

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# 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.



# Vision

## Past

Founded in 1903 by Methodist women in the Mobile area, the Dumas Wesley Community Center (DWCC), was originally tasked with providing childcare services for disadvantaged families working in the local cotton mills.

## Present

More than 119 years later, Dumas Wesley is still serving the community through a dozen programs and services that meet the immediate needs of the working poor. This year, DWCC provided **305,151** direct services for low-income families, at-risk youth, vulnerable seniors, homeless women and children and disadvantaged citizens in the community. This figure represents a 10% increase in services over the prior year.

## Future

The coming year marks Dumas Wesley Community Center's 120th year of service to the community! Dumas Wesley will be celebrating this milestone throughout the year with special events, giving challenges, and by sharing a few of our big dreams for the years ahead.

# Demographics



Working within Mobile's Crichton community, neighborhood demographics document a predominately African-American/other minority district with an average family income of less than \$25,000. A majority of the neighborhood's households are led by single mothers who struggle to provide for basic necessities for their families. Ninety-nine percent of DWCC clientele served live at or below the poverty level.



Dumas Wesley Board of Directors



Dumas Wesley Staff

## DEI

Dumas Wesley recognizes the critical need for actionable diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that promote and identify a positive workplace for all its employees and executive teams.

This past year, DWCC's executive team hired an outside DEI consultant, Katherine Koury, a Senior Instructor at the University of South Alabama, to evaluate its diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) management plan. Koury is Co-Founder and Co-Director of an Undergraduate Certificate Program for Diversity and Cultural Competence at the University of South Alabama.

\*DWCC's DEI statement is available at [www.dumaswesley.org](http://www.dumaswesley.org).



"I will be surveying and interviewing employees to assess their opinions and experiences with the organization. I will use the results from that research to suggest DEI initiatives to improve the culture of Dumas Wesley, in order to become a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace. I look forward to working with the Dumas Wesley Community Center."

--- Katherine Koury,  
DEI Consultant to the Dumas Wesley Community Center



# Transitional Housing

SYBIL SMITH FAMILY VILLAGE (SSFV)

## NEEDS AND SUCCESSES

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 single women and women with children experiencing homelessness. SSFV is a 17-unit facility that provides 24 months of housing for up to 61 individuals. SSFV seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and help women and children re-establish and maintain self-sufficiency by focusing on accountability, case management, life skills and behavior modification. To date, the program has served 2,422 individuals from Southwest and Central Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.

**2,683**

crisis calls received from individuals seeking housing

**93%**

success rate among residents who completed the program and moved into permanent housing - 45% higher than the national average according to HUD statistics

## 2022 SSFV CLIENTELE

### Primary Cause of Homelessness

**41%** fleeing domestic violence

**38%** eviction due to job loss or financial insecurity

**12%** medical crisis

**9%** substance abuse disorder

## 2022 FAST FACTS

**21,211** bednights provided for homeless individuals in shelter

**133** individuals served

**1,906** individualized case management sessions offered

**85** life skills classes offered to residents virtually and in-person

**6** mothers and **22** children reunited after housing stability was obtained by head of household

**31%** of residents increased their credit score after participating in financial literacy classes

**88%** of employable adults who entered the program obtained employment

**227** essential goods and services provided to residents (i.e. food, clothing, laundry and gas)

**92%** Shelter Utilization Rate (percent of time that SSFV operated at full capacity)

**14** out of **15** families successfully transitioned from homelessness to permanent housing

**0%** of SSFV graduates returned to homelessness, compared to the national HUD recidivism rate of **19%**





# Sybil Smith Family Village



"I have lived at Sybil Smith family Village for 13 months. Before Sybil Smith, my daughters never had stability - but they do now! That's 13 months with a roof over our heads, with running water, heat and air conditioning. Thirteen months with a HOME!

Sybil Smith has changed our lives. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, donations, and selflessness that has helped keep my family afloat when I wasn't able to swim. Thank you for making our dream a reality. We're forever grateful!"

**Shelby,**  
**Sybil Smith Family Village resident**



# Expanding our Footprint

BALDWIN FAMILY VILLAGE (BFV)



## 3200

individuals were in housing crisis in Mobile and Baldwin Counties

## 300

school-aged children were homeless in Baldwin County

## 22%

of Dumas Wesley transitional housing residents hail from Baldwin County

## THE VISION

The Dumas Wesley Community Center and the Baldwin Family Village Foundation are proud to announce the launch of Baldwin County's first transitional housing program, the Baldwin Family Village (BFV). BFV will be operated by the Dumas Wesley Community Center and modeled after its highly successful transitional housing program, the Sybil Smith Family Village.

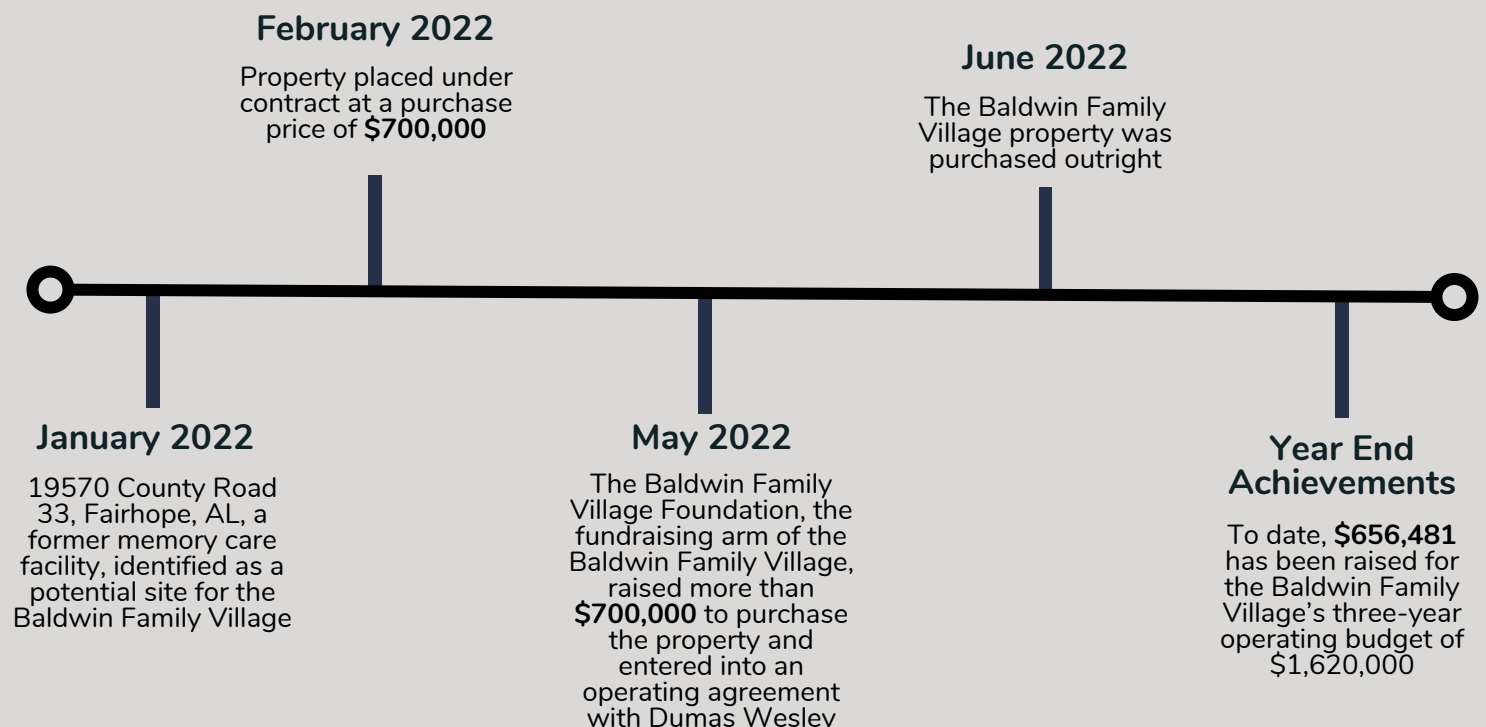
BFV will provide 12 months of housing stability and wrap-around services for up to 100 women and children annually. The program is slated to open in April, 2023.



[baldwinfamilyvillage.org](https://baldwinfamilyvillage.org)

\*Special thanks to Housing First, Inc. for their 2023 funding pledge.

## THE PROGRESS





# Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program



The Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program offers daily enrichment to low-income seniors 60 and older. Among the 85 seniors enrolled, **100%** live at or below the poverty level. The program provides local seniors with access to healthy meals, life skills classes, wellness education, exercise classes, recreation and fellowship. SAIL also delivers meals to homebound seniors five days a week and continued food delivery services throughout the pandemic. The SAIL program operates under the guidance of the Mobile County Health Department and follows CDC guidelines.

"I learned of the SAIL Program from my neighbors at Central Plaza Towers. I love coming to Dumas Wesley because it gets me out of bed! Living alone is hard and the silence can be deafening. That is why this program is important for seniors like me. It's important to be able to enjoy the company of others, and I love fellowshiping with my seniors. I am extremely grateful to be a part of such a wonderful program."

-- Clarence, SAIL participant

## 2022 FAST FACTS

**80%** of seniors served have an annual income of less than \$12,492

**20,313** meals were provided to congregate and homebound senior citizens

**70%** of seniors rely on transportation to and from the Center for on-site programming

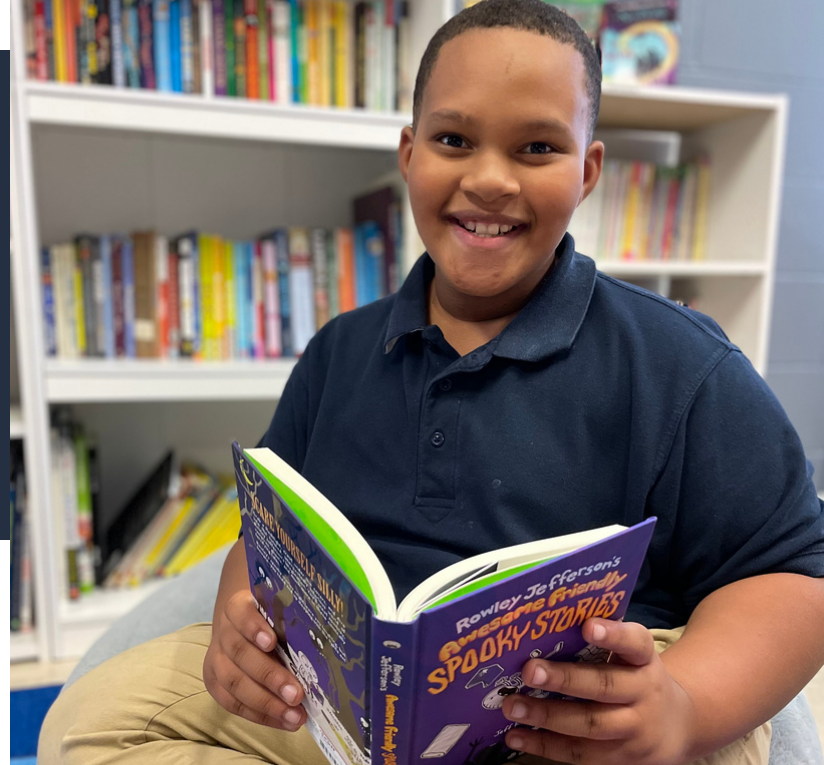
**86%** of seniors are considered food insecure, according to the Area Agency on Aging



# Youth Programs

AFTER SCHOOL  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAM (ASAP)

SUMMER RECREATION  
PROGRAM



Dumas Wesley's Youth Programs are designed to close the educational opportunity gap for at-risk youth, by supporting their educational success, social and emotional learning and career planning.

The After School Achievement Program (ASAP), offers children a variety of academic and character-enhancing activities that include: tutoring, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) workshops, career exploration, sports activities, a meal program and special "youth-empowered" events.

The Summer Recreation Program serves area children ages 6-15. The fun-filled summer includes a variety of educational field trips, STEAM workshops, swimming and a five-day trip to Camp Blue Lake located in Andalusia, Alabama.

ASAP remained operational throughout the pandemic, based on guidance from the Mobile County Health Department and CDC guidelines.

"I get excited at the end of my school day because I know it's time to go to Dumas Wesley! I'm new to the program, and I love it here because it makes me happy! They make learning fun. On my report card, I had all A's and B's, except in reading. I'm not going to lie, I got a C. I know I need to get a better grade. I'm a good reader, but I just need to practice more. That's why I love Dumas Wesley's reading room. It helps me become a better reader. The reading room gives me the confidence that I need to understand what I'm reading and work on new vocabulary words. When I feel confident, it makes me feel like I can achieve anything! My goal is to get an A in reading on my next report card. I know I can do it!"

-- Kaleb, ASAP participant



## 2022 FAST FACTS

54% of ASAP households have an annual income of less than \$20,000

25 children on average, served daily, in the ASAP

2,477 meals and snacks served to school-age children

672 hours of activities offered to participants in the ASAP and Summer Recreation

39% of ASAP participants received free transportation from school to Dumas Wesley

18% increase in reading and math averages among Sybil Smith Family Village participants



# Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



Dumas Wesley's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), helps improve, develop, and maintain healthy diets and eating habits among participating families. The USDA-funded program provides nutrition education and monthly food reimbursements to licensed day care providers in Mobile and Washington Counties.

"As a childcare provider, I'm fortunate to participate in the CACFP. It has been a pleasure to be a part of such a well-developed program that provides nutritional guidance, meal planning and food reimbursements each month. Thank you, Dumas Wesley, for your hard work and dedication so that I can provide healthy meal choices for the children in my care."

--Alandia Davis, CACFP home day care provider



## 2022 FAST FACTS

56 home day care providers served  
**249,700**  
meals to 446 children

**112** hours of on-site and virtual nutritional training was provided for licensed home daycare providers

# Community Outreach

Dumas Wesley Community Center's Community Outreach Program provides emergency food and clothing assistance, rent and utility assistance, travel vouchers, resume and employment assistance, recreation and volunteer opportunities to individuals in the community.

## 2022 FAST FACTS

**1,173**

crisis calls received from individuals seeking food, shelter and emergency assistance

**\$9,246**

utility and rental assistance provided for individuals in the community

**\$31,747**

the value of volunteer hours contributed to Dumas Wesley, according to the Independent Sector

**618**

emergency food bags distributed to individuals in need

**150**

children benefited from the Annual Toy Store



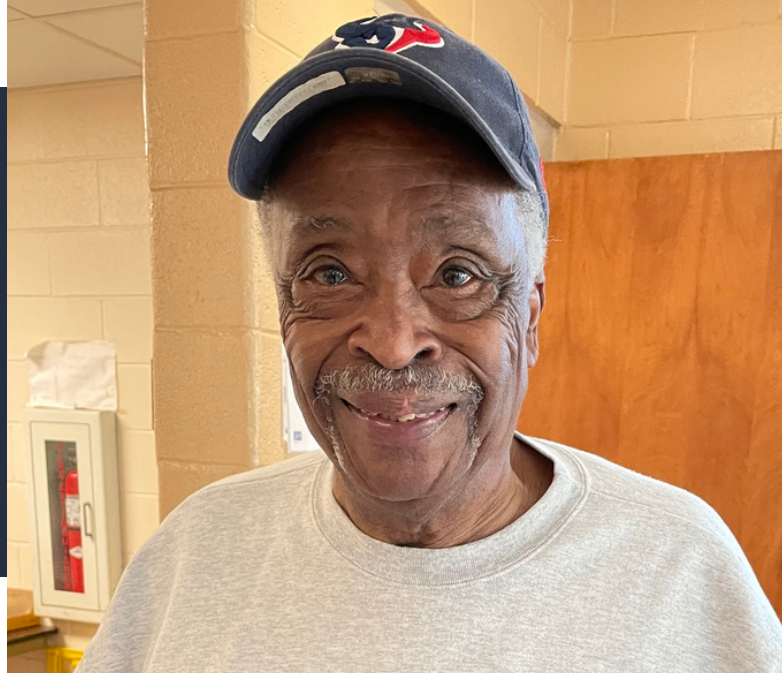
"Living with a disability can be hard, and for me, it is embarrassing knowing that I can't read or write. As a 47 year old man who loves to work, working odd jobs and receiving Supplemental Social Security Income, doesn't make me feel like a man or a provider for my family. So, I prayed to God and asked him to give me the strength to ask for help. I didn't know at the time that God had a plan for me – Dumas Wesley! Ringing the doorbell at Dumas Wesley literally changed my LIFE! Dumas Wesley helped me fill out job applications because I couldn't read or write. To know that I was treated like a human being, with compassion and understanding, and to know that I was much more than my disability - made me cry. I was overwhelmed, and proud of myself that I had the courage to ask for help. For the first time in six years, I am now employed! Dumas Wesley is much more than a place that helps people in need - they are angels in disguise. Thank you, Dumas Wesley, for giving me a chance to help myself and change my life."  
-- Gary, Crichton resident





# On-Site Community Partners

Gulf States Immigration Services, Harbor Community Church and the Joseph Project Food Pantry are on-site community partners that provide immigration services, a place of worship and emergency food for the local community.



"Once a month, I have the privilege of being in the company of kind and compassionate people that volunteer at the Joseph Project Food Pantry. I've always felt welcome, and I appreciate that! I am very grateful for the box of food. It allows me to save money; because when you're on a fixed income, that's important. I've also learned with careful planning that the food I receive allows me to make my favorite meals - spaghetti and macaroni and cheese! Without the food pantry, I just don't know what I'd do. Thank you."

--Wilson, Joseph Project Food Pantry participant



## 2022 FAST FACTS



**625** supplemental food boxes provided to the community



**250** individuals received pro-bono or low cost legal assistance



**100** members joined Harbor Community Church for weekly worship on the Dumas Wesley campus

# Community Engagement



“I love having the opportunity to volunteer at the after school program and to get to know several of these amazing kids. Through my time with them, I hope I’ve shown that police officers aren’t only around when something is wrong, and behind the uniform, we are people too. People who have fun running around the playground with them or sitting down and coloring, talking about their day. When I leave, there is nothing sweeter than the big hug goodbye I get, and these little voices asking me when I’ll be back next time.”

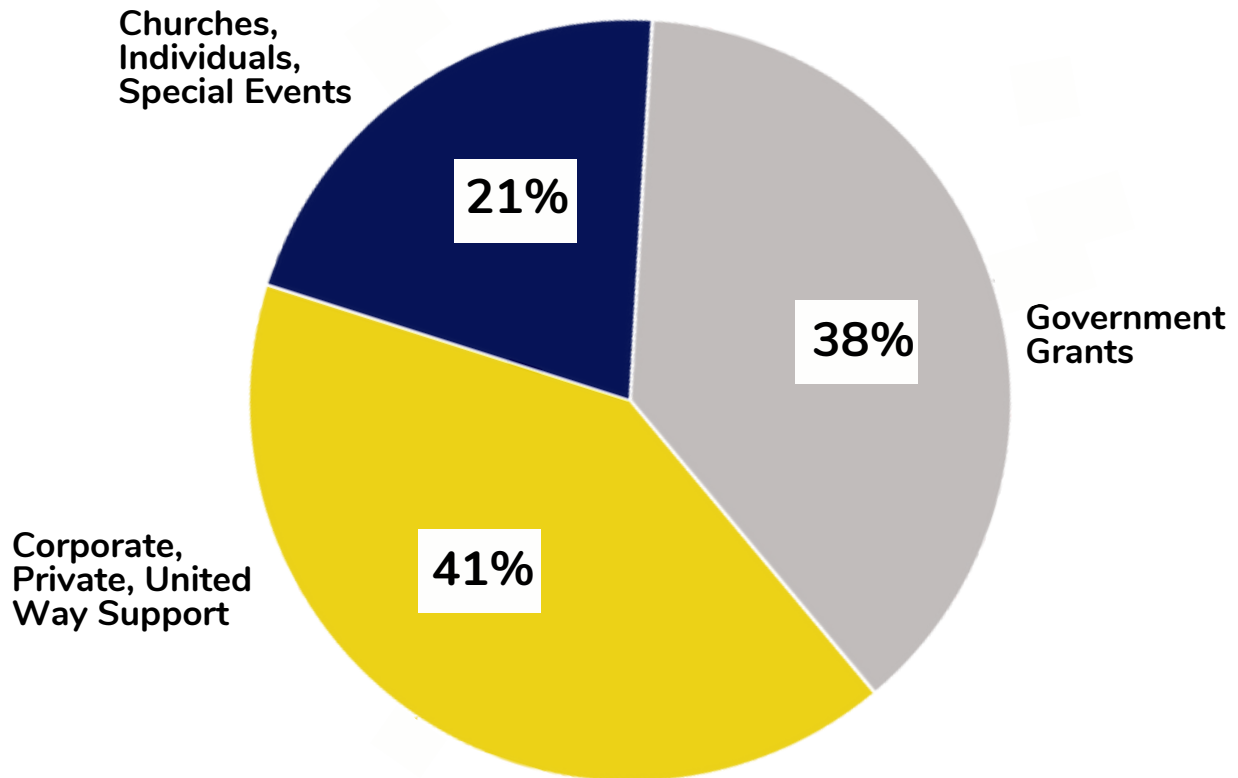
**Officer Kasidy Higgins,  
Mobile Police Department**





# ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET \$1,710,157

## 2022 INCOME



## EXPENSE SUMMARY

15%

\*Administrative

85%

Programming

\*United Way requires all partner agencies to maintain a 25% threshold for administrative costs

# Philanthropy

THANK YOU TO OUR NON-PROFIT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE DUMAS WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

- Abiding Word Fellowship Church
- Alabama State Department of Education
- Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church
- AmazonSmile Foundation
- Bethsaida Baptist Church
- City of Mobile
- Community Foundation of South Alabama
- FrontStream
- Gamma Nu Chapter District VI AL
- IgniteMOBILE, Inc.
- Infirmary Health Systems, Inc.
- Lifeway (MFUGE Grant)
- Mobile County Public School System
- PayPal Giving Fund
- Phillips Preparatory School
- Rooted and Grounded
- Rotary Club of Mobile
- Schwab Charitable
- South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC)
- Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- State Street AME Zion Church
- UMS-Wright Preparatory School
- United Methodist Churches - Baypines District
- United Methodist Churches - Mobile District
- United Methodist Women DBA United Women in Faith
- United Way of Southwest Alabama
- Youth Leadership Mobile



"It is a privilege for Cadence Bank to be able to partner with the Dumas Wesley Community Center. There are so many needs in our community, and they work with passion and promise to help as many as they can. They have so many different programs that truly change the lives of others. Dumas Wesley absolutely lives up to their mission statement and has high standards for what success looks like."

**--Chris Tracy, Market President, Cadence Bank**





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- Regions
- Renew PT & Wellness
- Sonneborn Charitable Foundation
- Spire Foundation
- The Sybil Smith Foundation
- Thames Batré Insurance
- Truist Community Giving
- Walmart Distribution Center #7067
- Walmart Store #4210
- Wind Creek Hospitality

## J.L. Bedsole Foundation

“The J. L. Bedsole Foundation is pleased to support the Dumas Wesley Community Center for the holistic approach it practices in addressing the needs of the Crichton Community. From academic support for young learners to decreasing the risk of food insecurity and addressing the issues of isolation for low income seniors living independently, the organization has done an excellent job in identifying needs in the service area and building programs accordingly.”

--**Christopher L. Lee,**  
**Executive Director of The J. L. Bedsole Foundation**





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