RESPONDING TO THE DUMAS WESLEY community center **NEED FOR 119 YEARS**

Founded in 1903 by the United Methodist Women DBA United Founded in 1905 by the United Methodist Women DBA United Women of Faith, the Dumas Wesley Community Center was originally tasked with providing childcare services for disadvantaged families working in the cotton mills. Today, Dumas Wesley remains committed to serving its neighbors and fulfilling its mission: to **EDUCATE**, **EMPOWER** and **ENRICH** our local community through collaborative programs that provide for immediate human needs, strengthen family life, develop leadership and encourage personal responsibility.

PROGRAMMING

Sybil Smith Family Village (SSFV)



- Transitional housing for up to 24 months for homeless single women and homeless women with children
- One, two or three bedroom apartments to accommodate
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- school full-time Childcare and after school care provided for families
- Sober living environment
- \$29,698 yearly cost to house a resident in an apartment at Sybil Smith Family Village

After School Achievement Program (ASAP)

- Free weekly enrichment for children ages 6-18 Daily character-enhancing activities that include: tutoring, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) workshops, career exploration and special "youth-empowered" events Free daily meals provided for registered participants Low-cost Summer Recreation Program during the months of June and July

Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program

- Congregate and homebound meals provided to seniors five
- days a week On-site, weekly activities including: life skills classes, nutrition education, wellness checks, exercise classes and recreation
- Transportation provided to and from the Center, as well as trips to the doctor, pharmacy and other life-sustaining
- services 75% of seniors served have an annual income of less than \$12,492

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Offers home day care providers in Mobile and Washington Counties nutrition education and a monthly
- food reimbursement Requires home day cares to be licensed through the Alabama State Department of Human Resources

Community Partners

- The Joseph Project Food Pantry provides supplemental food boxes to low-income households in the Mobile
- Community Gulf States Immigration Services offers pro bono and reduced fee legal immigration services for individuals and
- families Harbor Community Church worships every Sunday in the sanctuary at the Dumas Wesley Community Center



CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The majority of households served are headed by single mothers with an average annual family income of less than **\$25,000**



99% of clients who receive services from Dumas Wesley live at or below the poverty level

276,665 direct services were provided for low-income families, at-risk youth, disadvantaged seniors and homeless women and children in 2021

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



--Shaneka, Sybil Smith Family Village graduate

