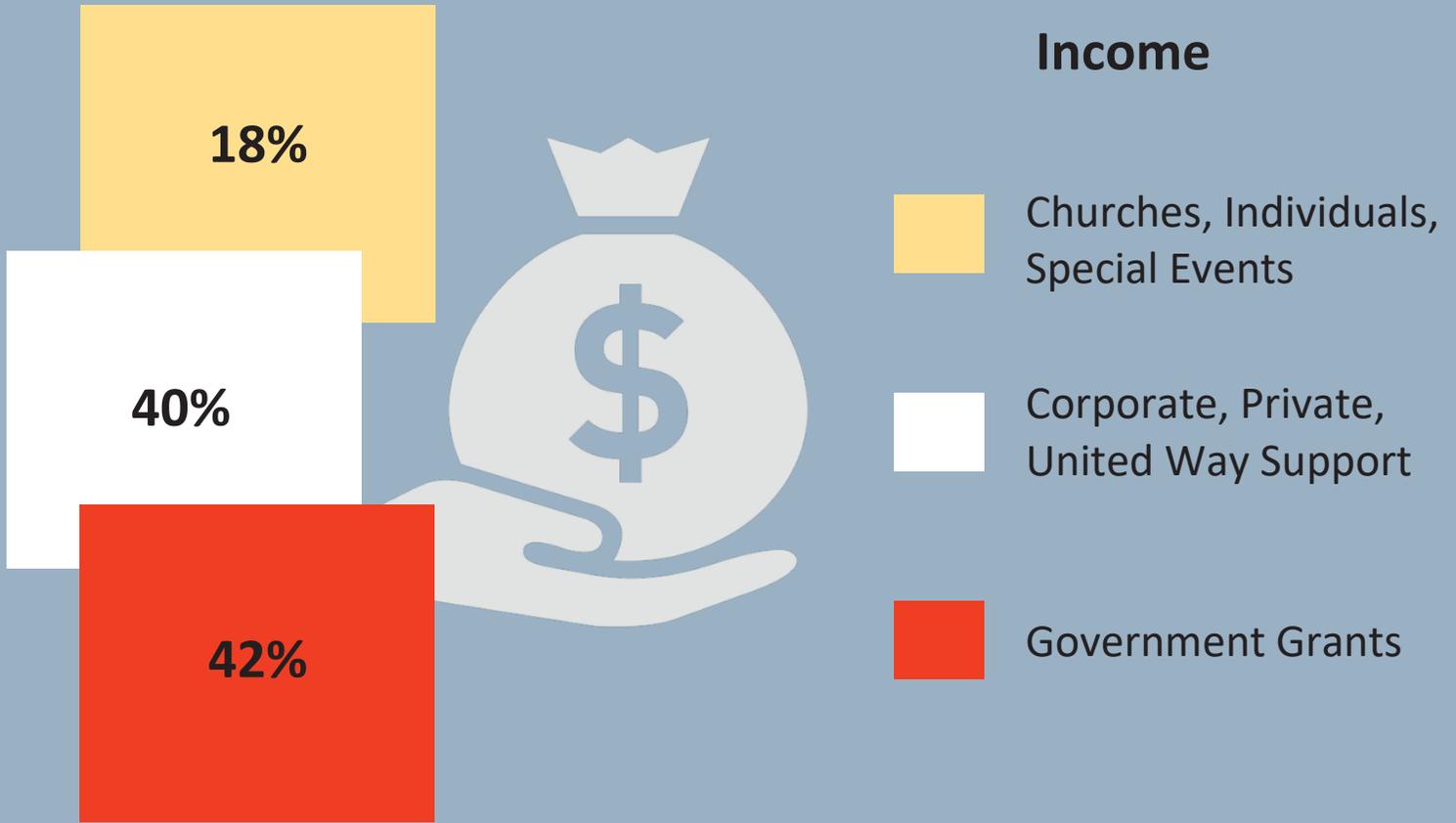
576 appointments held for 300 individuals seeking legal assistance from **Gulf States Immigration Services**

50% of services offered are helping U.S. citizens get permanent resident status for their spouses and/or children

CITY HOPE
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2019 Financials

Annual Operating Budget: \$1,368,440





"Dumas Wesley makes me smile every day!"

Kelisha Scott, Volunteer in the Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

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