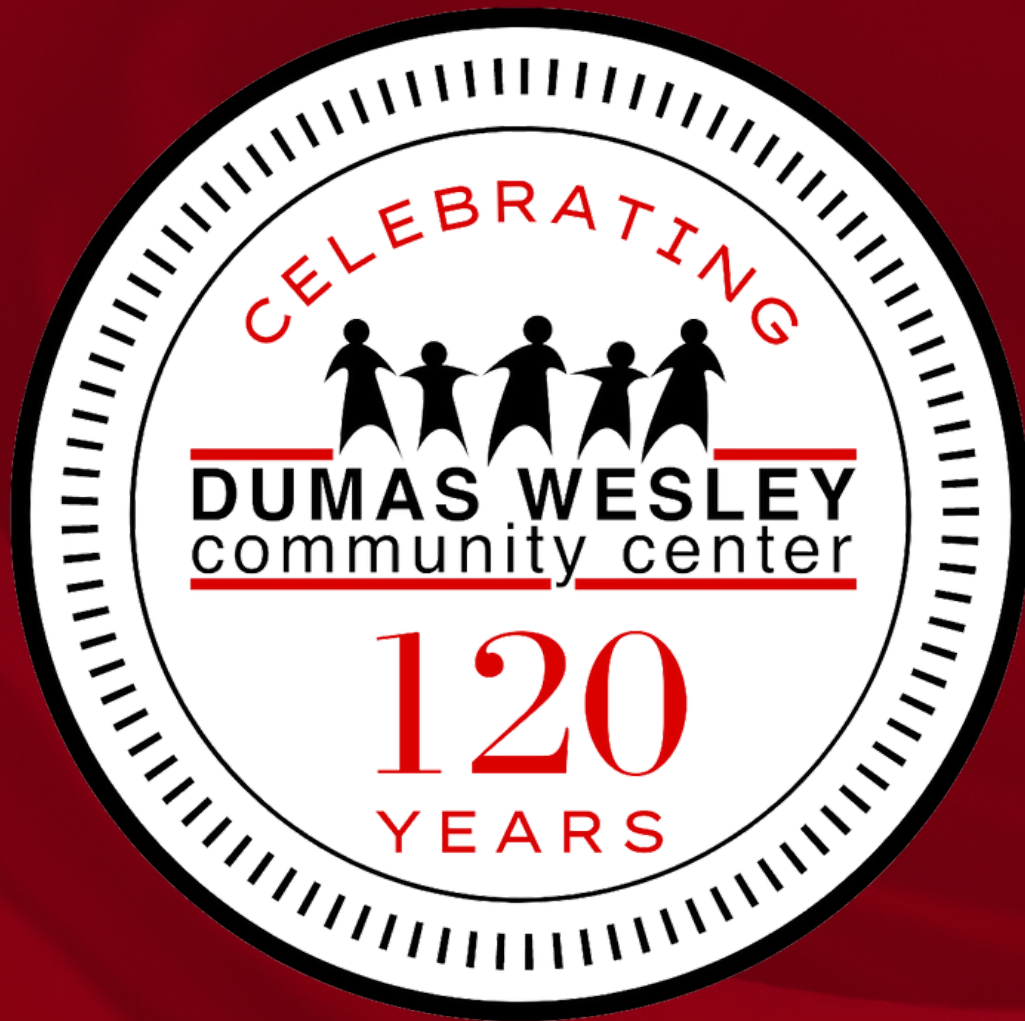


**2023**  
**Annual Report**



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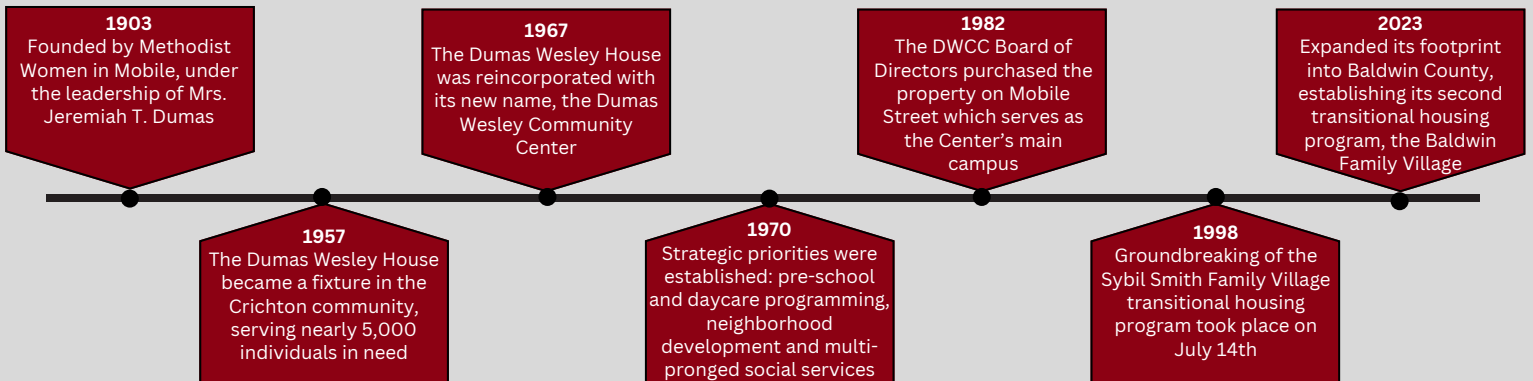
Dumas Wesley House dedicated June 23, 1929

## Mission

Dumas Wesley Community Center's (DWCC) 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.

## The Early Years

The Center was founded in 1903 by Methodist Women, under the leadership of Mrs. Jeremiah T. Dumas. Dumas Wesley was originally tasked with providing childcare to the disadvantaged families working in the local cotton mills.



# Present Day

Today, the Center offers over a dozen programs and services for the working poor and the homeless in the Mobile and Baldwin communities. This year, thanks to the support of our community partners, the Dumas Wesley Community Center deployed over 343,238 direct services to our neighbors in need (a 12% increase from 2022).

## Demographics

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

## Signature Programs



### Child and Adult Care Food Program

Dumas Wesley's Child and Adult Care Food Program is a USDA-funded program that provides nutrition education and food reimbursements to area day care providers. The program helps improve, develop and maintain healthy diets and eating habits among licensed home day cares.

### Senior Services

The Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program offers daily enrichment to low-income seniors 60 and older. The Center provides local seniors with access to healthy meals, life skills classes, wellness education, exercise classes, recreation and fellowship. Transportation is offered for SAIL participants to and from the Center, as well as to vital services such as the bank and pharmacy, local shopping and health and wellness events. SAIL also delivers meals to homebound seniors five days a week.

### Transitional Housing

Sybil Smith Family Village (SSFV) is an 18-unit transitional housing program located in Mobile County that provides 24 months of housing for up to 150 individuals annually.

The Baldwin Family Village (BFV) is Baldwin County's first transitional housing program. BFV provides 12 months of housing and wrap-around services for up to 100 women and children annually.

Dumas Wesley's transitional housing programs were founded to break the cycle of homelessness for women and children through supportive housing, case management, life skills, and behavior modification. Residents must be: homeless, 24 years of age or older, able to work or enroll in school, willing to live in a drug-and alcohol-free environment and participate in a case management plan.

### Youth Programs

The After School Achievement Program (ASAP) provides a variety of academic and character-building activities for underserved youth. Programming includes: 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, academic enrichment, STEAM workshops, swimming and a five-day trip to Camp Blue Lake in Andalusia, Alabama.

### Transportation

The Transportation Program provides safe and dependable door-to-door transit services for underserved youth and low-income seniors. Trips include: area schools, pharmacies, doctor's offices and local field trips.

# Transitional Housing

Sybil Smith Family Village (Opened in July 1999)



Ground breaking ceremony in 1998



## 2023 Sybil Smith Family Village Clientele - Primary Causes of Homelessness

**\*53% fleeing domestic violence**

**22% living in a place not fit for human habitation**

**11% substance abuse disorder**

**10% eviction due to job loss or financial insecurity**

**4% medical crisis**

\*29% increase since 2022

## 2023 Fast Facts

**153**

individuals served in 2023

**87%**

success rate among residents who completed the program and moved into permanent housing

**93%**

unit utilization rate (percent of time that the shelter operated at full capacity)

**20,187**

bednights provided for homeless individuals in shelter

**1,637**

individualized case management sessions conducted

**75**

life skills classes offered

**88%**

of employable adults who entered the program obtained employment

**17**

adults obtained reliable transportation

# Transitional Housing

Baldwin Family Village (Opened in May 2023)



## 2023 Baldwin Family Village Clientele - Primary Causes of Homelessness

46% eviction due to job loss or financial insecurity

29% fleeing domestic violence

13% living in a place not fit for human habitation

8% substance abuse disorder

4% medical crisis

## 2023 Fast Facts

60

individuals served

9

families successfully transitioned from homelessness to permanent housing

4,338

bednights provided for homeless individuals in shelter

731

individualized case management sessions and 55 life skills classes

# A Second Chance!

Billie and Family  
Sybil Smith Family Village residents

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"After being in an unhealthy relationship for nearly a decade, I gradually lost everything - my family, friends, my home. I even lost the one thing that meant everything to me - my beautiful girls. When I moved into Sybil Smith Family Village, I became someone I never thought I'd see again. I went from barely making ends meet to having a career with benefits. I've got good credit. I've rebuilt relationships, and I've finally been reunited with my kids! They moved back home with me, and I've never felt so much joy and happiness! Without Sybil Smith Family Village, I'd be lost - they showed me that people still have compassion. I found my faith in God again, and now, I'm proud of the person I am. I will continue to make a better life for my girls. Thank you for all you have done!"

# Senior Activities for Independent Living Program

(Founded in 1977)



Senior participants in the early 1980's



## 2023 Fast Facts

77

congregate and homebound seniors served within the Crichton and Toulminville communities

70%

of seniors have a yearly income of less than \$13,596

81%

of seniors served are considered food insecure, according to the Area Agency on Aging

15,937

meals provided to registered participants

711

hours of on-site activities offered to congregate senior citizens

4,899

unique transportation services provided to seniors to and from the Center, to the grocery store, medical appointments, pharmacies, the bank and special events

3,388

health and wellness checks conducted among 77 at-risk seniors

# Paving the Way to Success

## 2023 Testimonials



**Laura Williams and  
Antonia Williams-Dinkins**  
*After School  
Achievement Program*



**Baldwin Family Village  
Resident**



**Geraldine Seals**  
*Senior Activities for  
Independent  
Living Program*

“Antonia enjoys going to Dumas Wesley’s After School Achievement Program. This program means a lot to me as a Mom because while I’m at work, I know that Antonia is in a safe place that she really enjoys. Dumas Wesley even provides transportation from my daughter’s school to Dumas! She is able to get her homework done and enjoy a hot meal, too. I really appreciate Dumas Wesley – it’s a wonderful program for my daughter to attend after school!”

“The Baldwin Family Village has helped me so much! They’ve been so welcoming to me. I finally got a job, too! I feel better. The staff here have been super loving and understanding. It feels like a home to me. I have never really had a home before. Since I have been here, I’ve realized that I can be independent, on my own. I have started getting everything back that I lost and it is all because of the Baldwin Family Village! I’m so glad you accepted me and I am so very grateful. I could have been sleeping outside if it weren’t for the Baldwin Family Village. Thank you.”

“Years ago, my mother was a participant of the SAIL program. When my doctor advised me that I needed to be more active, I knew just where to go! I live alone, so I have really enjoyed the company of my fellow seniors. I am also attending the life skills class that teaches me how to deal with grief. I lost a child shortly after birth and also, both my parents. This class has taught me how to cope with my feelings and to not let my grief consume me. Thank you for being a blessing in my life.”



# Youth Programming

(Founded in 1903)

After School Achievement Program  
and Summer Recreation Program



Summer Recreation participants in the late 1980's



## 2023 Fast Facts

**\$23,750** the average household income among 87 youth served in the After School and Summer Programs

**59%** of After School participants increased reading scores

**2,884** transportation services provided to youth from school to the Center, to local field trips and special events

**4,372** meals served to school-age children

**56%** of After School participants increased math literacy scores

**723** hours of activities offered to participants in the After School and Summer Programs



# Child and Adult Care Food Program

(Founded in 1977)



Home Day Care provider in 1981



## 2023 Fast Facts

56 home day care providers served  
274,128 meals to  
495 enrolled children

168 hours of on-site and virtual nutritional training and mentorship provided for licensed home day cares

“Over the years, there have been children in my care that did not have a lot of options to eat healthy. It makes me feel good knowing that the kids I take care of are served a healthy breakfast, snack and lunch. Inflation and the pandemic really hit me hard the past couple of years. This program has been such a lifeline for me to be able to afford and cook healthy meals. I appreciate Dumas Wesley Community Center for overseeing this program. I am proud to carry on in my mother’s footsteps, as a family home day care provider.”

*Kathy Robinson, Family Day Care Home provider*

# Community Outreach



"The Christmas store has truly been a blessing to me as a single mom because it makes the holidays less stressful. If it weren't for the Christmas toy store, my children would have no presents to open on Christmas day. We are grateful and thankful for all the volunteers and the wonderful donors. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"  
**Nikki Kitchen, Toy Store participant**



Volunteers in the early 1900s providing childcare for children at the Dumas Wesley Community Center

## 2023 Fast Facts

**\$16,930** dollars in emergency and need-based assistance provided to program participants and members of the community

**4,471** crisis calls received from individuals seeking food, shelter and emergency assistance, a 15% increase from 2022

**2,982** emergency food bags, hygiene items and socks (donated by Bombas) distributed to individuals in need

**560** individuals of all-ages volunteered throughout Dumas Wesley's signature programs

**545** games of pickleball enjoyed by members of the community

**129** individuals received free clothing from the Clothing Closet

**120** children benefited from the Annual Toy Store

## On-site Community Partners



**Community Partnership**  
Established in 2010

Provided pro-bono or low cost legal assistance for 350 individuals



**Community Partnership**  
Established in 2011

Distributed 3,099 supplemental food boxes to the community



**Community Partnership**  
Established in 2021

Offered weekly worship services, Bible studies, fellowship opportunities and outreach activities for members of the community

# Partners in Service

## 2023 Fast Facts



285 in-kind donations received from college students, high school students, churches, businesses, and community leaders in support of Dumas Wesley's transitional housing programs



\$1,451,452 awarded in private funding from community partners, like Housing First, Inc. (pictured above)



"I'm a 9th grader at UMS-Wright Preparatory School. This is my second year volunteering in the After School Achievement Program. I love it here at Dumas Wesley! They're right around the corner from my school - we're neighbors! I try to be a good example and a positive influence in my community. Working with the kids in the after school program allows me to make a difference in their lives. The kids have made an impact in my life, too. I love having the opportunity to be a role model. After graduation, I want to further my education at Auburn and pursue a degree in sports communication or digital media. In the meantime, I'll continue to volunteer and help out at Dumas Wesley."

**Conrad Otts, After School Achievement Program volunteer**



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# Transforming Lives for 120 Years!

## ➤ ➤ ➤ Where Are They Now?



**Merceria Ludgood**

*Attorney, Civic Leader and District One Mobile County Commissioner*

“Dumas Wesley was my first formal volunteer experience. As an older teen, I volunteered helping with the Halloween Haunted House, summer camp and whatever else they needed me to do. We were expected to step up for leadership roles at the Center and we did. Since that time, I have learned that if you set high expectations for young people and make sure they have the skills and resources they need to achieve, they will meet and exceed those expectations. The sense of community engendered by that experience remains a core tenet of everything I do.”



**Calvin Mauldin**

*Director, Doctor of Public Health*

“I grew up at Dumas. Having Dumas Wesley in my community helped me execute my goals in the healthcare field and public speaking. The activities that were offered during my time at Dumas enhanced those skills which are very crucial to my professional life. Now, I'm working as a healthcare educator in Georgia. I completed my Doctorate degree in public health and specialize in epidemiology and I am the first doctor in my family.”



**Betty Fain**

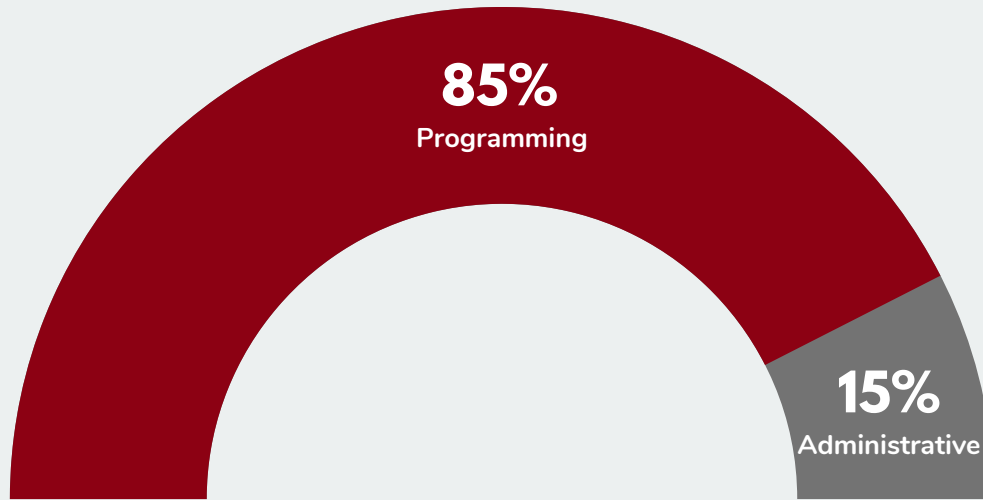
*Program Graduate, A-Class Welder at Austal USA and member of Dumas Wesley's Board of Directors*

“I'll never forget how it felt to have nowhere to go. Sleeping in abandoned houses, nowhere to take a shower. Dumas Wesley's Sybil Smith Family Village saved my life. I was just hanging on by a thread. When I first came to Sybil Smith - and this is no lie, I didn't even have a decent pair of shoes. Because of Dumas Wesley, I am **HERE!**”

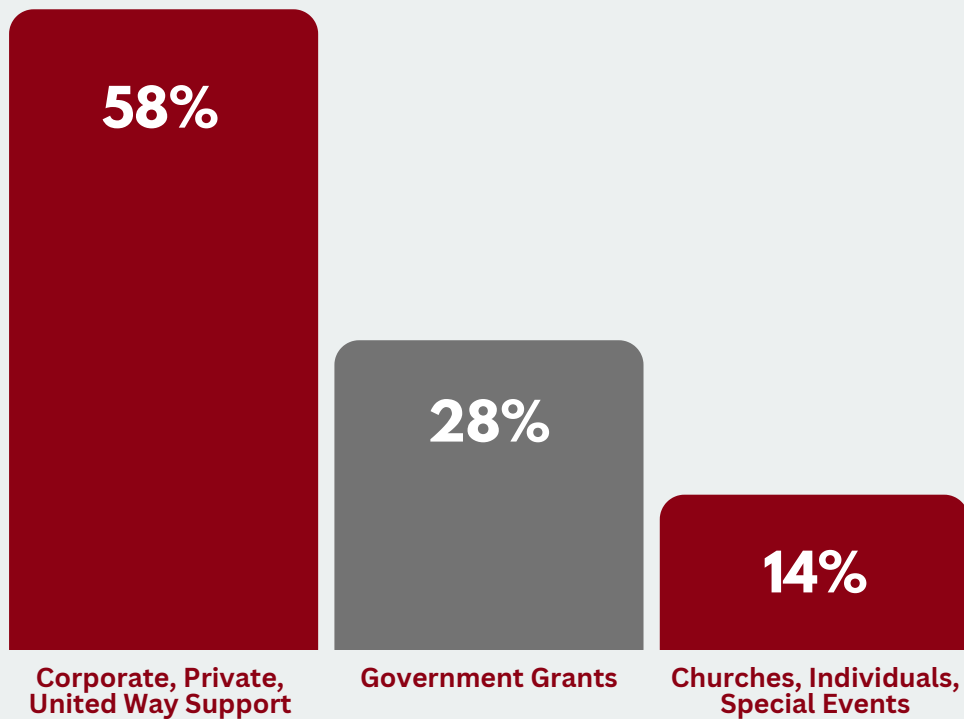
# Annual Operating Budget

\$2,512,539

## Expense Summary



## Annual Income



# Philanthropy

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- 3Circle Church
- Abiding Word Fellowship Church
- Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Andalusia United Methodist Women
- Arlington United Methodist Church
- Ashland Place United Methodist Church
- Branch Out Grants
- Chickasaw United Methodist Church
- Christ United Church
- Christ United Methodist Women
- City of Mobile
- Dauphin Way United Methodist Church and Dauphin Way Supper Club #9
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- Gamma Pi Master
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- Pine Hill United Methodist Church - Thomaston, AL
- Robertsedale Grace Community Church
- Rotary Club of Mobile
- South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC)
- South Baldwin Republican Women
- South Brookley/New Life United Methodist Church, Women in Missions
- Spring Hill Presbyterian Church
- St. John United Methodist Church, Rebekah Sisterhood
- State of Alabama, Department of Education
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- Thomasville United Methodist Church
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