

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENRICH.



The Power of Community
RESPONDING TO THE NEED

VISION

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 118 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 parents and the working poor.

Dumas Wesley is a neighborhood-based nonprofit located in the Crichton community of Mobile, Alabama. Our programs are built on the core tenets of dignity, personal responsibility and accountability. The agency's holistic approach is designed to move its multi-generational client base from lives of dependence to independence.

MISSION

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 2020, 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 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.



Better Together

Dumas Wesley Community Center is proud to be part of a community that serves others! During this time of great uncertainty we've been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from our community. Remarkable people, organizations, community groups, churches, small businesses and corporations have all stepped up to help us continue our essential work. To us, YOU are our heroes! Thank you for helping us meet the challenges of this moment, so we can continue to serve those who have been disproportionately impacted by the health and economic realities of the pandemic.





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 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.

Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

The Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) program offers daily enrichment to seniors 60 and older. Prior to the COVID-19 disaster declaration, participants enjoyed a variety of activities and a hot lunch Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Activities included: life skills classes, guest speakers, wellness checks, exercise classes, computer classes and arts and crafts. The SAIL Program also provided meals to homebound seniors five days a week.

After School Achievement Program

The After School Achievement Program (ASAP), 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. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, ASAP operated five days a week. Children enjoyed a variety of academic and character-enhancing activities that included: tutoring, STEAM workshops, career exploration, sports leagues, special "youth-empowered" events and a summer program. A daily meal was also provided at no cost to participants.

Onsite Community Partners

Onsite partners listed below assist the community by providing food, immigration assistance and a place of worship.

- Joseph Project Food Pantry
- Gulf States Immigration Services
- City Hope Church

PROGRAMMING*

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 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 can accommodate up to 17 families. As of December 2020, the program has served 2,221 individuals from Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Southwest Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.

**As the global pandemic unfolded, Dumas Wesley maintained critical services for its clientele during the COVID-19 crisis, while protecting our staff, partners, and the communities in which we work (see pages 8-9 for services during the crisis). As of the date of this publication, Dumas Wesley has been approved by the Mobile County Health Department to resume all programs as allowed by the current Governor's order, while following recommended CDC guidelines.*



AYDEN ANDREWS,
AFTER SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT
PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

EDUCATE

"I love coming to Dumas after school. All the activities are outside because of the pandemic. We still get to do fun things like arts and crafts and my favorite-yoga! I can't wait until we get back to normal because I miss all my friends. Coming to Dumas makes me so happy."



2020 FAST FACTS

Dumas Wesley provided 220,010 direct services for low-income families, at-risk youth, disadvantaged seniors and homeless families.

- 109 individuals were served at Dumas Wesley's Transitional Housing program, Sybil Smith Family Village
- 103 low-income seniors were enrolled in the Senior Activities for Independent Living program
- 87 school-aged children participated in the After School Achievement Program
- 51 licensed home day care providers participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- 1,786 households received supplemental food boxes from the Joseph Project Food Pantry, a Community Partner of the Dumas Wesley Community Center



Crisis Calls | 2,497

Number of crisis calls from individuals seeking food, shelter and utility assistance

Google Analytics | 71,792

Number of unique searches for the Dumas Wesley Community Center

Demographics | Annual Income less than \$20,000

99% of the clients served directly by Dumas Wesley are from low-income households

PROGRAM	DETAILS	
After School Achievement Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,028 meals served to school-aged children • Provided 239 hours of in-person and virtual tutoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children enjoyed 109 hours of recreation and special events
Child and Adult Care Food Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 177,784 meals served to 365 children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers received \$284,085 dollars in food reimbursements
Senior Activities for Independent Living Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,598 meals served to congregate and homebound low-income seniors • 80% of meals provided were delivered to homebound clients due to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% of participants are 85 and older • 37% of participants require Dumas Wesley's transportation services to and from the Center
Sybil Smith Family Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted 1,161 case management sessions • Provided 54 in-person and virtual life skills classes • 88% success rate among residents moving into permanent housing - 13% higher than the national average 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14,727 bed nights provided for homeless individuals • \$20,518 yearly cost to house a family in an apartment at Sybil Smith • Among 75 children served - 64% were school-age



DIERRA THOMAS, SYBIL SMITH FAMILY VILLAGE GRADUATE

EMPOWER

"Two years ago, my kids and I were homeless. I was lost, broken and felt all alone. When my mom and grandma passed away, I was very depressed. They were my support system and were always worried about me and the kids. When I came to Sybil Smith Family Village, I was closed off, I had a hard time accepting what I needed to change as a person and as a mother. It was hard to hear constructive criticism from others but I knew in order to make a change within myself, I had to be real about what wasn't working in my life. The life lessons I learned while at Sybil Smith changed my life. I learned how to open up and express my feelings, and how to build healthy relationships, which helped me with my depression. From the life skills classes they offered, to the pride I felt when I found a job, and all the fun activities we experienced as a family, I couldn't have asked for a better blessing-this program! I am so proud of the person I am today. My family and I moved into our own apartment, just in time for Christmas. I am ready to once again be on my own, because I'm a better me! That's all I've ever wanted-to be a confident, strong, independent and dependable mom! My oldest daughter told me, 'Grandma would be so proud of you.' Being here at Sybil Smith makes me feel good because we're all happy! It made my heart full. Thank you Sybil Smith Family Village!"



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MEETING THE NEED

Since the federal emergency declaration on March 17, 2020, the Dumas Wesley Community Center continued its mission, delivering the following essential services to the community's most vulnerable population.

HOMELESS FAMILIES

Sybil Smith Family Village

- Provided 11,693 bed nights for 92 homeless individuals
- Accepted 41 individuals into Sybil Smith Family Village
- Conducted 967 case management sessions and provided 49 virtual life skills classes for residents
- 63 individuals successfully moved into permanent housing



AT-RISK SENIORS

Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

- Tripled Dumas' manpower and vehicle deployment to carry 14,048 meals to 57 homebound senior citizens
- Conducted 1,451 well checks for 73 area at-risk seniors
- Distributed weekly healthy lifestyle packets regarding nutrition, exercise and COVID-19 information

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CONTINUING THE MISSION



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- The Joseph Project Food Pantry, a community partner of Dumas Wesley, supplied 576 boxes of food for at-risk seniors and homeless families
- Gulf States Immigration Services, a community partner of Dumas Wesley, provided pro bono and reduced fee legal services to 75 individuals and answered 150 crisis calls
- Dumas Wesley Community Center's 20 Days • \$20.00 • 2020 Challenge fundraiser raised \$11,087 to support essential programs for homeless families, at-risk youth and low-income seniors
- The Annual Toy Store provided dramatically discounted toys for 99 disadvantaged children

AT-RISK YOUTH

After School Achievement Program

- Provided 2,226 meals for 58 school-age children
- Carried out 200 tutoring hours for 40 at-risk youth via Google Classroom and Zoom Whiteboard
- Offered weekly outdoor and socially distant activities and take home STEAM learning packets



REBECCA BYRNE, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH ALABAMA

Donor Support

"The Community Foundation is pleased to provide financial support to Dumas Wesley Community Center as it increases its outreach to the homeless and homebound during the time of this pandemic. Partnering with Dumas Wesley to meet the increased needs of the people in our community is precisely why the Mobile Area Disaster Relief Fund was created. We know that this money will be well-spent."

16%

of grants awarded
were for COVID-19
relief efforts

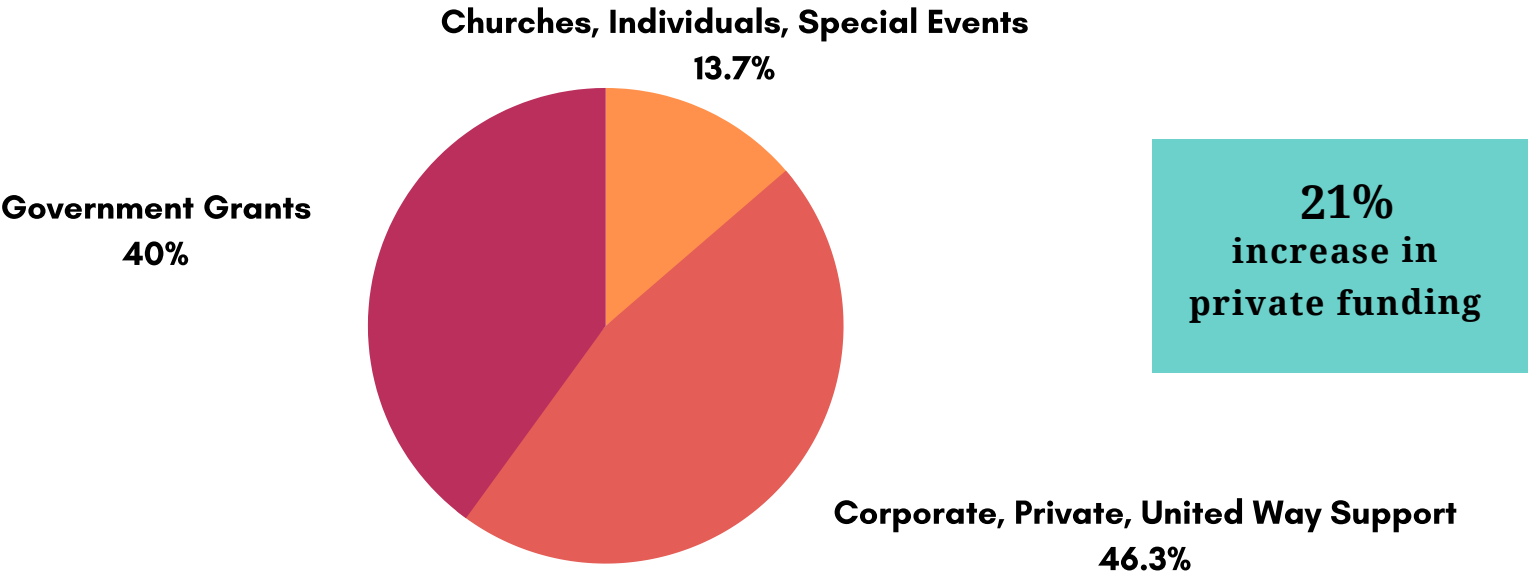
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Annual Operating Budget
\$1,388,484

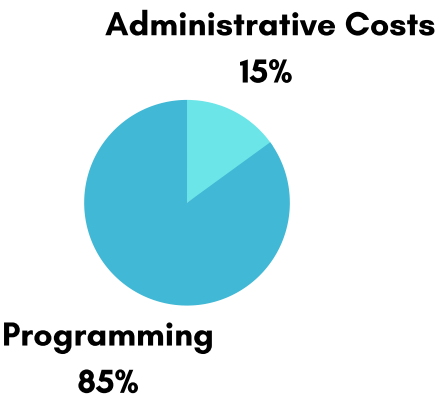


Members of the J.L. Bedsole Foundation touring Dumas Wesley

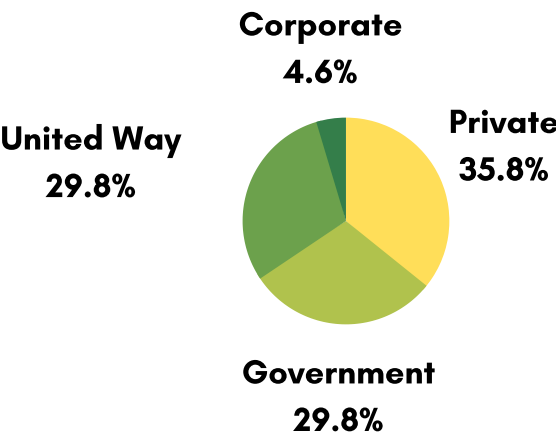
2020 INCOME



2020 EXPENSES



COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING



President of The Alliance to the Medical Society of Mobile County presenting check for Dumas Wesley

AWARDED \$185,372.82
IN COVID-19
RELIEF FUNDING

ROBERT SANDERS, SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

ENRICH

"I have been at home and trying to stay healthy. It's been really hard not being able to see my friends at Dumas Wesley; I miss them. I look forward to my weekly food delivery because our driver, Darron, is always cheerful and asks how I'm doing. They're doing a really good job delivering meals to the community. Throughout the pandemic, I have felt extra special because they made me feel like someone cares. I am thankful every single day."





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